

Hampshire County Council Sufficiency Update Quarter 4 2017/18 and annual update for year ending March 2018

Area: Winchester

Period: 1 April 2017– 31 March 2018

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1. Area demographic profile

This information is provided by the Local Development Team (LDT) and indicates any known changes in the demographic profile in the area. Some of the data may not be statistical but what is known locally from networking with agencies and settings.

<p>Number and ages of children:</p> <p>http://www.hants.gov.uk/factsandfigures/population-statistics/pop-estimates/small-area-pop-stats.htm</p> <p>SfYC Ward by age graphing tool 2017 - 2024</p>	<p>According to Hampshire’s Small Area Population Forecast (version January 2018) there are a total of: 6486 0-4 year olds in 2018 and 7450 in 2024. This indicates a rise of 964 children within this age range over the next 6 years. This in turn will have an impact on childcare and school places in the district which is outlined in the School Places Framework 2012 – 2016.</p>
<p>Lone parents Families accessing Working Tax Credit</p> <p>https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/mp/la/1946157310/report.aspx</p> <p>Labour Market Bulletin March 2018</p> <p>http://www3.hants.gov.uk/factsandfigures/figures-economics/hants_labour_market.htm</p> <p>Universal Credit roll out areas:</p> <p>Winchester is moving to a full roll out of universal credit from April 2018.</p>	<p>The latest information available shows that 300 lone parents (as a statistical group) in Winchester were claiming Lone Parents benefits.</p> <p>The Labour Market Bulletin highlighted that Winchester’s level of Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) claimants have decreased in March 2018 by 5 claimants.</p> <p>The Universal Credit (UC), a single payment for people who are looking for work or are on a low income, was first piloted in 2013, and then rolled out in phases nationally to Jobcentre Plus offices (JCPs). Local JCPs in Hampshire started to go ‘live’ in April 2015 (Southampton), and the rest of Hampshire by August 2018.</p>

<p>DWP 2 year olds: September 2017</p> <p>Source: Early Years Reporting tool and data provided to HCC by DWP</p>	<p>The latest DWP data and the data extracted from the Early Years Reporting Tool on 16th February 2018 showed there were 187 eligible 2 year olds within the Winchester district. Of these 146 became claims for 2 year old funding. This represents 78% of the total that would have been eligible actually taking up the offer of the two year old funding with an approved provider.</p>
<p>Employment profiles and income: Source:</p> <p>http://www3.hants.gov.uk/factsandfigures/figures-economics/hants_labour_market.htm</p> <p>http://www.winchester.gov.uk/data/facts-and-figures-about-the-winchester-district</p>	<p>The council serves a population of approximately 118,000 residents.</p> <p>33 per cent (39,000) of district residents live within the town area of Winchester.</p> <p>The three largest wards outside the city are: Bishops Waltham (6,750)* Denmead (7,175)* The Alresford (6,300)</p> <p>Winchester has low levels of unemployment; currently 0.6 per cent. House prices in the district are among the highest in the region. Deprivation levels within the district are low, although there are key areas of deprivation.</p>
<p>Housing Development Source:</p> <p>https://www.winchester.gov.uk/.../3137-housing-strategy-2018-v11.pdf</p>	<p>Information taken from the Winchester Housing Strategy 2017 – 2023 highlights that there will be new neighborhoods in Winchester Town at Barton Farm (2000 homes) Waterlooville (3000 homes) and Whitely (3500 homes)</p>

2. Childcare places analysis

2.1 Childcare mix

This data is produced by the Local Development Team for Ofsted registered childcare from known changes in the childcare market that have occurred within the periods noted.

