

# Hampshire County Council Childcare Sufficiency Annual Report for 2018-19

**Area:** New Forest  
**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 New Forest 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><i>(Source: Small Area Population Forecast) Data last updated 1/4/16</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.hants.gov.uk/planning/factsandfigures/population-statistics/small-area-pop-stats.htm">http://www.hants.gov.uk/planning/factsandfigures/population-statistics/small-area-pop-stats.htm</a></p>	<p>According to new data that will update Hampshire's Small Area Population Forecast (version 2017) there is estimated to be a total of: <b>7,890</b> children aged 0-4 years in 2018 and an anticipated <b>7,873</b> in 2020 and <b>7,988</b> in 2024. This indicates a very small drop of 17 children (-1.3%) within this age range over the next 3 years then an increase of 115 children (1.4%) over the following 3 years.</p> <p>The SAPF indicates an estimated population of <b>18,828</b> 5-14 years in 2018 and <b>18,999</b> in 2020 and an estimated increase to <b>19,225</b> in 2024. This indicates an increase of 171 within this age range over the next 3 years and an increase of 1.9% and a further increase of 226 (1.1%) by 2024. This may have an impact not only on childcare but also on school places in the district which is outlined in the School Places Framework 2019 – 2023</p> <p><a href="http://documents.hants.gov.uk/education/SDT-HampshireSchoolPlacePlan2019-2023.docx">http://documents.hants.gov.uk/education/SDT-HampshireSchoolPlacePlan2019-2023.docx</a></p>
<p>Lone parents – worklessness data</p> <p>Source:</p> <p>Labour Market Bulletin</p> <p><a href="http://www.hants.gov.uk/factsandfigures/figures-economics/hants_labour_market/archive.htm">http://www.hants.gov.uk/factsandfigures/figures-economics/hants_labour_market/archive.htm</a></p>	<p>According to the monthly Hampshire Labour Market Bulletin the percentage of benefit claimants in New Forest district during this reporting period are as follows: Over the year there has been an increase of 220 claimants, it may be that due to the phased roll out of Universal Credit to some parts of the New Forest district this may have had an impact on unemployment benefit claimant numbers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 890 (0.9%)</li> <li>• May 840 (0.8%)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 815 (0.8%)</li> <li>• July 805 (0.8 %)</li> <li>• Aug 830 (0.8%)</li> <li>• Sept 875 (0.7%)</li> <li>• October 915 (0.7%)</li> <li>• November 985 (0.8%)</li> <li>• December 1.070 (1.1%)</li> <li>• January 1,125 (1.1%)</li> <li>• February 1,200 (1.2%)</li> </ul> <p>Overall there has been a 34% increase on benefit claimants over the period of this report. It should be noted that during this period Universal Credit has been rolled out to all parts of the New Forest District. Universal Credit (UC), is a single payment for people who are looking for work or are on a low income.</p>												
<p>Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) 2-year olds</p> <p>Source: HCC Spring 2017 Early Years Tool Headcount</p>	<p>DWP data set for summer 2018 indicated that there were 362 children eligible for the two-year-old Early Years Education Funding. From the EYE take up data autumn funding period there has been 291 claims within this reporting period therefore conversion 80% of places. Most of these eligible children are due to meeting the economic criteria (93%), with small numbers of children meeting the eligibility for high level SEND (3.5%) and looked after child criteria (2.8%). Highest numbers of eligible 2 year olds are from the Fernhill, Hythe, Holbury and North Blackfield, Hythe West and Langdown, Marchwood, Milton, Pennington and Totton wards.</p>												
<p>Employment profiles and income:</p> <p>Source:  <a href="https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157307/report.aspx?town=new%20forest">https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157307/report.aspx?town=new forest</a></p>	<p>Population 16-74 (2017) = 179,600  Number aged 16-64 = 100,000  Number economically active = 87,100  Percentage working = 82.2%</p> <p>New Forest Employment breakdown</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="708 1641 1315 1783"> <tr> <td>Employed</td> <td>84,600</td> <td>79.9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Employees</td> <td>71,300</td> <td>68.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Self Employed</td> <td>13,000</td> <td>11.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Economically inactive</td> <td>17,660</td> <td>17.6%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Average gross weekly earning  All workers £587.80 in 2018  (Source; NOMIS Official Labour Market Statistics  <a href="https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157307/report.aspx?town=new%20forest">https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157307/report.aspx?town=new forest</a>  <b>Commuting flow</b></p>	Employed	84,600	79.9%	Employees	71,300	68.7%	Self Employed	13,000	11.2%	Economically inactive	17,660	17.6%
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Outgoing – the highest number of employees travelling out of the district are going to Southampton, Test Valley, Eastleigh, Bournemouth and Christchurch. There are also smaller numbers travelling to Winchester, Wiltshire, East Dorset and Poole.

Incoming – the highest number of employees travelling into the district are coming from Southampton, Bournemouth, East Dorset and Christchurch with lower numbers travelling from Eastleigh, Test Valley and Wiltshire .

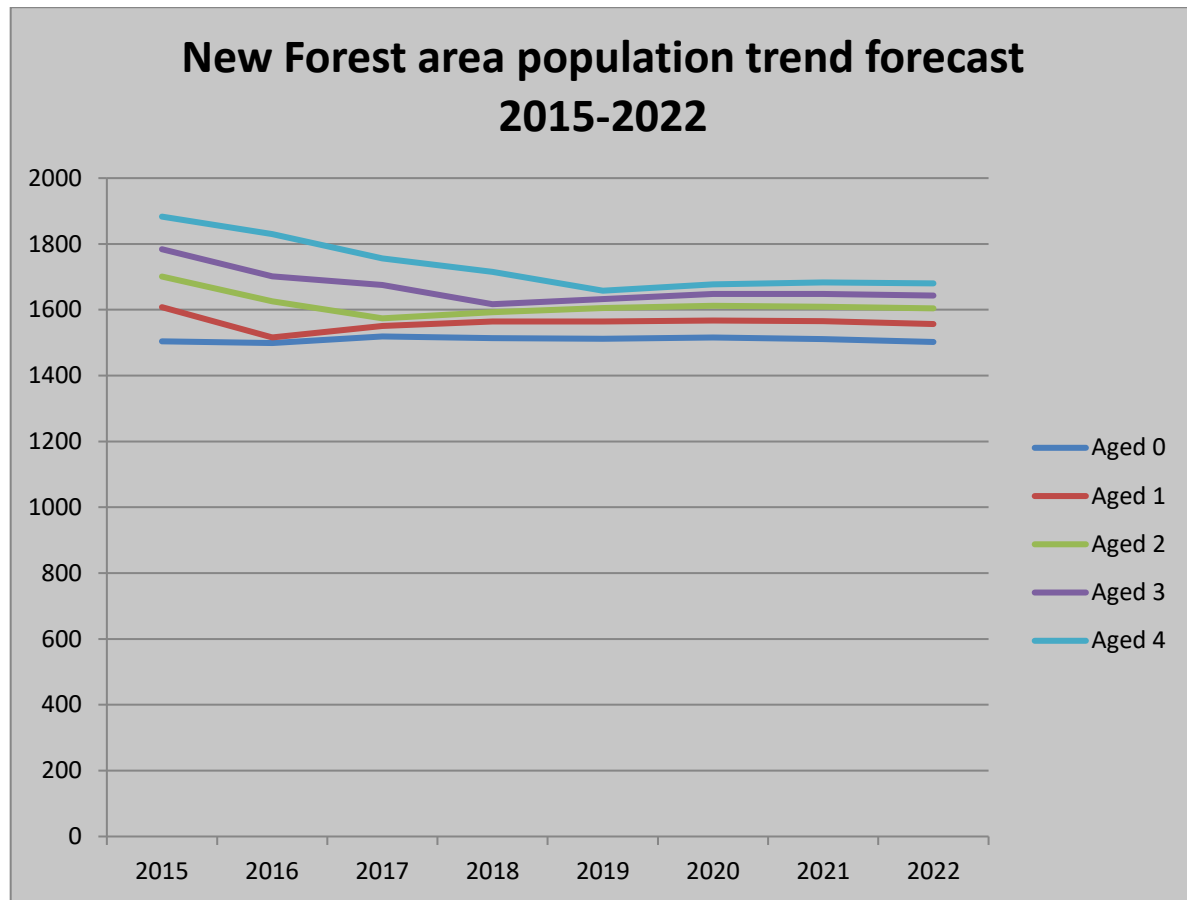
#### **Job Creation and Planned Developments**

