

Hampshire County Council Childcare Sufficiency Report Annual Update 31 March 2019

Area: Fareham

Period: 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019

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1. Area demographic profile

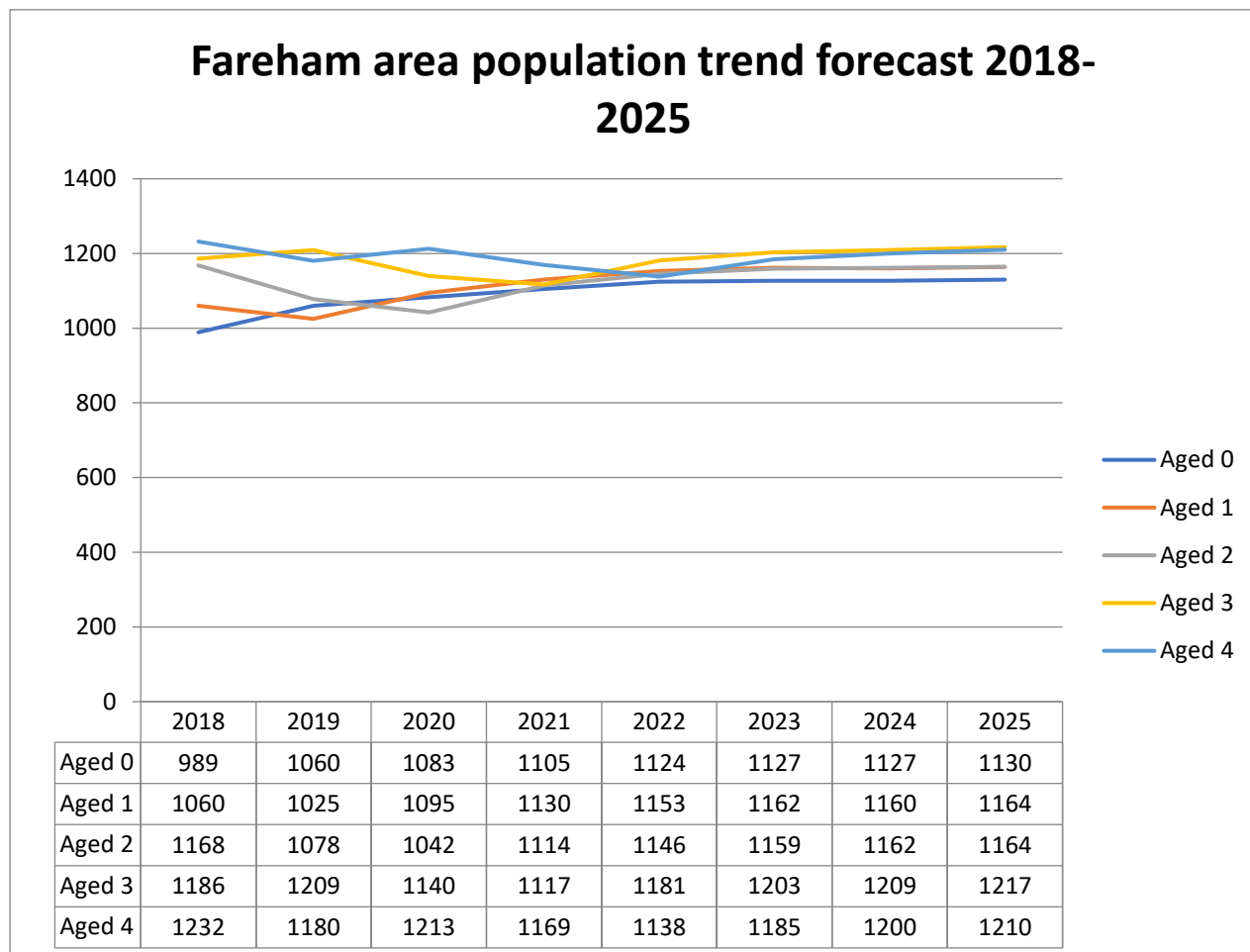
This information is provided by the Services for Young Children Local Development Team (LDT) and indicates any known changes in the demographic profile in the area.

Number and ages of children

The overall Fareham area child population aged 0 and 4 years old dipped in 2019 by 83 but is projected to grow by a net 250 between 2018 and 2025 – 0.45% on 2018. The high level trend projection to 2025 is shown below (Fig.1).

