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The National Daycare Standards provide a flexible framework for regulating a range of provision for children under eight including open access, and other, play provision.

*Open for Play* is designed to help both play providers and Ofsted inspectors to exploit the opportunities offered by the Standards, using them to support the development of play provision in line with the recognised values of play and playwork. Although the Standards apply only to England, the discussion of practice has wider application.

*Open for Play* should be read alongside the National Standards themselves and Ofsted's *Guidance for Out of School Care*. Each of the Standards is discussed in relation to good playwork practice and fully illustrated with real life practice examples. The text has been widely commented on by playworkers, service managers and training officers. It has also been scrutinised by senior officials at Ofsted. So both providers and inspectors can have confidence in this approach to interpreting the Standards.

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