

Annual Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Report

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Please note any reference to 'parents' in this report reflects parents, carers or those with parental responsibility for children.



1 Rationale for the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment



Rutland County Council is required by law to report annually to Elected Council Members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare, and to make this report available and accessible to parents, under the Childcare Act 2006.

Having sufficient childcare means that families are “as far as is reasonably practicable” able to find childcare that meets their child’s early education and welfare needs and enables parents to make a real choice about work or training that may lead to paid employment.

An assessment of sufficiency has been made through review of information gathered which includes the reported need for childcare and the amount of childcare available. This includes feedback from early years’ providers, parents and local businesses. Assessment of childcare sufficiency is used to develop a Local Authority strategic action plan to be implemented 2018-19, and to direct actions taken by the Learning and Skills Service to support and develop the local childcare economy in partnership with current and potential early education and childcare providers.

The data is based on evidence gathered during the period from September 2017 – May 2018 and, more specifically, through the Childcare Sufficiency Survey undertaken in April and May 2018.

Objectives:

To identify any childcare gaps that may exist in sufficiency in our area and consider how these gaps may be closed in the future.

We will look at the following categories of Childcare in Rutland:

- Early Years Childcare for non-funded children
- Funded Education for 2 year olds
- Universal funded education for 3 and 4 year olds
- The 30 Hour Extended Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds
- Childcare before and after school
- Childcare during school holidays
- Childcare for children with special educational needs and disabilities
- Childcare during atypical hours

The Rutland Context – Early Education and Childcare

The Demand for Early Years Childcare

Retrospective birth data for Rutland, which is tracked year on year when this becomes available, provides a proxy indicator of trends in potential demand for early education and childcare. The birth rate figures show a little variation over time, which reflects a relatively stable demand for childcare. However, population change through building development and military redeployment may impact on future figures. Therefore, information gathered through the annual Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, alongside more regular consultation with providers, offers a more responsive indicator of actual need. The Local Authority works in partnership with the MOD to identify numbers of children moving into and out of Rutland to ensure childcare sufficiency needs are identified and addressed early.

Retrospective Live Birth Data 2008-2017			
Calendar Year	Actual Birth Data	% Difference year on year	Reception Class Cohort
2008	341	3.3	373
2009	333	-2.3	395
2010	307	-7.8	407
2011	291	-5.2	377
2012	314	7.9	386
2013	318	1.3	408
2014	291	-8.5	396
2015	335	15.1	412
2016	339	1.2	431
2017	326	-3.8	414

There was a slight decrease in the number of live births recorded in Rutland 2017. The number of children educated in Rutland continues to remain higher when compare to the actual birth data. This is due to the high mobility of Service children moving in and out of Rutland and also children from neighbouring authorities' accessing Early Years provision.

Availability of Early Year Provision

Early education and childcare in Rutland is provided by a large number of different providers which includes state-funded and independent schools, private day nurseries, pre-schools and childminders. This provision is registered and regulated by Ofsted.

Since the 2016-17 CSA report, three Early Years settings have closed with a fourth provider due to close at the end of this academic year. Closures of Early Years' provisions are due to a combination of reasons ranging from the impact of the Early Years National Funding Formula where Providers faced a reduction in the hourly funding rate to the Leadership and Management within individual settings.

All Early Years providers offer inclusive practice to meet the needs of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and currently provide Early Years Childcare for 41 children with SEND with 10 children attending the state-funded special nursery school in Oakham.

Additional advice and support to meet the needs of all children is offered by the Local Authority Early Years Inclusion Team, Visions Children's Centre, the Early Help Team and Aiming High.

Rutland Early Years Providers



Rutland Childminders



Type of Provision	Number	Number of places available
Private and Voluntary Early Years Provision	15	627
Nurseries	4	96
Nursery - Independent School	1	24
Nursery - Special School	1	10
Childminders registered with Ofsted	21	126
Childminders registered with *REYAL	8	48
Total number of registered childcare places		931

*Rutland Early Years Agency Limited (REYAL) is registered with Ofsted and works in partnership with Rutland County Council Early Years' Service to help recruit and support childminders in Rutland.

