### UNITED KINGDOM : Main types of Early Childhood Education & Care services for children below school age

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

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

**Ages Served**: 
- <5 years = 0 to 59 months old
- 2-<5 years = 24 to 71 months old
- 3-<5 years = 36 to 71 months old
- 4 years = 48 to 59 months old

**Sector of Provision**: 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** (*): Considering the diversity of options, we only present here global opening hours.

Regular opening hours of the arrangement during the year: full time: >=30 hours per week (OECD); part time: <30 hours per week (OECD)

**Registration Criteria**: 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**: Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in priority in that type of arrangement:
- NO = no priority criteria of access to registration
- SP = Special needs of the child or family
- ECO = financial situation of the family

**Additional Notes**: (α) Attached to primary schools; (β) Except in Scotland, where there are no reception class; (γ) In disadvantaged areas; (δ) Day nurseries are for the most part (80%) private for profit; (ε) Children’s centres are part of the government’s programme even though they are provided in the PR & 1/2PR sectors only

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