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Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2019

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Introduction

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The Childcare Act 2016 amendment states that the Local Authority must also secure an additional 570 free hours of Early Education and Childcare a year over no fewer than 38 weeks of the year and up to 52 weeks of the year, for qualifying children of working parents.

Under section 6 of the Act there is a requirement on local authorities to produce an annual sufficiency report on the availability and sufficiency of childcare in their area. This information should be made available to parents and elected members.

Considering the national and local context, this assessment will guide how the Local Authority delivers on this duty. The information used to undertake this assessment was gathered from Early Years providers and parents using a variety of methods:

- 694 parents responded to our Parental Survey. This represented the parents and carers of 1,133 children aged 0-19, with 70% of the respondents had children under the age of five, and 93% had children under the age of 11 years.
- Information was obtained from 704 local providers using the Self Update system on our portal. This represents 88.5% of providers who are delivering funded places.
- Data was captured from a regular headcount process (100% returns from the sector) about the number of children currently accessing their funded and supplementary Childcare and Early Education entitlements (Summer 2019).
- Information about providers is taken from the Nottinghamshire Families Information Service which is located within Inspire. The Families Information Service provides information for parents and carers to help them access childcare and the service relies on childcare providers to submit information to help promote their service.

Demography

There are approximately 45,000 children under the age of five, resident in Nottinghamshire. There are 8.6% fewer children in the 0-1 age group in the last year, indicating that the numbers of children are declining year on year.

- There has been little significant change in the number of young claimants of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) – in 2019 there are 6,800 and according to the Office for National Statistics, 10% of those claimants were aged under 5.
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- 262 Children under 5 were identified as a Child in Need (2.7% of the total population of under-fives).
- 337 children under 5 were on a Child Protection Plan (3.5% of the total population of under-fives).

- According to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment in 2016, around 14.8% of children under 16 are living in low income households.
- The Department for Work and Pensions list of eligible families (March 2018) shows us that on average, 30% of the population of 2 year olds are eligible for a funded place on the grounds of low income or benefits. (2,684 Summer 2019).
- According to the 2011 Census, the majority of Nottinghamshire's population is White/White British accounting for 95.5% of the population.

Childcare Supply

The number of Day Nurseries registered has remained static, but there has been a 6% decrease in the number of Preschool settings, and a 7% increase in the number of registered childminders. The greatest increase in provision in the last year (rising from 298 settings to 494) has been in provision of out of school care

Quality of Provision

- 82% of all registered Early Years Provision is currently (June 2019) rated as Good, Outstanding or Met¹ by Ofsted.
- This figure rises to 95.5% when factoring out those settings who are newly registered and are yet to be inspected.
- Just 0.6%% (7 settings) have been judged as inadequate.
- 4.5% of settings are rated as Requiring Improvement, Inadequate or Not Met

Cost of Childcare

- The cost of childcare has risen across the sector by an average of 14% on the last year.
- Our parental survey showed us that 16% of respondents said they used Tax Free Childcare Accounts.
- Almost 2,800 children have had access to additional resources because of supplementary funding streams

Take up of funded Early Years Entitlement

- Take up of 2 years is slightly up from 73% to 75.7% take up (average over three terms)
- 3 and 4 year old universal take up still stands at 99.9% of three year olds and 100.2% of four year olds.
- 93% of parents who apply for a code to access 30 hours extended entitlement for working parents, go on to take up their place in a Nottinghamshire setting

Parental Demand

In addition to understanding how parents used Childcare and Early Education, we asked about whether there was sufficient, flexible childcare to meet the needs of all parents.

- 78% of respondents to the survey said that their provision was easily accessible from where they live. 71% said that their provision was open at suitable times. 60% of respondents agreed that they could use their funded hours at suitable times, and 62% of respondents agreed that settings were flexible.

¹ Met or Not Met judgements are applied where an inspection takes place in the absence of targeted children

- However, 20% said they were not satisfied (scoring 0 or 1) with the flexibility and accessibility of their provision, and how they could use their funded hours, with 55% saying that the provision is not open early or late enough to meet their needs.
- A third of all the comments received in this section related to parents not being able to take up their funded hours, not being able to find childcare open at suitable times and providers not being able to offer the flexibility they needed.

Information for parents and carers

- The Family Information Service (FIS) is commissioned by the local authority and is hosted by Inspire. The FIS exists to fulfil the statutory duty to offer a service providing information, advice and assistance about childcare and other activities to benefit parents, children and young people up to the age of 20.
- Notts Help Yourself is a countywide website which provides a range of information for parents including childcare provision, wrap around care and holiday clubs. The information from the FIS data-base populates the website www.nottshelpyourself.org enabling parents to search for childcare in their local area. The website also helps parents when looking for funding for childcare.
- Childcare Choices is the Government's national website that enables parents to check eligibility for 2 year old and 30 hours funding. Parents are also able to open a Tax-Free Childcare account through the Childcare Choices web page and find Information about Tax Credits, Universal Credit and Care to Learn.

Sufficiency Assessments

- According to our Assessment this summer, there are over 2,500 x 15 hour places for 2,3 and 4 year olds vacant across the county. Only 5 areas are reporting a deficit of places and the numbers are negligible.
- Providers are reporting some difficulty in seeking out children who are eligible for funded entitlements and out Hot Spot areas this year are based on community areas where there are children not accessing places and there are vacancies.

Recommendations and Next Steps:

- Ensure there is sufficient childcare for 2, 3 and 4 year olds in three identified local areas (Netherfield / Colwick; Bellamy and Beeston North).
- Sustain existing high quality childcare by supporting for the sector to access funding opportunities, including supplementary funding.
- Work with schools to ensure we do not over supply in key some localities.
- Increase the take up rates of 2 year funded entitlements in Six local areas (Eastwood, Manton , Bridge wards, Rural Families, Trent Villages, Bassetlaw Rural areas)
- Support and expand Out of School Provision to ensure working parents are able to access suitable and flexible childcare provision.
- Deliver further consultation with parents' groups to better identify gaps in flexibility and accessibility of childcare.
- Deliver more frequent consultation with the early years sector to enable the council to have an ongoing understanding of termly childcare sufficiency levels.
- Better forecast future needs by assessing birth rates and population projections, housing developments, development of Free Schools and Early Years Places.

A detailed action plan has been developed to address the recommendations above.

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Childcare and early education places in Nottinghamshire are provided by maintained schools, academies, day nurseries, preschools, childminders and independent schools. Further details on how this is delivered in Nottinghamshire follows in Section 3, Childcare Supply.

1.1 Benefits to children and families

The supply of sufficient, high quality, affordable, sustainable, and accessible Childcare and Early Education has huge benefits for both parent and child, including:

- **Affordable** childcare supports families to work, or train to maximise work opportunities which helps to raise household income and improve outcomes for children – children in workless families are three times as likely to be in relative poverty than families where at least one parent works
84% of Parents who responded to the survey this summer said they worked. 91% of those who worked, work more than 16 hours a week – see section 5
- Childcare that is **flexible and accessible** ensures parents can take up their entitlement to a place at times that best support their child's learning and development, and at times which fit with the needs of parents to enable them to work or increase their hours of work if they wish to do so
71% of Parents who responded to the survey this summer said that their childcare was open at suitable times and 62% of respondents agreed that settings were flexible - See section 7
- A **good quality** pre-school experience supports children's cognitive and emotional development, aiding transition between home and school and improving school readiness.

The Government's plan to improve social mobility through education² states that good early years education is the cornerstone of social mobility and children with strong foundations will start school in a position to progress.

92% of parents who responded to the survey this year said they were satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of the provision they used – see section 4.

1.2 National Context

There have been a number of National changes over the recent years which have impacted on accessibility, affordability and flexibility of Early Education and Childcare.

The Childcare market has grown

- 4.2 million Families (6 Million Children used Childcare in 2018) (DfE Parent Survey April 2019).
- The financial value and size of the UK Childcare market has continued to grow. It is approximately 50% larger than 2006 (Nursery World survey June 2019).
- Private and Voluntary sector employed an estimated 20,000 more staff than in 2017, totalling 319,000 (CEEDA- Early Years Sector Skills 2018).

The market continues to change

- The number of childcare / early years places remained relatively stable at about 1.3 million. (Ofsted Annual Report 2018) This is reflected in Nottinghamshire.
- Providers reported spare capacity in Full Day Care (The Childcare and Early Years Provider Survey DfE, 2018) This is reflected in Nottinghamshire.

Quality continues to improve

- 95% of Early Years Providers are judged Good or Outstanding compared to 74% six years ago (Ofsted Annual Report 2017/18) This is reflected in Nottinghamshire where 95.5% of inspected provision is Good or Outstanding (including Met).
- Study of Early Education and development (SEED) confirms Children who spend time in High Quality Education are more likely to have improved language and non-verbal skills.
- Early years staff qualified to level 3 or above has increased from 71% to 76% in 2018 (CEEDA), Early Years Sector Skills Survey 2018).

1.3 Local Context

The national developments above have impacted locally on how the LA fulfils its statutory duties for Childcare and Early Education. Specifically, they have led to:

- A very successful year of operation of 30 hours free Childcare and Early Education, with 7,241 parents applying for to check their eligibility for the additional hours, then receiving a code, which in turn led to 99% of those eligible having their codes validated by a childcare provider
- Completion of a tender process to procure Childcare and Early Education delivery at five sites, creating additional places in communities where they are most needed (Newark, Rainworth, Hucknall, Arnold and Retford).

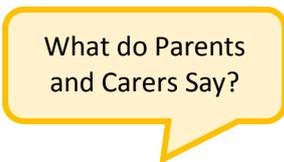
² Unlocking Talent, Fulfilling Potential: A plan for improving social mobility through education. Department for Education, December 2017

- Revision of the Nottinghamshire Provider Agreement, which requires all Early Years providers, including schools to adhere to the conditions for funding including new guidance regarding compliance.
- A refreshed approach to auditing how funding is used across the sector, allowing the Local Authority to be certain of effective and efficient use of public money.
- The development of Better Start, a data system designed to support providers to share sufficiency data and progress of vulnerable children. Over 300 Providers are returning their data on a regular basis (Summer 2019).
- Launch of District Sufficiency Meetings on a termly basis to consult with and inform providers about the provision of Childcare and Early Education in their area.
- Consultation in specific localities with Parents regarding shared services in Children’s Centre Buildings.
- Use of Delivery Support Fund has resulted in an increase of the number of Childminders registered by 26.
- Continued support from the Local Authority to maintain the high levels of quality in Childcare and Early Education settings, with 849 being graded as Good or Outstanding by Ofsted.

1.4 Methodology

The information used to undertake this assessment was gathered from Early Years providers and parents using a variety of methods.

- Information was obtained from 704 local providers using the Self Update system on our portal. This represents 88.5% of providers who are delivering funded places. See appendix A
- Data regarding the number of children currently accessing their funded and supplementary Childcare and Early Education entitlements through a regular headcount process was also used. This data is captured each academic term and data in this assessment is from the most recent headcount in summer 2019. 100% of providers delivering funded places returned their head count In Summer 2019.
- Information about providers is taken from the Nottinghamshire Families Information Service which is commissioned by the council and hosted by *Inspire*. The Families Information Service provides information for parents and carers to help them access childcare and the service relies on childcare providers to submit information to help promote their service.
- An online survey carried out in June 2019 was also used to gain feedback from parents about the suitability, flexibility and accessibility of Childcare and Early Education in their area.



694 parents responded from across the County – with 13% of respondents living out of county but using county provision. This represented the parents and carers of 1,133 children aged 0-19, but 70% of the respondents had children under the age of five, 93% having children under the age of 11 years.

All information in the Assessment should be read as a snapshot in time (June 2019) and with acknowledgment that the position in each district and area may change from term to term.

2 Demography

This section focuses on the demography of Nottinghamshire in relation those accessing and benefiting from childcare and early years provision. Further detail regarding the population of Nottinghamshire is included in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment available at <http://www.nottinghamshireinsight.org.uk/research-areas/jsna>

2.1 Child population under five³

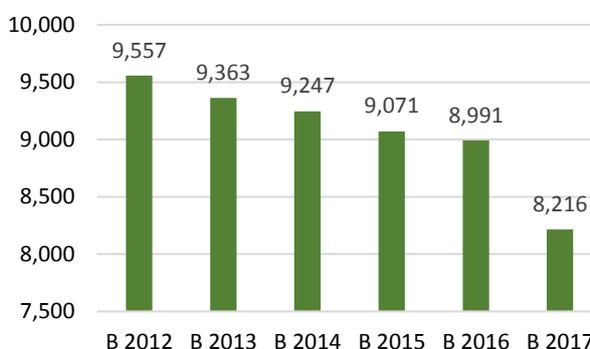
In April 2019, it was estimated that Nottinghamshire had a population under the age of 5 of approximately 45,000. Detailed population estimates are available in from the Office of National Statistics which is available using this link [Population estimates](#).

| Locality | All ages 0-19 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Nottinghamshire | 823,126 | 8,216 | 8,991 | 9,071 | 9,247 | 9,363 |
| Ashfield | 127,151 | 1,332 | 1,534 | 1,496 | 1,500 | 1,576 |
| Bassetlaw | 116,839 | 1,141 | 1,318 | 1,300 | 1,301 | 1,301 |
| Broxtowe | 113,272 | 1,094 | 1,174 | 1,170 | 1,203 | 1,198 |
| Gedling | 117,786 | 1,184 | 1,206 | 1,275 | 1,291 | 1,267 |
| Mansfield | 108,841 | 1,209 | 1,341 | 1,309 | 1,350 | 1,360 |
| Newark and Sherwood | 121,566 | 1,169 | 1,261 | 1,294 | 1,343 | 1,321 |
| Rushcliffe | 117,671 | 1,087 | 1,157 | 1,227 | 1,259 | 1,340 |

There are 8.6% fewer children in the 0-1 age group in the last year. This indicates that the numbers of children in each age group is declining year on year. Population projections show that the birth rate is declining in Nottinghamshire.