Table 1: Childcare Places

Provider type	Total number of providers gained or settings that have extended places	Total number of registered places gained (if known)	Total number of providers lost	Total number of registered spaces lost (if known)	Net growth or loss of places since the last quarter (- / +)
Childminders	Q3 2 Q4 2	10 9	3 4	12 13	-2 -4
Home child carers	Q3 0 Q4 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
EYE Non domestic premises – full day care	Q3 0 Q4 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
EYE Non domestic premises – term-time care	Q3 0 Q4 0	0 0	1 0	16 0	16 0
Holiday playschemes	Q3 0 Q4 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Out of School clubs (inc. Breakfast and After School)	Q3 3 Q4 1	120 5	0 0	0 0	120 5

Comment:

The data shared for this reporting period highlighted that there is an increase of 125 childcare places and a loss of 6 places equating to a total net gain of 119 places. However it is noted that within this data set, there was no gain of early years places and a loss of six places within the childminding sector. The majority of places created were from third party providers across three wards opening after school provision.

2.2 New childcare and early years provision known at quarter 3 and 4

This is data that is known to the Local Development Team of childcare developments that have completed registration in the period. This data includes all types of provision including childminders.

Table 2: New Provision

Ward	Postcode	Age range	Registered places			Type of setting FDC/SC/OSC/ CM/HC
Alesford and Itchen Valley	SO21	0-7		6		CM
Denmead	PO7	5-7		60		OSC
Bishops Waltham	SO32	5-7		60		OSC
Boarhunt	PO7	5-7		60		OSC
Wonston and Micheldever	SO22	0-7		4		CM
St Luke	SO22	0-7		4		CM
Bishops Waltham	SO32	0-7		5		CM
Whiteley and Shedfield	SO32	3-7		5		OSC
Total				32		

Comment:

The data from quarter three and quarter four highlights an increase of four childminders creating 19 childcare places across the ward opening within the reporting period. The new out of school provision in several wards will also help to meet this type of market demand for older children.

2.3 Proposed childcare and early years provision known at quarter 3 and 4:

This is data known to the Local Development Team of childcare provision that is proposed. It is likely that these providers will have made application to Ofsted.

Table 3: Proposed Provision

Ward	Postcode	Age range	Registered places	Type of setting FDC/SC/OSC/CM/ HC
Colden Common and Twyford	SO21	1-7	5	CM

Comment:

There has been little movement within the early year's sector within this reporting period for proposed provision. One childminder has registered with Ofsted creating five additional new early years places in the Colden Common ward.

2.4 Early years and childcare provision under threat of closure known at quarter 4

This data is provided by the Local Development Team to indicate areas where childcare operations are known to have difficulty in the childcare market.

Table 4: Provision under threat of closure

Ward	Postcode	Age range	Registered places			Type of setting FDC/SC/OSC/C M/HC
Upper Meon Valley	GU32	2-5		14		SC
Southwick and Wickham	PO17	2-5		18		SC
Total				32		

Comment:

There are two preschool settings indicating that they are under threat of closure during this reporting period. These childcare settings are indicating that they have very low numbers of children attending and are unsustainable for the autumn term. Work is being undertaken by the Childcare Development Business Officer to support these settings.

2.5 Early Years and Childcare Provision closed at quarter 3 and 4

This data is provided by the Local Development Team of known closures of childcare operations in the period.

Table 5: Provision Closed

Ward	Postcode	Age range	Registered places	Type of setting FDC/SC/OSC/C M/HC
The Worthys	SO21	0-7	3	CM
St Luke	SO22	0-7	6	CM
Alresford and Itchen Valley	SO24	0-7	3	CM
St Barnabus	SO22	0-7	3	CM
St Micheal	SO23	0-7	5	CM
Whitely and Shedfield	SO32	0-7	3	CM
Southwick and Wickham	PO17	0-7	2	CM
Total			25	

Comment:

Ofsted inspections are resulting in the removal from the Early Years Register of childminders who are currently not supporting children. Where childminders have no child under 5 years of age, they are moved to the Childcare Register (5 – 8 years). Indications are that many hold on to their early years registration due to the higher cost of the childcare register only option.

All the closures highlighted within the reporting period are across several wards in the borough and equate to 25 childcare places for Childminders.

3. Early Years Education – Free Entitlement

Hampshire County Council keeps a register of all approved childcare and early years provision that delivers the Government’s free early years education entitlement. Free early years education places are available in school nursery classes, state or private nursery schools, day nurseries, playgroups or pre-schools and with approved childminders.