A childcare place describes the number of children that can attend the provision at any one time. However, each place may be utilised by numerous children during the day. For example one place could be accessed by up to 4 children therefore creating 4 sessions from a single place.

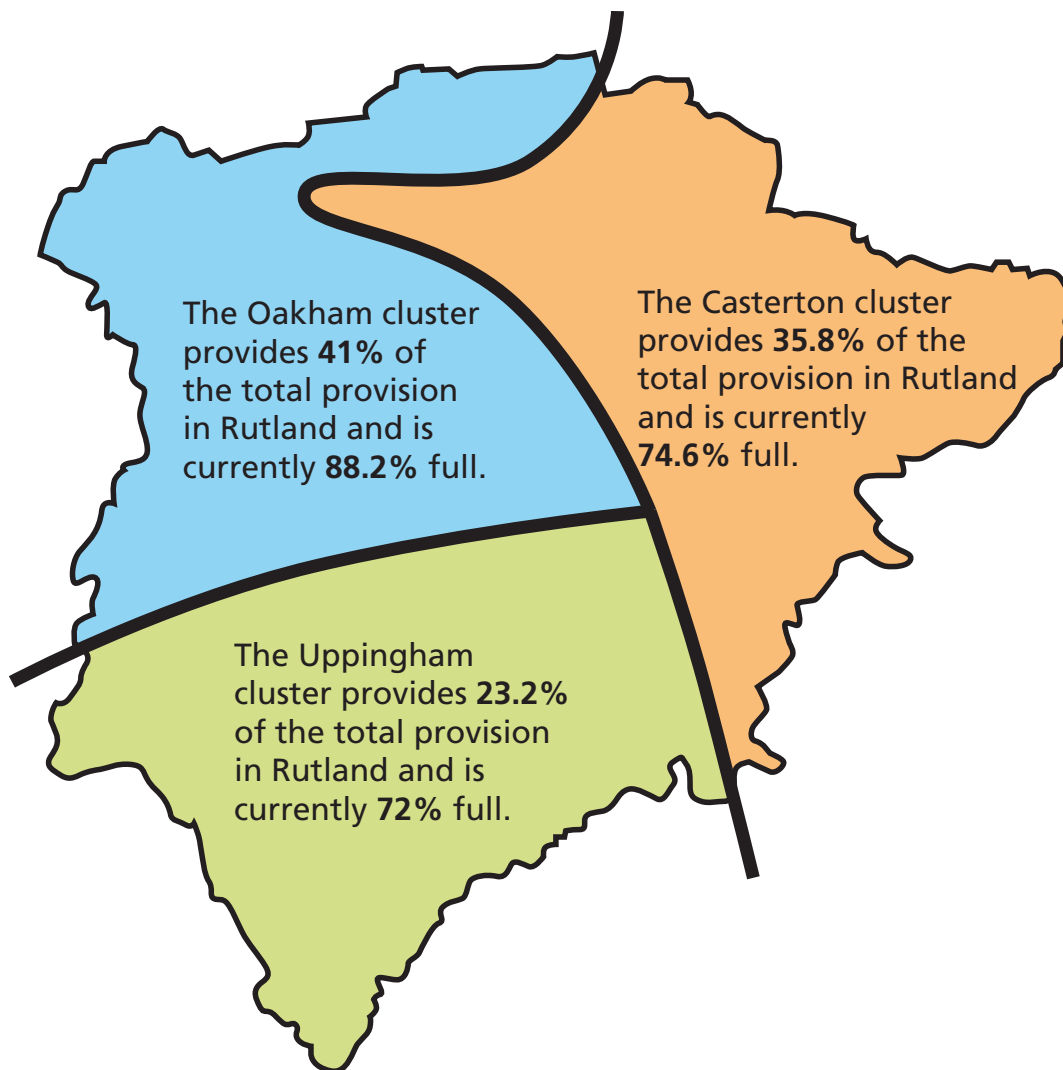
The Early Years Census 2018 identified:

- The '2 Year Old Entitlement' for eligible 2 year olds was claimed for a total of 40 children, an increase of 12 children from 2017, 69% of those meeting the eligibility criteria.
- The Universal Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds of 15 hour of Early Education and Childcare was claimed for 760 children, a 102% take up due to out of county parents choosing Rutland for their child's early education.
- The 30 Hour Extended Entitlement supporting working parents was claimed by 280 children.

