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Early Years

**Childcare Sufficiency Assessment – Refresh
(Spring 2018)**



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Introduction

Sufficient and accessible childcare is significant in promoting school readiness; widening access to employment and study for parents and maximising opportunities for families to benefit from the economic, social and health benefits of employment.

Monitoring childcare sufficiency

Nottingham City Council reports on childcare sufficiency on a three yearly cycle, considering demand, supply and accessibility to identify any gaps in sufficiency and a full Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) is published. This is followed by two annual refreshes of the data.

The full CSA is an in-depth ward level review of demand for childcare, eligibility for funded provision and the availability and cost of provision to meet those needs and includes a survey of both parents and providers. The last full report was produced in spring 2017.

This report is the CSA Refresh for spring 2018. It focuses on changes in demand, eligibility and participation between spring 2017 and spring 2018; also the provision and take-up of 15-hour places for eligible two year olds and the impact of expansion of funded childcare places from 15 hours to 30 hours for eligible 3 and 4 year olds in working families from September 2017.

Ongoing childcare monitoring data is available from the Early Years Profile on Nottingham Insight. This is a set of ward level profiles refreshed on a termly basis to reflect current eligibility, places and participation in full-time childcare by age group. The profile also includes population and health data to give a more complete view of the Early Years age group.

IMPORTANT:

Existing and prospective childcare providers should always undertake their own market research to understand local childcare needs and use the information in this report as an initial indicator only. The childcare market is a fluid one and changes to provision may have taken place since this report was written.

Methodology and Data Sources:

Demand for childcare:

Number of 2 Year Olds - DWP eligibility data for households containing 2 year olds (Jan 2018) **Number of 3-4 Year Olds** – ONS mid-year population estimates (2016)

Childcare enquiry calls - Families Information Service, Nottingham City Council (April 2016_March 2017)

Supply of childcare:

Providers – Families Information Service, Nottingham City Council (November 2017)

Places - Families Information Service, Nottingham City Council (November 2017)

Providers who cover a range of age group, such as childminders and day nurseries, can change the allocation of places by age at any time according to staffing and intake. Providers can also offer more than one type of provision, which can affect the accuracy of childcare place counting.

Notes on counting childcare places

By City and ward:

Counting all childcare places in the City or in a particular ward can be problematic due to establishments offering more than one type of childcare provision. A 50 place nursery may also be registered as a 50 place after school club; and again as a 50 place holiday scheme. Although three different services are available, a maximum of 50 places can be occupied at any one time. Therefore, for City and ward level analysis, where a provider is registered to run more than one service from the same establishment (and the maximum number of places listed for each is the same), the places have been counted once.

By Provision Type:

When childcare places are counted by provision type, the likelihood of double counting is reduced as a filter by provision type is applied. In practice, there are still likely to be fewer after school, breakfast club and holiday scheme places available overall than analysis indicates since all types of place are within the same registration and place total. For example, if a day nursery offers breakfast club places for school age children, children in the day nursery will be occupying some of the registered place total

By Age:

Providers have the flexibility to allocate rooms or staff by age group according to demand. Different staffing ratios apply to 0-2, 2-3, 3-4 year olds and to 5-8 year olds and upwards. Registration totals show the maximum possible places. Providers work to these ratios to meet demand: A childminder might be registered for a maximum of six places but in practice offers fewer places if they have very young children attending. A day nursery may regularly change the balance of places it offers to different age groups, according to demand. We no longer include a count of provision by age group in the sufficiency assessment; but we do consider available childcare places by age group in analysing the funded places for 2 year olds and the universal plus extended offer for 3-4 year olds.

Demand/Eligibility

The full CSA includes a survey of demand for childcare from parents. The survey is not included in the annual refresh, but demand can still be reviewed from the volume of calls to the Families Information Service.