Free early years education is available in the funding period after a child’s third and fourth birthday. Some children, whose circumstances or family circumstances meet eligibility criteria, can also receive free early years education in the funding period after their second birthday.

3.1 Early Years Education for Two Year Olds

This is part of a national offer from the Department for Education (DfE) and has been developed to improve outcomes for identified two year olds who meet or their family’s income or circumstances meet, certain eligibility criteria. Further details can be found at <http://www.hants.gov.uk/parents/cis/eye/2-year-old-offer-2.htm>

Table 6: Take up of early years education by eligible two year olds in Winchester.
Source : HCC Early Years Tool Headcount/ DWP data (2 year olds)

Spring Term 2018 data provided by DWP as at 7 September 2017						Capita One headcount spring 2018. New Early Years Reporting Tool - data extracted 16 February 2018	
Ward	1 Term: Jan 18	2 Terms: Jan 18, Apr 18	3 Terms: Jan 18, Apr 18, Sep 18	Grand Total	%	No children	% take-up
Alresford and Itchen Valley	2	2	2	6	3.2%	4	67%
Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery	1	4	1	6	3.2%	5	83%
Bishop's Waltham	2	8	4	14	7.5%	11	79%

Central Meon Valley	2	3	7	12	6.4%	17	142%
Cheriton and Bishops Sutton					0.0%		#DIV/0!
Colden Common and Twyford	1	1	2	4	2.1%	2	50%
Denmead	3	13	4	20	10.7%	15	75%
Southwick and Wickham	1	4	3	8	4.3%	4	50%
St Barnabas	4	6	4	14	7.5%	16	114%
St Bartholomew	5	7	4	16	8.6%	21	131%
St Luke	7	14	8	29	15.5%	19	66%
St Michael	8	11	5	24	12.8%	8	33%
St Paul	4	6	4	14	7.5%	6	43%
The Worthys	1	5	1	7	3.7%	7	100%
Upper Meon Valley	1	1	3	5	2.7%	1	20%
Whiteley and Shedfield	1	2	2	5	2.7%	5	100%
Wonston and Micheldever		3		3	1.6%	5	167%
Winchester	43	90	54	187	100.0%	146	78%

Comment:

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The percentage of take up of eligible 2 year olds against the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) data on numbers of eligible 2 year olds for Winchester has a 78% take up rate. The most numbers of children eligible for DWP are located within the Bishops Waltham, Central Meon, Denmead and the Winchester central wards.

The data taken from the Services for Young Children Early Years Reporting Tool from 16th February 2018 also highlights that two wards in Winchester and Upper Meon Valley wards have low numbers of two year old funded children taking up a childcare place.

3.2 Number of settings able to provide early years education to 2/3 and 4 Year olds in the Private Voluntary and Independent sector including childminders:

This is based on the settings that are approved to deliver early years funding in March 2018 with capacity. The details of providers that offer the extended entitlement (30 hours) can be found at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/payingforchildcare/freechildcare/3and4yeardoffer>

Details of all providers who have agreed to be published can be found through the Family Information Directory at <https://fid.hants.gov.uk/>.

Table 7 Summary by ward of type of all providers approved to deliver early years education

Source: All Services Report Capita One – September 2018

Hampshire Children Only	No. of Settings	Places (max. nos.)	Two year old offer	30 hours
Alresford and Itchen Valley	5 PVI 3CM	166	6	7
Badger Farm and Olivers Battery	7PVI 9 CM	259	13	16
Bishops Waltham	4PVI 1 CM	85	5	4
Central Meon Valley	5PVI 4 CM	104	9	8
Colden Common and Twyford	3PVI 2 CM	84	5	5
Denmead	5PVI 7 CM	241	12	11
Southwick and Wickham	5PVI	223	4	5
St Barnabus	2PVI 6 CM	134	8	8
St Bartholomew	5PVI 1 CM	233	6	6
St Johns and All Saints	1PVI	40	1	1
St Luke	2 PVI 1 CM	62	2	3
St Michael	2PVI	87	2	2
St Paul	4PVI	266	4	4
The Worthys	3PVI 1 CM	164	4	4
Upper Meon Valley	7 PVI 3 CM	201	8	9
Whiteley and Shedfield	4PVI 4CM	366	7	8
Wonston and Micheldever	10PVI 5CM	407	15	14

3.3 Development of Childminder EYE Provision

There has been a decrease of Childminders registering for Early Years Education Funding during this reporting period. There are a total of 87 Ofsted registered

child minders in the Winchester district area. Out of this total, there are 46 who are approved to deliver early year's education so 53% offering this to families in the district.

