

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Summary report for Children's Centre Area: Mytchett & Deepcut (71)

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 Mytchett and Deepcut 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 71, Mychett and Deepcut, is an affluent, mixed rural and urban area. The percentage of children dependent on workless benefit is below the county average. The Frimley Green area is also included within this boundary.

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
284	391	502	630	1433	2108	7

Rural Urban classification	% Population non-white	% Lone Parent	% Children dependent on workless benefit
Mixed urban/rural	2.9%	3.6%	6.89%

Planned housing development

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None

2. CHILDREN'S CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

Children's Centre development
Mytchett and Deepcut. Children's centre site not identified: Estimated designation date is post-March 2008.

3. SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE PROVISION

Schools

Dfes number	School name	Childcare on site
2376	Mytchett Primary School	Maintained nursery classes
2501	Cross Farm Infant School	None
2913	Sandringham School	Pre-school playgroup, before and after school club
3049	Frimley Church of England Junior School	None

Childcare supply

The overall pre-school childcare penetration rate is slightly above average and most childcare settings in this area maintain high occupancy rates. Out of school penetration rates are low. There are no holiday play scheme places available. 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
2/96	78% (1 setting)	5/148	92.1%	29/71	41%	47%

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	54% (1 setting)	29/66	0	N/A	2%	5%	0%	6%

Quality and sustainability of existing childcare

In this area most settings are rated 'good', which include four sessional settings and two full daycare settings. One full daycare setting and one out of school setting are rated 'satisfactory'.

Between 30/04/2003 and 04/12/2007, nineteen childminders were rated 'good', one was rated 'inadequate', five were rated 'satisfactory' and one was rated 'outstanding'.

Services opening and closing in the last year

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

The percentage of parents using pre-school childcare that is private, voluntary or independent is lower in this area. There is a higher percentage of parents using maintained nursery schools and classes, and out of school care.

33% of parents state that they are not using enough childcare. Parents would use after school clubs more if they were available at their child's school and if they were more affordable (17%). 16% of parents in this area would use holiday play schemes more if they were more affordable and 15% of parents would use childminders if they were more affordable, offered longer hours and better quality.

5. IDENTIFIED GAPS IN CHILDCARE AND ISSUES RELATING TO CHILDCARE

Although out of school penetration rates for this area are low, there is no significant demand for additional services. Only 15-17% of parents would use holiday schemes, after school clubs and childminders more if they were more affordable. The average cost for a childminder in this area is £3.56 per hour, lower than the Surrey average.

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)