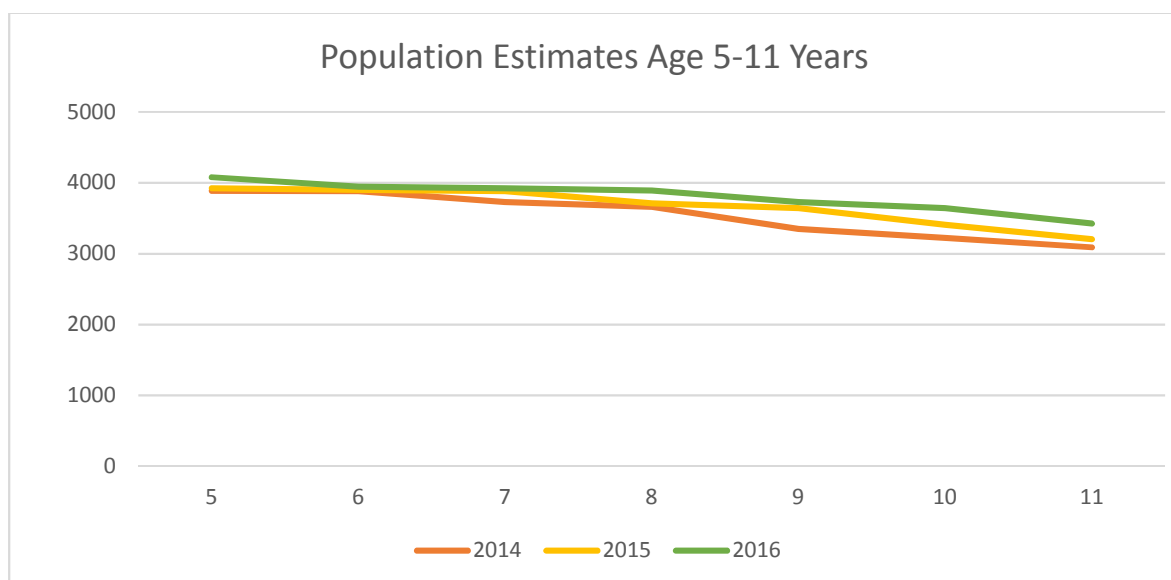
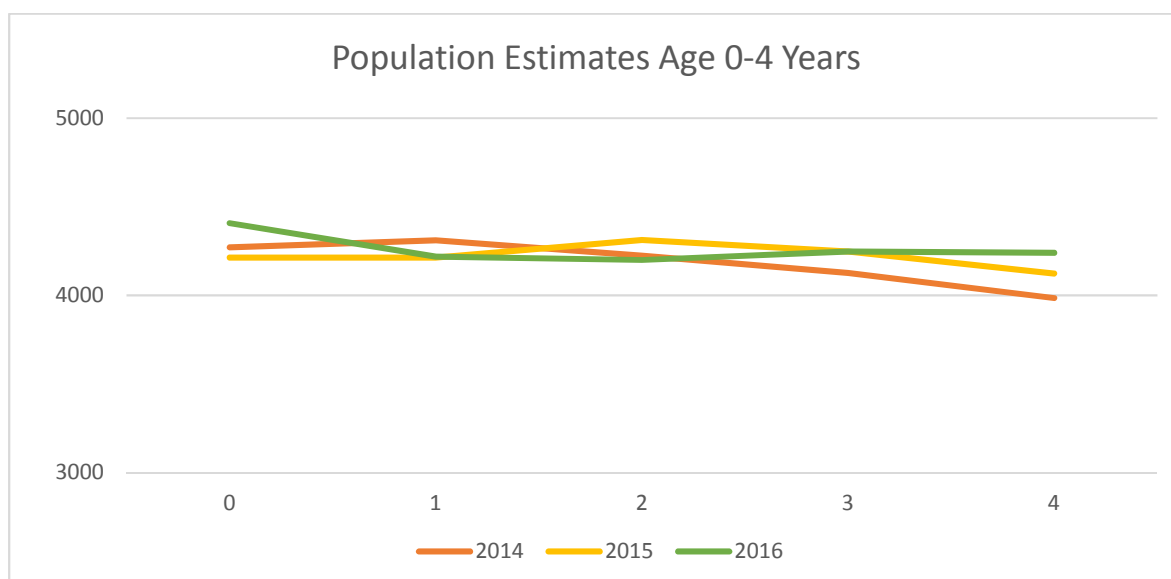
Ward (by Postcode of Enquirer)	15-16	16-17	Difference	Comparison
Arboretum	57	112	55	↑
Aspley	163	340	177	↑
Basford	107	168	61	↑
Berridge	106	211	105	↑
Bestwood	109	192	83	↑
Bilborough	103	166	63	↑
Bridge	96	150	54	↑
Bulwell	117	210	93	↑
Bulwell Forest	67	114	47	↑
Clifton North	27	82	55	↑
Clifton South	78	91	13	↑
Dales	101	207	106	↑
Dunkirk and Lenton	14	26	12	↑
Leen Valley	54	113	59	↑
Mapperley	76	111	35	↑
Radford and Park	79	150	71	↑
Sherwood	53	104	51	↑
St Ann's	141	268	127	↑
Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey	34	30	-4	↓
Wollaton West	83	82	-1	↓
Out of City	161	109	-52	↓
Blank (No Postcode Supplied)		707	707	
Total	1826	3743	1917	↑

Families Information Service (April 2016_March 2017)

Calls to the Families Information Service (FIS) increased in almost every ward. The overall call total more than doubled between 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. Calls without a postcode were not included in the 2015-2016 analysis. If blank calls are also disregarded for 2016-2017, the total still rose by a further 1210 calls over the course of the year. The greatest increases were from callers in Aspley, St Ann's, Dales and Berridge. Over 82% of calls to FIS in 2016-2017 were calls about entitlement to nursery provision for 2 year olds.

