

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Summary report for Children's Centre Area: West End & Chobham (45)

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 west End and Chobham 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 EYCS 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 45, West End & Chobham, is a mixed rural and urban area. Only a very small percentage of the population is non-white and the percentage of lone parents and the percentage of children dependent on workless benefit is below the Surrey average. There are currently no planned housing developments of 50 units or more.

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
277	444	467	632	1444	2165	4

Rural Urban classification	% Population non-white	% Lone Parent	% Children dependent on workless benefit
Mainly urban with rural: town and fringe	3.2%	3.3%	7.65%

Planned housing development

None

2. CHILDREN'S CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

Children's Centre development

Chobham Sure Start Children's Centre. Has achieved designation. Estimated date that the centre will offer full core services is January 2010. The children's centre will signpost parents to childcare across the area.

3. SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE PROVISION

Schools

Dfes number	School name	Childcare on site
3014	Holy Trinity Church of England School	None
3015	Valley End Church of England Infant School	None
3050	Bisley Church of England (Aided) Primary School	None
7024	Wishmore Cross School	None

Childcare supply

Most childcare settings in these areas maintain high occupancy rates. The pre-school childcare penetration rate is at the Surrey average and the out of school childcare penetration rate is below the Surrey average. Please see the following tables for childcare setting and places information.

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
1/40	84% (1 setting)	5/178	87%	33/80	38%	41%

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
1/26	85% (1 setting)	31/72	1/26	Not available	2%	5%	2%	9%

Quality and sustainability of existing childcare

In this area most settings are OfSTED rated 'good'. Two sessional daycare settings are rated 'satisfactory'.

Between 13/11/2003 and 06/11/2007, 68% of childminders were rated 'good'. Six were rated 'satisfactory' and two childminders were rated 'outstanding'.

Services opening and closing in the last year

One pre-school playgroup closed in the last year.

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

In this area there is a higher than average use of pre schools (30%) and nannies and au pairs (6%). However, there is a lower than average use of crèches and maintained nursery schools (4% and 3% respectively). There is also a lower than average use of breakfast clubs (2%). There is no reported usage of nursery units of independent schools.

37% of parents state that they do not use as much childcare as they would like to. This is in line with the Surrey average. Parents would use before and after school care if it were available at their child's school. A notable number of parents specify that they would use this type of provision if it were available at Holy Trinity Church of England School. 25 parents report that they would use after school care here, 16 report that they would use a breakfast club on site and 13 indicate that they would use holiday play scheme provision if it were on the school site and affordable.

5. IDENTIFIED GAPS IN CHILDCARE AND ISSUES RELATING TO CHILDCARE

Pre-school childcare penetration rates are average for the area overall. There is a need for before and after school care, and parents specify a need for this provision at Holy Trinity Church of England School. There is also a need for holiday play schemes places that are affordable. The average cost for holiday schemes in Surrey is £16.53 per day.

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)