

## Appendix 1

### **The “Core purpose” of sure start Children’s centres**

The coalition Government’s Core Purpose for Children’s Centres, taken from the ***Sure Start Statutory Guidance 2012\****, is set out in the vision below;

#### **Government vision:**

The Government believes that children’s centres should have a clear core purpose, focused on

**Improving outcomes for young children and their families, with a particular focus on the most disadvantaged families, in order to reduce inequalities in:**

- child development and school readiness;

Supported by improved:

- parenting aspirations, self esteem and parenting skills;
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- Child and family health and life chances

#### **Co-Produced statement of intent:**

The Government has worked with sector leaders to consider evidence and good practice, resulting in a co-produced statement of intent about how the core purpose can be achieved , by;

- Assessing need across the local community
- Providing access to universal early years services in the local area including high quality and affordable early years education and childcare
- Co-production of targeted evidence based early interventions for families in greatest need, in the context of integrated services
- Acting as a hub for the local community, building social capital and cohesion
- Sharing expertise with other early years setting to improve quality

[\\*http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/earlylearningandchildcare/a00191780/core-purpose-of-sure-start-childrens-centres](http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/earlylearningandchildcare/a00191780/core-purpose-of-sure-start-childrens-centres)

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