- Starling Bank is planning to create up to 150 jobs at a new office in Southampton city centre this summer, including 100 customer service staff and 50 software engineers. [13-Mar-2019]
- Teemill Tech is planning to build a new 15,000 sq ft t-shirt factory in Freshwater on the Isle of Wight, with the creation of about 100 jobs. [26-Feb-2019]
- Murgitroyd Group has acquired Chapman IP, the Southampton-based patent attorney, for £6.6m. [25-Feb-2019]
- ExxonMobil is planning to invest £500m in the expansion of the Fawley refinery in Hampshire, including a new hydrotreater unit and hydrogen plant. [13-Sept-2018]

#### **Job Losses, Closures and Administration**

- Tetcom has shed about 40 jobs at its Southampton-based telecoms business, as part of a restructuring plan. [27-Feb-2019]

**Table 1: SfYC Age Graphing from SAPF**  
 Source -Small Area Population Forecast (2018 version)



**Comment:**

From the table above, following a period of a small amount of decrease in some of the age groups from 2015 by 2019 with the birth rate showing a small fluctuation. Then the numbers of children in each age group 0-4 years are expected to level out to become more consistent for the following three years. We will need to be mindful of the phases of the building programmes of the core strategy 2016-2036 and note any impact this may have.

**Table 2: Changes in population by ward children aged 0-4 years**

Source -Small Area Population Forecast (2018 version)

SAPF 0-4 population by ward	2018	2024	Number change	% change
Ashurst, Copythorne South and Netley Marsh Ward	181	201	20	11
Barton Ward	121	150	29	24
Bashley Ward	92	109	17	18.5
Becton Ward	197	189	-8	-4.1
Boldre and Sway Ward	179	197	18	10
Bramshaw, Copythorne North and Minstead Ward	81	103	22	27.2
Bransgore and Burley Ward	194	190	-4	-2.1
Brockenhurst and Forest South East Ward	201	229	28	13.9
Buckland Ward	192	204	12	6.3
Butts Ash and Dibden Purlieu Ward	306	275	-31	-10.1
Dibden and Hythe East Ward	272	265	-7	-2.6
Downlands and Forest Ward	82	82	=	0
Fawley, Blackfield and Langley Ward	234	260	26	11.1
Fernhill New Forest Ward	299	301	2	0.7
Fordingbridge Ward	315	358	43	13.7
Forest North West Ward	70	86	16	22.9
Furzedown and Hardley Ward	205	161	-44	-21.5
Holbury and North Blackfield Ward	376	313	-63	-16.8
Hordle Ward	194	243	49	25.3
Hythe West and Langdown Ward	317	290	-27	-8.5
Lymington Town Ward	225	278	53	23.6
Lyndhurst Ward	118	157	39	33.1
Marchwood Ward	376	328	-48	-12.8
Milford Ward	134	176	42	31.3
Milton Ward	296	345	49	16.6
Pennington Ward	276	285	9	3.3
Ringwood East and Sopley Ward	113	99	-14	-12.4
Ringwood North Ward	263	231	-32	-12.2
Ringwood South Ward	328	360	32	9.8
Totton Central Ward	275	255	-20	-7.3
Totton East Ward	349	307	-42	-12
Totton North Ward	437	389	-48	-11
Totton South Ward	325	302	-23	-7.1
Totton West Ward	267	266	-1	-0.4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7890</b>	<b>7984</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>1.1</b>

Comment:

From the detail of anticipated population by ward area for children aged 0-4 years it can be seen overall there is a small decrease in numbers for the district. However,

the detail for each ward indicates some significant changes that may have an impact on the childcare market.

## 2. Childcare places analysis

### 2.1 Childcare mix known at 31/03/2019

This data is produced by the Services for Young Children Local Development Team (LDT) for Ofsted registered childcare from known changes in the childcare market that have occurred in the period 01/04/2018 - 31/03/2019.

Table 2: Childcare Places – source Ofsted local authority download

Provider type	Quarter period	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 (- / +)
Child-minders	Q1	2	11	5	24	-13
	Q2	2	12	11	44	-36
	Q3	2	11	4	17	-6
	Q4	0	0	2	10	-10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>-65</b>
Home child carers	Q1	2	2	1	1	1
	Q2	2	2	1	1	1
	Q3	0	0	1	1	-1
	Q4	1	1	0	0	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
EYE Non-domestic premises – full day care	Q1	0	0	0	0	0
	Q2	1	32	1	30	2
	Q3	0	0	0	0	0
	Q4	1	47	1	32	15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>17</b>
EYE Non-domestic premises – term-time care	Q1	0	0	0	0	0
	Q2	1	26	5	114	-88
	Q3	0	0	0	0	0
	Q4	2	52	3	86	-34
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>-122</b>
Holiday play-schemes Before and After school clubs	Q1	3	92	2	40	52
	Q2	0	0	0	0	0
	Q3	0	0	0	0	0
	Q4	0	0	0	0	0

	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>52</b>
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**Comment:**

The New Forest childcare and early years education market has had changes to the numbers of providers delivering services. During this reporting period there have been some changes of management in settings that has resulted in some closures; also new registrations with new management and ownership taking over. However, we have also seen the closure of several term time only sessional settings. Some of these settings had been working with the local development team to review their delivery model and to increase their marketing. Many of the closed provision has been voluntary managed offering services in community premises.

Childminding places

Overall at the end of this reporting period there is a loss in numbers of childminding places, from the numbers available in the district. The numbers of minders leaving the market was higher than those joining, however we are aware that some of those who have resigned registration have not been delivering services recently. Childminders who are joining the workforce often want to deliver EYE services and offer funded services in a flexible way across the year. Many of those providers who are currently delivering EYE services are also offering families additional hours if they are eligible for 30 hours.

Home child carers

Numbers of home child carers in the New Forest remains small. Generally, these providers offer services within the employing family home and have responsibility of a very small number of children; so, we use a figure of one place for each of these providers where registered numbers are not specified.

