

## **Brent Childcare Sufficiency Assessment – Annual update December 2019**

The following provides an update on the Brent Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) published in July 2018. This assessment reflects registered provision in Brent as at December 2019. Take up figures relate to head count figures from the 2019-2020 academic year as captured by Autumn headcount 2019.

### **Childcare places**

There is under-fives provision of all types (PVI, Childminder and maintained) across all ward areas with a total of 333 providers. This compares to 343 providers offering childcare places for 0-5s at the time of the 2018 CSA. As at December 2019 there are 271 providers registered to deliver free entitlement places. This is a decrease on the January 2018 figure of 276. There is a balance of free entitlement places being delivered across different setting types with 41% of free entitlement places being taken up in the maintained sector in Summer 2019 compared with 45% of 3 and 4 year old places being delivered in the maintained sector in 2018. There has been a small increase in the number of registered childminders. The change in registered places for this part of the sector is a reflection of Ofsted's revised approach to registration rather than places per se. There have been a number of PVI closures but some openings alongside this resulting in an overall decrease of 5 settings.

### **Quality of provision**

The overall quality of provision in Early Years has remained stable with over 98% of active providers good or outstanding. The breakdown of inspection results as at December 2019 is reflected in Table 2. Alongside this, there are over 80 providers who are new providers, providers not inspected by Ofsted and providers who have obtained a 'met' or 'not met' inspection and therefore not included in the above Ofsted inspection results.

### **Cost of provision**

Broadly, there has been an increase in the cost of childcare year on year. Table 5 indicates that the most significant cost increase is in the provision for babies offered in the childminding sector. This is due in part, to the more comprehensive data gathered in the exercise in this year compared with the 2018 assessment. There are now a greater proportion of school and maintained nurseries which offered an option to buy additional hours above the free entitlement.

### **Demand**

Local data indicates that there are fewer children in free entitlement places than at the time of the 2018 sufficiency assessment. Autumn headcount numbers are typically lower than Summer headcount figures so it is expected that numbers will increase in Spring and Summer terms respectively. Appendix A has been included to provide a reflection of this trend. Take up rates for 3 and 4 year olds in Kilburn, Queensbury, Mapesbury, Brondesbury Park and Queens Park wards are of particular concern. Mapesbury, Kenton, Dollis Hill, Fryent and Kensal Green wards each have lower take up for the 2 year old entitlements.

**Table 1 – Number of registered providers**

<i>Type of provision</i>	<i>2019 Number of providers</i>	<i>2019 Number of registered places</i>	<i>2018 Number of providers</i>	<i>2018 Number of registered places</i>	<i>2015 Number of providers</i>	<i>2015 Number of registered places</i>
Childminders*	170	970 (1010 for older children) *	172	523 (993 for older children)	190	1540
Nursery classes in schools	49	2599	51	2436	50	2910
Maintained nursery schools	4	386	4	287		
Private, voluntary and independent nurseries	110	4887	115	5077	91	4186
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>8842(0-5) 8882 (0-8)</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>8323</b> (9346 including all childminder registrations)	<b>331</b>	<b>8636</b>

\*This significant change is due to an alteration in the way Ofsted map registered places since the previous assessment.

**Table 2 – Ofsted Inspection results for early years provision in Brent as at December 2019**

<i>Type of provision</i>		<i>2019 Total number of providers</i>	<i>2019 Providers who have a current Ofsted judgement*</i>	<i>December 2019 Number of providers good or outstanding</i>	<i>December 2019 % achieving good or outstanding</i>	<i>March 2018 achieving good or outstanding</i>
Childminders		170	106	102	96.22%	96%
Nursery classes in schools *		49	46	44	95.65%	98%
Maintained nursery schools		4	4	4	100%	100%
Private and voluntary nurseries		110	94	93	98.93%	89%
<i>Total</i>		<b>333</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>243</b>	98.78% average across all providers	96% average across all providers

\* This figure does not include new providers, providers not inspected by Ofsted and providers who have obtained a 'met' or 'not met' inspection

**Table 3 – Providers delivering 2, 3 and 4 year old free entitlements (based on September 2019 provider agreement form returns)**

