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Abstract: This paper reports on interviews conducted with the managers of the EPPE pre-school centres. This interview was designed to provide information likely to help differentiate effectiveness in pre-school settings by contextualising information from observational profiles (reported in Technical Paper 6 in this series), other interviews with centre managers (reported in Technical Paper 3) and case studies (reported in Technical Paper 10). The paper reports on wide differences in provision across the sectors in terms of resources, professional facilities and support. The report also details information on staffing and staff development opportunities, qualifications and training and programmes in operation and parental involvement across the range of providers.