Significant growth in Fareham North ward is anticipated due to the impact of the Welbourne development. Most other ward areas are projected to see either a much slower increase or slight decrease in child numbers, with the overall picture apart from Fareham North showing a broadly static position.

Figure1



Families accessing benefits

The number of claimants accessing benefits in Fareham as at March 2019 is 590 (0.8%). This is slightly lower than the Hampshire economic area average of 1.2%. Economic and labour market data can be accessed from the Hampshire's Economic and Business Intelligence Service website:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/business/ebis/reports#step-3>

Job creation and planned developments

There are no significant developments reported in the Hampshire Labour Market Bulletin for March 2019 which affect the Fareham area.

Housing Developments

The adopted Fareham local plan to 2026 consisting of 3 parts is available at:

<http://www.fareham.gov.uk/planning/localplan.aspx>

This plan is currently under review and consultation. Full details of the revised draft plan to 2036 can be found at:

<https://www.fareham.gov.uk/planning/farehamlocalplanreview.aspx>

Welborne SDA

The childcare needs implications for the Welborne SDA are significant with an anticipated need for approximately 300 Full Day Care Nursery places and as a minimum 223 sessional places. This is an increase of approximately 100 places on the original estimated childcare need, to allow for the impact of the Government's 30 hour childcare policy.

The Delivery plan published by the developer can be found here:

<https://www.fareham.gov.uk/welborne/>

2. Childcare places analysis

2.1 Childcare mix known at 31 March 2019

This data is produced by the Services for Young Children Local Development Team (LDT) of Ofsted registered childcare from known changes in the childcare market that have occurred in the period.

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	7	21	18	54	-33
Home child carers	7	-	4	-	-
EYE Non domestic premises – full day care	-	-	-	-	-
EYE Non domestic premises – term-time care	-	-	2	52	-52
Holiday play-schemes	-	-	-	-	-
Out of School clubs (inc. Breakfast and After School)	2	60			+60

Comment:

Since the annual report to 31 March 2018 there has been some movement in the childcare market reported in this period. A setting has changed its legal entity status and this is not recorded here due to the unchanged market position.

2.2 New childcare and early years provision known at 31 March 2019

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

Table 2 New Provisions

Ward	Postcode	Age range	Registered places			Type of setting FDC/SC/OSC/C M/HC
Fareham North West				30		OSC
Stubbington				30		OSC
Various	Various			-		HC
Various	Various			21		CM
Total				81		

Comment:

There are a total of 81 childcare places being created by settings during this reporting period. Settings that have opened under a new registration due to a change of legal entity, where there is no change in places, have not been included in these figures.

2.3 Proposed childcare and early years provision known at 31 March 2019:

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

Table 3: Proposed Provision

Ward	Postcode	Age range	Registered places			Type of setting FDC/SC/OSC/C M/HC
Fareham South		0-5		80		FDC
Fareham East		0-5		80		FDC
Total:				160		

Comment:

Two new nurseries will be opened in the early part of the summer term 2019 providing a total of 160 new day care places.

2.4 Early years and childcare provision under threat of closure known at 31 March 2019

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
Fareham North		0-8		54		FDC
Total				54		

Comment:

There is one setting in Fareham District known to be under threat of closure as at the date of this report. The local development team are monitoring this situation to ensure parents can access suitable childcare at alternative provision should this be needed.

2.5 Early years and childcare provision closed at 31 March 2019

This data provided by 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
Various	Various			-		HC
Warsash		2-5		26		SC
Warsash		2-5		26		SC
Various	Various			54		CM
Total				106		

Note: Where a number is not indicated the assumption is that the carer has not provided childcare for some time.

Comment:

There has been a loss of 52 sessional childcare places in Fareham over the year to 31 March 2019. Anecdotal evidence suggests that due to premises constraints and operational issues these settings have been unable to fully meet the needs of working parents under the government's 30 hour childcare policy and have taken the decision to close rather than see protracted sustainability difficulties. 18 Childminders have deregistered during this period with the loss of 54 places.