There are currently 14 child minders awaiting their first Ofsted inspection and two child minders who hold a below good grading from Ofsted.

3.4 Development of Group EYE provision

There are 74 childcare settings delivering early years education who are a mix of private, voluntary and maintained settings.

3.5 Take-up of the free Early Years Education entitlement by two, three and four year olds

Table 8: Early Years Education take-up of 2, 3 and 4 year olds as at spring 2018 (taken from the Early Years Reporting Tool)

	2yr old Claims	2yr old SAPF	% 2yr old Take Up	3yr old Claims	3yr old SAPF	% 3yr old Take Up	4yr old Claims	4yr old SAPF	% 4yr old Take Up
Winchester	177	1317	13.44%	1269	1364	93.04%	1364	1428	95.52%
Alresford and Itchen Valley Ward	5	68	7.35%	69	97	71.13%	82	86	95.35%
Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery Ward	6	96	6.25%	98	96	102.08%	105	89	117.98%
Bishop's Waltham Ward	10	84	11.90%	85	96	88.54%	81	89	91.01%
Central Meon Valley Ward	17	76	22.37%	101	101	100.00%	111	110	100.91%
Colden Common and Twyford Ward	3	64	4.69%	69	67	102.99%	70	84	83.33%
Denmead Ward	17	89	19.10%	90	108	83.33%	115	105	109.52%
Southwick and Wickham Ward	5	86	5.81%	58	62	93.55%	56	66	84.85%
St Barnabas Ward	27	92	29.35%	97	116	83.62%	103	110	93.64%
St Bartholomew Ward	24	114	21.05%	93	101	92.08%	121	120	100.83%

St Luke Ward	20	66	30.30%	64	59	108.47%	70	73	95.89%
St Michael Ward	10	95	10.53%	76	87	87.36%	71	94	75.53%
St Paul Ward	13	90	14.44%	90	99	90.91%	91	87	104.60%
The Worthys Ward	10	102	9.80%	84	81	103.70%	77	93	82.80%
Upper Meon Valley Ward	1	37	2.70%	48	60	80.00%	53	50	106.00%
Whiteley and Shedfield Ward	4	80	5.00%	80	73	109.59%	77	95	81.05%
Wonston and Micheldever Ward	5	78	6.41%	67	61	109.84%	81	77	105.19%

Comment:

Table 8 provides the numbers of children in the district that access their early years education and this is assessed against the small area population forecast to provide a proxy level of take-up. It is noted that some percentages are greater than 100% this is due to SAPF being a modelled population forecast and the numbers of actual children is greater than the prediction made at this time.

The table above indicates that the majority of 3 and 4 years olds across the district are accessing most of their early years entitlement. However Upper Meon Valley is lower than the expected take up of Early Years funding for three year olds within the district.

4. Development for 30 hours Childcare

The Department for Education (DfE) published a revised [policy statement](#) which provides details for the implementation of the Childcare Bill and specifically the extension of the free early years education entitlement from 15 hours to 30 hours. From 1 September 2017, the Government extended the free childcare entitlement for working parents of 3 and 4-year-olds, to 30 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year.

The Childcare Development and Business Officer has looked at data from the 30 hours Early Years reporting tool to try and identify areas that may require additional support to meet the 30 hour programme.

