



Play and Leisure Implementation Plan- Revised target dates

Area 1: Places and spaces for Play and Leisure

High level outcome				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and Young People have appropriate places and spaces for play and leisure 				
Links to:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA 6, 9, 12 and 17 				
Key Impact Area	Action	Target	Lead Department	Delivery Partners
Planning and design to promote play and leisure, making it inclusive and accessible to all.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a comprehensive and fundamental review of planning policy in order to produce a single regional planning policy statement. Relevant issues relating to play and leisure will be taken into account as part of this. Ensure that requirements in existing Planning Policy Statement's, in relation to providing open space for play and leisure are adhered to. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In time for the transfer of planning powers to local councils Ongoing - throughout the life of the plan 	DOE	Councils OFMDFM Children and Young Peoples Organisations Private Housing Developers DSD NIHE The Planning Service Housing Associations Sport NI DCAL

<p>Public Spaces create a welcoming environment for all children and young people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather information through the relevant sources on children and young peoples experiences in public spaces. • Develop training guidance for staff working within public spaces on the creation of child and young person friendly environments. • Promote the use of child friendly, accessible evaluation tools within public spaces to determine satisfaction levels and identify ways of making public spaces more welcoming to children and young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline Information gathered through Life and Times survey by March 2012. • Guidance issued by March 2013. • % uptake of evaluation tools within public spaces over the duration of the plan. 	<p>DCAL</p> <p>DSD</p> <p>DoE</p> <p>DE</p> <p>DHSSPS</p>	<p>Young Persons Behaviour and Attitude Survey</p> <p>The Consumer Council for Northern Ireland</p> <p>Sport NI</p> <p>Museums, Libraries, Hospitals, Private Retailers, Art Centres, Galleries, Sporting Venues</p> <p>Children and Young Peoples Organisations</p> <p>Voluntary and Community Sector</p> <p>Councils</p>
<p>Influencing professional practice in building and design.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish professional bodies working group to support the design and development of standards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working group established by March 2012 	<p>OFMDFM</p>	<p>PlayBoard</p> <p>DOE</p> <p>DSD</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver a programme aimed at enhancing understanding of the impact of professionals in shaping play and leisure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benchmarks developed by March 2013 6 programme sessions delivered by March 2011 		<p>DARD</p> <p>DE (Estate Management)</p> <p>Landscape Designers</p> <p>NIHE</p> <p>Professional bodies RIBA etc Private Sector</p> <p>PSNI Architect Service</p> <p>QUB Environmental Psychology Department</p> <p>Sport NI</p>
Promoting the conversion of unused land into viable play and leisure spaces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take forward audit of unused and vacant space within pilot council area. Identify barriers to the utilisation of land and buildings for play and leisure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline audit complete by September 2011 Recommendation report compiled and published by September 2012 	<p>OFMDFM</p> <p>DFP</p>	<p>Relevant Government Departments</p> <p>Public sector organisations</p> <p>Councils</p> <p>Play and Leisure Partnerships</p>

				Community and voluntary groups Private Sector Owners Business in the Community Woodland Trust Youth Service Sport NI Institute of landscape architects NIHE
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Area 2: Championing Play and Leisure

High level outcome				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play and leisure policy implemented at government at local level 				
Links to:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSA 6, 7 and 10 				
Key Impact Area	Action	Target	Lead Department	Delivery Partners
Implementation of Play and Leisure Policy across the NI Executive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review progress and drive implementation of the Play and Leisure Policy across and within Executive Departments. • Ensure read across to existing and emerging departmental strategies which impact on children and young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-departmental group meet on quarterly basis 	OFMDFM	Government Departments Inter-Departmental Group on Play and Leisure
Engaging and involving children and young people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage children and young people at the appropriate time, when making decisions on play and leisure opportunities, listening and acting upon where achievable, their views and opinions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Young People actively involved in local decision making through play and leisure partnership structure¹ 	OFMDFM	Government Departments Existing Children and Young People forums Community and Voluntary Groups