Table 6 Places summary by ward and post code for group settings

Row Labels	38		51		33 weeks		35 weeks		(blank)		Total	
	No of Places		Average		Average		Average				Average	
	No of Places	Average Daily Hours Open	No of Places	Daily Hours Open	No of Places	Daily Hours Open	No of Places	Average Daily Hours Open	No of Places	Average Daily Hours Open	No of Places	Daily Hours Open
Fareham East												
PO160NU		50.0		5.3							50.0	5.3
PO160QS					92.0	10.5					92.0	10.5
PO160QW		26.0		6.5							26.0	6.5
PO167DT					60.0	10.5					60.0	10.5
PO175BL							60.0		9.5		60.0	9.5
PO160SX												
Fareham East Total		76.0		5.9	152.0	10.5	60.0		9.5		288.0	8.5
Fareham North												
PO160HZ					54.0	10.0					54.0	10.0
PO167LN					58.0	10.0					58.0	10.0
Fareham North Total					112.0	10.0					112.0	10.0
Fareham NW												
PO156LL					60.0	10.0					60.0	10.0
PO160UW		36.0		6.5							36.0	6.5
Fareham NW Total		36.0		6.5	60.0	10.0					96.0	8.3
Fareham South												
PO141BJ		20.0		5.0							20.0	5.0
PO141HT		26.0		6.0							26.0	6.0
PO141NH					52.0	10.0					52.0	10.0
PO141JJ					42.0	10.0					42.0	10.0
PO141JE					80.0	11.0					80.0	11.0
Fareham South Total		46.0		5.5	174.0	10.3					220.0	8.4
Fareham West												
PO151ND					44.0	10.5					44.0	10.5
PO143BA		18.0		6.0							18.0	6.0
PO143BN		32.0		6.5							32.0	6.5
PO141PE					36.0	10.5					36.0	10.5
Fareham West Total		50.0		6.3	80.0	10.5					130.0	8.4
Hill Head												
PO142PL		30.0		6.5							30.0	6.5
PO143NF		16.0		4.0							16.0	4.0
Hill Head Total		46.0		5.3							46.0	5.3
Locks Heath												
SO316NS					99.0	11.0					99.0	11.0
SO317ZL					100.0	10.5					100.0	10.5
Locks Heath Total					199.0	10.8					199.0	10.8
Park Gate												
SO316PT		40.0		5.8							40.0	5.8
SO317BJ					132.0	10.5					132.0	10.5
SO317DU		26.0		10.0							26.0	10.0
SO317GQ					60.0	10.0					60.0	10.0
Park Gate Total		66.0		7.9	192.0	10.3					258.0	9.1

Table 6 Continued

Portchester East							
PO16 9BD	60.0	8.5	35.0	10.0		95.0	9.3
PO16 9UY	28.0	7.0	36.0	9.0		64.0	8.0
Portchester East Total	88.0	7.8	71.0	9.5		159.0	8.6
Portchester West							
PO16 8DG	52.0	8.0				52.0	8.0
PO16 8HJ	50.0	8.0				50.0	8.0
Portchester West Total	102.0	8.0				102.0	8.0
Sarisbury							
PO15 7LA	42.0	6.3	152.0	10.8		194.0	9.3
SO31 7AA	38.0	7.0				38.0	7.0
SO31 7BG	48.0	6.0				48.0	6.0
SO31 7FB	24.0	6.5				24.0	6.5
Sarisbury Total	152.0	6.4	152.0	10.8		304.0	7.9
Stubbington							
PO14 2AS	34.0	6.5	90.0	10.5		124.0	8.5
PO14 2EF			42.0	10.0		42.0	10.0
PO14 2PP			45.0	10.5		45.0	10.5
Stubbington Total	34.0	6.5	177.0	10.3		211.0	9.4
Titchfield							
PO14 4BS				55.0	9.3	55.0	9.3
PO15 5EJ		64.0	10.5			64.0	10.5
Titchfield Total		64.0	10.5	55.0	9.3	119.0	9.9
Titchfield Common							
PO14 4NH	30.0	6.0				30.0	6.0
PO14 4PG	40.0	4.0				40.0	4.0
PO14 4RP	28.0	6.3				28.0	6.3
SO31 6LZ	35.0	6.0				35.0	6.0
Titchfield Common Total	133.0	5.6				133.0	5.6
Warsash							
PO14 4LN			75.0	11.0		75.0	11.0
SO31 9GF			72.0	11.0		72.0	11.0
Warsash Total			147.0	11.0		147.0	11.0
Whiteley							
PO15 7AH			90.0	10.5		90.0	10.5
Whiteley Total			90.0	10.5		90.0	10.5

2.6 Development of childminder EYE provision

Childminders play an important role in meeting parent's childcare needs. Childminders usually look after between 3 and 6 children and are often flexible in catering for parent's needs working in partnership with other settings and out of school clubs. In Fareham there are a total of 119 Ofsted registered childminders, of which 61 deliver the free early years education (EYE) entitlement. Of those 54 also deliver funded places for eligible two year olds.

