

Universal Services as part of the Universal Core Offer

What we mean by the Universal Core offer are those services available to all children and young people which are mostly free at the point of access, part of the welfare state but also carry statutory force or responsibility.

We aim to provide services which are;

- Fully integrated and flexible early education and childcare services for children up to age 14
- An entitlement for all learners that meets their individual needs and maximises their potential.
- Family support, including parenting, health and social care providing early intervention and swift referral to more specialist help where appropriate
- Access to health visiting and school nursing services, providing health information, support and advice for children 0 -19 years, at home, at school and in community settings
- Access to information and support to children and young people to improve their own health, including smoking cessation, alcohol and drug misuse, sexual health, healthy eating and physical activity
- Increased access to services and activities at home, school, children's centres and in community settings for children with disabilities
- A menu of positive activities for children and young people beyond the school day and year on school and other sites
- Access to local, age appropriate play, leisure, and recreation opportunities that are freely chosen and done for their own sake
- Access to informal social education programmes within community settings
- Access to high quality, comprehensive and independent information, advice and guidance to children, young people and parents, covering all aspects of need, including childcare
- Access to individual support for all young people to plan and review learning and fulfil their career aspirations
- Outreach to support vulnerable and / or isolated families and assist them to engage with appropriate community resources
- Access to support and training to assist families with work readiness and employment issues.
- Community access to enhanced school, children's centre and other sites