

## **CHILDCARE POLICY**

### **Priorities.**

1. Students attending ABE, ESOL, ACCESS & Family Learning courses.
2. Students attending vocational courses and in receipt of means tested benefit.
3. Students attending vocational courses and entitled to fee remission by SAES policy.
4. Students attending vocational courses who pay full fees.
5. Students attending other courses.
6. Students attending courses offered by other providers at the same venue.

LEA and LSC funding will be used to establish crèche and childcare facilities in community venues used for adult education. Venues in the Kennedy wards, CED wards and wards where basic skills needs are highest will be the priority.

SAES and SBCFE will work with the Early Years Service of the Lifelong Learning Division to develop Dial a Crèche capacity to make immediate, portable childcare provision available to support adult education courses. In addition Dial-a-Crèche will purchase equipment for children with special needs.

SAES and SBCFE will work to build capacity for childcare in the community by supporting training opportunities for crèche and childcare workers with Child Care Centre and Stockton & Billingham College.

SCCC will work with other partners to identify venues for development and registration of childcare facilities

SAES will seek a mandate from the Lifelong Learning Partnership to bid in partnership with other providers for funding from FEFC\LSC, NIACE & other bodies to develop and enhance childcare provision in Stockton.

SAES and SBCFE will endeavour to maximise and make best use of childcare funds.

SAES - Stockton Adult Education Service.

SBCFE - Stockton and Billingham College of Further Education.

SCCC - Stockton Childcare Centre.