

The Childcare Picture in Cambridge City South

There is a higher number of registered places, (32.1) per 100 children aged 0-14 years compared to the county average of (25). 41% of parents use some form of childcare with more parents using formal than informal childcare. A high number of parents use childcare to work, (71%) although parent in this locality reported that they also use childcare for respite. The type of childcare most frequently accessed were after-school clubs (37%), private day nurseries (18%) and registered childminders (13%)

A high number of parents (63%) in this locality rated the quality of the childcare that they used as excellent or very good or good and nearly all reported that they were very satisfied with their existing childcare arrangements.

Parents reported differing views of whether there were enough childcare places childcare places in the locality. Data shows that there are vacancies in the many types of childcare provision in the locality.

Many parents in this locality were aware of working tax credits and 59% reported that the childcare element had helped make childcare more affordable. Only a small number of parents (11%) in this locality make use of the childcare voucher scheme. Many parents in this locality would like more informed of the childcare provision available.

Key Actions

- Monitor the availability of early years places and vacancy levels in the locality and develop new places when required to meet demand.
- Support the development of new childcare places to meet the need of housing developments and new communities.
- Improve the availability of out of school childcare for children with disabilities, including a better choice of mainstream or specialist childcare facilities.
- Monitor the vacancy levels in pre schools and full day care settings and develop new childcare places to meet demand, particularly resulting from rising birth-rates.
- Ensure sufficient places available for the free entitlement for eligible 2 year olds.
- Raise awareness of the Childcare Information Service to parents so that they are informed of the childcare available in their area.

SCC/2 South Cambs/City Cambridge South

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Inspection Update

Ofsted Outcomes

Outstanding	7
Good	63
Satisfactory	35
Inadequate	2
No information/ Registration Exempt *	42

* these could be Childminders (CMs) not yet graded by Ofsted, CMs offering only Out of School childcare (OSC), or schools offering OSC, for example.

	County	Locality
0-14 Population	103762	11095
Registered places per 100 children aged 0-14 years	25	32.1

Childcare Places and Vacancies

Provider Type	No of Providers	Reg Places	Vacancies
Day nursery	14	811	30
Maintained Nursery Schools and Classes	10	618	31
Private Nursery School	5	155	10
Childminder	69	320	72
Wraparound care, Breakfast Club, Out of School Care	22	605	50
Pre-School Playgroup	5	118	8
Extended Day Playgroup	2	41	11
Holiday Scheme	13	599	81
Total	151	3567	293