EYE non-domestic premises

The report shows no change in the market during the first quarter period of this annual report, followed by a quarter which coincided with the end of the academic year when several preschools closed. During quarter 4 there has been re-registration of two preschool settings and the re-registration of one preschool setting where the new management have extended the delivery to become a full day care provision.

Out of School services

This sector of the market has had some increase during quarter 1 when providers were preparing for offering holiday provision. We are aware that some schools are providing out of school and out of hours activities for children which are school managed and do not necessary require separate registration. There are also activity-based schemes offered by specialist providers in schools during some holiday period, these providers do not necessarily require a specific registration for each site they deliver services from.

**2.2 New childcare and early years provision known at 31/03/2019**

This is data that is known to the Local Development Team of childcare developments that have completed registration in the quarter 4 period. The data includes all types of Ofsted registered provision.

**Table 3: New Provision** - source Ofsted local authority download

Ward	Postcode	Age range	Registered places	Type of setting* FDC/SC/OSC/CM/HC
Ashurst, Copythorne South & NM	SO40	2-4	24	SC
Bransgore and Burley	BH23	2-4	36	SC
Dibden and Hythe East	SO45	2-4	47	FDC
Ringwood North	BH24	0-4	1	HC
<p><b>*Key</b>  FDC – full day care  SC – sessional or preschool provision  OSC – out of school care  CM – childminder  HC – home child carer</p>				

**Comment:**

Newly registered group provision in the ward area of Dibden and Hythe East ward will provide the extended number of full day care EYE places for families within this community where the previous sessional provider has ceased. The new sessional registrations are re-registrations of provision.

**2.3 Proposed childcare and early years provision known at 31/03/19:**

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 during quarter 4

**Table 4: Proposed Provision** - source Ofsted local authority download

Ward	Postcode	Age range	Registered places	Type of setting FDC/SC/OSC/CM/HC
Dibden and Hythe East	SO45			CM
Fernhill	BH25		1	HC
Hythe West and Lang-down	SO45		1	HC
Marchwood	SO40			CM
Ringwood North	BH24	2-4	26	SC
Totton West	SO40			CM

**Comment:**

The proposed childminders will help to complement the existing provision in these wards where there is high demand on places. The re-registration of the sessional provision relates to a provision that is relocating later this year.

**2.4 Early years and childcare provision under threat of closure known at up to 31/03/19**

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



**Table 5: Provision under threat of closure**

Ward	Postcode	Age range	Registered places	Type of setting FDC/SC/OSC/CM/HC
Boldre and Sway	SO41	2-5	26	SC
Barton	BH25	2-5	26	SC
Becton	BH25	2-5	18	SC

**Comment:**

During the last year the New Forest Local Development Team (LDT) has been working closely with several pre-school providers offering business support, including guidance on marketing, and to settings who have been experiencing financial challenges due to low occupancy. There are also some settings where changes to the overall business modelling by their management have resulted in reviewing the future of the early years and childcare provision.

**2.5 Early Years and Childcare Provision closed at 31/03/19**

This data is provided by the Local Development Team of known closures of childcare organisations in the quarter 4 period.

**Table 6: Provision Closed** -source Ofsted local authority download

Ward	Postcode	Age range	Registered places	Type of setting FDC/SC/OSC/CM/HC
Bramshaw, Copythorne North & Minstead	SO40	2-4	Not avail	SC
Bransgore and Burley	BH23	2-4	Not avail	SC
Dibden and Hythe East	SO45	2-4	Not avail	SC
Totton Central	SO40	0-4	Not avail	CM
Totton East	SO40	0-4	Not avail	CM
Totton North	SO40	2-4	Not avail	FDC

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

Ofsted inspections are resulting in removal from the Early Years register of childminders who are currently not supporting children. Where a childminder has 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 the higher cost of the childcare register only option).

**Comment:**

The information in table 6 contains closures of two childminders in the New Forest district who have resigned their registrations. Three of the group providers within this table have undergone management change and has re-registered, with only one setting closing and no plans for redelivery on this site. EYE services have been able to continue without break of service.

**2.6 Childcare Workforce**

From the data available to the Local Development Team the current number of people working directly to deliver early years education in the childcare sector in the New Forest consists of a workforce of 700 people working with the 3- & 4-year olds. This is a decrease to the workforce over the last 12 months of 39 practitioners

or 5.3% and it is assumed that this is due to the closures of group settings in the district. The qualification profile of these people indicates 84% have a level 3 or above a slight increase of 0.1% from the 2017/18 data.

There are 168 (24%) people in the workforce with a qualification between a level 4 and level 7 an increase of 12 practitioners or 3% increase from 2017/18. There are 67 (9.5%) people with a qualification less than level 2 or have no current childcare qualification this shows a slight decrease from the previous data of 74 (10%).

To complement the core offer of support, the local authority has provided a menu of training for those in the childcare workforce in Hampshire through a subscription scheme and through the sold service portfolio of Professional Options. The range of training opportunities available through the SfYC Professional Options portfolio continues to be expanded including bespoke options to meet the demands from the sector. There are also regular update information and support sessions offered to practitioners in the county districts. Childcare and Early Years qualifying training courses are accessed through local colleges and other training providers.

### **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. Government funded early years education places are available in independent school nursery classes, state or private nursery schools, day nurseries, playgroups or pre-schools and with approved child-minders. Free early years education is available from 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

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

### 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 at 31/03/2019:

This is based on the settings that are approved to deliver early years funding:

**Table 7: List of approved group and childminder early years education providers –**  
source Hampshire County Council EYNFF census return January 2019

Ward	Number of PVI settings Provider type	Number of EYE CM	Number of CM non-EYE	Total Number of settings	Total number of places	Number of settings offering EYE 2 year old places	Number of settings offering 30 hours places	Number of settings offering stretched offer
Ashurst, Copythorne South & NM	4	0	2	5	178	4	4	4
Barton	1	0	0	1	24	1	1	0
Bashley	2	0	1	3	58	1	1	0
Becton	3	2	0	5	146	4	3	2
Boldre and Sway	6	0	0	6	193	5	5	3
Bramshaw, Copythorne N & Minstead	2	0	0	2	54	2	2	1
Bransgore and Burley	3	2	1	6	96	5	5	4
Brockenhurst & Forest SE	3	0	0	3	108	3	2	1
Buckland	1	0	0	1	20	1	1	0
Butts Ash and Dibden Purlieu	3	4	0	7	147	7	5	1
Dibden and Hythe East	2	3	0	5	74	5	5	2
Downlands and Forest	1	0	0	1	18	1	1	0
Fawley, Blackfield and Langley	3	2	0	5	140	5	5	1
Fernhill	1	5	2	8	49	6	5	3
Fordingbridge	3	0	0	3	160	2	2	1
Forest North West	4	1	0	5	187	3	5	1
Furzedown and Hardley	0	2	0	2	6	1	1	0
Holbury and North Blackfield	3	2	0	5	92	5	5	2