Occupancy of Early Years Childcare Places

During May 2018 a thorough assessment of the occupancy of childcare places in the early years' sector was undertaken, with the conclusion that the overall percentage of occupancy across Rutland was 79.8% leaving 20.2% sufficiency. This is a slight reduction from 2017 where the surplus capacity was 23%.

To further support more targeted understanding of potential pressure areas, the Learning and Skills Service considered the specific geographical cluster groups of Oakham, Uppingham and Casterton, which reflects the methodology for school pupil place planning.



The 30 Hour Extended Entitlement has not resulted in the anticipated pressure on childcare places which indicates that a majority of the children now accessing the 30 Hour Extended Entitlement were already accessing nursery provision but this had been paid for by their parents and verified by Early Years providers. We will continue to monitor take-up of places through regular contact with Providers and through the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2018-19.

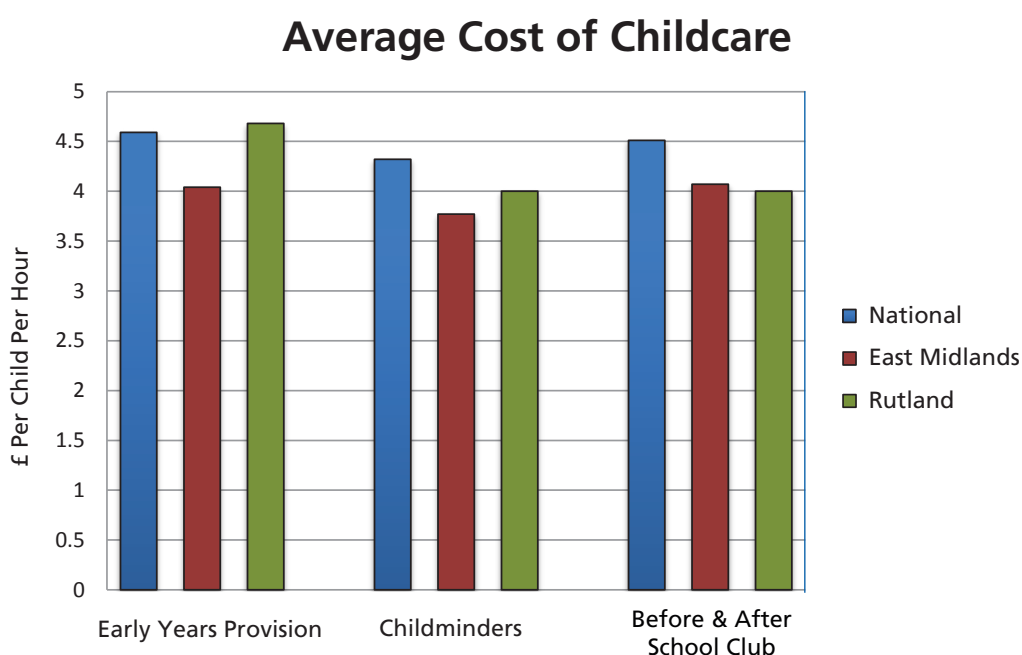
The School Admissions Code allows parents of summer born children (born between 1 April and 31 August) to request that their child is admitted out of their normal age group. In the academic year 2017 only four parents opted to defer entry of their children into primary school; this number will not have an impact on childcare sufficiency.

One Early Years' setting closed during this academic year citing government cuts to funding as a key contributor. This was followed up by the Local Authority and can confirm all children access alternative provision. The financial viability of Rutland Early Years' provision will continue to be monitored over the next year, with the Local Authority offering guidance and advice where this is requested by providers.

Affordability of Early Year Provision

Average Costs to Parents

The average cost to parents for a childcare place in an Early Years setting in Rutland is currently reported as £4.68 per hour which is an increase from £4.44 in 2017. The average cost of a childcare place with a childminder is £4 per hour which remains at the same level as reported in 2017.