Table 9 – Eligible children by ward (Source 30 hours EY Forecaster modelling tool)

	201617	201718	201819	201920	202021	202122
Winchester	866	877	875	896	919	939
Bishops Waltham	49	54	49	46	45	44
Southwick & Wickham	23	23	22	30	38	46
Cheriton and Bishops Sutton	11	12	9	11	11	11
Colden Common and Twyford	49	43	42	39	40	40
Compton and Otterbourne	26	36	34	26	27	27
Denmead	56	64	55	56	57	54
Central Meon Valley	19	9	10	12	12	11
Alresford & Itchen Valley	9	12	12	11	10	10
The Worthys	44	42	51	46	47	47
Wonston & Micheldever	28	28	25	27	28	30
Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery	29	27	30	27	27	27
Owslebury and Curdrige	21	15	22	33	42	51
Whiteley & Shedfield	30	36	27	33	32	30
Wonston & Micheldever	8	8	16	24	32	37
St Barnabas	46	54	40	43	43	43
St Bartholomew	49	49	60	51	51	52
St John and All Saints	40	42	36	35	33	32
St Luke	39	35	34	34	31	31
St Michael	41	42	46	47	48	47
St Paul	45	45	46	52	51	51
Central Meon Valley	29	26	29	29	27	28
Alresford & Itchen Valley	44	49	44	49	47	46
Upper Meon Valley	10	16	13	15	15	15
Whiteley & Shedfield	51	37	40	42	45	48
Southwick & Wickham	24	31	34	31	31	32
Wonston and Micheldever	43	39	50	47	50	50

Comment

Table 9 has identified that the number of children who are eligible for 30 hours Childcare, will come from families from all the wards within the district, however the largest proportion identified are from the Winchester central wards. There are also eligible children from Bishops Waltham, Alresford, Denmead and the Worthy wards.

Data from the census report January 2018 and the Early years reporting tool highlights a high take up of the 30 hour offer from families in the district and 99% of settings and childminders signed up for the 30 hour offer.

The Childcare Development and Business Officer needs to devise a strategy and work alongside all current childcare provision to ensure that there is sufficient childcare across the district as this new market demand increases and identify those settings that are limiting the 30 hour offer.

5. Quality of the Ofsted Registered provision:

5.1 Ofsted data at the end of quarter 4

This includes the data on the Ofsted outcomes for the district and is a snapshot of the position of all Ofsted registered provision as it stands at 31 March 2018.

Table 10: Quality of provision as at March 2018
Source: All Services Report Capita One

Type of settings	Outstanding	Good /Met	Requires Improvement	Inadequate	Awaiting inspection
EYE Group Providers	42%	43%	1%	0	14%
EYE Childminders	37%	51%	1%	0	11%
Other Childminders	5%	69%	5%	6%	21%
Independent Schools (Nursery Provision)	0	0	0	0	3
Holiday – After school provision	15%	50%	5%	0	30%

Comment:

Winchester has increased to 98% of its early years PVI education providers holding an Ofsted Good or Outstanding grading and there are ten settings awaiting an inspection.

Childminders have fourteen settings awaiting an inspection but have also improved during this reporting period so that 96% of all childminders are holding a good or outstanding grading.

Out of School provision has 92% of its provision holding an Ofsted Good or Outstanding grading and there are 10 settings awaiting an inspection.

There are a high proportion of 34 childcare provisions across the sector awaiting their first inspection judgement.

5.2 Number of funded two year olds in Ofsted rated less than ‘good’ provision

Free entitlement for 2 year olds is expected to be provided through Ofsted Early Years registered provision that has an inspection outcome of ‘Good’ or ‘Outstanding’. The local authority will only fund 2 year olds in provision less than ‘good’ where continuity of care for children is required or there is insufficient choice in the market. Such providers are required to have appropriate local authority support in place.

There are two settings within the district that hold an Ofsted grading that is below good and take funded two year old children. There are a total of nine children attending one setting with a ‘Requires Improvement’ outcome and the Local Development Team is working with this setting to improve practice.

Table 11: Number of funded two year olds in Ofsted rated less than “Good” provision.