Hordle	2	8	1	11	84	9	10	6
Hythe West and Langdown	2	3	0	5	117	5	5	4
Lymington Town	2	1	1	4	65	3	3	3
Lyndhurst	2	0	2	4	46	1	2	0
Marchwood	3	3	4	10	181	5	6	2
Milford	2	0	0	2	56	2	1	2
Milton	3	0	1	4	89	3	3	1
Pennington	3	1	2	6	111	4	4	2
Ringwood East and Sopley	1	1	1	3	33	2	2	1
Ringwood North	3	5	1	9	171	8	8	3
Ringwood South	2	6	1	9	74	8	8	3
Totton Central	1	6	1	8	65	7	6	2
Totton East	5	3	1	10	217	10	10	5
Totton North	1	3	1	5	63	3	3	3
Totton South	2	5	2	9	75	6	6	2
Totton West	2	6	1	9	121	8	8	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>3318</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>71</b>

### 3.3

#### Development of Childminder EYE Provision

In the New Forest district at the end of quarter 4 there were 74 Ofsted registered child minders who had been approved to deliver early years education. The New Forest district area had a total of 100 registered childminders; of those 84 childminders had been inspected by Ofsted. Seventy-four or 88% of these had been graded by Ofsted as “Good or Outstanding”. The local authority is putting into place support for new childminding entrants to the market and those who wish to provide EYE services. There has been information available and briefings held to advise and support childminders in development of a 30-hour friendly offer. The Childcare Development and Business Officer (CDBO) continues to encourage new childminding services to be developed to offer early years education funding in all areas of the district but specifically in the priority wards where there is pressure on places including the New Milton wards, Lymington, Pennington, Marchwood, Brockenhurst and some of the more rural communities of the district.

#### 3.4 Development of Group EYE provision

At the end of quarter 4 there were 81 childcare settings delivering early years education in the district who are a mix of private, voluntary and Independent school settings. During quarter 4 there has been three new EYE providing settings registering, but four settings closing. There has been a decrease of 122 EYE places delivered on a sessional basis over the annual period but an increase of 17 full day care places.

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

Table 8 below provides the numbers of children in the New Forest 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.

**Table 8: Early Years Education take-up of 2- & 3-year olds in New Forest spring 2019** source: HCC New Forest district EYE take up data<sup>1</sup>

District	2yr old Claims	2yr old SAPF	% 2yr old Take Up	3yr old Claims	3yr old SAPF	% 3yr old Take Up
Ashurst, Copythorne South and Netley Marsh Ward	3	37	8.11%	37	32	115.63%
Barton Ward	3	21	14.29%	21	26	80.77%
Bashley Ward		17	0.00%	13	21	61.90%
Becton Ward	10	35	28.57%	32	40	80.00%
Boldre and Sway Ward	1	34	2.94%	40	34	117.65%
Bramshaw, Copythorne North and Minstead Ward	1	16	6.25%	15	9	166.67%
Bransgore and Burley Ward	7	42	16.67%	28	51	54.90%
Brockenhurst and Forest South East Ward	4	38	10.53%	37	41	90.24%
Buckland Ward	4	40	10.00%	41	35	117.14%
Butts Ash and Dibden Purlieu Ward	12	56	21.43%	40	60	66.67%
Dibden and Hythe East Ward	8	52	15.38%	49	47	104.26%
Downlands and Forest Ward	2	12	16.67%	18	23	78.26%
Fawley, Blackfield and Langley Ward	7	47	14.89%	49	46	106.52%
Fernhill Ward	20	59	33.90%	62	57	108.77%
Fordingbridge Ward	14	67	20.90%	58	65	89.23%
Forest North West Ward		11	0.00%	15	13	115.38%
Furzedown and Hardley Ward	8	50	16.00%	39	29	134.48%
Holbury and North Blackfield Ward	19	88	21.59%	92	85	108.24%
Hordle Ward	9	37	24.32%	50	45	111.11%
Hythe West and Langdown Ward	15	71	21.13%	72	76	94.74%
Lymington Town Ward	4	40	10.00%	38	36	105.56%
Lyndhurst Ward	3	15	20.00%	23	24	95.83%
Marchwood Ward	9	67	13.43%	61	88	69.32%
Milford Ward	2	27	7.41%	30	26	115.38%
Milton Ward	17	52	32.69%	47	59	79.66%
Pennington Ward	16	66	24.24%	59	56	105.36%
Ringwood East and Sopley Ward	2	17	11.76%	26	15	173.33%
Ringwood North Ward	7	50	14.00%	51	60	85.00%
Ringwood South Ward	11	64	17.19%	63	72	87.50%
Totton Central Ward	5	64	7.81%	61	55	110.91%
Totton East Ward	25	71	35.21%	64	75	85.33%
Totton North Ward	17	97	17.53%	89	95	93.68%
Totton South Ward	17	62	27.42%	80	69	115.94%
Totton West Ward	5	46	10.87%	60	68	88.24%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>1568</b>	<b>18.30%</b>	<b>1560</b>	<b>1633</b>	<b>95.53%</b>

<sup>1</sup> % take up that is more than 100% is due to the numbers of actual children being more than population forecast modelled for the area.

**Table 9: EYE take up by age over the annual period April 2018-March 2019**  
Source -HCC EYE take up data New Forest district

2-year-old	Total number of claims	Average hourly take up	Stretched offer child numbers	Stretched offer average hourly take up	Additional hours (for those on stretched offer)
<b>Summer 2018</b>	275	11.96	44	10.93	3.8
<b>Autumn 2018</b>	291	12.61	36	11.13	3.91
<b>Spring 2019</b>	292	12.70	30	10.62	4.3

3-year-old	Total number of claims	Average hourly take up	Extended entitlement average hourly take up	Stretched offer child numbers	Stretched offer average hourly take up	Additional hours (for those on stretched offer)
<b>Summer 2018</b>	1693	12.19	9.87	260	10.46	4.31
<b>Autumn 2018</b>	1727	12.49	10.13	280	10.63	3.74
<b>Spring 2019</b>	1653	12.80	10.23	268	9.54	3.31

4-year-old	Total number of claims	Average hourly take up	Extended entitlement average hourly take up	Stretched offer child numbers	Stretched offer average hourly take up	Additional hours (for those on stretched offer)
<b>Summer 2018</b>	1027	13.09	9.96	118	11.12	4.52
<b>Autumn 2018</b>	70	14.33	13.0	1	11	0
<b>Spring 2019</b>	660	13.05	10.71	99	10.39	4.73

### 3.6 Provider Types

The take up of EYE funding by provider type in the New Forest district for the spring funding period 2019 has been as follows:

	Spring 2018	Spring 2019
Childminder	4.3%	<b>4.4%</b>
Pre-school	58.5%	<b>59%</b>
Day Nursery	32.1%	<b>31.7%</b>
Nursery Units of Independent Schools	4.9%	<b>5.9%</b>

#### Comment:

Table 8 highlights that the EYE take up of eligible two-year olds remains high in the wards of Fernhill, Milton, Pennington, Holbury and North Blackfield and in the wards in Totton. During the spring funding period 2018 the data now showed a similar level of take up in these wards but also higher take up in Becton and Hordle. It is noted that some percentages in this table are greater than 100% this

due to SAPF being a modelled population forecast and the numbers of actual children is greater than the prediction made at that time.

