



## Scottish Borders Childcare Partnership

***“The Scottish Borders Childcare Partnership facilitates the development of affordable, accessible, high quality childcare to meet the needs of all Borders children and their families.”***



Scottish Borders Council has an established Early Years, Nursery and Childcare Team within its Education and Lifelong Learning Department. Part of the responsibility of this team is to contribute to and support the work of the Childcare Partnership

Membership of the Childcare Partnership is drawn from the statutory, voluntary and independent sectors, representing all providers of services for children 0-14 years, elected members, local training providers and local enterprise.

The Childcare Partnership is committed to a fully inclusive and inter-agency approach to its work and its membership reflects collaborative working across the public, private and voluntary sectors. In addition to the main Partnership which meets 4 times a year, there are also 3 working groups which meet approximately every 6 weeks.

A network of childminders, nurseries, playgroups, local authority wraparound care services and out of school clubs provide in the region of 3,270 registered childcare places in the Borders. (Review of Childcare Services in Scottish Borders, June 2006)

Childcare which is affordable, accessible and of good quality is essential for Scottish Borders

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