¹ Dependant on the formation of Play and Leisure Partnership Structures being developed by Councils

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All government departments consult with children and young people on decisions which will impact upon them 		Participation Network Councils
Promote a greater recognition of the benefits to be gained from play and leisure with parents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage beneficial health aspects of play and leisure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disseminate information on the health benefits of active Play and Leisure² 	DHSSPS	Relevant Play Agencies Commissioner for Children and Young People DCAL Sport NI Relevant organisations providing information on play and leisure Public Health Agency
Strategic Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a programme of cross-sectoral engagement focused on the implementation of the play and leisure policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 seminars delivered by March 2011 1-to-1 engagement with local councils complete by 	OFMDFM	Children's Service Planning Play & Leisure Partnerships Councils PSNI Architects

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support to the councils to facilitate the development of strategic plans with a view to embedding the Play and leisure implementation plan at council level. 	<p>December 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a small element of funding to local councils to enable them to complete a strategic and operational audit of play and leisure within their area by March 2011 		<p>Relevant Play Agencies</p> <p>Private Sector Play and Leisure Designers/ Manufacturers</p> <p>Forestry Service</p> <p>NIEA</p> <p>National Trust</p> <p>Woodland Trust</p> <p>Sport NI</p>
Promote quality standards in registered provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and promote the implementation of existing quality standards. • Deliver information seminars on quality standards to Social Services Registration Unit and Education and Training Inspectorate. • Develop and publish a Play and Leisure vision statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 seminars delivered (1 per Trust/ELB area) by March 2013 • Play and Leisure Vision statement developed and made 	OFMDFM	<p>Relevant Play Agencies</p> <p>NICMA</p> <p>The Early Years Organisation</p> <p>Dept. of Education</p> <p>Dept. of Employment & Learning</p> <p>ETI</p>

	which promotes quality in organisational delivery, ensuring where possible alignment with existing quality standards.	available by Sept 2012		Social Service Registration Unit Youth Service Sport NI Private Providers Council Leisure Services
Embedding of play and Leisure Policy within schools and youth provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissemination of Play and Leisure policy to schools, FE Colleges and Youth Service Providers. Enhance understanding and knowledge of free play and encourage its use within school playgrounds. Consider output from the 'Use of School Premises Working Group' to promote the use of the School Estate by local communities outside working 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All schools, FE Colleges and Youth Service Providers receive Play & Leisure Policy by March 2012 Reference play and leisure statement in any strategy brought forward to encourage better use of the school premises 	DE DEL	OFMDFM DHSSPS Dept. of Employment & Learning Schools National Association Of Head Teachers Education and Training Inspectorate Relevant Play Agencies Council for Catholic Maintained

	school hours.			<p>Schools</p> <p>Youth Council</p> <p>Youth Service Providers</p> <p>FE Colleges</p> <p>Sport NI</p>
<p>Increase the extent to which all children and young people encounter challenge, stimulation and acceptable levels of risk in their experience of play and leisure.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver 6 'Managing Risk in Play' seminars to statutory providers. • Develop and disseminate briefing document focused on the benefits of challenge and risk in play aimed at parents and service providers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 seminars delivered and impact assessed through evaluation by March 2011 • Briefing document prepared and disseminated by March 2012 	OFMDFM	<p>Councils</p> <p>Service Providers</p> <p>Parents</p> <p>Parents Advice Centre</p> <p>Insurance Companies</p> <p>Dept. of Education</p> <p>DHSSPS</p> <p>Public Health Agency</p> <p>Health Trusts</p>

Area 3: Access to Play and Leisure

High level outcome				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people are able to access play and leisure facilities in their local area 				
Links to:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA 6,7,8,13 and 14 				
Key Impact Area	Action	Target	Lead Department	Delivery Partners
Children and young people's rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the realisation of children's rights as contained within the UNCRC, with particular regard to the right to play and leisure. Assess existing play and leisure services to determine their level of inclusion and accessibility. Promote the use of play services by children and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline audit of play and leisure facilities and services completed within council areas by March 2013 Annual audit of play and leisure service usage at local council level identifying availability and needs met Take forward a pilot project focused on the 	OFMDFM ³	Disability Sector Ethnic Minority Sector Private Sector Play and Leisure Designers/ Manufacturers Commissioner for Children and Young People Children's Law Centre Councils

³ These actions cannot be taken forward at departmental level but need to be progressed by councils. Therefore whilst OFMDFM is listed as lead department, this is due to it supporting the development of strategic plans as outlined in area 2 and is dependent on the delivery of the actions against strategic planning.