Early Years Population

ONS Mid-Year estimates show an increase of 200 children or 0.92% in the number of 0-4 year olds in Nottingham City between 2015 and 2016 and an increase of 3.74% (700 additional children) aged between 5 and 11 years. For both age groups, this is a similar rate of increase to the previous year.



The Supply of Childcare

Providers by Type:

Provision Type	2016	2017	Change 2016_2017
Childminder	245	222	-23
Breakfast Club	79	80	1
School/Academy Nursery	74	72	-2
Day Nursery	65	63	-2
After School Club	55	52	-3
Holiday Scheme	45	41	-4
Home Childcarer	No Data	14	14
Pre-School Playgroup	16	14	-2
Nottingham City Total	579	558	-21

FIS * Includes 14 Home Childcarers (Dec 2017)

The total number of establishments providing childcare across the city decreased between 2016 and 2017. All types of childcare experienced a reduction in the number of establishments, except Breakfast Clubs which increased by one establishment. A new category of provision has been added for Home Childcarers. This is a voluntary registration for someone looking after children from more than one family in the home of one of those families. Home Childcarers have been counted by the ward they reside in but may be delivering childcare in other wards.

Ward	After School Club	Breakfast Club	Child-minder	Day Nursery	Holiday Scheme	Home Childcarer	Pre-School Playgroup	School or Academy Nursery	Grand Total	City Rank
Berridge	6	7	15	5	3	2	0	7	45	1
Basford	5	5	18	6	3	0	0	4	41	2
Bestwood	2	6	22	2	1	1	1	5	40	3
Clifton South	1	4	26	1	1	0	0	5	38	4
Bulwell Forest	3	5	15	3	2	1	0	5	34	5
Bilborough	3	8	11	2	1	0	0	7	32	6
Bulwell	2	4	14	2	2	0	2	6	32	6
Sherwood	3	4	11	5	3	1	1	4	32	6
Wollaton West	4	4	15	4	2	0	2	1	32	6
St Ann's	4	5	11	2	2	0	2	5	31	10
Clifton North	3	3	17	1	1	0	2	2	29	11
Dales	3	5	8	3	2	1	1	5	28	12
Mapperley	5	4	8	4	4	0	0	3	28	12
Aspley		1	10	5	2	1	2	2	23	14
Bridge	1	4	10	2	1	0	0	3	21	15
Dunkirk & Lenton	3	3	1	3	4	0	0	2	16	16
Radford and Park	1	3	3	5	2	0	0	1	15	17
Leen Valley	2	3	3	2	1	0	1	2	14	18
Arboretum	1	2	2	3	1	0	0	2	11	19
Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey		0	2	3	3	1	0	0	9	20
Ward not Specified	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	N/A
Grand Total	52	80	222	63	41	14	14	72	557	

Families Information Service

Berridge has the most childcare establishments (45) with provision of all types, except pre-school playgroup. Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey has the lowest number of establishments (9), with no school or academy nursery, before or after school provision or pre-school playgroup.

Number of Provider Places per ward

Day Nursery, childminder and pre-school provision are monitored by a year on year count of providers and places; plus a count of places per 100 children. Due to variations in the way places are registered, it is not possible to measure sufficiency of Out of School Care (OOSC) and holiday schemes in the same way. Both these provision types have been monitored by establishment (provider) only, plus a calculation per 1000 children to produce a ward ranking – this is explained under the OOSC table.

The Home Childcare category has not been included in provider place tables as the location of the childcare places they provide will vary according to employment.

Table: No of providers and registered childcare places: Full Day-care

Full Day-care Ward	Day Nursery		Comparison	Reg Places		Comparison	Diff	Census 2016 Mid Year Estimates		
	2016	2017		2016	2017			Places per 100 children	0-4 Population	Reg Places
Arboretum	4	3	↓	318	255	↓	-63	38	675	255
Aspley	5	5	↔	167	167	↔	0	8	1986	167
Basford	5	6	↑	227	269	↑	42	20	1319	269
Berridge	5	5	↔	350	350	↔	0	22	1606	350
Bestwood	2	2	↔	57	57	↔	0	4	1452	57
Bilborough	2	2	↔	62	62	↔	0	5	1294	62
Bridge	4	2	↓	138	110	↓	-28	13	827	110
Bulwell	2	2	↔	165	165	↔	0	13	1305	165
Bulwell Forest	3	3	↔	214	214	↔	0	24	901	214
Clifton North	1	1	↔	32	32	↔	0	4	861	32
Clifton South	1	1	↔	55	55	↔	0	6	998	55
Dales	3	3	↔	121	121	↔	0	8	1456	121
Dunkirk and Lenton	3	3	↔	264	264	↔	0	117	225	264
Leen Valley	2	2	↔	153	153	↔	0	18	839	153
Mapperley	4	4	↔	178	168	↓	-10	17	992	168
Radford and Park	5	5	↔	323	317	↓	-6	35	896	317
Sherwood	5	5	↔	426	433	↑	7	41	1051	433
St Ann's	2	2	↔	139	139	↔	0	11	1313	139
Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey	3	3	↔	195	221	↑	26	69	321	221
Wollaton West	4	4	↔	194	194	↔	0	19	996	194
Nottingham City Total	65	63	↓	3778	3746	↓	-32	18	21313	3746