The Department for Education introduced a new Early Years National Funding Formula in April 2017 which has had an impact for Providers accessing government funding and resulted in a financial cut over the past two years from £4.60 per child per hour to £4.40 in April 2017 and then to £4.25 from April 2018. However, Rutland County Council is still paying their providers at a competitive rate when compared with other Local Authorities in the East Midlands.

The Local Authority must monitor the financial viability of settings and work with providers to ensure the statutory duty of 'securing sufficient childcare' to meet the needs of parents who meet the eligibility criteria for Early Education of two, three and four year olds' is fulfilled. Schools Forum has set up an active working party with the remit to develop a solutions-focused approach to supporting Early Years providers to deliver cost efficiencies as well as considering activities to support income generation. The Early Years' Service is contributing to this activity by providing information, advice and guidance. Examples of such work includes access to Early Years' Network meetings (three times a year), the offer of business support and a range of core and accredited training accessible at minimal cost.

Available Early Education Funding to Parents

Two Year Old Entitlement

The 2 year old entitlement of free Early Education is not a 'Universal' offer and is only accessed by meeting national eligibility criteria to support disadvantaged children across the county. Children can benefit from this funding until the term after their third birthday. Then like all children, they become eligible for the universal free entitlement for three and four year olds.

Children accessing the 2 year old entitlement are able to access a total of 570 hours per year.

Rutland County Council currently receives funding for 35 children from the Department for Education and pays providers £5.20 per hour. In the summer term 2017 a total of 41 children accessed this entitlement. This number varies from term to term.

Parents who think they might be entitled to 2 year old funding are directed to Visions Children's Centre for more information.



Three and Four Year Old Universal Entitlement

All three and four year olds can access 15 hours of Early Education for 38 weeks of the year or 11.2 hours over 51 weeks of the year (570 hours per year), until they reach compulsory school age, the term following their fifth birthday. This is currently paid at £4.25 per hour in Rutland.

Three and Four Year Olds of Working Parents

A child will be entitled to the additional 15 hours per week (giving a total of 1140 hours per year) if the child's parents work and they are able to provide evidence of their eligibility to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC). This can be accessed over 30 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year or 22.4 hours for 51 weeks of the year. This is also paid at £4.25 per hour.

3 The Rutland Context – Wraparound and Holiday Childcare

Availability of Wraparound and Holiday Childcare

Wraparound childcare is childcare that is provided outside of normal school hours, such as Breakfast clubs or After School childcare. 'Holiday childcare' is childcare that is provided during school holidays. The Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) sector supports several schools by facilitating wraparound clubs and holiday childcare. Most providers are registered with Ofsted but providers may be exempt from Ofsted registration if sessions operate for less than two hours per day.

The Early Years' Service has gathered information outlining wraparound and holiday childcare provision available across the county and this information is regularly updated on the Rutland Information Service (RIS) website so that parents can remain well-informed. Some parents require atypical childcare and the Local Authority is currently working in partnership with Early Years' providers to explore options for addressing this requirement.

Parents have not reported finding Before or After School childcare to be an issue. However, the cost of before and after school childcare was raised as an issue, by a small proportion of parents responding to the survey, although the cost of this type of childcare, in Rutland, is lower when compared both regionally and nationally.

Seven providers are currently actively involved in facilitating holiday clubs across Rutland although it is important to note some holiday activities are limited to identified dates and not always delivered for the whole school holiday period.



The Number of Providers Offering Childcare for School Age Children:

Type of Provision	Number of Providers	Available before 8am weekdays	Available up to 6pm weekdays	Available weekends
Breakfast Club – Primary School	18	13	n/a	n/a
After-school club – primary schools	18	n/a	14	n/a
Breakfast Club – Secondary School	4	4	n/a	n/a
Nursery - Special School	1	10		
After-school club – Secondary schools	4	n/a	3	n/a
Childminders	30	Childminders tend to operate between the hours of 7:30 – 18:30 and offer a flexible service.		1
Holiday Club	7	7	7	n/a

Cost of Wraparound and Holiday Childcare

The average costs for Before and After School childcare is £4.00 and has remained the same as in 2017. This is usually paid directly to the provider by the parent. Holiday childcare ranges between £23.00 and £28.00 per child per day. Tax free childcare and vouchers can be used to subsidise childcare fees.



