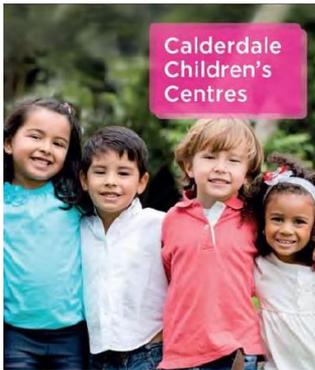


## Calderdale Children's Centre Services

Our vision is that all children in Calderdale are happy, healthy, safe, and successful and Calderdale is a child-friendly borough and all children in Calderdale will:

- ✓ Start healthy and stay healthy.
- ✓ Be safe at home, in school and in the community.
- ✓ Enjoy learning and achieve their best.
- ✓ Develop social skills and take part in activities.
- ✓ Have a voice in the decisions that affect their lives.
- ✓ Stay in education and get a job.



Children's Centre Services support families from pregnancy until a child reaches five years of age. They work with local midwives, GP's, health visitors, nurseries and community groups to make sure families get the support they need. Children's centre services provide early year's education and childcare, health services and family support for children and young people aged up to 19 years or 25 years if they have special educational needs and/or disability. Calderdale's Children's Centre Services are a valued resource for our communities supporting just over 5000 children aged up to five years and their families across the borough.

It is an important service and one that the council wants to protect. In light of the on-going funding cuts to local authorities, the council has had to look at how the service is delivered across the borough to ensure it can operate within the budget available, whilst maintaining the most valued services and support. The Council has taken full consideration of the views of over 1000 people including parents/carers and families.

### 29th May to 26th June 2018

Calderdale Council undertook a public consultation.  
A total of 1036 people responded.

[At a glance report](#)  
[Full report](#)

### 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018

The Council approved the option proposed to re-commission a service from 1st April 2019.

[Cabinet Minutes](#)

We intend to re-commission a service to be delivered from 1st April 2019 which will:

- Include all current centres and services including those centres that deliver day care services.
- Offer a 5 years contract with an option to extend a further 2 years.
- Continue to deliver a service which improves outcomes for young children and their families in child development and school readiness, parenting aspirations and parenting skills and child and family health and life chances. This will include guaranteeing that families are accessing high quality day care and nursery provision within good or outstanding settings.
- Plan to review all the services, and in particular to consider flexibility and re-shaped outreach for delivering services taking an innovative approach working flexibly and creatively to meet the Early Intervention element of support in Calderdale.