Ward with setting rated less than “Good”	Number of 2YOs in these settings
Whitely and Shedfield	9
Alresford and Itchen Valley	0

6. Development of provision for Special Educational Needs

Service for Young Children’s Inclusion Team is committed to ensuring that all eligible children are able to attend an early years or childcare setting irrelevant of any disability or additional support need. Ideally, we would see this happening in the child’s local setting or the parents’ choice of setting, however, where a child’s needs cannot be met by this provider, we will work to support the identification of an appropriate alternative.

The table below shows the number of children that are known to the Inclusion Service through Portage service and Inclusion Team who support providers for specific children. This data provides a proxy indicator of the number of known SEN children aged 2/3/4 for the period. The data set also outlines the number of payments made for children who have met the eligibility criteria for SEN Inclusion Fund payment. The data is shown as a percentage against the overall all Early Years Education funding claims for the district and comparison to the County average. The data does not include those children attending school nursery or special school provision.

Children known with SEN and SEN take up Spring 2018

District	Total number of 2/3/4 year old children with SEN known by Inclusion Service.(include Portage)	Total Number 2/3 and 4 year old EYE claimants	% of EYE supported by Inclusion Team*	SEN Inclusion fund payments: 2 year olds	SEN Inclusion fund payments: 3 and 4 year olds	Total SEN Inclusion Fund payments	Percentage of Inclusion Fund payments and total EYE claims
Winchester	125	1837	6.8%	6	22	28	1.52%
County	1502	20973	7.2%	81	384	465	2.28%
Out of County	8	1233	0.64%	2	6	8	0.64%

For Winchester the number of children currently attending early years education and being supported by the Inclusion Team for SEN is 0.4% lower than the county average. The number of children that currently meet the criteria for the SEN Inclusion Fund is 0.76% lower than the county average. This is new data set and trend data is currently not available.

7. Development of out of school and holiday provision

According to the information available on the data base of Services for Young Children there are a total of 34 out of school child care providers within Eastleigh Borough Council. The current Ofsted position with existing out of school childcare registered providers stands at five settings holding an 'Outstanding', grade seventeen holding a 'Good', grade and there are currently ten that are awaiting their first Ofsted inspection.

Over this reporting period this type of provision has had the most increase and expansion of childcare places equating to 404 places.

The highest proportion of the out of school settings within the district, are run by third party providers using schools and community spaces as venues. Where populations of children will grow in planned new housing developments there may be a need for additional out of school childcare places to support these areas.

Where populations of children will grow in planned new housing developments there may be a requirement for further out of school childcare to support areas such as Botley, Winchester, Bishops Waltham and Denmead. Childminders continue to contribute to out of school provision in some rural wards within the district.

8. Parental demand

There have been no significant reports of parental demand not being met within Winchester in the last quarter. However since September 2017, with the implementation of 30 hours childcare places, there have been a number of queries in the district from parents regarding fee structures and pricing policies in settings.

9. Conclusion

Table 13 – overall gain and loss of childcare places for April 2017 – March 2018

Provider type	Total number of providers gained or settings that have extended places	Total number of registered places gained (if known)	Total number of providers lost	Total number of registered spaces lost (if known)	Net growth or loss of places since the last quarter (- / +)
Childminders	6	25	12	40	-15
Home child carer	0	0	0	0	0
EYE Non-Domestic Premises – Full Day Care	0	0	0	0	0
EYE Non-Domestic Premises – Term Time Care	0	0	0	0	0
Holiday Playscheme	0	0	0	0	0
Out of School Care (inc Breakfast and After School Clubs)	8	300	0	0	300

Comment

After analysis of the data available from 1 April 2017 until 30 March 2018, the opening balance of childcare places against the closures highlights an overall gain of 285 childcare places. However the majority of these places are contributions from an increase in after school provision within the district that caters for the 5-7 year groups. There is a decrease in early years places as the 25 places created by new Childminders is factored against a loss of 40 places.

During this reporting period the current childcare market need was identified as being met, however this needs to be reviewed in line with the housing developments and the 30 hour offer from September 2017.

The impact of the 30 hour offer remains a focus for the Childcare Development Business Officer with support and guidance available to help settings support the growth of this sector of childcare places.