The Quality of Childcare in Rutland

Quality of Childcare

Rutland County Council's ambition for all children and young people to be educated in good or better provision and starts with our Early Years' providers.

The quality of Early Years provision in Rutland is registered, regulated and judged, by Ofsted. At the time of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2017-18 100% of Rutland Early Years settings are rated as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, and Rutland has the highest percentage of 'Good' and 'Outstanding' Early Years settings in the East Midlands. This is reflected in consistently high outcomes measured at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

	2015 *GLD	2016 GLD	2017 GLD
Rutland	75%	72%	76%
England	66%	69%	70%
East Midlands	64%	68%	69%

*A Good Level of Development (GLD) is when a child achieves at least the expected level in the early learning goals across the prime areas of learning and development (personal, social and emotional development; physical development; and communication and language) and Literacy and Mathematics are specific areas of learning and development.

All Rutland childminders both registered with Ofsted and with the Rutland Childminding Agency, who have received an inspection, are currently graded as 'Good' or 'Outstanding'.

Similarly, Before and After School and Holiday Childcare that has been inspected by Ofsted has all received an outcome of 'Good'.

Maintaining High Quality Provision

The Local Authority works closely with Ofsted via weekly communication and regular 'Keeping in Touch' meetings. This provides a robust partnership approach to reviewing themes from inspection outcomes and identifying shared areas of concern as well as celebrating successes and good practice.

Rutland County Council offers a comprehensive package of support to existing and prospective Early Years childcare providers.

Current support offered includes:-

- Initial support visits to new practitioners
- Early Years network meetings
- Early Years Foundation Stage visits by Early Years' Service to all settings
- Early Years Managers' training day, including safeguarding.
- Early Years training programme
- Email and telephone support

To ensure the continued sufficiency of high quality early years and childcare provision in 2018-19, Rutland County Council will continue to develop and improve:

- the completion of routine visits to all Early Years providers, offering advice and support and challenge, guided through regular liaison with the Regional Early Years Ofsted team
- the regular review of provision, as identified within the Learning and Skills Prioritisation and Entitlement document, to identify provision which is vulnerable to failure in the delivery of high expected outcomes for Rutland children
- the proactive approach to offering, brokering or commissioning high quality and timely training and support to enable providers to remain well-informed and meet their education and welfare requirements.

5 Parental Views of Childcare in Rutland

Gathering Parental Views

Rutland County Council consulted with families during March 2018 through the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Survey, which was completed by 118 parents. This was slightly lower than in 2017 (130 responses) despite the survey being more widely publicised than in previous years. Opportunities for parental engagement will be considered within future survey distribution and consultation activities.

Currently 40 children identified with Special Educational Needs or a disability (SEND) attend an Early Years provision in Rutland 2.3%. However, a high proportion of parents responding to the survey (11.4%) have a child with SEND.

A high number of parents responding to the survey 63.89% are registered with Visions Children's Centre and 65.5% of the total parents responding access Early Years Funding.

Key Survey Findings

76%

of respondents identified themselves as living in the Oakham area, this needs to be taken into consideration when drawing conclusions about outcomes from this survey.

50%

of parents responding use a Private Day Nursery or Pre-School provision for their child under the age of 5, with 59.82% of the 50% accessing provision in the Oakham area.

63.5%

of parents indicated that the prime purpose for using childcare was to enable them to meet their employment needs.

There were a number of reasons why parents choose their provider; the following three in order of significance being:

- Meets the needs of my child
- Reputation of provider
- Location

The Response was almost equally divided between parents accessing childcare during term time and over the whole year.

71% of parents accessing the 30 hour entitlement reported that they have not changed their pattern of working hours since the introduction of the policy in September 2017. 28.7% of parents have identified that the additional hours have provided an opportunity to study or train for employment.

Conclusion

Of parents responding to the survey 99.1% of parents access childcare between the hours of 6am and 8pm, with 92.4% of parents confirming that the times currently offered meet their needs.

73.3% parents stated that current childcare provision meets their needs, this is an increase of 24.3% from the 2017 CSA assessment.

Where the feedback was less positive, this was largely due to providers working limited hours and particularly for parents working atypical hours.