Note: Figure in red indicates a below city average level

FIS

The number of day nurseries in the City has reduced by two establishments overall. A new nursery has opened in Basford, while two nurseries in Bridge ward and one nursery in Arboretum have closed. This has resulted in a loss of 32 places for the city as a whole, but represents less than a 1% reduction overall. However, this does mask some significant changes in particular wards. Basford has experienced an increase of 42 places and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey an increase of 26 places. By contrast, Arboretum ward has lost 63 day-care places and day-care in Bridge ward has reduced by 28 places. At 18 places per 100 children, the City has more day-care places per child than any other type of childcare provision. However, due to Nottingham's position as economic centre for the region, a significant number of places may be occupied by the children of working parents commuting from areas outside the City boundary.

Table: No of providers and registered childcare places: Childminder

Childminder	Childminder		Comparison	Reg Places		Comparison	Diff	Census 2016 Mid Year Estimates		
	2016	2017		2016	2017			Places per 100 children	0-8 Population	Reg Places
Ward										
Arboretum	2	2	↔	12	12	↔	0	1	1199	12
Aspley	11	10	↓	81	71	↓	-10	2	3633	71
Basford	19	18	↓	106	107	↑	1	5	2311	107
Berridge	15	13	↓	74	89	↑	15	3	2761	89
Bestwood	27	22	↓	158	140	↓	-18	6	2526	140
Bilborough	11	11	↔	73	71	↓	-2	3	2259	71
Bridge	7	8	↑	42	48	↑	6	3	1419	48
Bulwell	16	14	↓	90	83	↓	7	4	2353	83
Bulwell Forest	17	15	↓	87	89	↑	2	6	1530	89
Clifton North	18	17	↓	112	102	↓	-10	7	1441	102
Clifton South	30	26	↓	162	149	↓	-13	8	1768	149
Dales	9	8	↓	53	42	↓	-11	2	2526	42
Dunkirk and Lenton	1	1	↔	6	6	↔	0	1	406	6
Leen Valley	7	3	↓	41	24	↓	-17	2	1503	24
Mapperley	12	8	↓	67	48	↓	-19	3	1681	48
Radford and Park	3	8	↑	24	12*	↓	-12	1	1511	12
Sherwood	12	11	↓	78	58	↓	-20	3	2181	58
St Ann's	11	10	↓	54	50	↓	-4	3	1770	50
Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey	1	2	↑	6	12	↑	6	2	538	12
Wollaton West	16	15	↓	103	102	↓	-1	6	1837	102
Nottingham City Total	245	222	↓	1429	1315*	↓		4	37153	1315*

Note: Figure in red indicates a below city average level.

FIS

Due to the many small providers in the sector, childminding shows the most movement in both providers and places from year to year. Across the City, the number of childminders has reduced by 9% and childminding places by 8%. The greatest reduction (20 places), has occurred in Sherwood, though the actual number of childminders in the ward has only reduced by one. The availability of childminding places has increased in 5 wards; Basford, Berridge, Bridge, Bulwell Forest and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey. The greatest increase has been in Berridge ward, which has an additional 15 childminding places.

Nine childminders (included in the childminder column for 2017), have not supplied Registered Place totals to the Family Information Service. Six of these are located in Radford and Park ward, which has affected the childminder place total for the ward and the overall place total for the City. The number of childminders in Radford and Park has more than doubled since 2016; so the actual childminder place total for Radford and Park is likely to be approximately double that shown above, with a corresponding increase to the place total for Nottingham City.