For example, there are currently 18,610 children aged 3 and 4 years and eligible for a funded nursery place. By 2022 there will be 17,207 (assuming migration in and out of County population remains static)

Numbers of children by birth year living in Nottinghamshire



2.2 Characteristics of Children⁴

Disabled Children

There has been little significant change over recent years in the number of young claimants of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) across the county. In 2016, there was 7,000 claimants of DLA aged 0-16 and there are now (2019) 6,800. According to the Office for National Statistics, 10% of those claimants were aged under 5.

³ Population estimates for the UK, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland: mid-2018, ONS

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Nottinghamshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016 (Child Poverty chapter)

Children Looked After, Child in Need and Child Protection

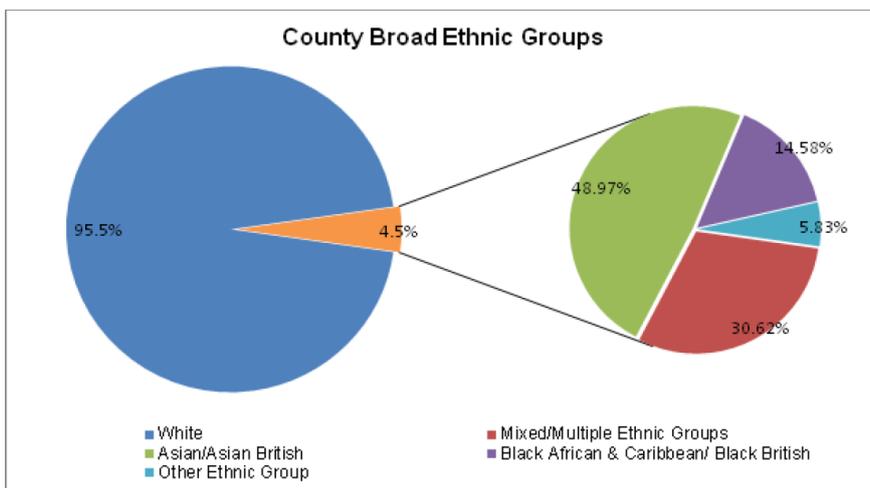
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- 262 Children were identified as a Child in Need and 337 children were on a Child Protection Plan

These figures should be read as a snapshot in time (6th August 2019) and with acknowledgment that the numbers change frequently

Low income families

- According to the latest data from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) 15.2% children under 16 were living in low income households in 2016.
- The Department for Work and Pensions list of eligible families (March 2018) shows us that on average, 30% of the population of 2 year olds are eligible for a funded place on the grounds of low income or benefits (2,684 Summer 2019).

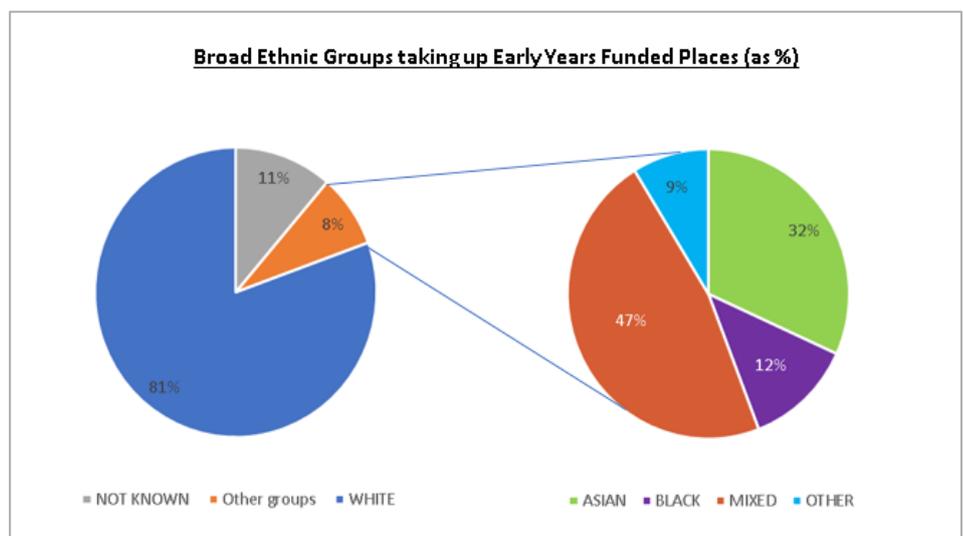
Ethnicity



According to the 2011 Census, the majority of Nottinghamshire's population is White/White British accounting for 95.5% of the population. Broxtowe has the greatest ethnic diversity with 7.3% of the population from a different broadly defined minority ethnic group.

Source 2011 Census , Office for National Statistics

In the Academic Year 2018-2019, the breakdown of all children taking up a funded place for 2, 3 and 4 year olds is depicted below. . This shows that 81% of children taking up entitlements were described as White / White British / White Other, and 8% of the population from minority ethnic groups.



3 Childcare Supply

There are 1,138 Ofsted Registered Private, Voluntary and Independent (**PVI**) providers, including schools (June 19) delivering Childcare and Early Education across Nottinghamshire. All Childcare and Early Education providers are registered with Ofsted, and work towards the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). The data below shows the number of providers registered to deliver Early Years Provision by district.

| Early Years Registered Providers by district | Ashfield | Bassetlaw | Broxtowe | Gedling | Mansfield | Newark Sherwood | Rushcliffe | Total |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| Childminder | 88 | 65 | 79 | 142 | 84 | 63 | 83 | 604 |
| Day Nursery | 23 | 18 | 26 | 21 | 25 | 27 | 37 | 177 |
| Pre-school | 8 | 12 | 12 | 18 | 3 | 12 | 24 | 89 |
| School (EY) | 35 | 49 | 30 | 35 | 33 | 42 | 34 | 258 |
| Ind. School | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| TOTAL | 154 | 146 | 148 | 218 | 146 | 146 | 180 | 1138 |

Data from Families Information Service also tells us that there are also 494 providers delivering some form of out of school provision - the greatest increase in provision in the last year (rising from 298 settings)

Source: Nottinghamshire Families Information Service Database June 2019

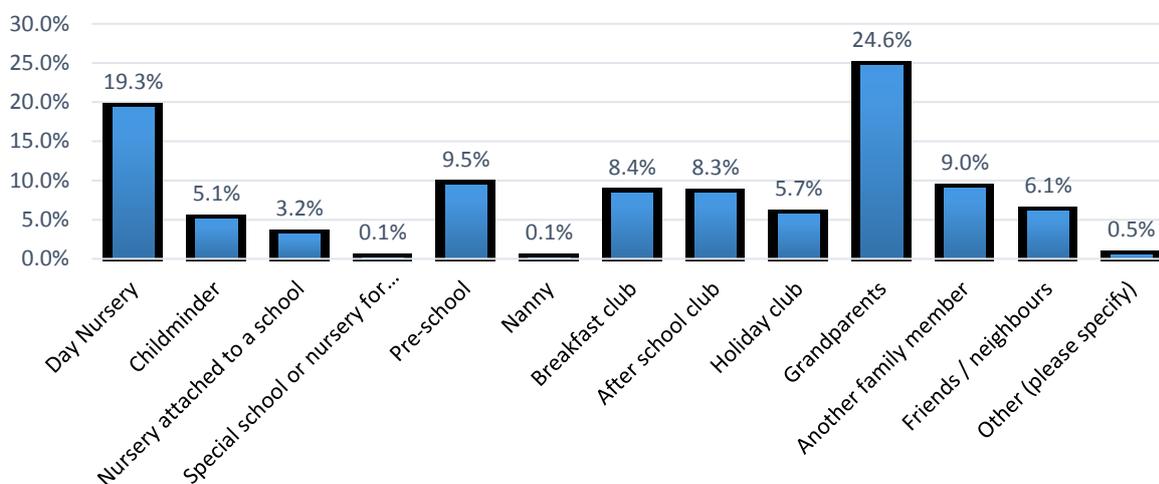
In addition, there has been an increase in the number of providers who are registered with Nottinghamshire County Council to deliver funded places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. (Capita, June 2019)

| Numbers of Providers delivering funded places | | | |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Provider Type | Summer Self Update June 2019 | Summer Self Update June 2018 | Increase |
| Childminder | 353 | 326 | +27 |
| Day Nursery | 178 | 174 | +4 |
| Pre-school | 89 | 92 | -3 |
| Independent School | 10 | 8 | +2 |
| Schools | 183 | 183 | = |
| TOTAL | 813 | 783 | +30 |

What do Parents and Carers Say?

We asked parents about the type of Childcare and Early Education they had accessed in the last six months – and again, for the third year, family members (grandparents) provide the majority of childcare.

What type of early education and childcare have you used in the last 6 months?



3.2 Schools and Academies

183 schools or academies are registered to provide Childcare and Early Education for 3 and 4 year olds in a nursery or Foundation 1 group. Typically, schools will offer 15 hours across term time, delivering either morning or afternoon sessions, however over 100 schools are delivering extended hours as part of their offer.

3.3 Childminders

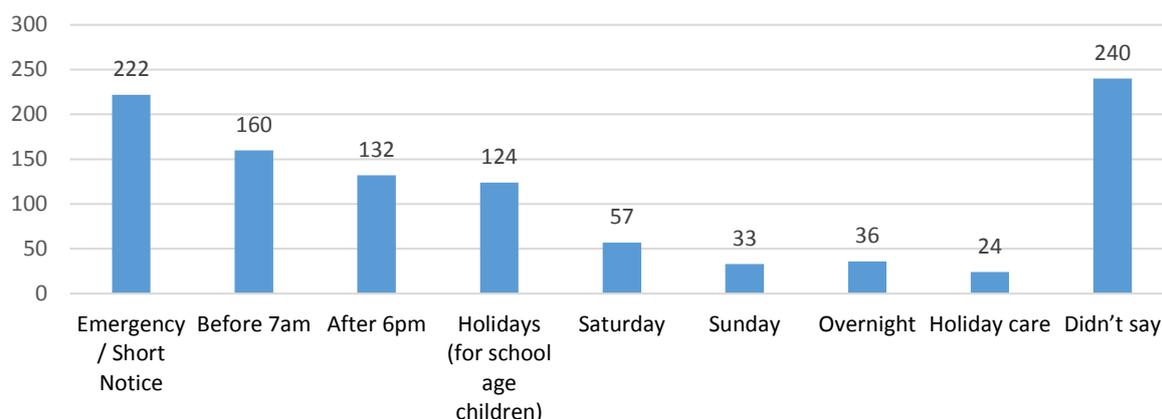
Providing care in their own home, there are 604 registered Childminders in Nottinghamshire delivering 3,820 places. This is a 7% increase on those registered in 2018, and a 5% increase in the number of places offered. Gedling has the highest number of childminder places available (842) and Newark and Sherwood the fewest (450)

60% of Childminders reported that they offer a flexible and responsive service and parents commented on this in the Parental Survey this year

What do Parents and Carers Say?

My hours vary each week and my childminder is very helpful and flexible. She is also very helpful if I get stuck at work and am late which is very helpful in my job.

Childminders Flexibility



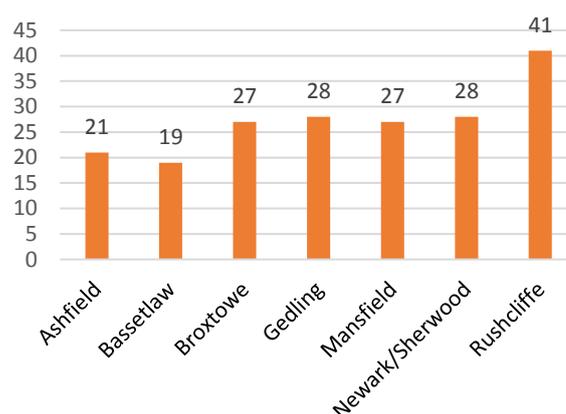
Source: Nottinghamshire Families Information Service Database June 2019

3.4 Day Nurseries

Day Nursery settings provide care for children from six weeks to school age. Most Day Nurseries can offer funded Childcare and Early Education places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and are open for the whole day, throughout the year.

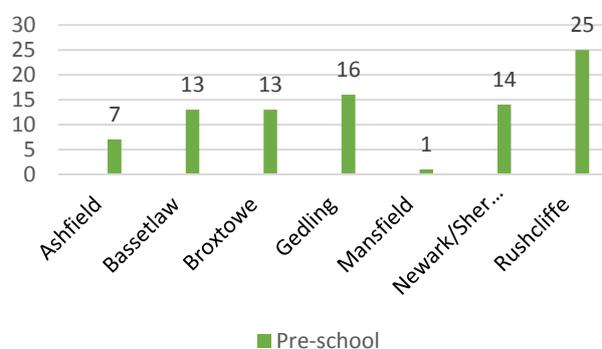
There are 177 Day Nurseries in Nottinghamshire delivering 10,875 places for children under five. The highest proportion of those places are available in Rushcliffe (2333) and the fewest in Bassetlaw (880)

Day Nursery Provision by District



3.5 Preschool / Playgroups

Preschool Provision by district



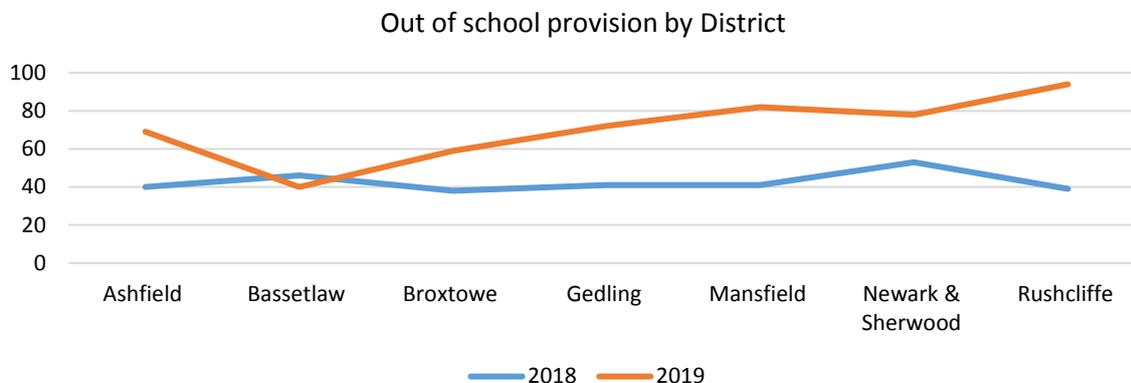
■ Pre-school

The highest proportion of those places are available in Rushcliffe (669) and the fewest in Mansfield (16)

Generally, play groups or Preschools are used on a half-day or full-day basis, and tend to operate only during term time. Some provide a lunchtime session to span the gap between morning and afternoon sessions. In the main, preschools provide sessional Childcare and Early Education for children aged 2 to 5, and provide funded childcare places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. There are 89 registered pre-schools in Nottinghamshire, 5 less than reported in 2017, delivering 2,491 places for children under five.