The lowest take up for New Forest wards for 3-year olds during the spring term 2019 was within Bashley and Bransgore and Burley. But rates of take up have increase in wards with previous lower take up; Barton and Downland & Forest.

When considering the EYE take up trends in the spring funding period for the New Forest district data shows there has been a 0.3% decrease in numbers of children taking EYE funding in New Forest from the same period last year. The average hourly take up trend has remained similar to last year with an increased over the year for the 2 and 3 year old children with a slightly lower weekly hourly average taken by 4 year olds over the spring term.

The extended entitlement continues to be popular with eligible families; over the year there has been continued increase in take up with an increase of the average hours taken by 1.22 hours to over 10.2 hours for those eligible children. It has been noted that there is still a demand from families for additional hours beyond those EYE funded which we assume is to meet the childcare and early education needs for those parents working more than 30 hours weekly.

Take up of EYE by provider type has shown changes over the last year. The take up of EYE provision in Independent schools is showing an increase, this may be due to the closure of some preschool settings that were nearby over the year.

We are aware that many New Forest families travel both inside and outside the district for their early year and childcare needs, there is some movement of children coming into this local authority for early years education and childcare provision and some New Forest resident children taking up provision in other local authorities.

**Table 10:**  
**EYE take up of children in New Forest by those not resident in Hampshire**

Source: HCC EYE take up data

EYE claiming period	EYE eligible 2,3&4 years olds accessing EYE in NF not resident in Hampshire	Numbers of EYE hours over funding period	Number of extended hours take over funding period
Summer 2018	306	47,581	17,191
Autumn 2018	179	31,469	9,328
Spring 2019	236	30,487	11,602

**Comment:**

Over the spring funding period 2019 there were 236 two, three- and four-year olds resident in other local authorities taking up both early years education and childcare provision in New Forest settings. These children came from 3 other authorities. The Childcare Development and Business Officer is working with neighbouring local authorities to track data on EYE take up by New Forest children out of the authority. However, the following table indicates the location of take up within districts of the local authority from children resident in the New Forest. While

we are aware that most families travel within the district many accessing provision local to their homes, some are travelling up to 7 miles for their childcare and EYE services table 11 shows the take up of provision for children resident in New Forest but accessing provision in another district of Hampshire. This indicates one family travelling 60 miles for provision.

**Table 11: Travel of New Forest Families for EYE provision out of district but within Hampshire** Source – Hampshire EYE take up data

Child's home ward in New Forest	Attending district	Attending ward	No. of children spring 2018	No. of children spring 2019
Dibden & Hythe East	Eastleigh	Chandler's Ford East	0	1
Milton		Eastleigh Central	0	1
Totton Central		Hedge End St John	0	1
Totton North		Chandler's Ford West	0	1
Totton North		West End North	0	1
Totton South		Eastleigh South	0	1
Marchwood		Gosport	Elson	1
Lymington Town	Hart	Yateley East	0	1
Ashurst, Copythorne South & Netley Marsh	Test Valley	Blackwater	8	4
Ashurst, Copythorne South & Netley Marsh		Romsey Extra	1	2
Ashurst, Copythorne South & Netley Marsh		Valley Park	1	1
Bramshaw, Copythorne North & Minstead		Blackwater	1	2
Bramshaw, Copythorne North & Minstead		Chilworth, Nursling & Rownhams	1	1
Bramshaw, Copythorne North & Minstead		Romsey Extra	4	3
Butts Ash & Dibden Purlieu		Romsey Extra	1	0
Butts Ash & Dibden Purlieu		Chilworth, Nursling & Rownhams	0	1
Butts Ash & Dibden Purlieu		Valley Park	1	1
Dibden & Hythe East		Chilworth, Nursling & Rownhams	1	1
Dibden & Hythe East		Abbey	1	0
Furzedown & Hardley		Blackwater	1	0
Hythe West & Langdown		Chilworth, Nursling & Rownhams	1	1
Lyndhurst		North Baddeley	1	1
Lyndhurst		Blackwater	2	0
Lyndhurst		Valley Park	1	0
Marchwood		Milway	0	1
Marchwood		Blackwater	1	0
Ringwood North		Romsey Extra	1	1
Totton Central		Blackwater	2	1
Totton Central		Chilworth, Nursling & Rownhams	2	1
Totton East		Ampfield & Braishfield	0	1
Totton East		Chilworth, Nursling & Rownhams	2	3
Totton East		Dun Valley	1	1
Totton East		Tadburn	0	2
Totton North		Blackwater	2	3
Totton North		Chilworth, Nursling & Rownhams	3	4
Totton North		Romsey Extra	1	1
Totton South		Chilworth, Nursling & Rownhams	0	3
Totton South		Cupernham	0	1
Totton South		Romsey Extra	1	0
Totton West		Chilworth, Nursling & Rownhams	2	3



Ashurst, Copythorne South & Netley Marsh	Winchester	St Paul	1	1
Fawley Blackfield & Langley		St Paul	1	0
Marchwood		St Barnabas	1	0
Pennington		Whiteley & Shedfield	1	0
Totals			49	52

### 3.7 Percentage of two-year olds taking up the free offer against Department for Education DWP proxy target

The Department for Education in partnership with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) provides the local authority with numbers of families who are most likely to meet eligibility criteria for two-year-old funding. This data is used as a proxy measure to assess the take-up of the offer by eligible families. The details below outline the position. Hampshire has an indicative number of 3600 children to reach.

**Table 12: Take-up of early years education by eligible two-year olds**

Source - HCC EYE take up data

EYE Funding Period:	Spring 2019	
	DWP List New Forest	Two-Year-old claims
367	278	76%

#### Comment:

There are still some eligible 2-year olds who are not accessing the full entitlement of 15 hours weekly. The Childcare Development and Business Officer is aware of some settings who are offering families the 2-year-old funding on a stretched offer and there has been a good take up of 11 hours over 51 weeks for those eligible.

During the spring 2019 funding period 292 eligible 2-year olds accessed EYE provision for an average of 12.70 hours weekly. Thirty of these eligible 2-year olds accessed EYE funding as a stretched offer, accessing an average of 10.62 hours. This shows a decrease on numbers accessing a stretched offer and the hours taken from this period last year, this could be due to the overall numbers of two-year-old children eligible for EYE funding being lower or it may be due to the extended entitlement producing a squeeze on places available in settings.

### 3.8 Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

This additional funding is available to three and four-year-old children if parents receive specific benefits. Early years education providers may be entitled to claim EYPP funding for a 3 or 4-year-old child in receipt of early years education funding. The funding is currently is 53p per EYE hour taken up with a maximum of £302 annually. The funding can be used by the childcare provision to support the funded child to make good levels of progress to keep up with peers.