During this year there has been a marked increase in providers approved to take funded two year olds which now equates to 67 private, voluntary and independent (PVI) providers and 43 child minders.

Demographic and population changes

Table14: Small Area Population Forecasts (SAPF 2018) over next five years

	Aged 0	Aged 1	Aged 2	Aged 3	Aged 4
2018	1237	1212	1271	1372	1394
2019	1261	1298	1281	1335	1433
2020	1295	1339	1371	1354	1471
2021	1328	1371	1412	1435	1433
2022	1359	1401	1441	1476	1503

For the pre-school age range from 2018 – 2022 the population forecasts show a year on year increase in all the age ranges. However within the 3 year old age range there is a decrease in numbers from 2018 to 2019 and then a year on year increase thereafter.

The latest information taken from the Small Area Population Forecast (January 2018) highlights that there is an increase of 964 children aged 0-4 from 2018 to 2022. (See link below for more detail)

<http://www.hants.gov.uk/planning/factsandfigures/population-statistics/small-area-pop-stats.htm>

Childcare places and trends

Parental demand for childcare places will increase over the coming years as a consequence of new housing, growing population forecasts and also with the increase from September 2017 in the eligibility criteria for additional hours within the DfE's 30 hours initiative.

There has not been a growth of early year's places within this reporting period and a loss of 15 places within the childminding sector. It is noted that all the gains are from a huge increase in the number of places being offered through holiday provision and after school care equating to eight new settings offering 300 places.

Major strategic developments are being planned for North Whiteley, Waterlooville and Barton Farm wards and the Childcare Development and Business Officer is working alongside Hampshire County Council, Winchester Borough Council and the developers to ensure that childcare is included in the new plans for these developments.

EYE entitlement places and trends in take up

The Childcare Development and Business Officer has identified supply and demand of places and undertaken further research using current sufficiency data. The research has highlighted that the CDBO would need to monitor take up of EYE provision within the Denmead, St Barnabus, St Michael and Upper Meon Valley wards with the new housing developments and the introduction of the 30 hours entitlement from September 2017.

Some wards within the district have been citing more capacity in places than is usual in the market place, but some of this capacity will be absorbed as the 30 hour offer expands.

Two year old take up continues to grow and the demand for places has been steadily increasing. Since the previous sufficiency report there has been an increase in the take up of funded two year old childcare places from 74% of eligible two year olds taking up a childcare place in the district to 78%.

A strategy is being devised to address the childcare gaps in some wards and focus on identifying specific pieces of work, in line with the gaps in the childcare market within this district.

Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) list and take up challenges

According to the Hampshire Labour Market Bulletins the benefit claimants in Winchester have decreased over this reporting period by 5 claimants. The Labour Market Profile data for Winchester also highlights that there are a total of 300 claimants in March 2018 and that the majority of these are on out of work benefits.

The Winchester district is now part of the Universal Credit roll out areas for the county. Under the Universal Credit criteria the report highlights that a greater number of claimants are required to look for work than previously under the Job Seekers allowance criteria.

Quality of provision

The quality of all provision in the district has improved and remains high.

There are currently 74 early years education approved providers within the district and 10 of these are settings waiting for their first Ofsted grading. Ofsted outcomes for the district are positive with 85% of childcare settings achieving an Ofsted grading of “Good or Outstanding” with 42% of these achieving an “Outstanding” grade.

There are currently 69 PVI settings and 43 childminders who are approved to take children who are in receipt of two year old funding. During the period from September 2017, there have been 146 children approved for funding in the Winchester district.

In addition it has been noted that there has been an improvement in quality of the existing early years market in Winchester over the last year with an improvement in many Ofsted outcomes including within the childminding sector. There is now only one early years education (EYE) group providers and one EYE childminder holding less than a 'Good' Ofsted outcome.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) development

Information from the monitoring reports at the end of quarter 4 indicated that there were 109 children supported by the Winchester Inclusion team and that there are also 16 families being supported from the Early Years Portage team.

The monitoring reports across the year have highlighted that social communication issues have been the highest request for support from settings from the Area Inclusion teams.