3.6 Out of School Childcare

Out of school provision is defined as Breakfast club, after school, holiday care and out of school care. There are 154 separately registered providers above, but 494 providers (including Childminders and schools) offer some form of out of school care. This is the greatest increase in provision in the last year rising from 298 settings to 494.



Since the introduction of additional hours of childcare for working parents, it is anticipated that there will continue to be an increase in the need for out of school provision. Section 6.3 below, outlines a 12% year on year increase in the take up the extended 30 hours of funded Childcare and Early Education. This in turn will mean that as the children of those families move on to school, parents can only continue to work if there is enough suitable out of school provision.

4 Quality of Childcare and Early Education provision

Statutory guidance states that all children should be able to take up their funded hours in a high-quality early years setting. Evidence shows that higher quality provision has greater developmental benefits for children, particularly for the most disadvantaged children, leading to better outcomes.

“The quality of teaching in the early years is just as important to outcomes as it is in other stages of education. Quality is key to early years provision that have the biggest impact on children’s life chances. Pre-schools should have low staffing ratios and well-trained professionals” (House of Commons Education Committee 2019).

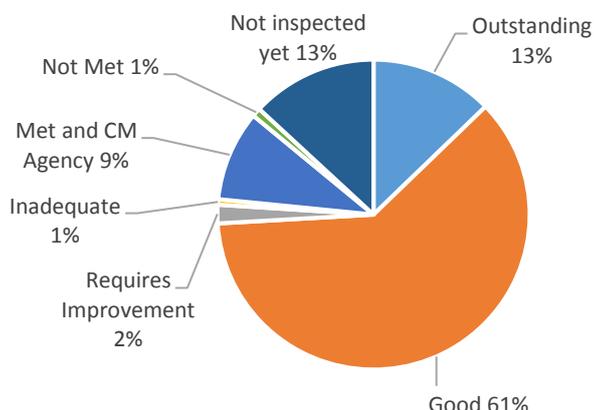
The Early Years Quality and Attainment team offer support to settings to improve and maintain quality through a targeted model of support based on criteria such as Ofsted ratings/reports, local Foundation Stage Profile results, numbers of children that are Looked After or have SEND, and numbers of children in workless households.

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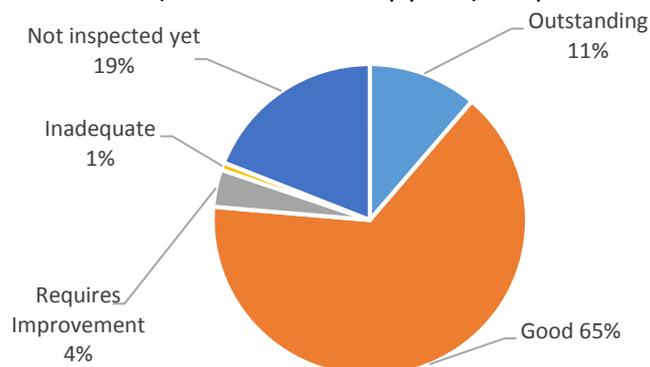
Full details and district by district tables of Ofsted grades can be found at Appendix B

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Ofsted ratings (PVI settings) July 19



Ofsted Ratings (Schools based early years) - July 19



92% of parents who responded to the survey this year said they were *satisfied or very satisfied* with the quality of the provision their child(ren) received.

What do Parents and Carers Say?

Comments relating to quality were mostly made about the practitioners working in the settings:

- *The staff are friendly and always listen if I need to discuss anything.*
- *All the women working in this nursery are very kind and helpful.*
- *The staff are lovely, caring and simply amazing.*
- *There is a lady at the setting she goes above and beyond to make sure she can help in any way possible. An asset to the nursery!*
- *They bend over backwards for my Children, nothing is too much for them to go the extra mile, and they are just brilliant.*
- *...friendly and attentive childcare staff, relaxed and fun activities (nevertheless clearly aimed at developing children's skills), good communication about children's activities.*

We asked specifically for parents of children with Special Needs and Disabilities to comment on the provision available for them.

4% of respondents in our survey said they had children with a special need or disability.

- *My first child had to have speech therapy and the preschool are fantastic with him and he's so happy there.*
- *My child has multiple allergies and the nursery has a very good allergy policy. There is also a specific allergy management plan in place for my child and they have changed their menu when my son is there at lunch time.*
- *The nursery have gone out of their way to learn Makaton to communicate to my daughter with Down syndrome, to the point I have to look up things she is signing back to me.*
- *Although my child does not have special needs - my husband is disabled (deaf/blind) - the setting have been very supportive and incredibly understanding about his impairments.*
- *The setting make sure that they are up to date with the condition my child has and make sure that he is safe and that if there are any problems they ring us straight away.*

- *When my son was at preschool, their support gave me the mental break I needed to cope with a SEN child, and the funded hours made it possible to keep him there and gave me support*
- *The preschool is amazing for my daughter and meets all her needs and have the best staff!*

However, some parents said that the setting struggled to meet their child’s additional needs

- *It would be nice if school had more after school program available*
- *We are struggling at the movement because some staff deal very well with autism (and dyslexia for my eldest) but last week the person in charge didn't even know and there is one staff member who would benefit from more training*
- *After school club could not meet my child's needs so we have to be reliant on friends*
- *My child has dyspraxia and I have to rely on grandparents to help out whilst we are working.*

Providers report that there are additional pressures to meeting the needs of children with disabilities or special educational needs:

- The Government requirement for local authorities to establish an Early Years Inclusion Fund to ensure accessibility to Early Years entitlements has resulted in the withdrawal of supplementary funding for younger (under 3) and older (over 5) children previously available via DCATCH (Disabled Children’s Access to Childcare).
- In addition, the withdrawal of funding available from Clinical Commissioning Groups to PVI providers for training to support them to meet the medical needs of children has also increased the costs associated with providing childcare and early education to children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).

5 Cost of Childcare

Many pre-school aged children are eligible for 570 hours of funded Childcare and Early Education per year, (equivalent to 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year); this includes the most disadvantaged 2 year-olds and for all 3 and 4 year-olds. A proportion of 3 and 4 year olds are eligible for an additional 570 hours per year (known as 30 hours childcare or the extended entitlement) where both parents (including foster carers) are working.

Childcare and Early Education providers who offer funded places for these children receive an hourly rate agreed by the Nottinghamshire Schools Forum and local authority using central Government funding (Dedicated Schools Grant).

5.2 Funding Rates for 2019 – 2020

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Eligible 2 year olds in PVI settings / Childminders | £5.23 per hour |
| Eligible 2 year olds in school settings | £5.10 per hour |
| Eligible 3 and 4 year olds in PVI settings / Childminders | £4.17 per hour |
| Eligible 3 and 4 year olds in school settings | £4.07 per hour |

Where children are under two, or are not eligible for the above funding, providers can set their own costs and charges. Some providers offer additional services, such as outings, drama, sports coaching

etc. which they can charge for. Providers can also charge for optional extras, such as meals and consumables, or parents can provide their own packed lunches, nappies, wipes etc.

Providers can charge parents for any additional hours, which wrap-around the funded hours. Providers are free to set the times and days that funded sessions are available, with many stretching the hours to make fewer hours available, but over more weeks of the year; helping families manage working hours and budgets over the whole year.

5.3 Childcare Costs to Parents

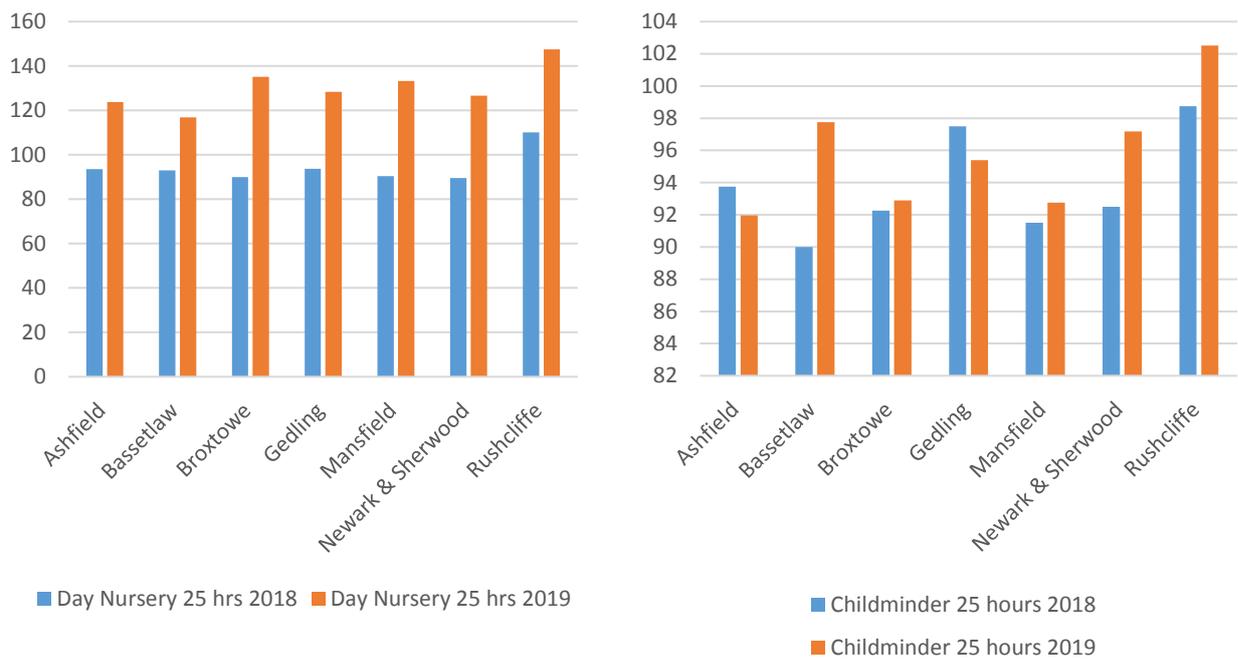
Nottinghamshire Families Information Service (FIS) collates available information on fees which are published on the *Notts Help Yourself* Website and *Families Information Service* pages. However, not all providers declare, or update their fees to FIS, so the results below represent the average cost by type and district. As has been the trend for a number of years, costs for childcare are highest in Rushcliffe.

This data should be treated with caution as the way that providers calculate their fees varies enormously

| 2019 Data | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| District | Day Nursery 25 Hours (under 2) £ | Day Nursery 25 Hours (2 & over) £ | Childminder 25 Hours (under 2) £ | Childminder 25 Hours (over 2) £ | After School Club 15 Hours £ | Childminder After School 15 Hours £ |
| Ashfield | 123.74 | 123.47 | 91.97 | 91.97 | 49.38 | 48.23 |
| Bassetlaw | 116.83 | 115.92 | 97.75 | 97.5 | 45.24 | 47.08 |
| Broxtowe | 135.18 | 134.83 | 92.89 | 92.89 | 51.74 | 48.33 |
| Gedling | 128.31 | 128.00 | 95.39 | 95.39 | 45.00 | 51.88 |
| Mansfield | 133.19 | 128.86 | 92.75 | 92.75 | 50.81 | 53.41 |
| Newark & Sherwood | 126.67 | 126.25 | 97.17 | 95.28 | 47.22 | 54.25 |
| Rushcliffe | 147.45 | 143.15 | 102.52 | 102.52 | 55.33 | 58.45 |
| Nottingham- shire | 130.20 | 128.64 | 95.78 | 95.47 | 49.25 | 51.66 |
| East Midlands | 113.48 | 113.22 | 95.48 | 95.94 | 56.08 | 55.91 |
| England | 128.98 | 125.77 | 114.37 | 112.92 | 58.17 | 65.64 |

Source: Nottinghamshire Families Information Service Database June 2019

The cost of childcare has risen across the sector by an average of 14%.



Providers are reporting that their fees have risen over recent years due to the fact that a number of new initiatives have had significant impact on provision. This situation is not unique to Nottinghamshire:

- The first year of the introduction of 30 hours funded Childcare and Early Education saw a reduction of children in previously fee-paying places. (There is a marked difference between what the LA pay for funded places and what a provider would ordinarily charge to cover costs so many report needing to increase the fees for non-funded childcare to subsidise that shortfall)
- National Living Wage and National Minimum Wage requirements for all staff
- Pensions Auto Enrolment, Apprenticeship contributions.
- Increased business rates and utilities charges.
- Workforce development and Continuous Professional Development for staff now has to be paid for (previously free to registered providers through Local Authority)
- Government requirements for early years staff to have GCSE qualifications in Maths and English have also impacted on individual setting’s training and development budgets

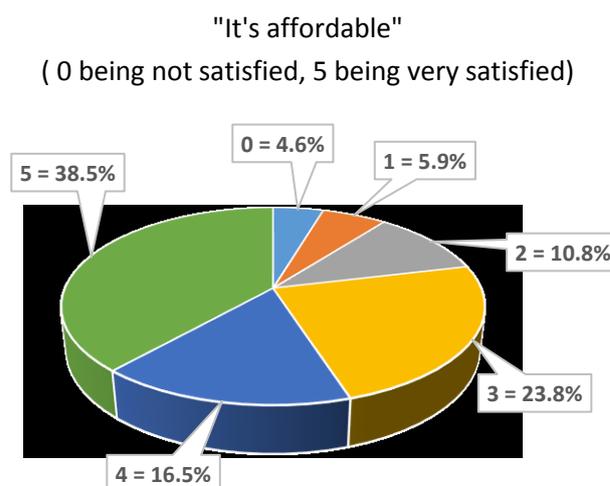
What do Parents and Carers Say?

