

# Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

Refresh March 2013

Gateshead Council

## Introduction

As part of its statutory duties under the 2006 Childcare Act, Gateshead Council carried out a full audit of Childcare Sufficiency in the last quarter of 2010, publishing the assessment in March 2011. The full assessment can be viewed on the Gateshead Council website: <http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/DocumentLibrary/Education/Strategies/csa/ChildcareSufficiencyAssessment.pdf>

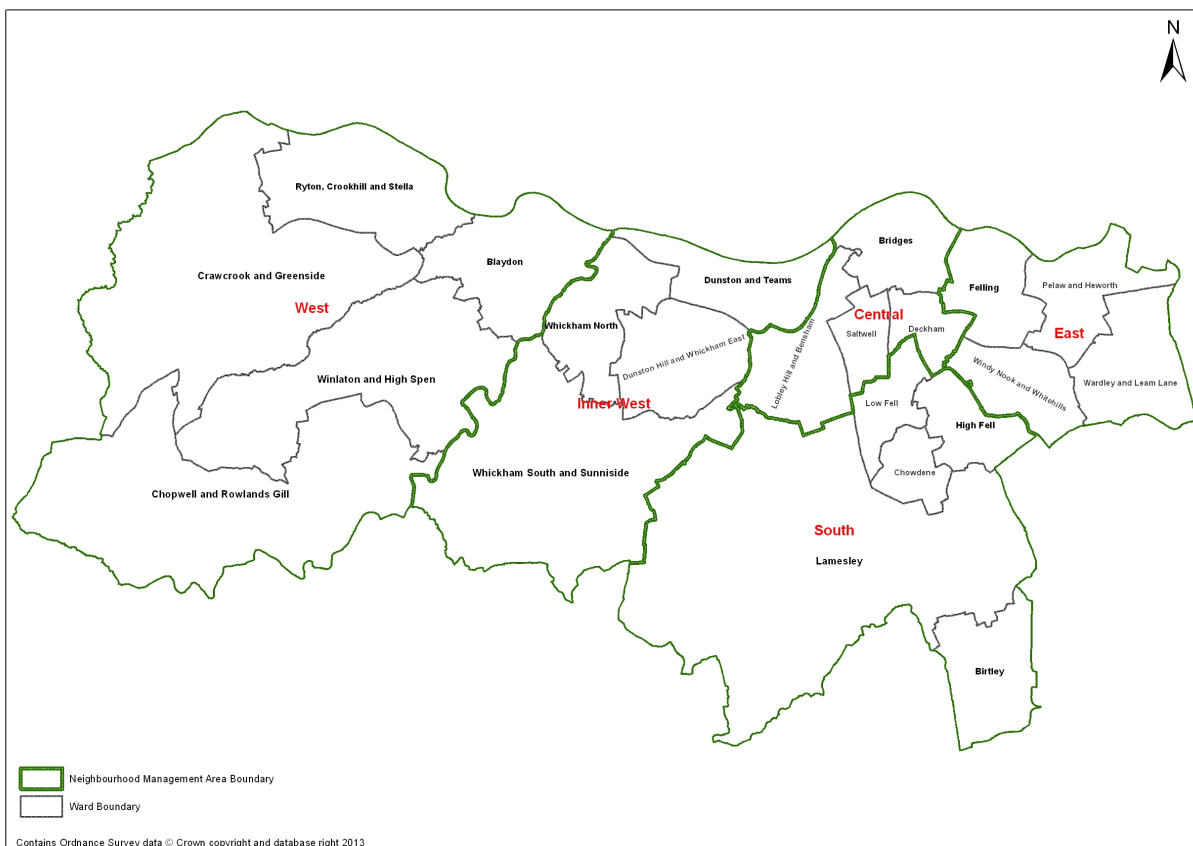
This 'Refresh' report provides an update on changes affecting the childcare market and will be used alongside the last full assessment of Childcare Sufficiency to inform planning and ensure sufficient childcare is available across Gateshead, to meet the needs of working parents/ carers and those accessing training, where reasonably practicable.

Funding made available for 2 year places outlined in this document are part of the authorities' implementation planning of this statutory responsibility commencing September 2013.

The information in this refresh does not include provisions which are run directly by schools.

Information in this refresh is divided between the 5 Neighbourhood areas in Gateshead, Central, East, Inner West, South and West (see below)

The data used to inform this refresh largely covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.



## Gateshead Childcare Sufficiency Report 2013

<b>Population</b>						
Persons 0 - 4	11,900					
Persons 5 - 9	10,300					
Persons 10 - 14	10,900					
Persons 15 - 19	12,200					
Persons 20 - 24	12,100					
(as 2011 Census figures)						
<b>Provider Statistics</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>Inner West</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Number of Providers</b>						
Childminder	18	27	25	43	45	158
Pre School	1	1	5	7	8	22
Day Nursery	9	3	3	8	5	28
Out of School Club	4	3	9	4	7	27
Breakfast Club	2	4	8	4	6	24
Holiday Club	5	1	4	4	4	18
Home Childcarer	3	0	5	4	3	15
<b>Total</b>	42	39	59	74	78	292
<b>Child registered places</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>Inner West</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Total</b>
Childminder	80	141	121	205	224	771
Pre School	35	36	120	205	312	708
Day Nursery	674	131	271	576	220	1872
Out of School Club	188	84	290	176	237	975
Breakfast Club	88	110	270	176	201	845
Holiday Club	184	30	150	142	159	665
<b>Total</b>	1249	532	1222	1480	1353	5836
<b>Occupancy and % occupancy</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>Inner West</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Total</b>
Childminder	72 90%	117 83%	94 77.7%	180 87.8%	213 95%	676 87.7%
Pre-school	31 88.6%	21 58.3%	114 95%	203 99%	240 76.9%	609 86%
Day Nursery	620 92%	114 87%	244 90%	454 78.8%	200 90.9%	1632 87.2%
Out of school club	188 100%	84 100%	264 91%	132 75%	157 66.2%	825 84.6%
Breakfast club	88 100%	110 100%	250 92.6%	137 77.8%	139 69.2%	724 85.7%
Holiday club	170 92.3%	30 100%	130 86.7%	120 84.5%	99 62.3%	549 82.6%
<b>Total</b>	1169 93.6%	476 89.5%	1096 89.7%	1226 82.8%	1048 77.5%	5015 85.9%

