NETHERLANDS : Main types of Early Childhood Education & Care services for children below school age

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Name of Provision^1 : Original name of main institutional arrangements providing early childhood education and care within the country

Type of Arrangement^2 : Basic nomenclature of early childhood education and care services

Ages Served^3 : 6 weeks to 47 months old ; <4years = 6 weeks to 11 years & 11 months old ; <12years = 24 to 47 months old ; 4-<6years = 48 to 71 months old

Sector of Provision^4 : According to the provider of care, PB when = the government (local/regional or national/federal) ; 1/2 PR when= the non profit private sector ; PR when = the for profit private sector

Opening Hours^5 : Regular (average) opening hours of the arrangement during the year :

a) within a day = number of hours (h) covered during the day ; b) within a week = number of days (d) covered during the week ; c) within a year = number of weeks (w) covered during the year

Registration Criteria^6 : Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in that type of arrangement :

UNIV = there are no criteria restricting the admission ; PRIOR = see "priority criteria"

Priority Criteria^7 : Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in priority in that type of arrangement :

WRK = working parent(s) ; STU = parent(s) in training ; SP = special needs of the child or family ; NO = no priority criteria of access to registration

Additional Notes : (α) Timetables vary according to the needs of the parents

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