Sessional Day-Care (Pre-school)	Sessional		Comparison	Reg Places		Comparison	Diff	Census 2016 Mid Year Estimates		
	2016	2017		2016	2017			Places per 100 children	2-4 Population	Reg Places
Arboretum	0	0	↔	0	0	↔	0	0	399	0
Aspley	2	2	↔	32	32	↔	0	3	1213	32
Basford	0	0	↔	0	0	↔	0	0	785	0
Berridge	0	0	↔	0	0	↔	0	0	892	0
Bestwood	1	1	↔	72	110	↑	38	13	858	110
Bilborough	0	0	↔	0	0	↔	0	0	800	0
Bridge	0	0	↔	0	0	↔	0	0	497	0
Bulwell	2	2	↔	36	36	↔	0	5	789	36
Bulwell Forest	0	0	↔	0	0	↔	0	0	537	0
Clifton North	2	2	↔	79	79	↔	0	15	511	79
Clifton South	0	0	↔	0	0	↔	0	0	630	0
Dales	1	1	↔	26	30	↑	4	4	832	30
Dunkirk and Lenton	0	0	↔	0	0	↔	0	0	123	0
Leen Valley	1	1	↔	24	24	↔	0	5	501	24
Mapperley	1	0	↓	12	0	↓	-12	0	573	0
Radford and Park	0	0	↔	0	0	↔	0	0	495	0
Sherwood	1	1	↔	26	26		0	4	646	26
St Ann's	2	2	↔	46	30	↓	-16	4	795	30
Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey	0	0	↔	0	0	↔	0	0	203	0
Wollaton West	2	2	↔	51	51	↔	0	8	608	51
Nottingham City Total	15	14	↑	404	418	↑	-14	3	12687	418

Note: Figure in red indicates a below city average level.
FIS

Sessional pre-school places in the City have increased by 3%. Places in Bestwood ward have increased significantly, with an additional 38 places created by one existing provider. Dales ward has experienced a smaller increase from 26 to 30 places, again at one provider.

One pre-school provider closed in 2017; reducing pre-school places in Mapperley ward to zero. Places in St Ann's have also reduced significantly (a loss of 16 places or 35% of provision), although the ward still retains 2 providers.

The likely impact of the pre-school closure in Mapperley and surrounding St Ann's and Dales wards was assessed by the Early Years Team who carried out a place mapping exercise of both eligibility and uptake of funded childcare places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds in the area. This analysis will inform ongoing work with providers in the area.

Before/After School Care (OOSC)	OOSC (Out Of School Care) Providers		Diff	Comparison	Census 2016 Mid Year Estimates		
	2016	2017			Providers per 1000 children	5-11 Population	Ward Rank Availability of Providers in Relation to Population 1=Most 20=Least
Ward							
Arboretum	0	3	3	↑	3.49	860	16
Aspley	0	1	1	↑	0.36	2801	19
Basford	3	10	7	↑	6.22	1608	7
Berridge	5	13	8	↑	6.89	1887	5
Bestwood	1	9	8	↑	5.00	1800	11
Billborough	1	11	10	↑	6.33	1738	6
Bridge	2	5	3	↑	5.34	936	10
Bulwell	2	6	4	↑	3.45	1737	17
Bulwell Forest	2	8	6	↑	7.32	1093	3
Clifton North	2	6	4	↑	6.02	996	8
Clifton South	0	5	5	↑	3.95	1267	15
Dales	1	8	7	↑	4.64	1723	13
Dunkirk and Lenton	3	6	3	↑	22.14	271	1
Leen Valley	3	5	2	↑	4.33	115	14
Mapperley	3	9	6	↑	7.45	1208	2
Radford and Park	1	3	2	↑	3.04	998	18
Sherwood	4	9	5	↑	7.00	1286	4
St Ann's	2	7	5	↑	4.86	1450	12
Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey	0	0	0	↔	0.00	365	20
Wollaton West	3	8	5	↑	5.44	1470	9
Nottingham City Total	38	132	94	↑	4.96	26639	

Note: Figure in red indicates a below city average level.

FIS

Nottingham City has 132 registered providers offering out of school care (OOSC) sessions. Most providers will have two separate registrations, one for before school and one at after school club, so the overall number of settings delivering this care will be almost half the provider total. After-school club provision is recorded at 52 providers. A total of 81 providers (very often at the same setting), offer before-school care or a breakfast club. The number of OOSC providers tripled between 2016 and 2017; most likely due to schools registering existing provision. However, places available at OOSC are difficult to quantify for several reasons.

- One child using both before and after school care on a full-time basis would take up two places from the overall total.
- Schools offering this provision can register using their main school Ofsted registration and are not required to register the number of places available. Therefore, schools increase the

overall numbers of OOSC providers listed; but places at those clubs are not recorded in the OOSC place total for the ward or the overall OOSC place total for the City.

- By contrast, day nurseries offering after school care will record that all places are available for out of school care. In reality, the majority of places are likely to be used for the main 0-4 nursery day-care age group, with a much smaller number available for OOSC.