During the quarter 4 period 2019, in the New Forest district 196 children have been supported at 82 settings by EYPP payments to a value of £15,753.46 (137 three-year olds and 59 four year olds)

**Table 13: EYPP payments in New Forest April 2018-March 2019**

Source- Hampshire EYE take up data

<b>EYPP payments in New Forest</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3-year olds</b>	<b>4-year olds</b>	<b>Number of EYE settings</b>	<b>Total EYPP amount</b>
Summer funding period 2018	246	168	70	74	£23,545.78
Autumn funding period 2018	159	157	2	54	£16,726.80
Spring funding period 2019	196	137	59	82	£15,753.46

### **3.9 Deferred and Decelerated**

During this reporting year there have been several parents who have made a choice for their child/children to defer starting into the key stage 1 reception class in infant school. They have arranged with the school for their child or children to start at a later point during the school year rather than at the start of the academic year. There are also families who have made a choice for their child to decelerate and start key stage 1 in mainstream school in the year after they become eligible. These children have continued to access provision in early years settings. The Local Development Team liaises with the early years provision to ensure that these children are supported appropriately in their transition into school. Over the year 2018-19 there have been up to 26 children deferred or decelerated in New Forest district.

### **4. Development of 30 hours Childcare**

From September 2017 some working families have been eligible for an additional 15 hours, known as Extended Entitlement, Early Years Education (EYE) for their 3 and 4-year-old children.

To qualify for the full 30 hours of free childcare, **each** parent (or the sole parent in a single parent family) needs to earn, on average, the equivalent of 16 hours on the national minimum wage per week, (currently £111 per week for those aged 21 or over), and no more than £100,000 per year. A couple both working with an annual household income of £199,998 would be eligible if each, i.e. both parents earn just under £100,000. *(In a couple if one parent earns over this threshold they are not eligible. In a couple if one parent earns less than the minimum equivalent of 16 hours on national minimum/living wage they are not eligible).* Self-employed parents and those on zero-hours contracts are eligible if they meet the average earnings threshold as defined by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

The Extended Entitlement has now been embedded since the launch in September 2017. The local authority has continued to update the market on the developments

and take up of the 30 hours by use of web and blog articles, termly briefings and workshop sessions.

**Table 14: Estimated numbers of children in New Forest eligible for 30 hours from September 2018**

Source- a variety of sources including DWP, DfE, SAPF

<b>30-hour eligibility</b>	<b>Child Population (dependent on age selection)</b>	<b>Population in Working Family (dependent on age selection)</b>	<b>Earnings Eligible (89% of Hampshire)</b>	<b>Children with SEND (6.2%)</b>	<b>SEND Support Claimants (1.9%)</b>
New Forest	3298	1589	1414	99	30

In the New Forest district, it is estimated that approx. 59% of working families with a three-year-old child will meet the eligibility criteria and 20% of parents of four-year olds; based on the premise that 66% of four-year olds will be in school. Therefore, based on SAPF figures between 1383 and 1554 children in the district may be eligible for 30 hours provision.

The Childcare Development and Business Officer (CDBO) continues to offer support to the market to develop 30-hour friendly offers within the local communities; this includes some settings working collaboratively to offer a mix of services to families, so they can offer the whole entitlement. From recent provider updates we are aware that 70 (85%) group settings and 72 (97%) EYE approved childminders are offering families opportunities to access 30 hours at their settings.

**Table 15: Showing EYE take up of Extended Entitlement from children resident in New Forest**

Source EYE take up data

<b>Funding Period</b>	<b>Age of Child</b>	<b>Number of Children extended Standard Offer</b>	<b>Average extended standard hours taken</b>	<b>Number of Children extended stretched offer</b>	<b>Average Extended Stretched Offer</b>	<b>Total number of children by age</b>	<b>Total number of children</b>
Summer 2018	3	490	10.02	177	9.38	667	1124
	4	357	10.09	82	9.29	457	
Autumn 2018	3	524	10.35	183	9.39	707	711
	4	4	13.05	0	0	4	
Spring 2019	3	492	10.50	181	9.51	673	960
	4	212	10.99	75	9.88	287	

**Comment:**

Take up for extended entitlement in New Forest has been well used by eligible families. Take up in the autumn funding period lower due to the older children moving into schools, however the spring and summer period show take up of 79% and 64% of estimated eligible children. The local development team are not aware of families having difficulties in being able to access extended entitlement hours.

## 5. Quality of the Ofsted Registered provision:

This includes the data on the Ofsted outcomes for the New Forest district.

**Table 16: Quality of all provision within the New Forest district as at 31/3/19**

Source: Ofsted inspection reports

Type of setting	Outstanding		Good		Requires improvement		Inadequate		Awaiting inspection
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	
EYE Providers	20	25.9%	42	54.5%	2	2.5%	0	0%	13
EYE Childminders	13	17.5%	45	58.4%	1	1.2%	0	0%	16
Other Childminders	3	11.5%	13	50%	2	7.6%	0	0%	3
Independent Schools (Nursery Provision)	4	66.7%	1	16.6%	1	16.6%	0	0%	0
Holiday – After school provision	1	2.7%	16	44.4%	1	2.7%	0	0%	13

**Table 17: New reports received during Q4 as at 31/03/19**

Source: Ofsted inspection reports

	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
EYE providers	0	2	0	0
EYE childminders	0	2	0	0
Other Childminders	0	0	0	0
Independent Schools	0	0	0	0
Holiday/After School provision	0	2	0	0
Infant and primary Schools	0	4	1	0

### Comment:

New Forest district currently has 13 group settings waiting their first Ofsted grading inspection. The overall picture for Ofsted outcomes for the district is positive with 62 (80.4%) of group EYE childcare settings with an Ofsted outcome achieving an Ofsted grading of “Good” or “Outstanding” with 20 (25.9%) achieving an “Outstanding” grade.

Support is offered to settings that have an Ofsted outcome of less than “Good” through the Hampshire Improvement Support Programme on an individual basis to assist their quality developments to address the Ofsted actions and recommendations. There is also support offers made to those who have been alerted to the Local Development Team (LDT) who may benefit from some specialist support from the local authority for specific issues such as a serious safeguarding issue or premises challenges. Currently the LDT is providing support to 4 group settings and 3 childminders.

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. All the providers in Table 17 are working with the LDT to improve quality of provision as indicated by Ofsted at inspection and have active support plans in place.

**Table 18: Number of funded two-year olds in Ofsted rated less than ‘good’ provision. 31/3/19**

Source- Ofsted inspection reports

<b>Select Term</b>	<b>Spring 2019</b>
<b>Age Type</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Number of child claims</b>	<b>Ofsted Results</b>	
<b>Provider Location</b>	<b>Requires Improvement</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>
Butts Ash and Dibden Purlieu	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>
Totton East ( <i>Setting Good outcome at inspection on 20/2/19</i> )	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>

**Comment:**

The Local Development Team continue to provide support to settings that currently have an Ofsted grading lower than “Good” to ensure that the settings continue to provide early years education and childcare that meet the development needs of all children so that they can make progress including any funding 2-year olds.

**6. Development of provision for Special Educational 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.

<b>Inclusion involvement with children with SEND in New Forest April 2018- March 2019</b>	<b>Total number of children</b>	<b>New referrals during the year</b>
Area Inclusion Officers	105	86
Portage team	227	116

## **7. Development of out of school and holiday provision**

The data for the period January - March 2018 highlights that there are 49 registered breakfast club, after school and holiday provision in the New Forest district. However, these provisions are delivered by 23 providers some of whom deliver more than one service as part of their registration. There may also be other provision that is run by schools not known to the Local Development Team. Most of the settings in the district are managed by third party providers using schools and community centres as venues. Childminders do also contribute an amount of out of school care in the area. The New Forest district requires further childminder growth to accommodate the increasing numbers generally.

