

## The Childcare Picture in Huntingdon

Overall the sufficiency needs for childcare are being met.

There is a need to look at the supply of childcare provision covering hours considered outside normal working hours or 8am-6pm.

From recent research, parents are generally pleased with the level of quality of local childcare provision, and reported 98% levels of satisfaction with existing provision. More parents believe that there is sufficient local childcare than are concerned about availability.

Despite improved awareness of measures such as the childcare element of working tax credit, parents in this locality are still concerned about affordability of childcare. 86% of parents, however, are aware of their free early years entitlement.

### Key Actions

- Monitor existing new place development to ensure sufficient childcare places are made available.
- Explore solutions for developing out of hours childcare
- Create opportunities to hold consultation sessions with parents to discuss childcare issues.
- Support children's centre as key resource locally for information, advice and guidance to parents on key issues around childcare.

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### Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Inspection Update

#### Ofsted Outcomes

Outstanding	10
Good	60
Satisfactory	30
Inadequate	1
Other*	28

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

	<b>County</b>	<b>Locality</b>
0-14 Population	103762	9120
Registered places per 100 children aged 0-14 years	25	33.8

### **Childcare Places and Vacancies**

<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>No of Providers</b>	<b>Reg Places</b>	<b>Vacancies</b>
Day nursery	15	746	99
Maintained Nursery Schools and Classes	2	172	10
Private Nursery School	1	19	5
Childminder	62	304	92
Creche	2	18	-
Wraparound care, Breakfast Club, Out of School Care	18	557	103
Pre-School Playgroup	7	176	38
Extended Day Playgroup	5	127	21
Holiday Scheme	17	960	108
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>3079</b>	<b>476</b>