Table 7: Distribution of childminders in Fareham by ward, type and 2 yr accreditation

Row Labels	Number of Childminders	Number of Non EYE Childminders	Number of EYE Childminders	Number of 2 yr Accredited
Fareham				
Fareham East	8	5	3	3
Fareham North	9	3	6	5
Fareham North-West	7	4	3	2
Fareham South	6	1	5	5
Fareham West	13	6	7	6
Hill Head	4	3	1	2
Locks Heath	2	1	1	1
Park Gate	15	7	8	6
Portchester East	6	2	4	3
Portchester West	3	2	1	2
Sarisbury	10	4	6	6
Stubbington	7	4	3	4
Titchfield	7	3	4	3
Titchfield Common	10	5	5	5
Warsash	9	8	1	1
Whiteley	3	3		
Fareham Total	119	61	58	54
Grand Total	119	61	58	54

Evidence available to the Local Development Team suggests that there is a shortage of childminders delivering the free entitlement in the Western wards of Fareham, and in particular Warsash and Whiteley where there are low or none. This is borne out by anecdotal evidence from group providers who are looking for childminders to work in partnership with in these areas.

3. Early Years Education (EYE) – Free Entitlement

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 <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/childcare/payingforchildcare/freechildcare/2yearoldoffer>

The take up of 2 year funding is monitored against the list of eligibility provided by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). Take up in Fareham is 64%. Park Gate and Fareham South have the highest number of eligible two year old children, where as Hill Head and Warsash wards have the lowest percentage take up of potential eligibility.

Table 8: Take up against the DWP list of likely eligible 2 year children by ward for the spring 2019 period..

Spring term 2019 data provided by DWP as at 7 September (v2 update 26/9) (Numbers in green include Universal Credit recipients)						Capita One headcount spring 2019. New Early Years Reporting Tool - data update 1 July 2019	
Ward	1 Term: Jan 19	2 Terms: Jan 19, Apr 19	3 Terms: Jan 19, Apr 19, Sep 19	Grand Total	%	No children	% take-up
Fareham East	5	4	3	12	6.9%	6	50%
Fareham North	3	6	3	12	6.9%	7	58%
Fareham North-West	4	7	7	18	10.3%	10	56%
Fareham South	11	10	10	31	17.8%	18	58%
Fareham West	1	4	1	6	3.4%	6	100%
Hill Head		3	1	4	2.3%	1	25%
Locks Heath	1	3	3	7	4.0%	7	100%
Park Gate	9	7	10	26	14.9%	21	81%
Portchester East	4	5	6	15	8.6%	7	47%
Portchester West	1	1	3	5	2.9%	3	60%
Sarisbury	2	2	1	5	2.9%	5	100%
Stubbington	1	3		4	2.3%	2	50%
Titchfield	3	7	3	13	7.5%	8	62%
Titchfield Common	1	3	6	10	5.7%	8	80%
Warsash		2	4	6	3.4%	2	33%
Fareham	46	67	61	174	100%	111	64%

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

Take up of EYE funding 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.

Table 9: Take up against SAPF for both PVI and schools as at Spring 2019 Headcount.

