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[British] Education Secretary Alan Johnson faced calls today for more free childcare places to be given to families in poor areas.

The Daycare Trust urged ministers to abandon their plans to "water down" the ratios of staff to children in nurseries.

And too many parents still struggle to find childcare places for their children, the Trust said.

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Alison Garnham, joint chief-executive of the Daycare Trust, praised the Government for making "tremendous progress" in developing new childcare places.

"But two years into the 10-year national childcare strategy there remains a considerable way to go in achieving our aim of universal childcare," she said.

"Childcare remains expensive and out of reach for too many low-income families including lone parents and also families with disabled children."

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