During this annual reporting period 2018-19 in the New Forest district there has been no out of school settings that have had an inadequate Ofsted outcome. During the quarter 4 period two settings has had "Good" inspection outcomes. There continues to be some interest from the Out of School sector to be able to be paid by families using Tax-Free Childcare accounts but at this point no out of school provider in the New Forest is considering offering services to support families accessing the extended entitlement to support the market and the needs of working families.

The out of school sector are signposted to guidance on the Services for Young Children website and other websites for setting up and quality improvement of services.

<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/childrenservices/OutofSchoolChildcareCareGuidance.pdf>

During the period of this annual report there has been an expansion of places during quarter one with two settings re-registering. As yet there have not been any additional registrations for holiday provision which provides services for the summer holiday periods. There are a few day nursery providers who are also able to provide regular after school services alongside local schools.

## 8. Housing Developments, Hampshire

### New Forest Medium and Large Building Development

The follow list includes the building plans that may impact on the childcare and early years market in the New Forest district:

	ADDRESS	STATUS AT 2018	TOTAL SUPPLY by 2024
<b>Ashurst, Copythorne South &amp; Netley Marsh</b>	SS.1: Land to the North of Totton	(blank)	44
<b>Becton</b>	South of Carrick Way, New Milton		40
	Caird Avenue, New Milton		90
<b>Buckland</b>	Alexandra Road Lymington		87
<b>Fawley, Blackfield &amp; Langley</b>	South Street, Hythe	NOT STARTED	34
	Blackfield Primary School, Fawley	NOT STARTED	30
	SS.4 The Former Fawley Power Station	(blank)	150
<b>Fernhill</b>	Hollands Wood Drive, New Milton	UNDER CONSTRUCTION	18
	Park Road, Ashley	NOT STARTED	20
	SS.10 Land East of Brockhills Lane, New Milton	(blank)	130
<b>Fordingbridge</b>	Whitsbury Road	NOT STARTED	145
	SS.16 Land North of Station Road, Ashford	(blank)	140
	SS.17 Land at Whitsbury Road, Fordingbridge	(blank)	65
	SS.18 Land at Burgate, Fordingbridge	(blank)	105
<b>Forest North West</b>	SS.15 Land at Snails Lane, Ringwood	(blank)	100
<b>Furzedown &amp; Hardley</b>	Forest Lodge Farm, Fawley Road	UNDER CONSTRUCTION	45
<b>Hordle</b>	Hordle Lane	UNDER CONSTRUCTION	16
	SS.8 Land at Hordle Lane, Hordle	(blank)	145
	SS.9 Land East of Everton Road, Hordle	(blank)	100
	North Close		41
<b>Marchwood</b>	Parks Farm	NOT STARTED	100
	Mulberry Road	NOT STARTED	15
	Hythe Road, Marchwood	NOT STARTED	15
	SS.2 Land South of Bury Road, Marchwood	(blank)	96
	SS.3 Land at Cork's Farm, Marchwood	(blank)	135
<b>Milford</b>	School Lane, Milford on Sea	NOT STARTED	30
	SS.7 Land North of Manor Road, Milford On Sea	(blank)	110
<b>Milton</b>	Station Road, New Milton	UNDER CONSTRUCTION	14
	Moore Close, New Milton	NOT STARTED	15
	SS.11 Land South of Gore Road, New Milton	(blank)	145
<b>Pennington</b>	Milford Road, Pennington	NOT STARTED	14

	SS.5 Land at Milford Road, Lymington	(blank)	185
	SS.6 Land East of Lower Pennington Lane, Lymington	(blank)	100
<b>Ringwood East &amp; Sopley</b>	SS.12 Land South of Derritt Lane, Bransgore	(blank)	100
	SS.14 Land North of Hightown Road, Ringwood	(blank)	145
<b>Ringwood South</b>	Crow Lane, Ringwood	UNDER CONSTRUCTION	175
	SS.13 Land at Moortown Lane, Ringwood	(blank)	65
<b>Totton East</b>	Salisbury Road, Totton	NOT STARTED	15
	Brokenford Lane, Totton	NOT STARTED	48
<b>Totton North</b>	Loperwood Lane, Calmore	NOT STARTED	80
	Blackwater Drive, Calmore	UNDER CONSTRUCTION	35
	SS.1: Land to the North of Totton	(blank)	101
	Calmore Drive, Totton	NOT STARTED	20
<b>Totton South</b>	Eling Lane, Totton	NOT STARTED	400
	Durley Farm, Hounslow, Totton	NOT STARTED	80
	SS.2 Land South of Bury Road, Marchwood (West of Marchwood)	(blank)	24
<b>Totton West</b>	Area 7, Aikman Lane, Totton	PART BUILT/OCCUPIED; REST NOT STARTED	331
	Hanger Farm, Aikman Lane, Totton	MATERIAL START	13
			<b>4293</b>

## 9. Parental demand

The following requests have been made to the New Forest Local Development (LDT) Team for support to find suitable EYE or childcare services in the district.

**Table 19: Parental demand New Forest Q4 2018/19**

There have been no parental demand queries made to the local development team during the Q4 period. Over the period of the annual report 1/4/18-31/3/19 the following issues have been supported by the local development team.

Source- HCC childcare enquiries

Ward	Brokerage Reason	Brokerage Outcome
Fordingbridge	Out of School to meet after school needs of working parent	CDBO highlighted gap at recruitment event held in district and had interest from a potential childminder
Dibden and Hythe East	Out of school – use of childcare vouchers	Information given regarding voucher schemes and tax-free childcare <a href="https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/">https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/</a>

### Comment:

The Childcare Development and Business Officer (CDBO) continues to link with the JCP work coaches to provide signposting and support to families as parents return to work or training. The roll out of the Universal Credit in the New Forest during this year's reporting period may have an impact on families wanting to access childcare and early years education services to support some parents when they return to work.

There was a recruitment event 'Women into Employment' held at the JCP in Hythe in May 2019 and SfYC attended presenting both career opportunities in the



childcare workforce and how early years and childcare services can support employment.

There has been limited interest from potential providers over the last year to develop early years or childcare services including childminding in the district. The CDBO has been working with new providers who are interested in taking over existing business in the district as well as supporting childcare opportunities that have occurred in community premises and from changes in business modelling or management structure. There has also been business support provided for provision to support sustainability.

## 10. Conclusion

**Table 20: Position statement of all registered provision in New Forest district at end of reporting period 31/3/19**

Source- Ofsted registered provision downloads to local authority

<b>Provider type</b>	<b>Total number of registered providers</b>	<b>Total number of places if known</b>
Child-minders	100	409
Home child carers	33	33
EYE Non-domestic premises – full day care	25	1203
Nursery units of Independent School	6	228
EYE Non-domestic premises – sessional care	51	1474
Holiday /After school clubs (inc Before school) clubs)	49	1086

After analysis of the data available for this quarter reporting period 1 January to 31 March 2019, the New Forest district shows a loss of places in the district with a loss of 31 childminding children's places and closure of 12 childminder registrations. There has been an increase of 4 Home Child Carer providers. The market for full day care has grown due to increased numbers for settings that have re-registered. Numbers of sessional provision has reduced due to several settings no longer being viable. There were no opens or closures in the out of school sector during quarter 4, during quarter 1 there was some re-registration and one new out of school provision registered. We are aware that some out of school provision may be managed by schools which may not require separate registration with Ofsted.