District	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
Fareham	111	1168	9.50%	1171	1186	98.74%	1126	1232	91.40%
Fareham East Ward	6	68	8.82%	76	64	118.75%	56	71	78.87%
Fareham North Ward	7	69	10.14%	61	63	96.83%	68	73	93.15%
Fareham North-West	10	69	14.49%	84	91	92.31%	73	66	110.61%
Fareham South Ward	18	100	18.00%	87	71	122.54%	94	103	91.26%
Fareham West Ward	6	65	9.23%	61	65	93.85%	56	57	98.25%
Hill Head Ward	1	53	1.89%	66	65	101.54%	68	70	97.14%
Locks Heath Ward	7	54	12.96%	55	60	91.67%	63	68	92.65%
Park Gate Ward	21	132	15.91%	130	135	96.30%	128	139	92.09%
Portchester East Ward	7	106	6.60%	80	98	81.63%	87	94	92.55%
Portchester West Ward	3	71	4.23%	53	61	86.89%	60	67	89.55%
Sarisbury Ward	5	110	4.55%	98	96	102.08%	114	128	89.06%
Stubbington Ward	2	49	4.08%	60	53	113.21%	46	45	102.22%
Titchfield Common	8	94	8.51%	101	92	109.78%	79	98	80.61%
Titchfield Ward	8	83	9.64%	95	101	94.06%	72	81	88.89%
Warsash Ward	2	45	4.44%	64	71	90.14%	62	72	86.11%
Grand Total	111	1168	9.50%	1171	1186	98.74%	1126	1232	91.40%

4. Development for 30 hours Childcare

Assessing the potential demand for 30 hours childcare from September 2017 remains a key priority for both the local authority and providers. Services for Young Children (SfYC) have developed a forecaster to help providers assess the potential numbers of eligible parents who may take up their entitlement. This may be found at:

<http://www.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/childcare/providers/eye-eyfff/thirtyhours-childcare.htm>

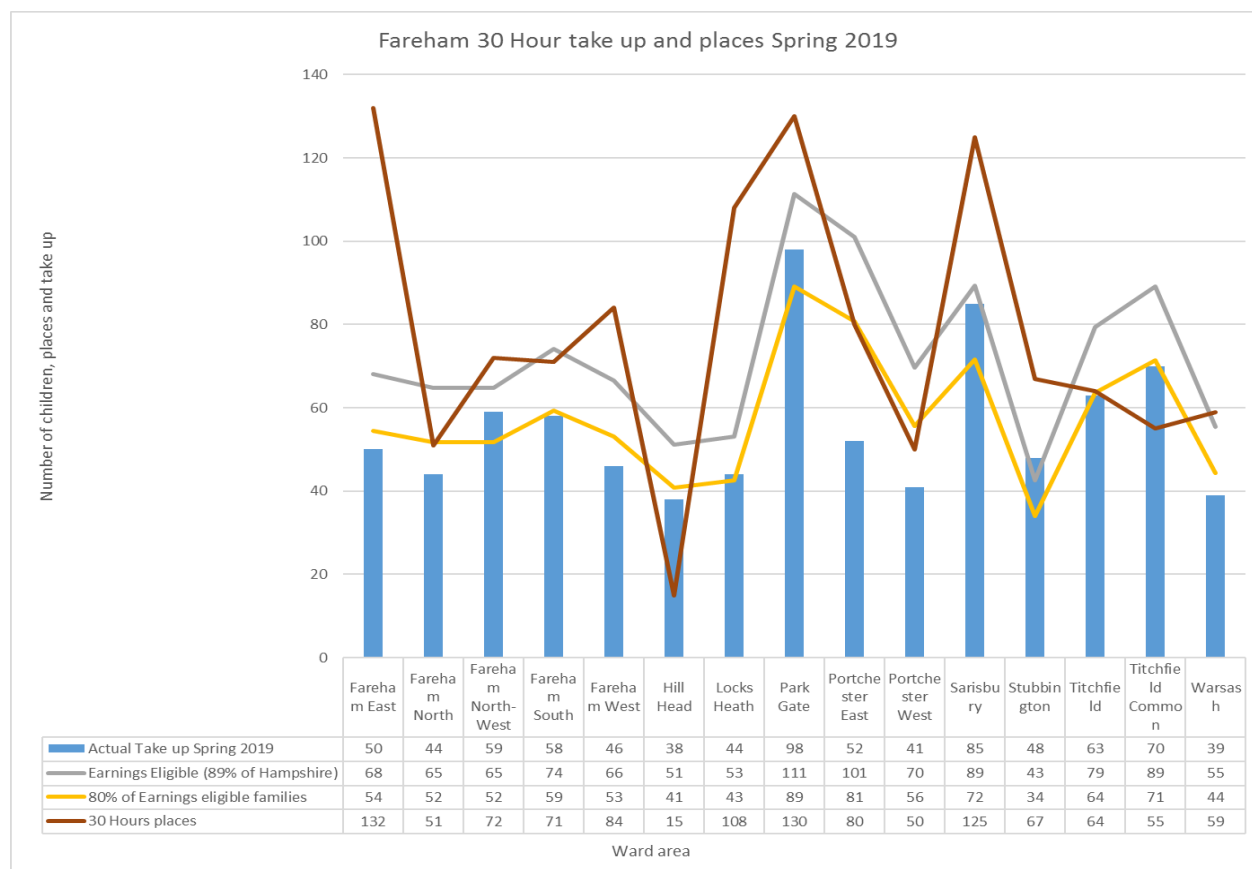
Table 11 shows the estimated numbers of children by ward who are thought to be eligible for the 30 hour entitlement and the take up by ward.