Developments and any changes in the locality that affect childcare

The Winchester district will have significant additional new housing for the next ten years with the majority of these planned for the following wards:

Barton Farm – St Barnabas ward - 2000
Winchester – St Lukes ward – 494
Winchester – St Bartholomew ward – 307
Winchester – St Michael ward – 294
Bishops Waltham ward – 60
Central Meon Ward – 160
Denmead ward – 305
Whiteley & Shedfield ward – 3,500

The Hampshire County Council programmed school expansion 2018 – 2022 includes expansions to three primary schools in the district and a new school planned for the Barton Farm housing estate.

With the housing developments over the coming years (2016-2024) within the Winchester district, there is potential requirement to increase childcare places within the following areas subject to other childcare developments unknown at the time of the report: Denmead, Boarhunt and Southwick and Whitely wards.

There is a development planned for Barton Farm which is located in the St Barnabas ward which is looking to develop 2000 new homes.

There is a planning application with Winchester City Council to develop a larger housing development at Whiteley for up to 3,500 dwellings. The application includes details of the strategic roads through the site including connections from Whiteley Way to Botley Road. The application also includes other infrastructure provision such as a secondary school; 2 primary schools; commercial uses; 2 local centres; an extra

care facility; affordable housing; a range of public open space provision including sports pitches, allotments and large areas of open space.

There has been a loss of 15 childcare places in the childminding sector between 1 April 2017 – 30 March 2018 and an increase of 300 childcare places, with a net effect of an increase of 275 childcare places in the Winchester district. It is noted that the majority of places are within the out of school sector and for older children aged 5- 7 years.

With the growing numbers of 2 year olds and expected increased demand for funded places with the 30 hour delivery, this will need to be addressed and be the focus for the Local Development Team (LDT) going forward. The Department of Work and Pensions now provides information to the local authority on where parents live that have 2 year olds meeting the eligibility criteria for a funded place so that these areas can be the focus for growth of new places.

Some areas (those already mentioned) may become a challenge, but it is expected that through the work of the Childcare Development Business Officer with existing providers and premises providers including local council and parish council partners that the market provision of places will grow.

In addition it has been noted that there has been an improvement in quality of the existing early years market in Winchester over the last year with the voluntary closures of poor provision and an improvement in many Ofsted outcomes including within the childminding sector. There is now only one early years education (EYE) group providers and one EYE childminders holding less than a 'Good' Ofsted outcome.

Identified Gaps and Action Plan

According to Hampshire's childcare information data, in Winchester there are 87 childminders of which 46 are approved for Early Years Education funding. There has been a focus of recruiting more childminders to offer Early Years Education funding and this number is slowly increasing with further work still to be done, especially within the small villages and rural areas of Winchester.

The Small Area Population forecast at ward level also suggests that the Alresford, Boarhunt and Southwick, Owlesbury and Curdrige and Sparsholt wards need to be also prioritised as the new housing plans for the area highlights further new homes are to be built between 2016 – 2036 in these wards.

The potential closure of two sessional settings during this reporting period, could suggest a take-up preference from parents for more flexibility and longer opening hours than the traditional sessional model of childcare.

The Childcare Development Business Officer will continue with the on going work to monitor take up of early years childcare places, and identify where this needs to be addressed and prioritised. The Childcare Development Business Officer is devising a

strategy to address the childcare gaps in some wards and focus on identifying specific pieces of work, in line with the new larger housing developments at Barton Farm and Whiteley.

The CDBO is working with the local parishes, providers, premises owners/committees to secure future childcare places and provision. The CDBO is focusing on a strategy to analyse the data on the 30 hour take up for families within the district with the Barton Farm and Whiteley housing developments to ensure that the market demand for childcare is being met within these areas.

The Winchester central and Bishops Waltham wards are also highlighting an increase in funded two years olds, therefore this also needs to be factored into a strategy.

The focus for the Childcare Development Business Officer will be to increase the number of childcare places through the work with existing early years providers and with establishing new settings in areas, where there will be new housing. Work is already underway with premises providers to encourage this growth.