

## **The Bristol Standard Development group**

The Bristol Standard Development Group (BSDG) meets throughout the year to evaluate and ensure consistency and quality are central to the process. The group's remit includes the Bristol Standard Birth to Five and The Bristol Standard for Play Provision. The development group is made up of people who represent all sectors in the city.

### **Terms of Reference for the Bristol Standard Development group**

#### **The purpose of the Bristol Standard Development group is to:**

- Provide a forum for decisions regarding The Bristol Standard. This group is the 'Governing Body' in charge of The Bristol Standard. It has representation from all sectors. All decisions in relation to Bristol Standard protocol and developments are taken at the meetings
- Ensure the strategic development, in relation to up to date Early Years and Playwork research, of the Bristol Standard frameworks and support materials
- Evaluate and ensure consistency and quality are central to the process
- To maintain links with National Quality Improvement Networks and to disseminate key information to the Local Authority
- Establish clear procedures for appeals against validation decisions and to convene an independent validation panel as and when required

#### **The aims of the BSDG are to:**

- Ensure that the validation procedure is rigorous , consistent, inclusive, fair and transparent
- Promote consistency and standardisation across all local authorities in the Bristol Standard family
- Closely link the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Playwork standards to The Bristol Standard quality improvement process
- Undertake regular reviews of the support materials to bring in line with new developments
- Work in partnership with other local authorities and national organisations to gather views and share information on local and national quality issues and initiatives
- Ensure mentoring and validation procedures are consistent and equitable across all Local Authorities

#### **Protocols and Procedures:**

- BSDG will meet three times a year at an agreed venue
- Members of the group will ideally have a working knowledge of, and have completed a cycle of the Bristol Standard
- Membership will be representative of all sectors using the two main frameworks
- Review standards and procedures every three years, or as national policy/circumstances change