The main assumptions behind the modelling are that 89% of the numbers for working families with 3 and 4 year olds are likely to meet the eligibility criteria and that of this number 80% are highly likely to require their increased entitlement.

The areas of Fareham presenting the greatest challenge in place development would appear to be the North of Fareham and Portchester. Surprisingly the Western wards do not appear to be suggesting a capacity issue, most likely because a high proportion of children are already taking up large numbers of additional hours. It is interesting to note that the take up is actually higher than the assumed 80% need.

Two year old children are not eligible for the increased entitlement.

Table 11: Potential 30 hours requirement by ward and indicative places gap



5. Quality of the Ofsted Registered provision:

Development of high quality childcare provision is essential to good outcomes for children and the improvement of parental choice. There are three settings where Ofsted have judged the provision 'Requires Improvement'. Where Ofsted ratings are less than 'Good' the local development team have a statutory duty to offer advice, support and guidance to improve the quality of their provision. These settings have accepted this support and are working hard to improve their provision. There is one setting inspected by the Independent School's Inspectorate where the outcome is recorded as 'Excellent.'

Table 12 below indicates the numbers of Private Voluntary and Independent (PVI) providers per ward by Ofsted outcome. Table 13 summarises by Inspection outcome for 2 year and stretched offer provision.

Table 12: Ofsted Outcome by number of group settings by ward

Row Labels	Awaiting First Inspection	Excellent	Good	Inadequate	Outstanding	Requires Improvement	Grand Total
Fareham							
Fareham East	1		3		2		6
Fareham North					1	1	2
Fareham NW			2				2
Fareham South	3				2		5
Fareham West	1		3				4
Hill Head			2				2
Locks Heath			2				2
Park Gate			3		1		4
Portchester East			3			1	4
Portchester West			2				2
Sarisbury			4		2		6
Stubbington			3		1		4
Titchfield		1	1				2
Titchfield Common	2		2				4
Warsash			1		1		2
Whiteley			1				1
Fareham Total	7	1	32	1	10	1	52

Some 96% of settings who have received a rating by Ofsted are rated good or better, an improvement of two percent on 2018. The settings who are rated less than Good by Ofsted receive support from the local authority under the improvement support programme to address the weaknesses identified by Ofsted.

Table 13: Ofsted Outcome summary by ward and delivery type including 30 hours.

Outcome	No of settings	No of 2 year accredited settings	No of Stretched Offer	No delivering 30 hour places	
Awaiting First Inspection	7	7	2		6
Excellent	1				0
Good	32	31	14		30
Inadequate	1	1	1		1
Outstanding	10	7	4		9
Requires Improvement	1	1			1
Grand Total	52	47	21		47

6. Development of provision for Special Needs

The Services for Young Children Inclusion Team is committed to ensuring that all eligible children can 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 parents' choice of setting, however where a child's needs cannot be met by this provider we will work with partners to support the identification of an appropriate alternative.

The Inclusion Team will use a range of resources to support settings to be able to provide quality care for all children. This will include:

- the provision of additional funding through the Inclusion Fund process
- direct support from the Area Inclusion team,
- outreach support from one of the contracted expert providers
- support from the Portage Service, and
- training or support groups.

Inclusion involvement with children with SEND in Fareham April 2018-March 2019	Total number of children	New referrals during the year
Area Inclusion Officers	81	69
Portage team	89	41

7. Development of out of school and holiday provision

Whilst the development of out of school care and holiday club provision in Fareham is reasonably mature it is still an area where there is growing demand. In the western wards particularly, housing growth and general pressure on places is presenting anecdotal evidence of an increasing need. The 30 hours childcare policy is likely to present opportunities for childminders, after school businesses and pre-school settings to work in partnership to enable eligible parents to access their entitlement.