In previous years, we have reported solely on the number of OOSC providers in the City for which we have place data. As over 60% of before and after school clubs (81 out of 132 providers) do not include place numbers in their registration, this resulted in an artificially low place count. This year, analysis of OOSC focuses on a count of all providers by ward (regardless of whether providers register their place totals). This gives an indication of the availability of OOSC provision in the ward, which may be more useful than the previous incomplete place totals. The population denominator for this report has been adjusted to include ages 5-11 years as the general age range for most OOSC clubs. In the table above, wards have been ranked by the number of providers per 1000 children (rather than the usual unit of 100 children). Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey has no OOSC provision (there is no school situated in the ward). Aspley has the largest number of resident children of this age group in the city but only one OOSC provision registered. The area with greatest choice of providers for resident children is Dunkirk and Lenton, due to a low child population and the presence of three providers. The second highest provision is in Mapperley ward.

Holiday Schemes	Holiday Scheme Providers		Comparison	Reg Places		Comparison	Diff	Census 2016 Mid Year Estimates		
	2016	2017		2016	2017			Providers Per 1000 children	5-11 Population	Reg Places
Ward										
Arboretum	1	1	↔	25	25	↔	0	1.16	860	25
Aspley	0	2	↑	0	8	↑	8	0.71	2801	8
Basford	2	3	↑	145	169	↑	24	1.87	1608	169
Berridge	1	3	↑	50	204	↑	154	1.59	1887	8
Bestwood	0	1	↑	0	0	↔	0	0.56	1800	204
Bilborough	0	1	↑	0	30	↑	30	0.58	1738	30
Bridge	1	1	↔	50	20	↓	-30	1.07	936	20
Bulwell	1	2	↑	54	165	↑	111	1.15	1737	165
Bulwell Forest	1	2	↑	82	132	↑	50	1.83	1093	132
Clifton North		1	↑	0	0	↔	0	1.00	996	0
Clifton South	0	1	↑	0	0	↔	0	0.79	1267	0
Dales	1	2	↑	37	72	↑	35	1.16	1723	72
Dunkirk & Lenton	2	4	↑	90	182	↑	92	14.76	271	182
Leen Valley	2	1		70	62	↓	-8	0.87	1155	62
Mapperley	2	4	↑	110	120	↑	10	3.31	1208	120
Radford & Park	2	2	↔	151	151	↔	0	2.02	988	151
Sherwood	2	3	↑	62	62	↔	0	2.33	1286	62
St Ann's	0	2	↑	0	139	↑	139	1.38	1450	139
Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey	2	3	↓	171	171	↔	0	8.22	365	171
Wollaton West	1	2	↑	28	28	↔	0	1.36	1470	28
Nottingham Total	21	41	↑	1125	1720	↑	595	1.57	26639	1720

Note: Figure in red indicates a below city average level. FIS

Both holiday scheme providers and places have increased significantly in the City in 2016-2017 and an additional 595 places are available across the City in comparison to 2015-2016. Places have increased or stayed the same in most wards, declining only in Bridge and Leen Valley wards. The wards experiencing the greatest increase in holiday scheme availability are Berridge, St Ann's and Bulwell.

Update on Findings from Previous Year

The 2016-2017 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment found that:

1. Bilborough and Aspley wards have significant levels of demand for childcare; yet childcare place provision in both wards is below the Nottingham average. In 2017, both Bilborough and Aspley wards are still below the Nottingham average place or provider provision per child for all childcare sectors (except for OOSC provision in Bilborough).
2. Gaps in provision may exist between likely demand for places with a childminder or for sessional care /playgroups. (This was identified in January 2017 by comparing enquiries about these services with places available).
3. A requirement of all year round provision was highlighted and also for more full-time places, and before and after school care places than are currently available. The number of providers registered to offer OOSC increased significantly in 2017 as more schools registered as after school club providers. However, schools are not required to provide place numbers so it is not possible to assess whether the overall number of OOSC places available have increased.
4. As in previous years, cost was mentioned as a barrier to obtaining a formal childcare place, particularly for those in Aspley, Berridge and St Ann's wards.
5. Ability to access childcare for a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) was found to be similar to the main cohort. However, it was noted that this might differ for children with sensory impairments and physical disabilities, as the number of providers offering places for physical and sensory needs is much lower than for the wider SEND group.

Funded Childcare Places for Two, Three and Four Year Olds

The 2017 report also considered the provision of free/funded childcare places. Parents of 2 year olds meeting DWP income criteria are eligible for 15 hours funded childcare from the start of the term following the child's second birthday.

All 3 and 4 year olds are eligible for the universal offer of 15 hours funded childcare from the term following their third birthday. The national eligibility for 3 and 4 year olds was extended in September 2017 to provide an additional 15 hours a week for children for most families, except where someone in the household has a taxable income exceeding £100,000. Most families within Nottingham City

are eligible for both the universal and extended offer, totalling 30 hours of funded childcare per week for 3 and 4 year olds.