75% of the respondents in our survey said they paid for some form of childcare – with the majority (63%) of them paying for 15 hours or less. Only 9% paid for a full week of 31-40+ hours

The cost of Childcare and Early Education is still reported as an issue for families – with less than 40% of our survey respondents agreeing that they were satisfied with the amount they had to pay. As mentioned above, Providers are acknowledging that due to a number of contributory factors, their rates have increased significantly.

Below is a selection of comments made by parents in our survey:

- *Child Care costs are crippling*
- *It's my second biggest monthly expense after rent. I've just withdrawn him because I am struggling to afford it.*
- *I pay the amount each month for my working hours, but sometimes I feel like I work (just) to pay for childcare*
- *Regular price hikes not in keeping with inflation.*
- *Childcare costs are too high for us to be able to move house.*
- *I couldn't afford to pay for more days or it wouldn't be worth me going to work.*
- *Our nursery is great but the costs for having two children there are extortionate. The fees take up one of our salaries immediately.*



5.4 Help with Childcare Costs

Tax Free Childcare Accounts became available to parents from September 2017. For every £8 paid into the account, Government will top up by £2, up to a maximum top-up of £2,000 per year, per child; doubled for disabled children. Take-up of this new service has been slow nationally, with only 10% of parents expected to use it by central Government setting up an account.

What do Parents and Carers Say?

Our parental survey showed us that 16% of respondents said they used Tax Free Childcare Accounts.

Universal Credit for Childcare is aimed at working families with children under 17 years and provides up to 85% of Childcare costs (capped). Tax Credits are being phased out and replaced by Universal Credit for Childcare

Care to Learn is available for younger parents (under 20 at the start of the course) who are in education or training. Care to Learn is available for publicly funded courses in Schools, Sixth form or Colleges. Childcare payments of £160 per week are paid directly to the Childcare provider and travel expenses paid to the parent.

5.5 Supplementary Funding

There are a number of additional funding streams that can be accessed by parents or providers where a child is in need of additional support.

| Detail about Funding supplements managed by Nottinghamshire County Council | |
|---|----------------|
| Special Educational Needs and disability support: | |
| 5.5 Inclusion Fund | On application |
| 5.6 Disability Access Fund | £615 per annum |
| 5.7 Deprivation Fund | £406 per annum |
| 5.8 Early Years Pupil Premium for 3 and 4 year olds | £0.53 per hour |
| 5.8 LAC Early Years Pupil Premium (all ages) | £0.53 per hour |

Full details and district by district tables on take up rates for individual supplementary funding streams can be found in the Appendices below

Early Years Inclusion Fund (Appendix C)

The Early Years Inclusion fund continues to contribute to additional costs associated with provision for children with severe, complex and enduring special educational needs. The funding is allocated by a multi-agency panel on a case by case basis when the provider applies for support.

| Age | Number of Children |
|------------|---------------------------|
| 2yrs | 13 |
| 3yrs | 69 |
| 4yrs | 106 |
| 5yrs | 7 |

In the academic Year 2018-2019, 195 children benefitted from this funding and £148,557 was allocated to settings, including £12,264 spent on training for practitioners in the sector.

Disability Access Fund Appendix D)

All 3 and 4 year olds are eligible for the Disability Access Fund (DAF) if they are attending an early years PVI setting that provides funded places, and meet the following criteria:

- The child is in receipt of child Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- The child receives free early education for 3 and 4 year olds.

The payment is paid once each year to the provider nominated by the parent.

In academic year 2018-2019 99 children accessed Disability Access Funding amounting to approximately 35% of our estimated budget. The budget is based on the numbers of eligible children (those accessing DLA) according to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

Deprivation Fund (Appendix E)

This supplement allocates £406 per year per eligible child (payable over 3 terms) for any Nottinghamshire resident child who is identified under one of these categories: 'Child in Need' or 'Child on Child Protection Plan'. The funding is available to support providers to engage in multi-agency meetings and ensure they make effective interventions to improve outcomes of eligible children. The funding is allocated per child and payments continue until the time the child enters school.

In the last financial year 2018-2019, 200 providers accessed Deprivation Funding fund to enable them to better support the most vulnerable children and families.
This equates to 96% of budget spent (based on numbers of children in the population Children in Need (CIN) or Children on Child Protection Plans (CPP).
332 children benefitted from this funding

Early Years Pupil Premium (Appendix F)

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) provides funding to help early years providers to narrow the attainment gap between children from low income families and their peers.

The funding is intended to make a difference by enabling Childcare and Early Education settings to provide targeted strategies focused specifically on this cohort of children. There are two elements to EYPP, funding aimed at those 3 and 4 year old children in economic deprivation (FSM) and those 2, 3 and 4 year old children who are Looked After or previously Looked After (now Adopted or returned to family).

EYPP (Economic eligibility (Free School Meals)

Take up rates indicate that providers have claimed for the equivalent of 1,693 15 hour places in the academic year 2018-19 – a 10% increase on 2017 – 2018.
The actual number of children in receipt of funding is 2,124. (This is because not all children use the full 15 hour place)

EYPP (Looked After Children)

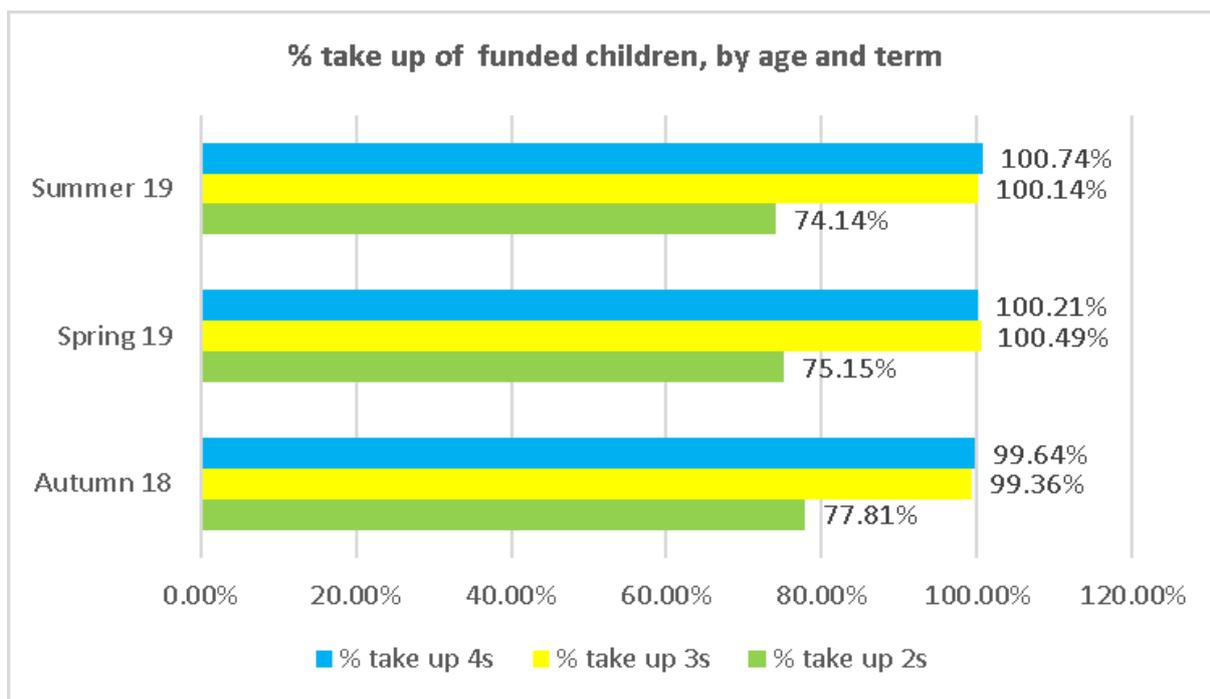
Take up rates indicate that providers have claimed for 31 children in the academic year 2018-19. In the Spring and Summer terms 2019, we estimate there to have been 79 Looked After Children benefitting from funded places for 2,3 and 4 year olds. This tells us that only 40% of settings are claiming the additional funding. (NB only children aged 3 and 4 can access this funding if they are using a PVI setting and not a school place)

6 Take up of funded early years entitlements for 2, 3 and 4 year olds

Many pre-school aged children are eligible for 570 hours of funded Childcare and Early Education per year, (equivalent to 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year). This includes:

- The most disadvantaged 2 year-olds,
- All 3 and 4 year-olds.

Nottinghamshire is currently performing well and improving on take up of places across the age groups – See Appendix G



Since the end of the academic year 2018, there has been an increase in the number of children accessing their entitlements in a private, voluntary or independent setting and a reduction in those accessing their hours in a Pre-school or school.

What do Parents and Carers Say?

We asked parents how they used their funded hours of childcare 60% of respondents said they were very satisfied, 20% rated their satisfaction as 0 or 1. See Section 7 for more comments.

6.1 2 Year Olds from Low Income Families

In September 2014, 2 year olds from low income families became eligible for 15 hours of funded Childcare and Early Education per week. The aim is to provide high quality early education for two year olds who are least likely to be ready for school. Two year olds that are Looked After and families reliant on out of work benefits are eligible for this funding. Currently in Nottinghamshire, the target is to ensure that at least 80% of eligible two year olds access their place. (Appendix H)

Our data⁶ shows us that the population of 2 year olds is 9,071, on average, 30% of the population of 2 year olds are eligible for a funded place. Information on localities with low take up is featured in section 9; Sufficiency assessments.

Data from summer 2019, identified that the average take up over three terms is 75.7% and a total of 3,441 eligible 2 year old children accessed their 15 hour place in the academic year 2018-19. Take up rates over the year were highest in Rushcliffe at 82% and lowest in Bassetlaw at 61%

⁶ Summer Term 2019 Headcount Data, ONS Mid year population estimates 2018, DWP list of 2 year olds March 2019

6.2 3 and 4 year olds

All 3 and 4 year olds are eligible for 15 hours per week in term time, of funded Childcare and Early Education. Our data⁴ shows us that the population of 3 year olds in Nottinghamshire is 9,247, and there are 9,363 4 year olds. Our figures do include some children from outside Nottinghamshire accessing a place in a Nottinghamshire setting. (Appendix I)

Data from the Summer term identified that average take up over three terms is 102% of three year olds and 95% of four year olds accessing a place in a Nottinghamshire setting

6.3 Extended Hours for 3 and 4 Year Olds (30 hours)

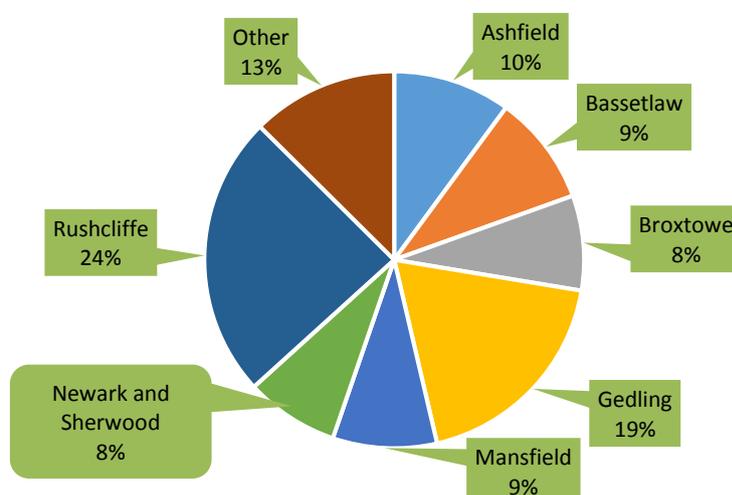
Additional funded hours are available for working families in England with 3 and 4-year-old children. The parent (and where relevant) their partner, must each expect to earn £131 per week. We cannot estimate how many families are eligible as we don't know the eligible working age population with children aged 3 or 4, but what we can report is the numbers of working parents who do apply for a code, are deemed eligible and then take up their place. The numbers of children accessing extended hours entitlements has risen on average by 12% year on year. Nottinghamshire performs well when compared to East Midlands Neighbours – see Appendix J.

Take up of the extended childcare offer (30 hours funded Childcare and Early Education for children in working households) has been hugely successful with 99% of parents who applied and received an 'eligible 30 hours code' from HMRC, had the codes validated by an early years provider, 93% of whom were in a 30 hours place in Nottinghamshire.

7 Parental Demand

694 parents responded to our survey
56% found out about the survey from their childcare provider.

Breakdown of responses by District



In addition to understanding how parents used Childcare and Early Education, we asked about whether there was sufficient, flexible childcare to meet the needs of all parents. We asked for parents to rate the following statements on a scale of 0-5. (0 being not satisfied, 5 being very satisfied).

- It's easily accessible from where I live
- It's open at suitable times for me
- I can use the funded hours when it suits me
- They are flexible and meet my needs

What do Parents and Carers Say?

78% of respondents to the survey said that their provision was easily accessible from where they live. 71% said that their provision was open at suitable times. 60% of respondents agreed that they could use their funded hours at suitable times, and 62% of respondents agreed that settings were flexible.