Table 15 below sets out the availability and type of childcare places in Fareham by ward.

Table 15: Number of Out of school places by ward

Out of School Provision	No of Breakfast club places	No of After School Places	No of Holiday Club places
Fareham District			
Fareham East		18	58
Fareham North			114
Fareham North-West		35	64
Fareham South	56	86	
Fareham West	71	101	95
Locks Heath	22	22	
Park Gate	16	16	16
Portchester East	40	35	35
Portchester West	24	24	
Sarisbury	50	50	
Stubbington	40	40	
Titchfield		110	80
Titchfield Common	50	50	30
Warsash	58	58	
Fareham District Total	427	645	492

8. Parental demand

There have been no instances of reported un-met parent demand in the Fareham area in the period covered by this report. It is generally considered there are sufficient places to meet parents' needs across all sectors but see below for additional comment.

9. Conclusion

There are generally sufficient places in Fareham to support demand as at 31 March 2019. It is noted that there has been a loss of 52 sessional childcare places during the year, and is symptomatic of the apparent changing demand pattern for childcare. It is thought that with the advent of the government's 30 hour policy parents seek more full day care availability and in particular wrap around care.

Since the original drafting of this report, and in particular towards the end of the summer academic term it has become apparent that the Western Wards of Fareham and in particular Park Gate, Sarisbury, Warsash and Whiteley will present opportunities for the development of wrap around care to meet the needs of working parents. 60 new out of school places have been created in central Fareham reflecting the need for additional wrap around care. This trend is likely to continue.

The key elements of our sufficiency duty and actions for 2019 are detailed in the CSA action plan below. These are:

- Continued assessment of the demand for the governments 30 hour childcare policy. (See section 4 above). The County Council are working with providers to examine options to accommodate this initiative and it is likely that some providers will be able to expand their parent offer or work in partnership with other providers including child-minders to meet parents' needs.
- In the Whiteley area there is feedback from providers that there is insufficient supply of sessional places to meet demand, and an acute shortage of suitable childcare venues in this part of the borough.
- The closure of two sessional settings in Warsash, all due to low numbers, suggests a take-up preference from parents for more flexibility and longer opening hours than the traditional sessional model of childcare has been able to accommodate.
- There is an emerging need for more childminders who provide out of school care to cater for demand in Portchester Whiteley and the Western Wards.

Linking to the action plan, the priority is to continue to monitor take up, identify where this needs to be maximised and to ensure that take up continues to meet the needs of parents. This work is ongoing.

The Childcare Development and Business Officers across the county have also begun to explore ways of working with Job Centre Plus sites to help the DWP staff teams identify childcare opportunity for parents seeking to return to work.

Childcare Sufficiency Action Plan Fareham March 2019 Update

District Area	Ward area	Sufficiency Issue	Estimate of potential future demand	Action/Solution	By Date	by whom or partners involved	How will you know is completed
Fareham	Fareham North and Welborne	6000 homes subject to planning application with upto 525 new childcare places required through mix of sessional and full day care.	52 places	LA working with FBC and Developer to allocate sufficient space on the development to incorporate space for development of new provision. SfYC will wish to assist developer select suitable provision.	Ongoing	CDBO/HCC/FBC/Developer	Space requirements built into S106/Allocation of space/
	Portchester East and West	Occupancy continues to be monitored due to ongoing housing growth and pressure on places. Planning applications at Down End and nearby areas will increase this pressure over time.	70+ new places based on approx 700 new hoes	Closely monitor occupancy levels on a termly basis. Seek providers willing to establish new provision or expand current offers in market. Liaise with Partners in Ports city council re cross border flow and encourage Portsmouth parents to take up provision in Portsmouth, freeing capacity in Portchester.	Ongoing	CDBO	Data informs demand has been met
	Locks Heath; Titchfield Common; Sarisbury Green; Warsash and Whitley	Planning application for 700+ new homes in Warsash area will increase pressure on places where provision is generally full. OOSC is particularly under pressure particularly in Sarisbury and Warsash.	70 places for FDC 20 places for OOSC	SfYC CDBO working wih market to stimulate supply. Discussions ongoing. CDBO discussions with local OOSC provision is increasing provision with new OOSC opening at Brookfield School Sept 2019	Sept 2019	CDBO/Providers	New provision opened and demand satisfied