	Total number of providers	Free entitlement for 2 year olds	Universal entitlement (15 hours) for 3 and 4 year olds	Extended entitlement (30 hours) for 3 and 4 year olds	Percentage of providers offering free entitlements
Childminders	170	84	88	78	52%
Nursery classes in schools	49	0	49	38	100%
Maintained nursery schools	4	3	4	4	100%
Private, voluntary, independent nurseries	110	91	102	92	93%

**Table 4 - Out of school and holiday provision**

<i>Type of provision</i>	<i>2019 Number of providers</i>	<i>2019 Number of registered places **</i>	<i>2018 Number of providers</i>	<i>2018 Number of registered places</i>
Breakfast club – primary age range	41	1230	43	1285
After-school club primary age range	61 ***	1452	35	1250
Breakfast club secondary age range	2	60	3	50
After-school club secondary age range	0	0	0	0
Holiday club	16	508	15	442
Childminders	170	970 (with 1010 for older children)*	172	995

\*\* As many school run providers do not require separate registration the average number of places of 30 has been used as a proxy for school-run providers.

\*\*\* The change in figure is a as result of capturing both school run and privately run provision in this category

**Figure 1: Take-up by ward based on Autumn 2019 headcount by provider type**

Ward	GLA 2016-based Demographic Projections - Ward projections	3&4 YEAR OLD TAKEUP - AUTUMN 2019 HEADCOUNT		Children aged 4 in reception class – September 2019 school census	Total take up in ward area (based on home ward including reception aged children)	Percentage
		PVI/Childminder	School			
Alperton	505	93	96	154	343	67.92
Barnhill	509	127	71	179	377	74.07
Brondesbury Park	308	38	51	77	166	53.90
Dollis Hill	454	61	112	176	349	76.87
Dudden Hill	488	86	108	182	376	77.05
Fryent	409	49	94	141	284	69.44
Harlesden	547	94	150	238	482	88.12
Kensal Green	435	55	93	133	281	64.60
Kenton	303	61	51	101	213	70.30
Kilburn	524	47	75	126	248	47.33
Mapesbury	377	41	53	102	196	51.99
Northwick Park	246	98	22	90	210	85.37
Preston	459	161	71	211	443	96.51
Queens Park	410	39	115	100	254	61.95
Queensbury	634	76	107	129	312	49.21
Stonebridge	699	113	128	218	459	65.67
Sudbury	478	140	77	185	402	84.10
Tokyington	494	130	84	181	395	79.96
Welsh Harp	406	60	100	150	310	76.35
Wembley Central	528	119	149	237	505	95.64
Willesden Green	447	69	120	159	348	77.85
Out of borough		382	189	286	857	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9660</b>	<b>2139</b>	<b>2116</b>	<b>3555</b>	7810	72.10

The above data is a snap shot and does not capture in-year changes. It should be noted that many children access a provider in the ward in which they are resident. By way of comparison, included below is the term on term picture for the 3 terms including Autumn 2019 as appendix A.