- *Very flexible nursery who understand changing needs of working parents and accommodate where possible.*
- *I feel incredibly lucky to have access to this nursery as it is very flexible and do not charge when the child is not booked in (for example during holidays or illness). The staff is lovely, caring and simply amazing.*
- *I am incredibly satisfied with the quality, proximity and care of my daughter's preschool. We are very happy with the setting and wonderful staff.*
- *Fantastic pre-school. Extremely flexible and quality of service is high for children.*
- *The nursery school are brilliant. They are very caring towards the children, and very flexible with the breakfast club & afterschool sessions.*
- *My hours vary each week and my childminder is very helpful and flexible. She is also very helpful if I get stuck at work.*

However, 20% said they were not satisfied (scoring 0 or 1) with the flexibility and accessibility of their provision, and how they could use their funded hours. We asked why:

| | |
|--|------------|
| It's too far away from where I live | 9% |
| It's not open early / late enough | 55% |
| I need care at weekends | 10% |
| It doesn't meet my child's needs | 3% |
| Other (please specify) | 42% |

A third of all the comments received in this section related to parents not being able to take up their funded hours, not being able to find childcare open at suitable times and providers not being able to offer the flexibility they needed.

- *There are not enough nurseries in my area and the pre-schools aren't practical for working parents that work a full day.*
- *No flexibility and not open long enough to suit work times.*
- *I'm a nurse and do shift work do I have to put my child in full time as can't work around my hours.*
- *The nursery will only do set times for 3 hours per day, rather than letting me use any 15 hours I am able to receive, with hours and days that suit me and my child.*

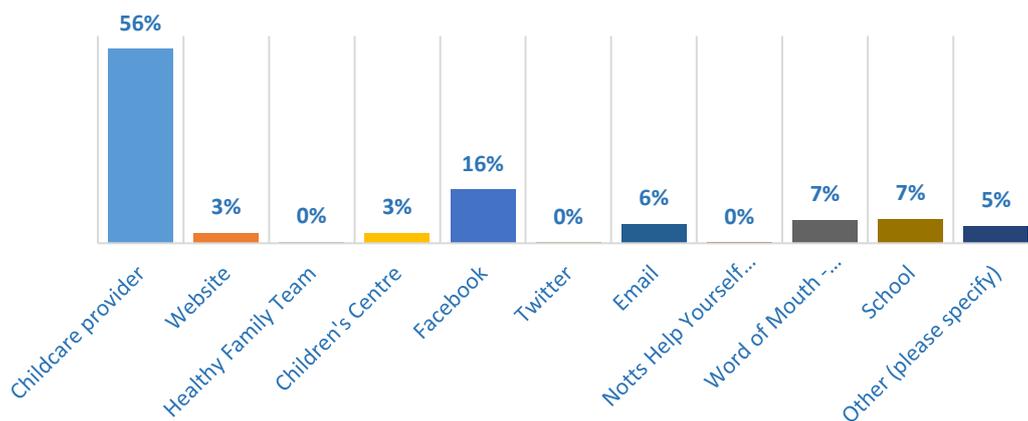
- *I am a single mum that would like to work full time I can't at the moment as the breakfast and after school club is not very flexible at all for my needs.*
- *They charge extortionate rates for unfunded hours. I am still paying 70% of the full-time unfunded rate once hours are deducted. Similar for after school club - It's miserable.*
- *Good childcare however in September as well as receiving government funding I'm expected to still pay a top up each hour!*

8 Information for Parents and Carers

What do Parents and Carers Say?

Parents and carers find out about Childcare and Early Education, as well as Children's Centres, Community Groups and family support services, in a number of ways. We asked those who took part in our survey this summer, how they found out about our survey to see how best to communicate with parents and carers in Nottinghamshire.

Most of the survey respondents were signposted by their local provider. This has risen from 27% last year to 51% this year.



8.1 Families Information Service



- The Families Information Service (FIS) exists to fulfil the statutory duty laid out in Section 12 of the Childcare Act 2006 to offer a service providing information, advice and assistance about childcare and other activities to benefit parents, children and young people up to the age of 20.
- The information that must be provided is prescribed in the Childcare Act 2006 (Provision of Information to Parents) (England) Regulations 2007 ('the Regulations'). Section 12(7) of the 2006 Act requires local authorities to have regard to this guidance when carrying out their functions under section 12.
- FIS also fulfils the council's statutory responsibilities under the Children and Families Act 2014 to provide information, advice and support directly to children, young people and parents on matters relating to special educational needs and disability.
- In September 2014, the Children and Families Act came into force. This set out wide-reaching Special Educational Needs and Disability Reforms designed to provide 'simpler, improved and consistent help for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

- The FIS is the key route for childcare providers to submit information about their service which helps our understanding of the local early years sector as well as promoting information to parents.
- FIS facilitate a popular Facebook page for local parents which helps promote a range of services and activities and national initiatives aimed at parents and carers, such as the promotion of home learning. This site is also used by Early Childhood Services in the council to share information and engage in consultation exercises with parents.
- FIS is commissioned by the local authority and is hosted by Inspire.

8.2 Notts Help Yourself



- Notts Help Yourself is a countywide website which provides a range of information for parents including childcare provision, wrap around care and holiday clubs. The information from the FIS data-base populates the website www.nottshelpyourself.org enabling parents to search for childcare in their local area.
- The early years elements of the website are developed and maintained by the FIS.
- The website also helps parents when looking for funding for childcare.

8.3 Childcare Choices



- The Government's national website enables parents to check eligibility for 2 year old and 30 hours funding.
- Parents are also able to open a Tax-Free Childcare account through the Childcare Choices web page.
- Information available for parents and those supporting families on Universal Credit and Care to Learn.
- Support for providers to ensure they can understand the benefits of supporting families to access supplementary funding.

9 District Childcare Sufficiency Assessments

Below is a narrative about the provision of Childcare and Early Education provision in each of the Nottinghamshire districts.

Providers were asked to provide a self-update on vacancies for 2,3 and 4 year olds, in June which has informed this report – we received 704 returns, and a district breakdown by sector can be found at Appendix A

It has been customary to report on the areas of the county where there is reported to be a deficit of places for children aged 2,3 and 4 year olds. However, according to our Assessment this summer, there are over 2,500 x 15 hour places for 2,3 and 4 year olds vacant across the county. Only five local areas are reporting a deficit of places and the numbers are negligible. However, since the Self Update, one setting in Mansfield will close leaving a deficit of places for 2 year olds – see Bellamy below.

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|------------------|----|
| Beeston North | -9 |
| Netherfield | -9 |
| Harworth | -2 |
| Kirkby East | -2 |
| Phoenix Stanhope | -1 |

NB: This “Supply and demand” information should be read as a snapshot in time (June 2019) and with acknowledgment that the position in each district and area may change from term to term.

However, what we can use this information for, is to identify trends, where there has consistently been a gap in provision, or a surplus of places. We can identify places where take up of funding and supplementary funding is poor, and work with partners to ensure this is addressed and any surplus places are utilised. Using the qualitative and quantitative data below, we can draw conclusions that will shape how we approach our duties over the coming year.

**The report below highlights priority ratings for each of our areas of concern.
High, Medium and Low.**

District Sufficiency Meetings

In the Spring term 2019 there were 7 district sufficiency meetings held with Childcare Providers. The events were open to all providers, including nurseries, preschools, childminders and schools who offer funded Early Years places. The events were led by an Early Years Project Officer and a Technical Specialists Officer who provided a range of resources, including local maps, headcount and take-up data, which assisted all providers to understand the supply of and demand for places locally.

Information gathered from participants at the events will be used to identify where there are gaps in provision or where take up rates are low. This information, alongside the data we have gathered will inform where we need to target resources in the coming years.

Attendance at the meetings

| District | School | PVI (for purposes of this section: Preschool, Day Nursery and Independent school) | Childminder | Other |
|--------------------|--------|---|-------------|----------------------|
| Ashfield | 6 | 4 | 1 | 2 Children’s Centres |
| Bassetlaw | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Broxtowe | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Gedling | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mansfield | 4 | 7 | 0 | 1 out of school club |
| Newark Sherwood | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Rushcliffe | 3 | 16 | 0 | 0 |

9.1 Assessment of Childcare Places (Supply) by District

ASHFIELD

- Ashfield has 2 local areas in the top ten for poor take up of the 2 year entitlement (Rural Families area which covers Underwood, Selston and Jacksdale and High Leys in Hucknall).
- In 2018 – 2019 there was a 96% take up of the universal entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds across the district and 65% take up for eligible 2 year olds, both below Nottinghamshire average.
- There are the highest number of children receiving supplementary funding and the highest numbers of those claiming the Inclusion Fund and EYPP, and second highest for claims for the Disability Access Fund.
- According to our Assessment this summer, there are 343 x 15 hour places for 2,3 and 4 year olds vacant across the district.

Sufficiency Meeting

6 of the providers who attended were in a predicted hotspot area, (Sutton central & Kirkby East) where there were high numbers of eligible children and a low number of places. The take up of Early Years places in Ashfield in the spring term is lower than expected.

The providers all advertise their vacancies to parents in a variety of ways such as through social media, newsletters, websites, banners or flyers. They also work closely with other providers in their area particularly with Childminders, to meet need. A childminder said *“I’m very busy, always full, I work with other Childminders if I don’t have a space.”*

10 providers reported some vacancies this term. 2 were full and had a waiting list.

Areas of concern

| Area | High Leys Hucknall | Priority |
|--|---|---------------------|
| Provision: | 5 providers. 3 schools, 2 Childminders | NA |
| | The schools do not offer places for 2 year olds | NA |
| 30 Hours: | 99 children access an extended entitlement in schools. 2 in other settings | NA |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were 27 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and 12 took up a place. | High |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | 0 PVI * 28 school places for 3 and 4 year olds | Medium |
| <p>There are no vacancies reported for 2 year olds across the High Leys area. *However: A new provider registered for 20 new places for 2 year olds in July 2019 (after the summer Self Update), so their places are not included in this figure. In other nearby parts of Hucknall (Butlers Hill and Market Place) there are 195 vacancies reported for under-fives. There are 154 vacancies reported in PVI settings across Hucknall. There are therefore considered to be enough places for all children to access their 2 year entitlement in the Hucknall area.</p> | | Overall rating: Low |

| Area | Rural Families (Underwood, Selston, Jacksdale) | Priority |
|--|---|------------------------|
| Provision: | 20 providers.6 schools, 14 PVI (inc. 11 Childminders) | NA |
| | One of the schools offers places for 2 year olds | NA |
| | One of the schools offers out of school care | NA |
| 30 Hours: | 31 children access an extended entitlement in schools. 46 in other settings | NA |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were 34 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and 16 took up a place. | High |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | 37 PVI (35 vacancies in Selston) school places for 3 and 4 year olds | NA |
| There are considered to be enough places for all children to access their 2 year entitlement | | Overall rating: Medium |

BASSETLAW

- Bassetlaw has 4 local areas in the top ten for poor take up of the 2 year entitlement (Bassetlaw Rural area, Hallcroft, North Leverton and Manton).
- In addition, North Leverton appears in the five worst performing areas for take up of the extended entitlement, and Manton and Hallcroft have reported over 14% non-take up of the extended entitlement in at least one term over the last year.
- In 2018 – 2019 there was a 92% take up of the universal entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds across the district and 60% take up for eligible 2 year olds, these are both below Nottinghamshire averages.
- There are the third highest number of children receiving supplementary funding at the time of writing.
- We have 3 Inadequate settings across the district and 6 Require Improvement.
- According to our Assessment this summer, there are 245 x 15 hour places for 2,3 and 4 year olds vacant across the district.

Sufficiency Meeting

5 of the providers who attended were in a predicted hotspot area (Manton & Retford), where there were high numbers of eligible children and a low number of places. These providers were reporting they were full this term. The take up in other parts of Bassetlaw (Worksop & Thrumpton) was variable with fewer 2-year-olds this term than usual.

The providers all advertise their vacancies to parents in a variety of ways such as through social media, newsletters, websites, banners or flyers. They also work closely with other providers in their area and with the Children’s Centre Service.