299 providers in the city offer provision for 2, 3 and 4 year olds across the day nursery, childminding and pre-school sectors. 189 providers or 63% of providers for this age group offer free places for 2 year olds. 190 providers or 64% of providers offer free places for 3 and 4 year olds. However just 66 providers (22%) offer the full extended 30 hour free place for 3 and 4 year olds.

The tables below compare the number of eligible children and funded places available participation (take-up). The participation total for some wards may be higher than the place total as eligible children may be attending funded places in other wards, or attend nursery in maintained primary schools who do not provide place totals to FIS.

Two Year Olds

Ward	Eligible 2 Year Olds	Places 2 Year Olds	Participation 2 Year Olds	Participation Rate 2 Year Olds
Arboretum	106	119	59	55.66%
Aspley	283	136	182	64.31%
Basford	148	151	83	56.08%
Berridge	197	144	89	45.18%
Bestwood	165	61	114	69.09%
Bilborough	151	37	85	56.29%
Bridge	98	47	60	61.22%
Bulwell	161	54	130	80.75%
Bulwell Forest	84	132	48	57.14%
Clifton North	66	60	45	68.18%
Clifton South	87	12	59	67.82%
Dales	183	101	87	47.54%
Dunkirk and Lenton	23	82	9	39.13%
Leen Valley	88	21	64	72.73%
Mapperley	96	68	43	44.79%
Radford and Park	109	169	82	75.23%
St Ann's	177	131	109	61.58%
Sherwood	66	74	45	68.18%
Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey	28	28	8	28.57%
Wollaton West	38	67	30	78.95%
Nottingham	2354	1694	1431	60.79%

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Bulwell has the highest participation rate in the City with 80.75% of those eligible for funded places, participating in nursery provision. Aspley ward has both the greatest number of eligible 2 year olds and the greatest number eligible 2 year olds participating in nursery education. However, Aspley only has fourth highest number of places available and 64.31% of eligible children in provision overall. Radford and Park ward has the greatest number of funded 2 year old places available and 75.26% of eligible 2 year olds are in funded provision.

2 year old participation rates are lower in the central and eastern side of the City (Berridge, Dales, Mapperley). All 3 wards have more eligible 2 year olds than funded places available and the participation rate of eligible 2 year olds is below 50%. The lowest participation rates are in Dunkirk and Lenton and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey. These are wards with a historically low child population; but few of the small population of resident 2 year olds are participating in funded provision.

Three and Four Year Olds

Ward	Eligible 3-4 Olds	Year 3-4 Year Olds	Places 3-4 Year Olds	Participation 3-4 Year Olds	Participation Rate 3-4 Year Olds
Arboretum	262		124	258	98.47%
Aspley	846		77	602	71.16%
Basford	533		210	395	74.11%
Berridge	595		192	459	77.14%
Bestwood	553		49	423	76.49%
Bilborough	562		32	397	70.64%
Bridge	315		39	198	62.86%
Bulwell	528		35	434	82.20%
Bulwell Forest	365		98	284	77.81%
Clifton North	327		48	240	73.39%
Clifton South	455		24	333	73.19%
Dales	556		181	350	62.95%
Dunkirk and Lenton	80		105	98	122.50%
Leen Valley	344		28	276	80.23%
Mapperley	372		107	254	68.28%
Radford and Park	302		286	270	89.40%
St Ann's	421		80	435	103.33%
Sherwood	510		111	277	54.31%
Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey	141		32	53	37.59%
Wollaton West	421		80	450	106.89%
Nottingham	8488		1938	6486	76.41%

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In all wards, except Sherwood, participation percentages for 3 and 4 year old early years education are higher than for 2 year olds. Dunkirk and Lenton, Wollaton West and St Ann's all have participation rates that exceed the eligible population.

Aspley has both the greatest number of 3 and 4 year olds, and of those participating; but is only ranked 12th in the City for place provision and the percentage of eligible children participating is only 71.16%. Participation rates are lower in wards on the east of the City such as Mapperley, Dales and Sherwood. This may indicate that children from wards close to the City boundary are attending Early Years provision in Nottinghamshire. Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey has the lowest rate of participation for 3 and 4 year olds.

Costs

Not all providers supply cost information for different age groups so data has been aggregated at City level to avoid potential discrepancies in ward level data.

In December 2017, the cost of a full-time place, 50 hours per week, in a Nottingham day nursery for a child aged between 0 and 2 was £210.05.

The cost for 2 year olds who do not get the 15 hours free entitlement was £209.71. Deducting the free 15 hours would leave £146.80 to pay for a full-time place for a 2 year old.

The average cost of a full-time day nursery place for 3-4 four year olds was £205.90. Deducting the maximum 30 hours free entitlement leaves a full-time cost of £82.36.