<b>Costs (in pounds - £)</b>						
<b>Childminder hourly cost under 2</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>Inner West</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Gateshead</b>
Max	4	4.38	5	6	8	
Min	3	2.5	3	3	2	
Average	3.83	3.61	3.64	3.73	3.72	3.71
<b>Childminder hourly cost over 2</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>Inner West</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Gateshead</b>
Max	4.5	4.38	5	6	8	
Min	3	2.5	3	3	2	
Average	3.88	3.6	3.64	3.77	3.71	3.72
<b>Pre-School session</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>Inner West</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Gateshead</b>
Max	9	11.5	10	12.9	13	
Min	9	11.5	8	6.5	8	
Average	9	11.5	8.9	9.02	10.75	9.83
<b>Day Nursery under 2</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>Inner West</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Gateshead</b>
Max	42.51	37.6	38.75	43.5	42	
Min	29	35	36	37	35	
Average	35.97	36.3	37.58	40.79	37.8	37.69
Average cost per hour (based on 10hr day)						3.77
<b>Day Nursery over 2</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>Inner West</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Gateshead</b>
Max	38	35.6	35.75	43	39.5	
Min	27	31.5	33	34	31.5	
Average	33.18	33.55	34.58	38.97	34.8	35.02
Average cost per hour (based on 10hr day)						3.50
<b>OOSC</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>Inner West</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Gateshead</b>
Max	8.95	10	8	10	12	
Min	8.45	6.5	6.5	7.3	7	
Average	8.72	7.6	7.42	7.98	8.54	8.05
Average cost per hour (based on 3 hr session)						2.68
<b>Holiday Club (per day)</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>Inner West</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Gateshead</b>
Max	23	15	20	30	18	
Min	10.6	15	16	17	16.5	
Average	17.42	15	18	24.33	17.38	14.95
<b>Breakfast Clubs</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>Inner West</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Gateshead</b>
Max	8.25	4.5	5	10	5.5	
Min	4.25	3.5	3.45	4.2	2.5	
Average	6.25	3.93	4.05	5.65	3.62	4.70
<b>Funding Statistics</b>						
<b>3yr funding take-up %</b>	<b>99.9%</b>					
	<b>Mar-13</b>	<b>Apr-13</b>	<b>May-13</b>	<b>Jun-13</b>	<b>Jul-13</b>	
2yr funding places	209	400	400	400	400	
2yr funding take-up	207	216	262	285	295	
2yr % take – up	<b>99%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>65.5%</b>	<b>71.3%</b>	<b>73.8%</b>	

## Schools

A questionnaire was emailed to all the schools in Gateshead asking for information on all services and activities that were delivered on school premises that could be used as childcare by parents and carers. Childcare Support Officers also visited some of these schools.

Schools were asked if any of their activities:

Occur before school

Or for at least one hour after school

Where there was sufficient cover in place to deal with staff sickness etc, where parents can rely on the school to care for their child until the originally agreed time.

They were also asked:

Are you aware of any unmet demand for childcare in your local area?

How do you deliver your 15hr free entitlement?

What is available for parents who also need wraparound care, e.g. links with providers?

We received 45 responses from a possible 84 schools, a 53.6% return.

From these responses there were 24 schools with Breakfast clubs = 53.3%

The average cost for these breakfast clubs was £1.28. The highest cost was £4.50, the lowest free.

The majority, 16 (66.7%) of these Breakfast clubs charge a fee – only 8 (33.3%) are free (or in 1 of these cases a voluntary contribution).

7 (15.6%) of these schools did not offer activities or clubs after school where 38 (84.4%) did.

Of the 178 activities/clubs listed there was an average of 4 activities/clubs per school.

Only 55 (30.9%) of the 178 activities/clubs charged a fee, the majority, 123 (69.1%) were free of charge.

The highest cost per activity/club was £6.75 and the lowest free. The average cost was £1.79.

Out of 26 providers who responded to the question of “Are you aware of any unmet demand for childcare in your local area?” only 4 (15.4%) responded with a “Yes” - 22 (84.6%) did not think there was any unmet demand for childcare in their area

Out of 38 that could have answered the question “How do you deliver your 15hr free entitlement?” only 20 (52.6%) responded. 17 (85%) deliver their free entitlement morning and afternoons (3 hrs) while 3 (15%) deliver their entitlement in 3 hr morning sessions.

14 (31.1%) of respondents said they had links with other providers for wraparound care.

Many schools were reluctant to brand any of their activities as childcare, to advertise them or to promote them to parents/carers as such.