A Day Nursery provider said *“Parents prefer morning sessions, so we mainly have vacancies in the afternoons and they can be difficult to fill.”*

Areas of concern

| Area | Bassetlaw Rural Area | Priority |
|---|---|------------------------|
| Provision: | 27 providers. 12 schools, 15 PVI (inc. 10 Childminders) | NA |
| | None of the schools offer places for 2 year olds | NA |
| | There are no full day care providers in the area, although all the Childminders are open all year round | NA |
| 30 Hours: | 59 children access an extended entitlement in schools. 49 in other settings | NA |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were 25 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and 16 took up a place. | High |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | 15 PVI - Half in Beckingham ward. 78 school places for 3 and 4 year olds | NA |
| There are considered to be sufficient places for all children to access their 2, 3 and 4 year entitlement across Bassetlaw Rural area, but the area is geographically challenging | | Overall rating: Medium |

| Area | North Leverton | Priority |
|--|--|------------------------|
| Provision: | 9 providers. 5 schools, 4 PVI (inc. 2 Childminders) | NA |
| | None of the schools offer places for 2 year olds | NA |
| | 2 Childminders who are full | NA |
| 30 Hours: | 29 children access an extended entitlement in schools. 23 in other settings 18.7% of families who applied for a 30 hours extended entitlement code in 2018-2019 did not take up a place | High |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were 5 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and 2 took up a place. | NA |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | 3 PVI No school places for 3 and 4 year olds | NA |
| There are considered to be just sufficient places for all children to access their 2, 3 and 4 year entitlement, but access to extended hours is limited. | | Overall rating: Medium |

| Area | Manton | Priority |
|--|---|------------------------|
| Provision: | 14 providers. 6 schools, 8 PVI (inc. 3 Childminders) | NA |
| | None of the schools offer places for 2 year olds | NA |
| 30 Hours: | 28 children access an extended entitlement in 2 schools. 89 in other settings In Spring 2019, 14% of families who applied for a 30 hours extended entitlement code did not take up a place | NA |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were 80 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and 39 took up a place. | High |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | 61 PVI 18 school places for 3 and 4 year olds | NA |
| Taking into consideration the whole of the Worksop community (Including the areas of North Worksop and Prospect Kilton), there are reported to be 126 vacancies across the town. There are considered to be sufficient places for all children to access their 2, 3 and 4 year entitlement across the Manton area, but families from the Rural southern parts of Manton may find travel difficult. | | Overall rating: Medium |

| Area | Hallcroft | Priority |
|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Provision: | 11 providers.2 schools, 7 PVI (inc. 8 Childminders) | NA |
| | Neither of the schools provide places for 2 year olds | NA |
| 30 Hours: | 18 children access an extended entitlement in schools. 24 in other settings In Summer 2019,14% of families who applied for a 30 hours extended entitlement code did not take up a place | NA |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were 24 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and 12 took up a place. | NA |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | 7 PVI 8 school places for 3 and 4 year olds | NA |
| This indicates that there are not enough places in Hallcroft area for 2 year olds. However, in the Retford Central area, also covering the Retford wards, there are a further 15 vacancies in PVI settings and 115 children accessing extended entitlements | | Overall rating: Medium |

BROXTOWE

- In Broxtowe in 2018 – 2019 there was a 90% take up of the universal entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds across the district, well below the Nottinghamshire average and 77% take up for eligible 2 year olds.
- Beeston North ranks 9th best for take up of the 2 year entitlements. However, in Summer 2019, Beeston North showed a significant drop (41%) in take up, and the district had just a 60% take up of 2 year olds overall.
- Broxtowe ranks 6th on take up of supplementary funding across the district.
- Eastwood appears in the five worst performing areas for take up extended entitlement showing an average non-take up of 10.4% over 2018-19.
- According to our Assessment this summer, there are 270 x 15 hour places for 2,3 and 4 year olds vacant across the district.

Sufficiency Meeting

4 of the providers who attended were in a predicted hotspot area (Stapleford), where there were high numbers of eligible children and a low number of places. 2 of these providers reported being full this term. The other 2 were only able to offer spaces in the afternoon or a Monday or Friday. Generally providers in Broxtowe reported being full at the end of the spring term. There were limited places available in the Summer term.

The providers all advertise their vacancies to parents in a variety of ways such as through social media, newsletters, websites, banners or flyers. They also work closely with other providers in their area.

A Day Nursery provider said *“I’d like to find out more about the School and Childminders in my area, do they have funded children? Do they offer 30 hours? Do the Childminders offer wraparound care?”*

Areas of concern

| Area | Eastwood | Priority |
|--|--|------------------------|
| Provision: | 6 providers. 4 schools, 2 PVI (inc. 1 Childminders) | NA |
| | None of the schools offer places for 2 year olds | NA |
| | 2 of the schools offer extended entitlement of 30 hours. | NA |
| 30 Hours: | 18 children access an extended entitlement in schools. 33 in other settings (Day Nursery) In the last academic year 10.4% of parents who applied for a 30 hour code did not take up their place | NA |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were 56 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and 23 took up a place. | High |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | 22 PVI 29 school places for 3 and 4 year olds | NA |
| There are considered to be sufficient places for all children to access their 2, 3 and 4 year entitlement, but access to extended hours is limited | | Overall rating: Medium |

| Area | Beeston North | Priority |
|---|--|------------------------|
| Provision: | 1 school, 1 childminder | NA |
| | The school does not offer places for 2 year olds or extended entitlement | NA |
| 30 Hours: | As above | NA |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were 24 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and only 9 took up a place. This represents a 41% drop in take up. | High |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | No vacancies for 2 year olds and 6 in school for 3 and 4 year olds. Our Summer term data show a deficit of 9 places. | High |
| There are not sufficient places in the Beeston North area for the children living there, however, when taking in to consideration Beeston Central ward (neighbouring) then the picture changes. There are 41 vacancies in PVI settings available in the centre of Beeston and a further 38 places in schools. Families living in Beeston North area are potentially using provision in Beeston, or in the neighbouring areas of the City. | | Overall rating: Medium |

GEDLING

- Gedling has the worst performing area for take up of the 2 year entitlement (Stanhope, which is 59th out of 59) yet take up of 30 hours extended entitlement in Summer 19 was 100% (26 children) in that area.
- Gedling Villages and Calverton rank 3rd and 4th for take up of the 2 year old entitlement.
- In 2018 – 2019 there was a 93% take up of the universal entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds across the district and 72% take up for eligible 2 year olds.
- Out of school provision has almost doubled across the district
- There are the highest number of children receiving the Disability Access Fund and the second highest for Inclusion Funding. Gedling also attracts the highest levels of funding for Children Looked After EYPP, despite ranking 5th in overall supplementary funding claims.
- According to our Assessment this summer, there are 213 x 15 hour places for 2,3 and 4 year olds vacant across the district

Sufficiency Meeting

One of the providers who attended was in a predicted hotspot area (Netherfield), where there were high numbers of eligible children and a low number of places. That provider reported being full in their Pre-School provision for 2,3 & 4-year olds.

Providers in Arnold were all concerned as they all had very low numbers, all the providers advertise their vacancies to parents in a variety of ways such as through social media, newsletters, websites, banners or flyers. They also work closely with other providers in their area particularly with the Children’s Centre Service and community groups.

A School provider said *“I would like to know where all of the 2-year olds are so we can contact them about a place.”*

Areas of concern

| Area | Stanhope | Priority |
|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Provision: | 7 providers. 2 schools,5 Childminders | NA |
| | Neither of the schools deliver places for 2 year olds | NA |
| | One school delivers extended hours | NA |
| 30 Hours: | 16 children access an extended entitlement in schools. 10 with Childminders | NA |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were 29 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and 13 took up a place. | High |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | 0.5 PVI (childminder) 4 school places for 3 and 4 year olds | NA |
| On this basis, it appears that the Stanhope area is struggling for places. However, if we add in the rest of the Phoenix and Cavendish wards (Neighbouring Carlton Children’s Centre area), the picture is different. | | Overall rating: High |
| Area | Stanhope including Carlton | Rating |
| Provision: | 72 providers. 12 schools,60 PVI, 46 Childminders | NA |
| | One school delivers places for 2 year olds | NA |
| 30 Hours: | 33 children access an extended entitlement in schools. 366 in other settings | NA |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were122 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and 58 took up a place. | NA |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | 49 PVI 26 school places for 3 and 4 year olds | NA |
| Looking at the wider geography, there are sufficient places for 2,3 and 4 year olds. It should be considered that this area also borders Nottingham City and many children access their entitlements in out of county provision. | | Overall rating: Medium |

| Area | Netherfield (includes Colwick Ward) | Priority |
|--|---|-----------------------|
| Provision: | 16 providers. 2 schools, 14 PVI, including 12 Childminders | NA |
| | One school delivers places for 2 year olds and offers extended hours | NA |
| 30 Hours: | 20 children access an extended entitlement in school , 37 in other settings | NA |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were 59 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and 40 took up a place. | NA |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | 12 PVI vacancies No vacant school places for 3 and 4 year olds | NA |
| Netherfield has been a Hot Spot for sufficiency for a number of years. There continues to be a need for places particularly for 2 year olds in the area. | | Overall rating |

MANSFIELD

- Mansfield has 2 areas in the top five for poor take up of the extended entitlement (Ladybrook and Pleasley).
- Pleasley area also saw a 15.4% drop in take up of 2 year places between Spring and Summer 2019.
- In 2018 – 2019 there was a 91% take up of the universal entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds across the district and 65% take up for eligible 2 year olds, both below Nottinghamshire average.
- The district ranks second for the numbers of children receiving supplementary funding and second for the numbers of children in receipt of EYPP.
- According to our Assessment this summer, there are 410 x 15 hour places for 2,3 and 4 year olds vacant across the district.
- One setting in the Bellamy area is about to close meaning there are no vacancies in that area for 2 year olds.

Sufficiency Meeting

5 of the providers who attended were in a predicted hotspot area (Ladybrook, Ravensdale & Warsop) where there were high numbers of eligible children and a low number of places. 1 School was full with a waiting list whilst the other 4 had several places available and reported that there had been very few new 2-year olds take up their entitlement this term.

The Out of School provision is extremely busy at all sites in Mansfield.

Providers in Mansfield Woodhouse and Titchfield expressed concern about their sustainability, due to their low numbers and no new 2-year-old children taking up a place this term.

A school provision in Bull Farm said, *“I had to close the afternoon nursery due to lack of demand.”*

Areas of concern

| Area | Pleasley | Priority |
|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Provision: | 6 providers, 2 schools, 4 PVI (inc. 3 Childminders) | NA |
| | Neither of the schools offer places for 2 year olds or extended entitlement | Medium |
| 30 Hours: | No children accessing 30 hour extended entitlement in the schools 11% of parents accessing a code for 30 hours entitlement did not take up their place (2018-19) | Medium |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were 36 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and 22 took up a place. | Medium |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | 15 PVI 12 school places for 3 and 4 year olds | NA |
| There are considered to be <u>just</u> sufficient places for all children to access their 2, 3 and 4 year entitlement, but access to extended hours is limited | | Overall Rating: Medium |

| Area | Ladybrook | Priority |
|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Provision: | 13 providers, 5 schools, 8 PVI (inc. 5 Childminders) | NA |
| | None of the schools offer places for 2 year olds | NA |
| 30 Hours: | 17 children accessing an extended entitlement in schools, 70 in other settings 15.7% of parents accessing a code for 30 hours entitlement did not take up their place (2018-19) | Medium |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were 36 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and 22 took up a place. | Medium |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | 32 PVI 63 school places for 3 / 4 year olds | NA |
| There are considered to be sufficient places for all children to access their 2, 3 and 4 year entitlement, but access to extended hours is limited | | Overall Rating: Medium |

| Area | Bellamy | Priority |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Provision: | 6 providers, 2 schools, 3 Childminders | NA |
| | Neither of the schools offer places for 2 year olds. Childminders are full. | Medium |
| 30 Hours: | 19 children accessing 30 hour extended entitlement in the schools, 2 elsewhere | Medium |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were 21 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and 10 took up a place. | Medium |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | 0 PVI 19 school places for 3 and 4 year olds | NA |
| There are considered to be sufficient places for all children to access their 3 and 4 year entitlement but not enough to provide sufficient 2 year old places. | | Overall Rating: High |

NEWARK AND SHERWOOD

- Newark and Sherwood district has one area (Bridge) which appears on the worst five ranking for take up of the extended entitlement three terms consecutively.
- Trent Villages area ranks third worst for take up of 2 year old places at 47%, but there were only 15 children eligible in the summer term, 8 of whom did not take up a place.
- In 2018 – 2019 there was a 95% take up of the universal entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds across the district and 73% take up for eligible 2 year olds is higher than the Nottinghamshire average.
- Four areas (Sherwood East and West, Balderton and Ollerton/Boughton) appear in the top ten localities for take up of 2 year old funded places.
- Newark and Sherwood ranks fourth for take up of supplementary funding.
- According to our Assessment this summer, there are 652 x 15-hour places for 2,3 and 4 year olds vacant across the district.

Sufficiency Meeting

None of the providers were in a predicted hot spot area, but 6 providers reported having a good take up of places, running at between 80% -100% occupancy.

3 Rural Schools and 1 rural Pre-School had extremely low numbers, less than 50% occupancy.

The providers all advertise their vacancies to parents in a variety of ways such as through social media, newsletters, websites, banners or flyers. They also work closely with other providers and Children’s centres in their area

Areas of concern

| Area | Bridge | Priority |
|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Provision: | 22 providers, 7 schools, 15 PVI (inc. 7 Childminders) | NA |
| | None of the schools offer places for 2 year olds | NA |
| 30 Hours: | 18 children are accessing an extended entitlement in schools, 128 in other settings 8.7% of parents accessing a code for 30 hours entitlement did not take up their place (2018-19) | Medium |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were 70 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and 39 took up a place. | High |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | 117 PVI 27 school places for 3 / 4 year olds | NA |
| There are considered to be sufficient places for all children to access their 2, 3 and 4 year entitlement. | | Overall Rating: Medium |

RUSHCLIFFE

- Rushcliffe has one area (West Bridgford) in the ten worst performing areas for take up of the 2 year entitlement, whilst three areas (Keyworth, Cotgrave, Bingham) are in the top ten best performing areas.
- In 2018 – 2019 there was a 99% take up of the universal entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds across the district and 82% take up for eligible 2 year olds.
- Rushcliffe attracts the lowest levels of supplementary funding.
- According to our Assessment this summer, there are 454 x 15 hour places for 2,3 and 4 year olds vacant across the district.

Sufficiency Meeting

4 of the providers who attended were in a predicted hotspot area (Bingham & West Bridgford) where there were high numbers of eligible children and a low number of places. 3 of the providers reported having 100% occupancy.

In other parts of Rushcliffe such as Radcliffe on Trent and Compton Acres a School and a Day Nursery reported having low take up of places.

Providers reported the take up for Baby places in Rushcliffe as being much better than for 2,3 and 4 year olds. They felt it could be to do with the amount of provision in Rushcliffe.

