

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment March 2020

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1. Introduction

Some key data is available which must be considered in understanding the demand for childcare in the area.

Major employment sectors

The Bath and North East Somerset economy has a predominance of public-sector related, retail, leisure and tourism employment. Public-sector related activities account for 37.8% of total employment. <http://www.swo.org.uk/local-profiles/banes/> (local profile 2012)

The following major public sector employers have onsite nurseries and have on occasion also provided other childcare such as summer schemes for older children:

- both universities
- the Royal United Hospital

2. Supply of childcare - current providers as at March 2020

Bath and North East Somerset Council has a range of childcare provision which is well distributed across the local authority area. We continue to offer training courses and support to individuals who are interested in becoming childminders.

Breakfast Club	42
Childminder**	146
Day Nursery	65
Home Childcarer	54
Independent Nursery School	5
Non Registered Holiday Scheme	8
Playgroup or Pre-School	20
Registered After School Care	51
Registered Holiday Scheme	28
School Nursery Class***	5
Specialist Service Provider	17
Total Providers	441

** Not all registered Childminders have children on roll. Of those who currently have children, the number of children cared for are well below their registered capacity.

*** Schools with early years provision which have converted to academy status will appear in the Day Nursery category

3. Birth rate and resident data

3.1 Birth rate data by Academic Year

Children's Centre Area	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Chew Valley	134	113	123	134	126	113	131	126	126	117	151	150
Keynsham	162	163	166	207	175	190	185	179	220	181	231	227
Midsomer Norton	127	138	123	140	160	129	121	153	152	127	149	126
Moorlands	179	158	163	163	171	185	185	172	177	153	141	156
Parkside	293	259	266	289	287	277	236	227	220	207	205	201
Paulton	104	118	133	120	127	137	120	150	140	153	128	141
Peasedown St John	120	107	113	113	117	109	114	90	104	87	99	98
Radstock	137	148	140	147	130	161	167	133	161	124	145	134
St Martins	203	201	194	202	196	192	201	198	181	186	196	189
Twerton	119	156	115	149	170	148	140	130	151	167	130	113
Weston	192	141	162	166	170	156	147	163	155	136	139	131
Total	1831	1709	1699	1832	1831	1797	1747	1721	1787	1608	1714	1666

Bath and North East Somerset Council has always attracted more children from outside the Council area to attend provision, particularly in the 0 – 5 age range, rather than attend provision in their resident Council area. This is as a result of family working patterns and locations of providers. The resident and new birth data is now produced from records on a new IT system resulting in a slight change in the method of data capture and consequently some small revisions in the numbers provided at any one reporting time.

3.2 Resident Population by Academic Year

Children's Centre Area	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Chew Valley	203	189	193	201	196	190	182	183	169	154	168	146
Keynsham	249	259	242	288	251	271	254	260	282	244	241	223
Midsomer Norton	136	180	143	188	146	170	159	167	169	151	150	125
Moorlands	187	182	183	164	185	177	179	173	172	155	140	160
Parkside	271	270	280	280	244	275	209	206	199	179	192	189
Paulton	150	143	153	153	148	165	145	140	156	148	136	140
Peasedown St John	141	127	143	130	135	130	131	116	120	111	107	101
Radstock	135	139	172	146	163	150	144	160	166	142	142	129
St Martins	264	268	261	272	261	227	230	232	208	193	210	188
Twerton	116	131	106	106	149	116	123	122	145	123	126	112
Weston	229	208	225	231	211	208	181	201	178	154	157	134
Total	2081	2096	2101	2159	2089	2079	1937	1960	1964	1754	1769	1647

4. Childcare Places

The number of places is calculated in ratio to the estimated number of children and then subdivided by Children's Centre area to produce an analysis by smaller geographical area. When required this information can be broken down further as far as individual super output areas, a size measurement area produced by criteria from the Office of National Statistics.