56.73% of parents said that a lack of Before and After School and holiday childcare was not a barrier to them seeking employment. However, some significant comments were made by individual parents who indicate that holiday childcare could impact on their future employment opportunities. Comments also indicate that a lack of Holiday provision is a concern for some working parents.

Developing a more flexible approach to opening times will be a priority for the Learning and Skills Service for 2018-19.

63.4% expressed that they have not experienced difficulty in accessing provision to meet their child's needs. However, it is noted that parents of children with specific individual needs often find it more challenging to find suitable childcare.

55.5% of parents have identified they have benefitted financially from accessing the Early Education and Extended Entitlement.

Parents paying for childcare (42.1%) have indicated that the cost can be a barrier to accessing all the childcare they require. However, only 31.3% of respondents have opened a 'Tax Free Childcare' Account. This will be continually promoted by the Local Authority. This initiative helps reduce childcare costs to any provider registered with Ofsted and could help to address some of the financial issues identified in this survey.

6 Local Business View of Childcare

Consultation with Businesses

To understand the childcare needs of shift workers and those with unusual working patterns the Local Authority contacted a sample of Rutland's small, medium and large businesses. One to one conversations with proprietors of small businesses highlighted the need for more atypical childcare.

Key Comments from Larger Businesses

Many of the larger businesses who took part in the survey, made similar comments to last year, indicated that they offer family friendly flexible working wherever possible and identified that to cover all eventualities such as ill health or holiday care, parents often have backup childcare support in place.

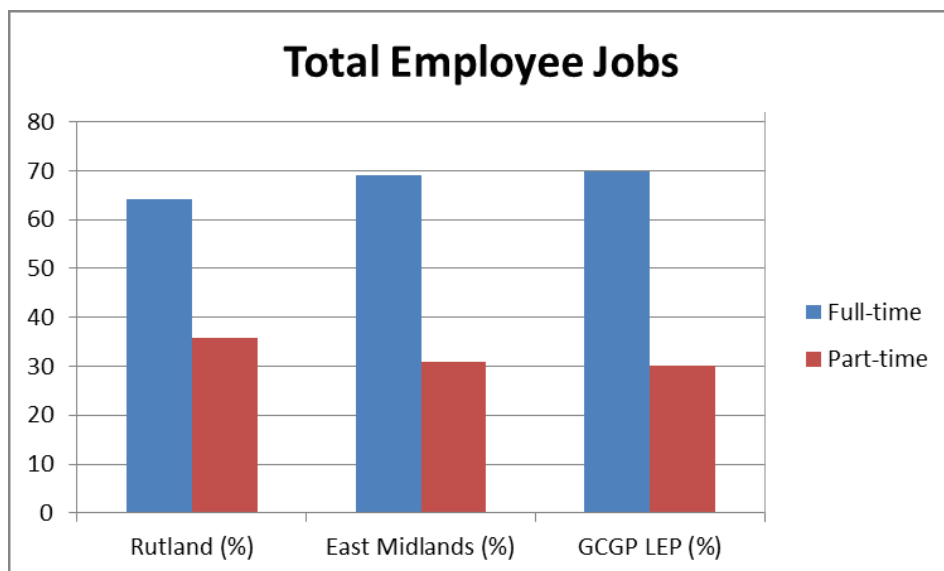
Key Comments from Small and Medium Sized Businesses

85% of Rutland businesses are categorised as 'micro' businesses this means that the business operates on a very small scale and the employees comprise of no more than ten employees. 14% of such businesses expressed difficulty in accessing childcare beyond the typical working hours of 8am to 6pm on weekdays and lack of Holiday childcare to meet their individual needs.

Conclusion

The requirement for atypical and holiday childcare was highlighted as an issue for a small number of micro businesses, though not identified as a problem for larger businesses. Promotion of the Rutland Information Service website should help to address some individual childcare needs by informing parents of available childcare provision.

Rutland Key Statistical Data



(GCGP LEP : Greater Cambridge, Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership)

Rutland has a high proportion of part-time employees and therefore it is essential that childcare sufficiency is closely monitored to ensure the needs of both full and part time working parents is met.