Areas of concern

| Area | West Bridgford Central | Priority |
|---|--|------------------------|
| Provision: | 23 providers, 4 schools, 19 PVI (inc. 10 Childminders) | NA |
| | None of the schools offer places for 2 year olds or the extended entitlement | NA |
| 30 Hours: | 26 children accessing 30 hour extended entitlement in one school with a total of 184 children accessing extended entitlements across the district. | |
| 2 year old take up: | In the summer term, there were 20 children eligible for a funded 2 year place and 11 took up a place. | High |
| Vacancies (15 hours) | 107 PVI 0 school places for 3 and 4 year olds | NA |
| There are considered to be sufficient places for all children to access their 2, 3 and 4 year entitlement | | Overall rating: Low |

9.2 Take up of places (Demand)

The detail below shows how parents are using Childcare entitlements and how well they have been accessed across the districts

Children's Centre Geographical Areas with highest take up of 2 year old places (Top 10 of 59)

| | District | Area (by Children's Centre Community) | 2017-2018 take up | 2018-2019 take up (Increase or decrease) | March 19 DWP list of eligible 2 year olds | Take up Summer 19 | Increase or decrease Spring – Summer 2019 |
|----|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|---|-------------------|---|
| 1 | Rushcliffe | Keyworth | 93.17% | 109.80% | 18 | 18 | -11.76% |
| 2 | Rushcliffe | Cotgrave | 84.83% | 104.55% | 28 | 28 | -13.64% |
| 3 | Gedling | Gedling Villages | 52.86% | 103.70% | 12 | 10 | -33.33% |
| 4 | Gedling | Calverton | 71.43% | 102.62% | 15 | 16 | -20.61% |
| 5 | Rushcliffe | Bingham | 72.11% | 96.95% | 35 | 31 | -6.55% |
| 6 | Newark | Sherwood East | 73.91% | 89.47% | 59 | 47 | -14.98% |
| 7 | Newark | Sherwood West | 80.01% | 87.37% | 47 | 43 | 4.22% |
| 8 | Broxtowe | Beeston North | 88.10% | 85.52% | 24 | 9 | -48.21% |
| 9 | Newark | Balderton | 81.46% | 85.31% | 40 | 39 | 18.55% |
| 10 | Newark | Ollerton & Boughton | 81.48% | 84.12% | 57 | 46 | -7.63% |

Area (by Children' Centre Community) where there are higher take up rates than 100% are likely to include some children who live outside of Nottinghamshire but access their place here. There are also increases or decreases with a change and shift in population, such as new housing developments when new families move in to an area.

Children's Centre Geographical Areas with lowest take up of 2 year places (Bottom 10 of 59)

| | District | Area (by Children's Centre Community) | 2017-2018 take up | 2018-2019 take up (Increase or decrease) | March 19 DWP list of eligible 2 year olds | Take up Summer 19 | Increase or decrease Spring – Summer 2019 |
|----|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|---|-------------------|---|
| 49 | Bassetlaw | Manton | 62.07% | 54.81% | 80 | 39 | -0.65% |
| 50 | Rushcliffe | West Bridgford | 48.73% | 54.55% | 20 | 11 | -7.50% |
| 52 | Bassetlaw | North Leverton | 93.11% | 52.22% | 5 | 2 | -10.00% |
| 53 | Ashfield | High Leys | 45.35% | 51.32% | 27 | 12 | -12.70% |
| 54 | Broxtowe | Eastwood | 76.01% | 50.65% | 56 | 23 | -9.81% |
| 55 | Ashfield | Rural Families | 67.64% | 50.18% | 34 | 16 | -7.78% |
| 56 | Bassetlaw | Hallcroft | 51.52% | 48.08% | 24 | 12 | 3.57% |
| 57 | Newark | Trent Villages North | 66.08% | 47.49% | 15 | 8 | 22.08% |
| 58 | Bassetlaw | Bassetlaw Rural | 50.31% | 43.77% | 25 | 16 | 21.69% |
| 59 | Gedling | Stanhope | 56.78% | 41.61% | 29 | 13 | 4.83% |

There are three localities in the bottom ten that cover the most rural areas of Nottinghamshire. (Rural Families, Ashfield, Trent Villages, Newark / Sherwood and Bassetlaw Rural network). These areas cover 29% of the total square mileage of Nottinghamshire. (233 square miles).

Whilst our data shows us that there are places available in these areas, they are not accessible from village locations. Therefore, take up of places is limited by accessibility. Where Children live and where the childcare places are available is not always accessible for families, therefore there will always be a percentage of children unable to access their entitlements.

Universal Entitlement to 3 and 4 year old funded places

Generally, Nottinghamshire performs well in take up of 3 and 4 year old Universal entitlement to 15 hours of Childcare and Early Education. There is over the course of the last academic year 102% of three year olds and 95% of four year olds accessing a place in a Nottinghamshire setting. (Summer Term data 2019).

| District Name | Population of 3 year olds | Population of 4 year olds | 3s taking place | 4s taking place | % take up 3s | % take up 4s |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ashfield | 1468 | 1538 | 1440 | 1441 | 98% | 94% |

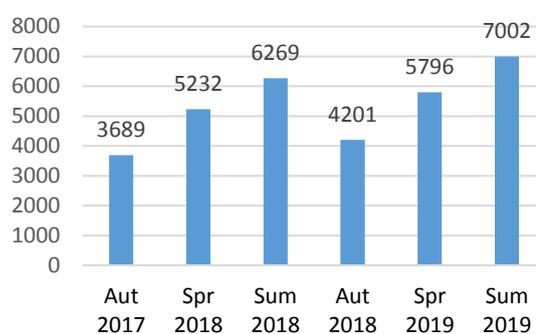
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| Bassetlaw | 1289 | 1276 | 1170 | 1190 | 91% | 93% |
| Broxtowe | 1186 | 1199 | 1029 | 1108 | 87% | 92% |
| Gedling | 1271 | 1250 | 1119 | 1225 | 88% | 98% |
| Mansfield | 1329 | 1374 | 1183 | 1284 | 89% | 93% |
| Newark and Sherwood | 1291 | 1302 | 1216 | 1256 | 94% | 96% |
| Rushcliffe | 1175 | 1232 | 1203 | 1180 | 102% | 96% |

Extended Entitlement (30 hours)

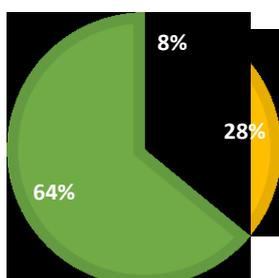
Providers have been responding to increased need and meeting the needs of working parents in a number of ways:

- Schools have lowered their age range and developed more Early Years provision.
- An increased number of Childminders are registering to offer extended hours.
- There has been a review of Children’s Centre building use to ensure extended childcare can be offered through shared use of provision.

Children taking up extended hours entitlement



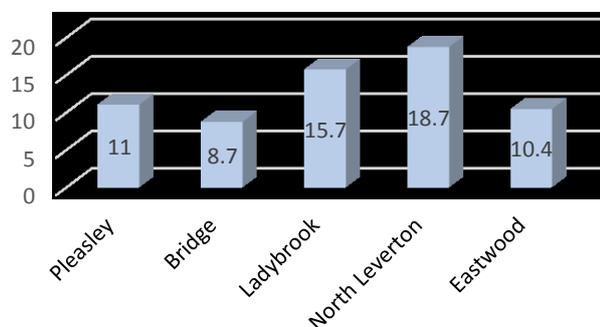
Childminder School PVI Setting



The proportions of children claiming their extended entitlement by provider type has remained static over previous academic years.

Take up is generally around 93% - this means that 93% of parents who apply for a code that is verified, take up and use their entitlement. However, in a number of localities, parents applying for their code do not take up or cannot access their place. There are five Children’s Centre geographical areas that have had higher than Nottinghamshire average non-take up consistently over the Academic year 2018-19.

Average % non take up over year



See appendix J for East Midlands Performance Tables. Nottinghamshire are the best performing area in the East Midlands and are above the National average for take up of the extended hours entitlement.

What do Parents and Carers Say?

84% of Parents who responded to the survey this summer said they worked. 91% of those who worked, work more than 16 hours a week. 34%* of those who are working claimed the additional extended hours for their nursery place. 50% of parents using their additional funded hours said they used all 15 hours of their extended entitlement.

Our data tells us that, on average, 7% of parents who do apply for a code and have it validated, do not take up the full 15 hour entitlement.

(*Our survey engaged parents of children aged 0-19 so many of them will not be eligible under the above criteria).

10 Recommendations and Next Steps

Unlike previous years' assessments, local data and intelligence evidences a surplus of childcare places across Nottinghamshire and sufficient provision to provide childcare and early education for all 2, 3 and 4 year olds, with the exception of two or three localities. Our actions for 2019- 2020 are as follows:

- Ensure there is sufficient childcare for 2, 3 and 4 year olds in three identified local areas (Netherfield / Colwick; Bellamy and Beeston North).
- Sustain existing high quality childcare by supporting for the sector to access funding opportunities, including supplementary funding.
- Work with schools to ensure we do not over supply in key some localities.
- Increase the take up rates of 2 year funded entitlements in Six local areas (Eastwood, Manton , Bridge wards, Rural Families, Trent Villages, Bassetlaw Rural areas)
- Support and expand Out of School Provision to ensure working parents are able to access suitable and flexible childcare provision.
- Deliver further consultation with parents' groups to better identify gaps in flexibility and accessibility of childcare.
- Deliver more frequent consultation with the early years sector to enable the council to have an ongoing understanding of termly childcare sufficiency levels.
- Better forecast future needs by assessing birth rates and population projections, housing developments, development of Free Schools and Early Years Places.

A detailed action plan has been developed to address the recommendations above.

11. Appendices

Tables that are published below show numbers of children accessing certain entitlements and supplementary funding streams. Numbers less than 5 have been replaced by < to preserve anonymity.

Appendix A: District Responses rate for the Self Update exercise (Summer 2019) by setting type

| | Childminders | Day Nurseries | Preschools | Schools | TOTAL |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Ashfield | 96% | 100% | 100% | 67% | 87% |
| Bassetlaw | 97% | 100% | 100% | 63% | 84% |
| Broxtowe | 92% | 96% | 100% | 81% | 90% |
| Gedling | 93% | 95% | 100% | 86% | 93% |
| Mansfield | 100% | 100% | 100% | 67% | 90% |
| Newark & Sherwood | 95% | 100% | 86% | 74% | 88% |
| Rushcliffe | 93% | 94% | 100% | 77% | 91% |
| TOTAL | 95% | 98% | 98% | 72% | 89% |

Appendix B: Quality of Provision

Breakdown of Ofsted Judgement by type of provider by district (June 2019)

| District | Ofsted Grading | Outstanding | Good | Requires Improvement | Inadequate | Met / Agency Childminder | Not Met | Not Yet Inspected | TOTAL |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Ashfield | Childminder | 4 | 48 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 17 | 88 |
| | Day Nursery | 8 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 23 |
| | Pre-school | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| | School (EY) | 4 | 23 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 35 |
| | Ind. School | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTAL | | 17 | 89 | 2 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 28 |
| Bassetlaw | Childminder | 7 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 65 |
| | Day Nursery | 3 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 18 |
| | Pre-school | 2 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| | School (EY) | 3 | 33 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 49 |
| | Ind. School | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|-------------|
| | TOTAL | 15 | 93 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 146 |
| Broxtowe | Childminder | 5 | 46 | 3 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 10 | 79 |
| | Day Nursery | 6 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 26 |
| | Pre-school | 0 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| | School (EY) | 2 | 22 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 30 |
| | Ind. School | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | TOTAL | 13 | 96 | 6 | 0 | 15 | 1 | 17 | 148 |
| Gedling | Childminder | 9 | 92 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 24 | 142 |
| | Day Nursery | 4 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 21 |
| | Pre-school | 4 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 |
| | School (EY) | 6 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 35 |
| | Ind. School | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | TOTAL | 24 | 146 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 31 | 218 |
| Mansfield | Childminder | 11 | 47 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 7 | 84 |
| | Day Nursery | 5 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 25 |
| | Pre-school | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | School (EY) | 3 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 33 |
| | Ind. School | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | TOTAL | 19 | 92 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 15 | 146 |
| Newark & Sherwood | Childminder | 5 | 40 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 63 |
| | Day Nursery | 8 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 27 |
| | Pre-school | 1 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| | School (EY) | 3 | 28 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 42 |
| | Ind. School | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | TOTAL | 18 | 95 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 21 | 146 |
| Rushcliffe | Childminder | 6 | 49 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 16 | 83 |
| | Day Nursery | 17 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 37 |
| | Pre-school | 4 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 24 |
| | School (EY) | 8 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 34 |
| | Ind. School | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | TOTAL | 35 | 97 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 32 | 180 |
| Nottinghamshire | Childminder | 47 | 362 | 10 | 3 | 81 | 8 | 93 | 604 |
| | Day Nursery | 51 | 102 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 19 | 177 |
| | Pre-school | 12 | 69 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 89 |
| | School (EY) | 29 | 168 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 258 |
| | Ind. School | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| | TOTAL | 141 | 708 | 27 | 7 | 83 | 8 | 164 | 1138 |

Appendix C: Early Years Inclusion Funding

Early Years Inclusion Funding Payments Made in Academic Year 2018-2019 by district.

| District | AUTUMN 18 | SPRING 19 | SUMMER 19 | Total |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Ashfield | 17 | 21 | 24 | 62 |
| Bassetlaw | 7 | 7 | 10 | 24 |
| Broxtowe | 12 | 15 | 17 | 44 |
| Gedling | 16 | 20 | 22 | 58 |
| Mansfield | 8 | 8 | 20 | 36 |
| Newark Sherwood | 7 | 8 | 9 | 24 |
| Rushcliffe | 15 | 17 | 17 | 49 |
| Total | 82 | 96 | 119 | 297 |

Age breakdown of children in receipt of Early Years Inclusion funding (excluding schools).

| Age | Total number | Total Amount |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 2yrs | 13 | £10,462.50 |
| 3yrs | 69 | £47,655.00 |
| 4yrs | 106 | £72,198.75 |
| 5+ | 7 | £5,977.50 |
| Total | 195 | £136,293.75 |

Total spend on Training to the sector from Early Years Inclusion Fund.