	<p>young people with particular needs including ethnic minority groups, those with a disability, those living in poverty, those living in rural isolation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positively promote C&YP to counteract negative perception • Through the promotion of design approaches based on inclusion, integration and accessibility, influence and enhance the design of new or refurbishment of existing play and leisure opportunities. 	<p>play and leisure needs of children with disabilities by June 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in a project in 2012 focusing on C & YP qualities and achievements portraying positivity. • Recommendations and guidance produced for local play and leisure providers focusing on inclusion, integration and accessibility by September 2013 		
Promote a greater recognition of the benefits of play and leisure with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make information on play and leisure opportunities available to all children and young people, parents and communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each play and Leisure partnership disseminates information on Play and Leisure⁵ 	OFMDFM	<p>Relevant Play Agencies</p> <p>Commissioner for Children and Young People</p>

⁵ Dependent on the establishment of Play and Leisure Partnership Structures being developed by Councils

<p>parents and the wider community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively engage with parents groups and local community parents to advise and educate on the importance and benefits achieved from play. • Provide small element of funding to work with communities on promoting opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local events and advice sessions throughout 2012 		<p>Relevant organisations providing information on play and leisure</p> <p>Councils</p> <p>Parents</p> <p>Sport NI</p>
<p>Enable children and young people to travel to, and access their local play and leisure spaces safely.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to provide half fare travel on all scheduled bus and rail services to those aged 16 and under. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration of Plan 	<p>DRD</p>	<p>DARD</p> <p>Rural Community Transport Partnership</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote the availability of community based transport for children and young people in rural areas. • In association with DARD, to continue to provide transport support to groups of children and young 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-Going 	<p>DRD</p>	

	<p>people in rural areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide reduced fares for Children and Young People aged 16 and under on rural community transport services. • To inform on availability and promote use of Door-to-Door transport in urban areas for children and young people with disabilities. 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance road safety by increasing children and young people's awareness and understanding of the risks posed by traffic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In conjunction with schools promote and encourage road safety and pedestrian safety 	DOE	<p>Schools</p> <p>PSNI</p>

Area 4: Workforce Development

High level outcome				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skilled and qualified workforce within the play and leisure sector 				
Links to:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA 7 and 10 				
Key impact area	Action	Target	Lead Department	Delivery Partners
Promote the aims and objectives of the play and leisure policy to those involved directly or indirectly with children and young people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissemination of play and leisure policy to relevant Sector Skills Council's and appropriate professional bodies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy and Implementation Plan disseminated widely by March 2011 	DEL	Relevant Sector Skills bodies Skills Active Sport NI Appropriate agencies
Appropriate and accessible training/ qualification opportunities are available for those working with children and young people within the play & leisure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission an audit of current workforce training needs to identify levels of training demand. Commission an audit of training providers and analyse the capacity of existing training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit complete and training demand established by March 2012 Audit complete by March 2012 	DEL	QCA Further and Higher Education Universities Awarding Bodies

sector.	<p>programmes to deliver against identified training demand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissemination of Northern Ireland's Play and Playwork Education and Skills Strategy 2011-2016. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play and Playwork workforce strategy disseminated by September 2011 		<p>Disability Sector</p> <p>Sport NI</p>
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Please note that the dates shown as 2015 are to indicate that all actions will be completed by the end of the budget period. Actions will be worked on continuously to ensure they are completed between 2012 – 2015