There are areas in the district where supply is limited these include New Milton, Lymington. We are aware that generally families in these wards have been able to find either local provision or have travelled to get their EYE and childcare needs met, but we are aware of some families have found the full day-care year-round provision particularly for the youngest children has been a challenge. During the latter part of this reporting year the local authority have been working closely with a provider and the New Milton Junior School to develop a new full day care provision in New Milton.

The data for the spring term 2019 indicates some lower take up of places for both two-year-old and three-year-old children in Bashley ward, and a lower take up of places in the Bransgore and Burley ward. It may be that some children in these wards are accessing provision within another local authority that we are not aware of.

The impact of the demand for funded two-year-old places remains a focus for the Local Development Team (LDT) There are 148 settings 94.8% of all EYE settings in the New Forest district offering places to funded 2-year olds.

The take up of the extended entitlement has been positive in the New Forest. There are 143 settings in the district offering places for children to access part or all their 30 hours entitlement at their provision. Providers have been able to offer this in a flexible way for families who prefer to access the EYE hours as a stretched offer, 75 providers are offering a stretched offer for eligible EYE funded children.

There has been some concern if the extended entitlement will cause pressure on places, possibly for 2-year olds but as of writing this report the LDT is not aware of any setting needing to limit places or families not having their needs met. Generally, there has been some surplus capacity in the market with some providers experiencing financial pressures due to low occupancy.

### **Demographic and population changes**

According to Hampshire's Small Area Population Forecast (2017 version) there is expected to be a total of 7,890 0-4-year olds in 2018 and 7988 in 2024. This indicates some stability at the end of this six-year period. However, during this period there will be a dip in the population before the rise again in 2024.  
<http://www.hants.gov.uk/factsandfigures/population-statistics/pop-estimates/small-area-pop-stats.htm>

New Forest district will have additional new housing built by within the period of the 2016-2036 core strategy, some of the developments may be subject to review later in timeline of the programme. The current programme of development includes several medium size developments in Totton, Fordingbridge, Ringwood, Lymington and New Milton as well as a large development at Fawley consisting of over 1,000 new homes.

The New Forest local plan review indicates significant additional residential development in the district with an estimated potential 6,890 homes on strategic sites  
<http://www.newforest.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=32301&p=0>

Services for Young Children continues to liaise with the county and district planning departments to ensure that the early years education and childcare needs of communities are recognised within developments.

### **Childcare places and trends**

Strategic planning continues to be developed to address the childcare gaps in some wards and focus on identifying future pressure areas as the impact of

changes in demand are influenced by 30-hour eligibility for working families of three & four year olds and the tax-free payment accounts for families with children up to 12 years old.

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/tax-free-childcare>

### **EYE entitlement places and trends in take up**

The CDBO continues to keep providers informed and work with them to respond to the early years' education and childcare demands. The EYE take up of childcare places within the district has continued to show a good level for three & four year old children living in the New Forest with 2,253 children taking up provision during spring 2019, this shows a decrease of 381 New Forest children accessing provision since this period last year. The total EYE extended entitlement hours taken by three and four-year-old children living in the New Forest have increased by over 11,092 hours since the autumn funding period 2017/18 to the autumn funding of 2018/19. There have been children with 397 children taking provision as a stretched offer during the spring 2018 funding period which is an increase of approx. 100 children on the figures for the same period last year.

It has been noted that the numbers of children coming into the district for early years education and childcare from other local authorities along with numbers of decelerated and deferred children may make an impact on the availability of places in the district.

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

According to the Hampshire Labour Market Bulletins the benefit claimants in the New Forest district have increased by 310 over this reporting period; this may be due to the whole district now having had Universal Credit rolled out. According to the Hampshire market bulletin and economic analysis, the district follows the increasing trend across the country and county numbers of Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) claimants.

### **Quality of provision**

There are currently 156 early years education approved providers within the New Forest district and 13 of these are settings waiting for their first Ofsted grading. Ofsted outcomes for the district are positive with (76.9 %) of EYE childcare settings that have been inspected achieving an Ofsted grading of "Good" or "Outstanding" There are currently 148 PVI settings and childminders who are approved to take children who are in receipt of two-year-old EYE funding.

### **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities SEND development**

Information from the monitoring report/s indicated that there were 105 children supported by the New Forest Inclusion team 86 of these are new referrals during this reporting year, there are also 227 families being supported from the Early Years Portage team 116 of these are new referrals.

The monitoring reports across the year have highlighted that 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**

Work continues to promote the childcare opportunities within the New Forest district to new and existing provision so that the district has sufficient places available to meet the market demand. The LDT continue to support capacity growth and have been working with some settings that have been considering expansion through offering a stretched offer model. The LDT continues to work with schools who have expressed interest in developing preschool provision within their infant school sites. We are also working with schools in the New Forest who are planning to take on the management of the onsite pre-school provision.

Providers of EYE funding have been kept informed of the developments and discussions have taken place local to identify issues and find solutions to the challenges for the market. During this reporting period we are completing delivery of a new provision created by use of capital grant funding from the DfE within the New Milton and Lymington areas to support the capacity growth needed to meet the 30-hour entitlement of families within this community.

### **11. Review of Annual priorities for 2018/19 Annual Priorities for 2018/19**

Continue to ensure that there are sustainable and sufficient childcare and early childhood services to meet the needs of local communities by:

- To continue to work with settings to Increase the % of 3- & 4-year olds taking up universal offer EYE (15 hours) in Bashley ward  
Target = To meet 75% minimum for each funding period
  - Quarter 1 = 50% 3-year olds 40% 4-year olds
  - Quarter 2 = 61% 3-year olds 57% 4-year olds
  - Quarter 3 = 72% 3-year olds 108% 4-year olds
  - Quarter 4 = 52% 3-year olds 88% 4-year olds
  
- Capacity building in New Milton and Lymington  
Target = To have addition 50 additional places available by March 2019.
  - Quarter 1 = work continues regarding a DfE supported project between the local authority and a childcare provider
  - Quarter 2= build schedule due to commence autumn 2018
  - Quarter 3 = build on schedule to be completed during the spring term 2019 and opened at the start of summer term
  - Quarter 4 = build complete and handover to provider Jan 2019. Recruitment of staff and children and fit out spring term 2019. Opening for services 24/4/19.  
Complete
  
- To continue have places available in all communities for EYE funded places to meet needs of communities for universal and 30 hours.  
Target = to have take up of places for at least 900 children to access some or all their 30-hour entitlement

- Quarter 1 = 931 eligible children were taking all or part of the 30 hours with an average take up of 9.88 extended hours taken
- Quarter 2 1124 eligible children were taking all or part of the 30 hours with an average take up of 10.93 extended hours taken
- Quarter 3 = 711 eligible children were taking all or part of the 30 hours with an average take up of 10.06 extended hours taken.
- Quarter 4 = 960 eligible children were taking all or part of the 30 hours with an average take up of 10.19 extended hours taken

Report Ends.