

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Summary report for Children's Centre Areas: Frimley (15)

In response to the statutory duty set out in the Childcare Act 2006, Surrey County Council's Early Years and Childcare Service (EYCS) has carried out a Childcare Sufficiency Assessment. The project aim is to identify specific gaps in childcare provision at children's centre area level (Please see the countywide report for a definition of children's centre area). The results will be used to describe the childcare market and allow the EYCS to ensure that sufficient childcare provision that is sustainable and of good quality is available for parents and carers to enable them to train or work.

The assessment examines parents' and carers' demand for childcare places against the supply of childcare services. Occupancy rates, vacancy rates, childcare costs, demographic information, proposed housing and service development also add value to the assessment.

This report summarises findings for the Frimley children's centre area. A summary report for each children's centre area is available and all of these will act as working documents to enable the to monitor changes within each area on a 6 monthly basis.

The report provides a summary of the following:

1. Demographic information
2. Children's Centre development
3. Schools and childcare provision
4. Parents' and carers' use of and needs for childcare services
5. Identified gaps in childcare provision
6. Additional research needed to further understand the gaps in provision
7. Maps and charts

1. DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF AREA

Area 15, Frimley, is mainly urban and encompasses some affluent areas as well as disadvantaged areas. The most northwestern Census Super Output Area (covering the York Town area) ranks in the highest 30% nationally for Income Deprivation Affecting Children (2004 Index of Multiple Deprivation, ODPM). The percentage of the population from ethnic minority groups, the percentage of lone parents and the percentage of children dependent on workless benefit are all above the county average.

Child population

Aged under 2 years	Aged 2 – 4 years (inclusive)	Aged 5 – 7 years	Aged 8 to 11 years	Aged 5 to 14 years	Total: Aged 0 to 14 years	Disabled children aged 14 to 18 years
331	492	415	587	1275	2098	6

Rural Urban classification	% Population non-white	% Lone Parent	% Children dependent on workless benefit
Urban	7.9%	6.6%	15.07%

Planned housing development

None

2. CHILDREN'S CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

Children's Centre development

Bristow Infant & Nursery School & Sure Start Children's Centre. Estimated designation date March 2008. There is a maintained nursery on site.

3. SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE PROVISION

Schools

Dfes number	School name	Childcare on site
2117	Camberley Infant and Nursery School	Maintained nursery classes and before and after school club
2336	Bristow Infant and Nursery School	Maintained nursery classes
2441	The Watchetts Junior School	None

Childcare supply

Pre-school childcare penetration rates are high. Most pre-school settings maintain high occupancy rates. Out of school childcare penetration rates are also higher than the Surrey average. Please see the following tables for childcare setting and places information.

In this area all childminders stated that they have had childcare requests from parents they have not been able to fulfil. The main reason given for this was that they had no childcare places available and they could not accommodate the nursery pick ups.

Pre-school childcare

Day Nursery settings/ places	Average DN occupancy rate	Sessional settings/ places	Average Sessional occupancy rate	CMs/ CM places	PS density rate (under 2 years)	PS density rate - all
3/146	75% (1 setting)	5/140	87%	33/82	50%	55%

Out of school childcare (OOS)

Before and after school settings/ places	Average before & after school occupancy rate	CMs/ CM places	HS settings/ places	Average HS Occupancy Rate	BS & AS Density Rate	CM Density Rate	HS Density Rate	Overall OOS Density rate
3/62	73% (1 setting)	33/74	2/110	41% (1 setting)	5%	6%	9%	19%

Quality and sustainability of existing childcare

In this area all settings are OfSTED rated 'satisfactory' or 'good'. Out of the four that are rated 'satisfactory', two are sessional daycare settings, one is an out of school setting and one is a multiple daycare setting. Five settings are rated 'good', which include a sessional setting, two full daycare settings and two out of school settings.

Out of seventeen childminders, one is rated 'inadequate', three are rated 'satisfactory', twelve are rated 'good' and one is rated 'outstanding'. The inspections took place between 28/07/2003 and 13/12/2007.

Services opening and closing in the last year

Two day nurseries have opened in the last year.

4. PARENTS' AND CARERS' USE OF AND NEED FOR CHILDCARE SERVICES

This area has a higher than average use of maintained nursery schools (16%). However, this area has a significantly lower use of day nurseries (11%). The usage of nannies and au pairs and nursery units of independent schools is also low.

42% of parents in this area state that they are not using enough childcare. 60% of these would use after school clubs if they were available at their child's school and more affordable. Unfortunately, parents did not consistently specify schools in the area. More than half of these parents report that they would use holiday play schemes more if they were more affordable.

5. IDENTIFIED GAPS IN CHILDCARE AND ISSUES RELATING TO CHILDCARE

Childcare penetration rates are high in this area. Demand for additional childcare places is not significantly high. However, a quarter of all parents in the area report that they would use holiday play schemes and after school clubs more if they were more affordable and available at their child's school .

Current and proposed developments

How these developments will affect the identified gaps

6. ADDITIONAL RESEARCH REQUIRED TO FURTHER UNDERSTAND ANY GAPS AND ISSUES

7. MAPS AND CHARTS (Please see attached)