4.1 Without Home Childcarers

Children's Centre Area	March 2020			September 2019	
	Childcare Places	Number of children 0-11	Ratio of childcare places to children	Childcare Places	Ratio of childcare places to children
Chew Valley	666	1971	0.34	770	0.39
Keynsham	852	2815	0.30	903	0.32
Midsomer Norton	727	1748	0.42	765	0.44
Moorlands	560	1870	0.30	567	0.30
Parkside	978	2523	0.39	978	0.39
Paulton	347	1627	0.21	349	0.21
Peasedown	404	1351	0.30	404	0.30
Radstock	256	1653	0.15	261	0.16
St Martins	692	2550	0.27	737	0.29
Twerton	272	1359	0.20	281	0.21
Weston	828	2088	0.40	833	0.40
Total	6582	21555	0.31	6848	0.32

4.2 With Home Childcarers

Children's Centre Area	March 2020			September 2019	
	Childcare Places	Number of children 0-11	Ratio of childcare places to children	Childcare Places -	Ratio of childcare places to children
Chew Valley	689	1971	0.35	793	0.40
Keynsham	862	2815	0.31	911	0.32
Midsomer Norton	732	1748	0.42	770	0.44
Moorlands	586	1870	0.31	589	0.31
Parkside	993	2523	0.39	991	0.39
Paulton	354	1627	0.22	354	0.22
Peasedown	414	1351	0.31	412	0.30
Radstock	258	1653	0.16	261	0.16
St Martins	714	2550	0.28	757	0.30
Twerton	272	1359	0.20	281	0.24
Weston	841	2088	0.40	846	0.41
Total	6715	21555	0.31	6965	0.32

Twerton and Radstock Children's Centre areas still have the lowest levels of childcare provision. The Council continues to monitor these levels alongside demand for new provision in Bath and North East Somerset Council resulting from new housing.

5. Early Years Entitlement for 2, 3 and 4 year old children

5.1 3 and 4 year old provision

Bath and North East Somerset Council continues to have a sufficient level of places for the whole area but this does vary by Children's Centre area with 6 out of 11 areas having an excess of supply. Areas of undersupply continue to be monitored in order to close the gap between supply and demand.

Childrens Centre	March 2020			September 2019		
	Estimate EYE Eligible Children	EYE Places (15 hrs)	Ratio	Estimate EYE Eligible Children	EYE Places (15 hrs)	Ratio
Chew Valley	279	442	1.58	279	448	1.61
Keynsham	422	524	1.24	422	521	1.23
Midsomer Norton	272	314	1.15	272	317	1.17
Moorlands	277	232	0.84	277	233	0.84
Parkside	317	445	1.40	317	445	1.40
Paulton	237	208	0.88	237	207	0.87
Peasedown	193	206	1.06	193	206	1.06
Radstock	255	162	0.64	255	164	0.64
St Martins	360	371	1.03	360	410	1.14
Twerton	200	186	0.93	200	187	0.94
Weston	304	388	1.28	304	390	1.28
Total	3116	3475	1.12	3116	3526	1.13

5.2 2 year old provision

The take up of 2 year funding has decreased slightly over the past 12 months, with 315 eligible children took up a place in the Spring 2020 term. This decrease is mainly due to the reduced number of potentially eligible families received from the Department for Work and Pensions. We continue to work with colleagues and childcare providers to promote the funding to families across Bath and North East Somerset.

5.3 Early Years Pupil Premium

Since April 2015 the Early Years Pupil Premium worth up to £300 became available for an estimated 325 children accessing their 3 and 4 year old entitlement. The main eligibility criteria are the family income in the same way that the school Pupil Premium has been allocated for children from reception age upwards. This funding is targeted to help narrow the gap in attainment between the children in low income families whose learning outcomes from pre-school through into school and beyond are typically lower than the rest of their peer cohort.

Take up of the Early Years Pupil Premium has continued to be high since the start of 2016 with a total of 375 eligible children receiving the funding in the Spring 2020 term

6. 30 hours Early Years Entitlement offer for working families

From 1st September 2017, approximately 1308 families were deemed as eligible by the Department for Education for the extended early year's entitlement in Bath and North East Somerset.

In the Spring 2020 term, over 1,300 children accessed additional hours. Bath and North East Somerset is currently among the highest performing Local Authorities in the South West for the take up of 30 hour funding in relation to the number of codes issued and then verified by a provider, and one of the highest performing Local Authorities nationally. Parents and families can find more information on the new childcare offers on the Childcare Choices website: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

An article published by The Guardian in October 2019 has shown three-quarters of mothers are now in work. Rising steadily from 2009, the proportion of working mothers with dependent children jumped to 75.1% in June. It compared with 74.2% last year, the Office for National Statistics said.

The full article can be read here: <https://www.theguardian.com/money/2019/oct/24/three-quarters-of-mothers-now-in-work-figures-reveal>