

# **Childcare Sufficiency Assessment September 2018**

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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 September 2018

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	45
Childminder**	153
Day Nursery	64
Home Childcarer	41
Independent Nursery School	5
Non Registered Holiday Scheme	9
Playgroup or Pre-School	21
Registered After School Care	51
Registered Holiday Scheme	28
School Nursery Class***	5
Specialist Service Provider	18
<b>Total Providers</b>	<b>440</b>

\*\* 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

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

Bath and North East Somerset Council has always attracted more children from outside the Council area to attend providers, particularly in the 0 – 5 age range, than attend provision in neighbouring Council areas as a result of family working patterns and locations. 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

<b>Children's Centre Area</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
Chew Valley	203	184	191	189	184	178	166	176	15	147	158
Keynsham	244	249	242	283	249	255	253	251	271	243	233
Midsomer Norton	133	178	150	178	153	168	164	152	160	140	150
Moorlands	185	179	188	158	181	179	172	177	156	156	143
Parkside	261	259	285	288	236	262	202	203	199	185	199
Paulton	155	157	155	167	151	162	146	147	160	160	131
Peasedown St John	135	130	143	124	130	131	127	116	124	104	102
Radstock	143	143	166	152	160	155	145	160	161	136	144
St Martins	247	259	252	256	245	214	211	207	194	195	193
Twerton	114	130	107	106	163	124	134	135	154	134	128
Weston	213	214	225	225	205	203	171	182	166	134	146
<b>Total</b>	<b>2033</b>	<b>2082</b>	<b>2104</b>	<b>2126</b>	<b>2057</b>	<b>2031</b>	<b>1981</b>	<b>1906</b>	<b>1760</b>	<b>1734</b>	<b>1727</b>

## 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	September 2018			March 2018	
	Childcare Places	Number of children 0-11	Ratio of childcare places to children	Childcare Places	Ratio of childcare places to children
Chew Valley	686	1934	0.35	665	0.36
Keynsham	903	2773	0.33	855	0.32
Midsomer Norton	738	1726	0.43	738	0.44
Moorlands	567	1874	0.30	542	0.29
Parkside	994	2579	0.39	1038	0.40
Paulton	368	1692	0.22	368	0.23
Peasedown	390	1368	0.29	398	0.29
Radstock	258	1665	0.15	298	0.18
St Martins	713	2473	0.29	700	0.29
Twerton	261	1429	0.18	270	0.19
Weston	836	2084	0.40	848	0.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>6714</b>	<b>21597</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>6696</b>	<b>0.32</b>

### 4.2 With Home Childcarers

Children's Centre Area	September 2018			March 2018	
	Childcare Places	Number of children 0-11	Ratio of childcare places to children	Childcare Places -	Ratio of childcare places to children
Chew Valley	703	1934	0.36	680	0.37
Keynsham	908	2773	0.33	860	0.33
Midsomer Norton	743	1726	0.43	743	0.44
Moorlands	589	1874	0.31	566	0.31
Parkside	1009	2579	0.39	1051	0.40
Paulton	373	1692	0.22	373	0.23
Peasedown	398	1368	0.29	404	0.30
Radstock	258	1665	0.15	298	0.18
St Martins	733	2473	0.30	720	0.30
Twerton	261	1429	0.18	270	0.19
Weston	846	2084	0.41	860	0.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>6821</b>	<b>21597</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>6801</b>	<b>0.32</b>

Twerton and Radstock Children's Centre areas still have the lowest levels of childcare provision. New provision has opened in the St Martins, Parkside, and Weston areas, but settings have closed in Radstock, St Martins, Chew Valley and Weston areas. 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.

	September 2018			March 2018		
Childrens Centre	Estimate EYE Eligible Children	EYE Places (15 hrs)	Ratio	Estimate EYE Eligible Children	EYE Places	Ratio
Chew Valley	261	448	1.72	288	437	1.52
Keynsham	411	521	1.27	401	499	1.24
Midsomer Norton	240	314	1.31	275	314	1.14
Moorlands	275	233	0.85	279	223	0.80
Parkside	306	461	1.50	375	491	1.31
Paulton	230	209	0.91	252	209	0.83
Peasedown	201	189	0.94	202	192	0.95
Radstock	241	162	0.64	263	186	0.71
St Martins	333	410	1.23	349	418	1.20
Twerton	216	187	0.87	205	190	0.93
Weston	278	391	1.41	289	394	1.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>2992</b>	<b>3524</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>3178</b>	<b>3551</b>	<b>1.12</b>

The ratio of places to children has increased slightly as the number of resident children has decreased in some areas, and new provision has opened in others.

### 5.2 2 year old provision

The take up of 2 year funding has remained fairly consistent over the past 12 months. 379 eligible children took up a place in the Summer 2018 term which is up from the 356 in the Spring term.

### 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 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 399 eligible children (122%) receiving the funding in the Summer 2018 term.

## 6. 30 hours Early Years Entitlement offer for working families

From 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Summer 2018 term, 1363 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/>