Conclusion

Rutland County Council has met the childcare sufficiency duty in 2017-18 by:

- Ensuring there is sufficient Early Years and Childcare provision across the county. Using information that has been collated through direct contact with providers, the invitation for parental response and views of the Rutland Business sector.
- Ensuring that there is access to high quality Early Education and Childcare provision for all children including those children accessing Early Entitlement funding for two, three and four year olds.
- Ensuring there is sufficient Early Education and Childcare provision for children from families taking up the childcare element of the working tax credit, children with additional needs, school-aged children and children needing care through school holidays.

Rutland County Council has supported and promoted the 30 Hour Extended Entitlement which has resulted in a higher than anticipated proportion of parents accessing additional paid-for hours. The Department for Education had anticipated that 185.6 children would access the 30 Hour Extended Entitlement. However, in the January census 259 children were accessing the additional hours. Parents have been encouraged to open a Tax-Free childcare account but there has been lower than anticipated take up; the Learning and Skills Service will continue to work with providers to support the promotion of this Policy to help with childcare costs.

HMRC and the DfE have acknowledged the difficult challenges that parents have faced in registering for both entitlements. Some parents responding to the parental survey highlighted their difficulties in registering and time delays in accessing their entitlements.

Through routine monitoring, the Early Years service will continue to carefully assess the childcare provision available and to work with Early Years providers and REYAL to promote further childcare and childminder facilities as required.

The recommendations listed below from the 2016-17 Childcare Sufficiency Action plan have been completed (Appendix 2).

- Continue to market and promote the free education entitlement for two, three and four year olds to ensure parents are accessing the high quality provision to which they are entitled.
- To further explore the quality, availability and reach of wrap-around and holiday provision to meet the needs of Rutland families.
- Continue to monitor childcare sufficiency data through the implementation of the new Open Objects System to support the introduction of the 30 Hour Extended Entitlement.
- If childcare quality and sufficiency concerns are identified this is followed by a comprehensive approach to planning for additional provision to meet the needs of all Rutland children and their families.

Our priorities for the next year are to:

- Secure additional childcare places across Rutland to offer greater accessibility for parents.
- Extend availability of childcare to greater meet parental demand.
- To support Rutland childcare providers to remain financially viable.

8 APPENDIX 1

Rutland Early Years' Service Childcare Sufficiency and Early Education Action Plan 2018-19

Aim: To ensure sufficient, high quality Early Education, Out of school and Holiday childcare places are available to meet the needs of all Rutland children and families.

Outcome: Parents are able to access childcare provision that is available, accessible and affordable and delivered flexibly in a range of high quality settings

1. SECURE ADDITIONAL CHILDCARE PLACES ACROSS RUTLAND TO OFFER GREATER ACCESSIBILITY FOR PARENTS				
Target	Actions	Responsibility	Timescale	Completed and evaluated
Childcare provision secured at Kendrew Barracks, Cottesmore and Oakham Enterprise Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and register provider for each location Engage with identified provider and support them to become fully operational and deliver early entitlement places and the EYFS 	Sally Hickman Early Years Adviser	March 2018 - December 2018	
Additional childcare provision identified and distributed more equally across Rutland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with prospective providers and support them to become fully operational and deliver early entitlement places and the EYFS 	Karen Bland Safeguarding and Early Education Officer	June 2018 - January 2019	
Increase parental survey response rates to allow a more robust evaluation of parental views across Rutland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in partnership with all Early Years Providers and Schools to increase the volume of survey responders Explore opportunities with larger businesses to increase the volume of survey responses, including from working parents 	Karen Bland Safeguarding and Early Education Officer	January 2019 - March 2019	
2. EXTEND AVAILABILITY OF CHILDCARE TO GREATER MEET PARENTAL DEMAND				
Target	Actions	Responsibility	Timescale	Completed and evaluated
To increase the number of all-year round childcare providers from 5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a bank of highly skilled and experienced early years practitioners 	Karen Bland Safeguarding and Early Education Officer	March 2018 - December 2018	
Extending opening hours and weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To offer support to current providers in extending operational times to include holiday cover and holiday clubs 	Sally Hickman Early Years Adviser	December 2018 - July 2019	
3. TO SUPPORT RUTLAND CHILDCARE PROVIDERS TO REMAIN FINANCIALLY VIABLE				
Target	Actions	Responsibility	Timescale	Completed and evaluated
Ensure all Childcare Providers continue to operate and remain financially viable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the financial viability of education businesses through access to Rutland County Council's Economic Development Team. Continue to work with School Forum Early Years Working Party to monitor current provision and to engage with a collaborative approach to sustainability and viability 	Sally Hickman Early Years Adviser	April 2018 - April 2019	

Aim: To ensure sufficient, high quality early education and childcare and wraparound and holiday care places are available to meet the needs all Rutland children and their families.

