

## Father Facts

94% of fathers-to-be chose to be present in the delivery room.

Dorling Kindersley, Practical Parenting Magazine and [saga.co.uk](http://saga.co.uk)

British fathers:

work the longest hours in the Europe Union (an average 48 hours a week for those with children under 11);

Louie Burghes, Lynda Clarke and Natalie Cronin Fathers and Fatherhood in Britain  
Family Policy Studies Centre 1997

The need to personalise services for fathers, male carers and other male relatives:  
All Sure Start Children's Centre services should be responsive to supporting fathers in their role as a parent and in their relationship with their partner or ex-partner, and more generally to promote the role of fathering. A parent link or community outreach worker with specific remit to engage with fathers will be more effective, but all staff should be encouraged to engage proactively with fathers at initial contact. This will include inviting fathers to be present at initial home visits, which should be arranged at times they can make, and following up to gain contact with fathers who are not present to begin with- unless there is a clear child welfare reason not to do so.

Sure Start Children's Centre Practice Guidance Summary, Section 12.