Child-minding costs were slightly cheaper at £200.57 for a child aged between 0 and 2 and the same price for ages 2- 4. This similarity is due to the majority of childminders not recording age-related price categories. The average weekly cost of a full-time childminding place for a 2 year old with 15 free hours would be £140.40. For 2- 4 year olds with 30 free hours, the average full-time childminding place would cost £80.23.

Average after school club costs for 15 hours a week were £48.33.

Costs for all sectors are difficult to compare with each other, across wards or year on year. This is due to the flexibility providers have to record costs when they register with FIS. Some providers record an hourly rate; some quote sessional/day rates and others a weekly rate. These have been aggregated where possible to produce a weekly rate, but this may not reflect actual cost; a provider may only record an hourly or daily rate with FIS but offer a cheaper weekly rate for full-time bookings. All rates appear to have increased between 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

SEND

The 2016-2017 full childcare sufficiency report found that the ability to access childcare for a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) is similar to the main cohort. However, it was noted that this might differ for children with sensory impairments and physical disabilities, as the number of providers offering places for physical and sensory needs is much lower than for the wider SEND group.

There are 2 data sources currently available to consider SEND provision by provider: FIS records, updated directly by the provider, and information gathered by the Early Years Team through the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) audit.

Only 129 out of 558 providers (28%) have provided information on special needs provision to FIS. 128 out of the responders said they do offer special needs provision; one provider, a childminder, responded that they did not. 72% of providers have not provided information on special needs

provision; it is not clear whether this is due to the data collection process or that they genuinely don't offer provision.

Almost the same number of providers providers answered Yes to the question 'Do you have special needs provision?' as answered Yes to 'Do you have wheelchair access?' It seems possible that in the FIS responses, providers are equating special needs provision with provision for physical needs; rather than the full spectrum of SEND including learning needs, behavioural or mental health needs and other physical support needs. This may account for the very low numbers of providers stating that they have special needs provision.

Breaking the responses down by provider, over half of all pre-school playgroups responding stated that they had SEND provision and wheelchair access; day nurseries were the next most likely to have provision, then Home Childcarers , followed by breakfast clubs. Childminders were the least likely to state that they had SEND provision. It may be easier to find a pre-school place for a child with physical SEND than it is to find more flexible childcare or wraparound care/ holiday clubs for a school aged child.

Provision Type	All Providers 2017	Do you have special needs provision? Yes	% Providers with special needs provision? Yes	Do you have wheelchair access? Yes	% Providers with wheelchair access
After School Club	52	14	27%	14	27%
Breakfast Club	80	9	11%	9	11%
Childminder	222	29	13%	29	13%
Day nursery	63	29	46%	27	43%
Holiday Scheme	41	9	22%	9	22%
Home Childcarer	14	1	7%	1	7%
Pre-School Playgroup	14	9	64%	9	64%
Primary School/Academy	*	15	*	15	*
School/Academy Nursery	72	11	15%	11	15%
Secondary School/Academy	*	2	*	2	*
Grand Total	558	128	23%	126	23%

* category not reported in previous dataset. FIS

The Early Years SENCO audit was carried out in autumn 2017 and reports on 89 providers, almost all from the day nursery, pre-school or school sectors. A total of 81 children with additional needs are recorded in the data and attend 43 separate providers. This group represents approximately 1% of eligible 3 and 4 year olds. Approximately 54 children from the group (67%) receive some Early Years or Inclusion funding.

SENCO Audit _Type of disability - funded children (43 Providers)	Total
ASD (LD)	28
Hearing Impaired (Physical/Sensory)	1
Medical (Physical/Sensory)	3
Moderate LD	1
Physical (Physical/Sensory)	6
Physical Hearing Impaired (Physical/Sensory)	1
Specific LD (LD)	2
Moderate LD (LD)	1
PMLD (Physical/Sensory)	1
Not Specified	12
Total (Funded Children)	56

In the Early Years SENCO Audit, 32 (58%) of funded children have Physical/Sensory needs; 12, (21%) have learning needs. A further 12 (21%) of funded children do not have a need specified in the dataset.

On this basis, the 128 providers who specify SEND provision to FIS appear to have sufficient capacity for the number of children recorded in the SENCO audit, although place numbers are not provided. The data supplied by providers to FIS does not provide enough detail to assess place provision by disability type.

Capacity is also needed as diagnosis of SEND develops through the Early Years Stage. National data (*DfE Special Education Needs in England: January 2017*) shows that 2.8% of children have a statement of special needs or an education, health and care plan in place, suggesting that the Nottingham City total could triple as children are diagnosed. The national percentage of pupils with SEND in the Early Years age group is approximately 5% which suggest a substantial proportion of Early Years children will have other SEND needs not subject to a statement or captured in the SEND audit.

Enquiries about childcare for children with a disability represent just over 1% of all calls to FIS. This matches the proportion of children with additional needs in the SENCO audit.