Outcome: Parents and carers report that, because childcare places are available, accessible and affordable and delivered flexibly in a range of high quality settings, it is sufficient to meet needs so that they are able to study or work.

1. MAINTAIN SUFFICIENCY OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE ACROSS RUTLAND

Target	Actions	Responsibility	Timescale	Completed and evaluated
Systematic processes for childcare sufficiency data collection, to include information to ensure sufficiency for the 30 Hour Extended Entitlement, are implemented <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensuring accurate data is readily available sufficiency of provision ensured 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise programme of training and guidance for LA staff and early years providers to ensure confident use of Open Objects Calculate the number of additional hours accessed by eligible 30 hour entitled children following the headcount data collection process 	<p>Early Years adviser, Childcare officer</p> <p>Early education and childcare co-ordinator</p>	<p>September 2017 Autumn 2017 Spring 2018 Summer 2018</p>	<p>All providers using Open Objects; successful training provided. Phone support continues to be available to all providers Update on hours accessed available</p>
<p>The Open Objects System is implemented and monitoring in place to ensure it is providing an effective data resource and evaluation tool for 30HEE so that the system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meets the needs of both the LA and all Early Years providers supports the effective allocation and audit of the Early Years funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise promotional materials to ensure all Early Years providers sign up to and use Open objects Continue to market and promote the free education for two, three and four-year olds to ensure parents/ carers are accessing the high quality provision to which they are entitled 	<p>Early education and childcare co-ordinator</p> <p>Early Years adviser, Childcare officer</p>	<p>January - March 2018 On-going</p>	<p>100% providers using Open Objects Market and promotion includes Rutland Information Service website</p>
<p>A comprehensive approach to support the generation of additional provision to meet the requirements of all Rutland children and their families is planned with stakeholders and providers and implemented in a timely manner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor take up of places using Open Objects three times annually. Confirm and evaluate information collected above to assess overall sufficiency to report to elected members annually. Work with LA officers and childcare representatives to explore and develop processes to support viability of existing providers and increase the number of new providers within Rutland 	<p>Early Years Adviser and Childcare officer</p> <p>Early Years Adviser and Childcare officer</p> <p>Early Years Adviser and Childcare officer</p>	<p>September 2017- May 2018 September 2017- May 2018 September 2017 – April 2019</p>	<p>Delay in accessing Open Objects due to system becoming operational overcome successfully; fully functioning Spring 2018. Schools Forum EYFS working party established to support viability of provision</p>

Rutland Information Service

ris.rutland.gov.uk/kb5/rutland/directory/families.page?familieschannel=0

Early Years Foundation Stage

All Early Years providers deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The Early Years Foundation Stage Profile is the statutory assessment completed at the end of the Reception year. It is hoped that the majority of children will achieve a 'Good Level of Development' (GLD) at the end of the EYFS, the results in 2017 below, show that Rutland children achieved above national and regional comparisons. Rutland GLD was the highest in the East Midlands.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/596629/EYFS_STATUTORY_FRAMEWORK_2017.pdf

www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-profile handbook

Ofsted

For an explanation on the role of Ofsted, the inspection framework and a description of the Ofsted judgements please see Ofsted Early Years inspection handbook available at

www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-inspection-handbook-from-september-2015

Tax Free Childcare account

Working parents are able to open a Tax Free Childcare account, for every £8 a parent pays into their childcare account, the government will pay in an extra £2. Parents can get up to £2,000 government support per child per year towards their childcare costs. They can then use this money to pay their childcare provider, including Ofsted Registered out of school providers.

www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/tax-free-childcare

www.childcareworks.co.uk/





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