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Manual Handling | £8,960.00 |
| Sensory Training | £1,503.00 |
| Creating An Autism Friendly Setting Training | £1,800.00 |
| Total | £12,263.00 |
| Total Early Years Inclusion fund spend 2018 – 2019 | £148, 556.75 |

Appendix D: Disability Access Fund

Numbers of children accessing Disability Access Fund in Academic Year 2018 - 2019 by district.

| District | AUTUMN 18 | SPRING 19 | SUMMER 19 | Total |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ashfield | 12 | < | < | 17 |
| Bassetlaw | < | 5 | 0 | 8 |
| Broxtowe | < | < | 5 | 11 |
| Gedling | 11 | 8 | 5 | 24 |
| Mansfield | 7 | 7 | 3 | 17 |
| Newark | < | < | < | 5 |
| Rushcliffe | 4 | 5 | 8 | 17 |
| Total | 40 | 33 | 26 | 99 |

Appendix E: Deprivation Fund

Numbers of children identified as Child in Need or on a Child Protection Plan in receipt of a termly Deprivation Fund payment in Academic Year 2018 - 2019 by district.

| District | Child in Need | | | Child Protection Plan | | |
|----------------|---------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| | AUT18 | SPR19 | SUM19 | AUT18 | SPR19 | SUM19 |
| Ashfield | 17 | 32 | 42 | 18 | 27 | 33 |
| Bassetlaw | 9 | 19 | 31 | 6 | 12 | 20 |
| Broxtowe | 9 | 15 | 21 | < | < | 7 |
| Gedling | 13 | 23 | 30 | 5 | 7 | 8 |
| Mansfield | 25 | 31 | 37 | 8 | 14 | 21 |
| Newark | 12 | 18 | 31 | 8 | 9 | 14 |
| Rushcliffe | < | 7 | 14 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Total * | 89 | 145 | 206 | 54 | 79 | 109 |

* NB Figures increase across the terms as children once in receipt of this payment remain eligible for payments until they reach school age.

Appendix F: Early Years Pupil Premium

Numbers of Children receiving Early Years Pupil Premium (Economic Factor) in Academic Year 2018 - 2019 by district (total number of children funded was 2,124).

| District | AUTUMN 18 | SPRING 19 | SUMMER 19 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ashfield | 282 | 393 | 472 |
| Bassetlaw | 192 | 268 | 347 |
| Broxtowe | 133 | 194 | 248 |
| Gedling | 142 | 184 | 248 |
| Mansfield | 234 | 324 | 399 |
| Newark | 168 | 238 | 308 |
| Rushcliffe | 70 | 107 | 128 |
| Total | 1,221 | 1,708 | 2,150 |

* NB Figures vary across the terms as children may be funded for one, two or three terms.

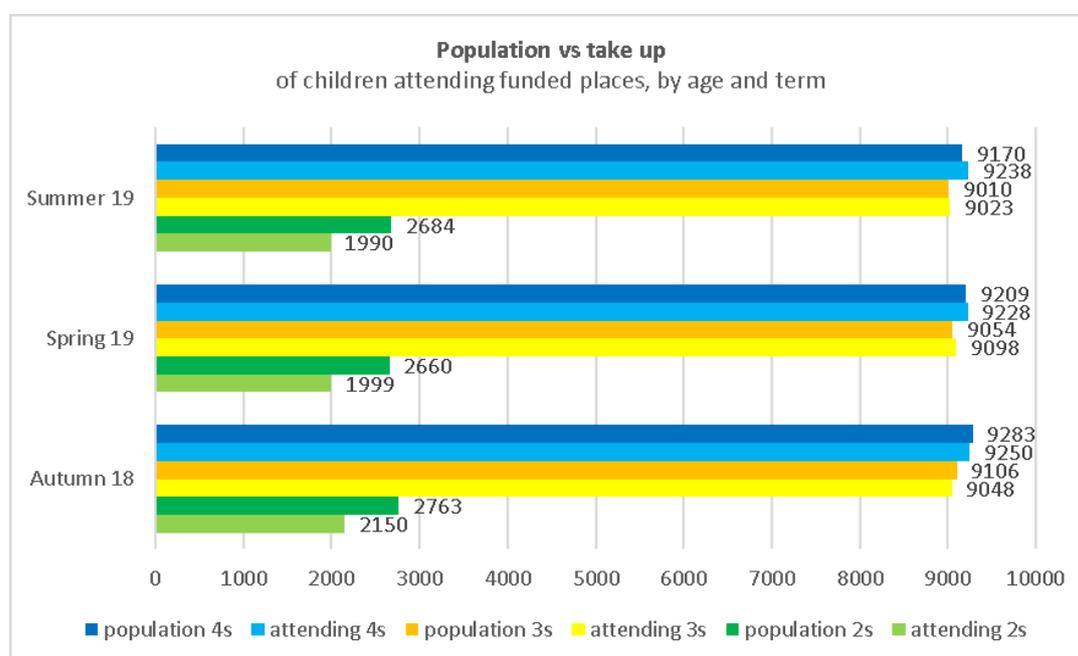
Numbers of Children receiving Early Years Pupil Premium (Children Looked After) in Academic Year 2018 - 2019 by district (total number of children funded was 31)

| District | AUTUMN 18 | SPRING 19 | SUMMER 19 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total | 15 | 22 | 26 |

* NB Figures vary across the terms as children may be funded for one, two or three terms. All numbers per district per term were less than 5.

Appendix G: Take up of funded places

Population of eligible children and the numbers taking up a place.



Breakdown of all 2,3 and 4 year old funded children, by provider type.

| Provider Type | Academic Year 2018-19 | | Academic Year 2017-18 | | % Change 2017 -v- 2018 |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | No of Funded 2, 3 & 4YO's | % of All Funded Children | No of Funded 2, 3 & 4YO's | % of All Funded Children | |
| Childminder | 2,294 | 5.07% | 2,065 | 4.58% | 11.09% |
| Day Nursery | 18,611 | 41.11% | 18,398 | 40.79% | 1.16% |
| Independent | 391 | 0.86% | 328 | 0.73% | 19.21% |
| School | 17,009 | 37.57% | 17,124 | 37.97% | -0.67% |
| Playgroup | 6,969 | 15.39% | 7,188 | 15.94% | -3.05% |
| Total | 45,274 | 100.00% | 45,104 | 100.00% | 0.38% |

Appendix H: Breakdown of take up of 2 year entitlement by District and Children's Centre Geographical area

| District | Children's Centre Cluster Area | Take up 2017-2018 | Take up 2018-2019 | Summer Term 2019 % take up | Increase/ Decrease since spring 2019 |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ashfield | Rural Families | 67.64% | 50.18% | 47.06% | -7.78% |
| Ashfield | High Leys | 45.35% | 51.32% | 44.44% | -12.70% |
| Ashfield | Sutton Central | 64.09% | 55.35% | 65.45% | 2.74% |
| Ashfield | Market Place | 77.98% | 62.33% | 69.09% | 11.20% |
| Ashfield | New Woods | 75.70% | 64.10% | 64.91% | 6.09% |
| Ashfield | Butlers Hill & Broomhill | 72.78% | 64.16% | 72.97% | 10.81% |
| Ashfield | Newstead | 84.10% | 66.76% | 75.61% | 13.11% |
| Ashfield | Kirkby Central and West | 68.99% | 67.70% | 70.97% | 7.59% |
| Ashfield | Summer House | 73.61% | 68.18% | 59.55% | -11.88% |
| Ashfield | Kirkby East | 79.81% | 74.55% | 71.15% | 0.32% |
| Ashfield | Huthwaite | 69.44% | 80.59% | 73.33% | -7.31% |
| Bassetlaw | Bassetlaw Rural | 50.31% | 43.77% | 64.00% | 21.69% |
| Bassetlaw | Hallcroft | 51.52% | 48.08% | 50.00% | 3.57% |
| Bassetlaw | North Leverton | 93.11% | 52.22% | 40.00% | -10.00% |
| Bassetlaw | Manton | 62.07% | 54.81% | 48.75% | -0.65% |
| Bassetlaw | Harworth & Bircotes | 59.77% | 64.68% | 67.92% | 4.96% |
| Bassetlaw | West Bassetlaw | 69.19% | 65.56% | 65.12% | 4.65% |
| Bassetlaw | North Worksop | 59.89% | 67.82% | 64.00% | 3.66% |
| Bassetlaw | Prospect Kilton | 60.88% | 70.12% | 71.11% | -5.08% |
| Bassetlaw | Retford Central | 69.96% | 71.52% | 74.12% | 5.29% |
| Broxtowe | Eastwood | 76.01% | 50.65% | 41.07% | -9.81% |
| Broxtowe | Brinsley with Greasley | 61.76% | 59.18% | 50.00% | -10.87% |
| Broxtowe | Chilwell | 62.99% | 68.21% | 64.29% | -4.95% |
| Broxtowe | Awsworth | 78.39% | 73.75% | 60.53% | -11.97% |
| Broxtowe | Stapleford | 80.48% | 78.61% | 74.24% | -11.21% |
| Broxtowe | Beeston Central | 62.30% | 83.46% | 81.82% | -6.75% |
| Broxtowe | Beeston North | 88.10% | 85.52% | 37.50% | -48.21% |
| Gedling | Stanhope | 56.78% | 41.61% | 44.83% | 4.83% |
| Gedling | Carlton | 61.65% | 55.96% | 48.39% | -6.45% |
| Gedling | Netherfield | 71.39% | 71.85% | 67.80% | -1.17% |
| Gedling | Arnold | 63.40% | 71.89% | 75.00% | 3.30% |
| Gedling | Arbrook | 49.73% | 75.64% | 72.73% | -4.55% |
| Gedling | Killisick | 70.20% | 79.12% | 75.44% | -8.23% |
| Gedling | Calverton | 71.43% | 102.62% | 106.67% | -20.61% |
| Gedling | Gedling Villages | 52.86% | 103.70% | 83.33% | -33.33% |
| Mansfield | Oak Tree | 57.92% | 58.92% | 50.00% | -4.55% |
| Mansfield | Ravensdale | 61.18% | 60.89% | 71.43% | 11.43% |
| Mansfield | Bellamy | 59.84% | 61.43% | 47.62% | -22.38% |

| | | | | | |
|------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Mansfield | Titchfield & Oakham | 58.40% | 63.20% | 69.05% | 4.05% |
| Mansfield | Pleasley Hill | 67.97% | 68.08% | 61.11% | -15.36% |
| Mansfield | Forest Town | 40.66% | 68.95% | 66.67% | -4.76% |
| Mansfield | Mansfield Woodhouse | 70.03% | 70.38% | 74.07% | 0.66% |
| Mansfield | Ladybrook | 62.77% | 74.33% | 72.04% | -1.64% |
| Mansfield | Warsop | 66.42% | 79.00% | 80.46% | 11.05% |
| Newark | Trent Villages North | 66.08% | 47.49% | 53.33% | 22.08% |
| Newark | Bridge | 56.97% | 63.02% | 55.71% | -11.47% |
| Newark | Trent Villages South | 83.89% | 63.05% | 76.47% | 17.65% |
| Newark | Hawtonville | 75.00% | 78.20% | 73.45% | -6.32% |
| Newark | Ollerton & Boughton | 81.48% | 84.12% | 80.70% | -7.63% |
| Newark | Balderton | 81.46% | 85.31% | 97.50% | 18.55% |
| Newark | Sherwood West | 80.01% | 87.37% | 91.49% | 4.22% |
| Newark | Sherwood East | 73.91% | 89.47% | 79.66% | -14.98% |
| Rushcliffe | West Bridgford | 48.73% | 54.55% | 55.00% | -7.50% |
| Rushcliffe | East Leake | 74.20% | 72.96% | 70.00% | 9.13% |
| Rushcliffe | Abbey & Lady Bay | 62.52% | 76.15% | 72.22% | -5.05% |
| Rushcliffe | Ruddington & Edwalton | 90.54% | 83.09% | 86.21% | 13.48% |
| Rushcliffe | Bingham | 72.11% | 96.95% | 88.57% | -6.55% |
| Rushcliffe | Cotgrave | 84.83% | 104.55% | 100.00% | -13.64% |
| Rushcliffe | Keyworth | 93.17% | 109.80% | 100.00% | -11.76% |

Appendix I: Take up of 3 and 4 year old places by district

| District Name | Population of 3 year olds | Population of 4 year olds | 3s taking place | 4s taking place | % take up 3s | % take up 4s |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ashfield | 1468 | 1538 | 1440 | 1441 | 98% | 94% |
| Bassetlaw | 1289 | 1276 | 1170 | 1190 | 91% | 93% |
| Broxtowe | 1186 | 1199 | 1029 | 1108 | 87% | 92% |
| Gedling | 1271 | 1250 | 1119 | 1225 | 88% | 98% |
| Mansfield | 1329 | 1374 | 1183 | 1284 | 89% | 93% |
| Newark and Sherwood | 1291 | 1302 | 1216 | 1256 | 94% | 96% |
| Rushcliffe | 1175 | 1232 | 1203 | 1180 | 102% | 96% |

**Appendix J: Proportion of Codes for 30 hour extended entitlement validated
(East Midlands Performance)**

| Local authority | | Eligibility codes issued | Codes validated (number) | Codes validated (%) |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 831 | Derby | 2040 | 1969 | 97 |
| 830 | Derbyshire | 6306 | 5154 | 82 |
| 856 | Leicester | 1913 | 1775 | 93 |
| 855 | Leicestershire | 6550 | 5756 | 88 |
| 925 | Lincolnshire | 6037 | 5473 | 91 |
| 928 | Northamptonshire | 6883 | 6483 | 94 |
| 892 | Nottingham | 1868 | 1596 | 85 |
| 891 | Nottinghamshire | 7241 | 7188 | 99 |
| 857 | Rutland | 312 | 311 | 100 |
| | EAST MIDLANDS | 39150 | 35705 | 91 |
| | ENGLAND | 420723 | 379115 | 90 |