**Figure 2 Free two year old entitlement take up by ward Autumn term 2019**

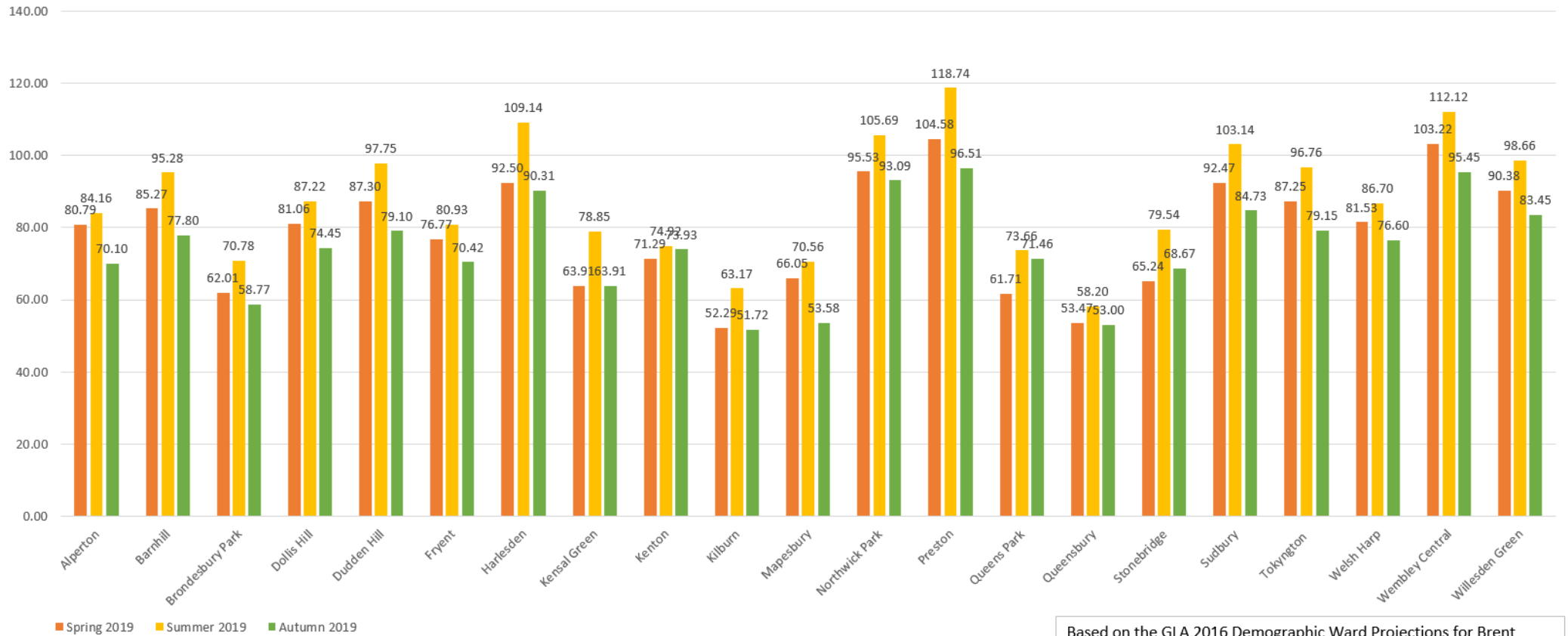
Ward (Children's Home address)	DWP eligible families (Batch 40,41&42)	DWP take up	Percentage	Non DWP Take up	Take up: PVI's & childminders	Take up: Schools	Total Percentage
Alperton	123	46	37	27	73		59
Barnhill	110	43	39	9	52		47
Brondesbury Park	67	20	30	7	27		40
Dollis Hill	168	49	29	3	52		31
Dudden Hill	163	47	29	13	60		37
Fryent	103	23	22	10	33		32
Harlesden	245	101	41	21	122		50
Kensal Green	126	30	24	13	43		34
Kenton	54	12	22	5	17		31
Kilburn	135	64	47	8	72		53
Mapesbury	117	21	18	6	27		23
Northwick Park	47	14	30	12	26		55
Preston	122	42	34	11	53	1	44
Queens Park	61	13	21	12	25		41
Queensbury	116	35	30	10	45		39
Stonebridge	244	127	52	26	153		63
Sudbury	121	37	31	29	66		55
Tokyington	91	24	26	15	39		43
Welsh Harp	113	38	34	15	53		47
Wembley Central	108	45	42	24	69		64
Willesden Green	177	83	47	13	96		54
Out of borough	7	0	0	86	86		

**Table 5 – Average cost of childcare places (based on November 2019 information returns)**

Average price per hour	Private, voluntary and independent nurseries (2019)	Private, voluntary and independent nurseries (2018)	School and maintained nursery schools which make charges to parents (2019)	School and maintained nursery schools which make charges to parents (2018)	Childminders (2019)	Childminders (2018)
0 and 1 year olds	£7.91	£6.18	9.57	N/A	9.96	£6.52
2 year olds	£7.41	£6.08	7.78	N/A	6.80	£6.35
3 and 4 year olds	£7.49	£5.85	5.36	£6.00	6.84	£6.94

## Appendix A – Term on term take up for 3 and 4 year olds

% of total take up in ward area in 2019



Based on the GLA 2016 Demographic Ward Projections for Brent



## Appendix B – Two year old take up

### Autumn Term 2019:

