

CALDERDALE COUNCIL CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY DUTY REPORT 2023

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Introduction

Calderdale Council is required by law to 'report annually to elected council members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare and make this report available and accessible to parents'. We have prepared this report to meet this duty.

Sufficient childcare, in Section 6 of the Childcare Act 2006, is defined as 'sufficient to meet the requirements of parents in the Local Authority's area who require childcare to enable them to:

- a) take up, or remain in, work;
- b) undertake education or training which could reasonably be expected to assist them in obtaining work.'

Section 6 (2) of the Act also provides that, when determining whether the provision of childcare is sufficient, the Local Authority must have regard to the needs of parents for the provision of childcare for which the childcare element of the Working Tax Credit can be claimed, and childcare suitable for disabled children.

'Sufficiency' covers both immediate demand and a longer-term strategic approach to assessment of parents' likely requirements, both in relation to those parents in work and those who wish to enter work, and who identify a lack of childcare as a barrier to accessing work. Although a Local Authority must act to secure childcare to meet unmet needs of local parents as a group, it will not be failing to fulfil the duty solely on the grounds that an individual parent's particular need is not being met at a particular time.

The term "reasonably practicable" when applied to the sufficiency duty allows Local Authorities to consider their resources and capabilities when deciding how to address gaps in the childcare market. Local Authorities will be expected to meet local needs they have identified for childcare as far as they are able to within those constraints.

This 'market management' role means that in order to secure sufficiency, Local Authorities are not expected to provide childcare themselves (although they may do so in certain circumstances).

Key considerations to consider when assessing the sufficiency position include the:

- State of the labour market.
- Quality and capacity of childcare providers, including their funding, staff, premises, experience and expertise.
- Level of demand for specific types of providers, in a particular locality and the amount and type of supply that currently exists.
- Local Authority's resources, capabilities, and overall budget priorities.
- National government initiatives.

There are several factors which can be regarded as the 'benchmark' of sufficiency. Local Authorities will need to satisfy themselves that, so far as is reasonably practicable:

- There are sufficient **places overall** in each sub-Local Authority area, having regard to demographic trends and to patterns of employment and of travelling to work.
- There is sufficient **flexibility**, with places being available at the right times (for example, in the

- early morning, late evening, at weekends or during school holidays), to fit in with working patterns.
- Places are sufficiently **accessible**, so that parents do not have to travel too far out of their way to access childcare.
- Childcare places are high **quality**, in terms of judgements made by Ofsted.
- There is sufficient **range**, with the balance between sessional and full day care appropriate to meet the needs of parents identified through the assessment.
- There is sufficient **knowledge and information** about supply of places
- Childcare places are sufficiently **affordable**.
- Childcare places are sufficiently **inclusive** and meet **particular needs**.
- Childcare places are sufficiently **sustainable**.

The Local Authority continues to respond to calls for evidence from several national childcare organisations about the impact of COVID on the sector. The LA sits on two separate DfE Working Groups and responds to all DfE consultations.

Extension to the early education and childcare entitlements.

The Spring 2023 Budget announced an increase in early education support for eligible working parents through free childcare hours. Eligible working parents in England will be able to access 30 hours of funded childcare per week, for 38 weeks of the year (although parents can use fewer hours over more weeks of the year), from when their child is 9 months old to when they start school. This will be rolled out in stages:

- From April 2024, eligible working parents of 2-year-olds can access 15 hours per week
- From Sept 2024, eligible working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3-year-olds can access 15 hours per week
- From Sept 2025, eligible working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3 years old can access 30 hours childcare per week.

TIMETABLE FOR GOVERNMENT POLICY	9-23 months	2 year olds	3 and 4 year olds
Current Date	No entitlement	15 hours entitlement under the current eligibility criteria (disadvantaged families and low income families)	15/30 hours entitlement under the current eligibility criteria
From April 2024	No entitlement	15 hours entitlement under the current eligibility criteria (disadvantaged families and low income families) and a new 15 hours entitlement under the eligibility criteria for working parents	15/30 hours entitlement under the current eligibility criteria
From Sept 2024	New 15 hours entitlement under the eligibility criteria for working parents	15 hours entitlement under the current eligibility criteria (disadvantaged families and low income families) and 15 hours under the eligibility criteria for working parents	15/30 hours entitlement under the current eligibility criteria
From Sept 2025	Increase to 30 hours entitlement under the eligibility criteria for working parents	15 hours entitlement under the current eligibility criteria (disadvantaged families and low income families) and increase to 30 hours under the eligibility criteria for working parents	15/30 hours entitlement under the current eligibility criteria

Eligibility for the funded entitlement will mirror the current criteria for working parents of three- and four-year-olds -

- both parents are working or one parent working in lone parent families. This will be defined as earning the equivalent of 16 hours per week on national minimum wage (or national living wage) and this can include self-employment subject to a maximum income threshold of £100,000/year;
- both parents are working (as above) and in receipt of tax credits and/ or universal credit;
- both parents are employed but one or both parent is temporarily away from the workplace on parental, maternity or paternity leave;
- both parents are employed but one or both parent is temporarily away from the workplace on adoption leave;
- both parents are employed but one or both parent is temporarily away from the workplace on statutory sick pay;
- one parent is employed and one parent is in receipt of carers allowance (or receives the carer element of Universal Credit); or
- one parent is employed and one parent is disabled or incapacitated (based on specific benefits).

LA Level Summary of Estimated Demand (Source: DfE June 23)			
May 2023: GP Registered 0-4s	May 2023: Estimated number of children using formal childcare	Anticipated new demand from April 2024	Anticipated new demand from September 2024
11,200	6,100	200	500

Demand and supply in Calderdale have been mapped at MSOA level and copies of the individual sufficiency analyses are available on request.

A new marketing campaign launched at the end of 2023 to ensure all eligible families are aware of the entitlement. Key messages focus on reducing the cost of childcare and removing the cost of childcare as a barrier to work.

The government also announced an intention to uplift the hourly rate paid to providers to deliver existing funded hour offers. This will provide £204m of additional funding this year, increasing to £288m by 2024-25. This is in addition to the £4.1bn that the government will provide by 2027-28 for the expansion of the new funded hours.

The proportion of places that will be delivered through government-funded entitlements is anticipated to go up to around 80 per cent (from just under 50 per cent now).

The Office for Budget Responsibility estimates that the reforms will draw the equivalent of an additional 60,000 parents into full-time work.

National Wraparound Childcare Programme

The National Wraparound Childcare Programme is part of the childcare reforms announced at the 2023 Spring Budget. The government's ambition is that by 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it will be able to access term time childcare in their local area from 8am-6pm, so that parents can access employment and improve labour market participation.

To support this ambition, the government announced that it will provide up to £289 million of start-up funding over two academic years to support local authorities and providers in England to introduce or expand childcare provision on either side of the school day, which parents of primary school-aged children will be able to pay to access.

This programme will only focus on primary school-aged children from reception to year 6, Monday to Friday during term time. The government's expectation is that all wraparound provision is 8am-6pm, enabling parents to work a full day with travel time, unless data shows that local demand is for different hours, for example reflecting local labour market patterns.

Calderdale will receive an allocation of the national funding in December 2023 and will draw up a comprehensive delivery plan after having mapped the initial supply of, and demand for, wraparound childcare in December 2023.

Childminder Start Up Grants

The DfE announced in March 2023 new childminder start up grants (£600 for those registering with Ofsted and £1200 for those registering with a childminder agency). Recipients must complete their childminder registration between 15 March 2023 and 31 March 2025 before applying for the grant. Childminders must apply for the grant within 2 months of registering or the scheme launching.

DfE Early Years Education Recovery Programme

We know that the earliest years are the most crucial stage of child development, that early education supports children's social and emotional development, and lays the foundation for lifelong learning.

DfE announced a £153m investment in Early Years Education Recovery to build a stronger, more expert workforce, enabling settings to deliver high quality teaching and address the impact of the pandemic on the youngest children, with a focus on the most disadvantaged areas.

The early years and childcare sector in Calderdale has taken part in a wide range of fully funded programmes.

Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme

Calderdale is one of the 75 local authority areas taking part in the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme funding package for the period 2022–2025. In 2023, the LA launched its online Start for Life offer providing information for parents and carers from pre-pregnancy through to their child starting school.

<https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/children-and-family-care/family-hubs-calderdale>

Dingley's Promise Early Years Inclusion Project

Calderdale is taking part in the Dingley's Promise Early Years Inclusion Project is a project supported by Comic Relief. It aims to increase the number of young children with SEND accessing early years and childcare places through:

- partnership with Local Authorities
- meaningful Parental Engagement

- a National Steering Group
- a Comprehensive and Extensive Training Offer

Demographic Data

Calderdale is the sixth largest of the 36 metropolitan authorities in terms of land, yet the seventh smallest in terms of population. Calderdale has a mix of both rural and urban communities, made up of 17 wards. Data on the demographic and economic profile of Calderdale MBC and its individual wards is available online at <https://dataworks.calderdale.gov.uk/>

Census 2021 publications can be found at <https://dataworks.calderdale.gov.uk/census-2021/>

Calderdale has developed an Anti- Poverty Dashboard available at <https://dataworks.calderdale.gov.uk/dashboards/anti-poverty/>

Migration

Migration Yorkshire regularly produces different types of statistics documents, each based on different data sources. Publicly available summaries of all Local Migration Profiles which describe the main migration trends and data are available to download from <https://www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk/statistics>

Indices of Deprivation (IoD)

IoD are a set of datasets published by Government and was last published in September 2019. For more information visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019> and <https://dataworks.calderdale.gov.uk/blog/calderdale-indices-of-deprivation-iod-dashboard/>

Support for the Childcare Market

The Early Years and Childcare Sufficiency Team (EYCST) has lead responsibility for monitoring and paying the early education funding to early Years providers in Calderdale. They also support the development of childcare places by providing up to date market management information to support business decisions. The EYCST makes use of several statistical sources to establish current and likely parental demand.

The team has overall responsibility for delivering many of the key duties in the Childcare Acts 2006 and 2016, including the provision of an information service for families which it provides by telephone, face to face, online and using social media.

The EYCST runs marketing campaigns throughout the year aimed at communicating details of local childcare and family services provision and the early education entitlements to parents.

The Childcare and Family Services website remains a key source of information for parents and carers in Calderdale. The website received the following numbers of unique daily sessions per month in 2023.

Month	Number of unique visits
January	32,339
February	35,884
March	21,612
April	28,044
May	22,594
June	24,077
July	21,035
August	25,188
September	24,975
October	22,521
November	41,756
December	30,826

The Early Years & Childcare Facebook page continues to deliver key messages to engage parents although it is also used by many providers too. <https://www.facebook.com/calderdaleearlyyears/>

The Early Years Improvement Officers provide support, challenge and guidance for all areas of the Early Years and Childcare market in Calderdale. They work in partnership with providers to ensure the effective implementation of the Learning & Development, Assessment and Safeguarding & Welfare Requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS 2023) and the Ofsted compulsory and voluntary childcare registers. The role of the Early Years Improvement Team is to:

- Work collaboratively with early years and childcare providers, giving priority to those who have been rated less than good by Ofsted.
- Negotiate and support the implementation of a range of interventions which are targeted at raising the quality of provision in line with Ofsted actions and recommendations.
- Deliver tailored whole team training to providers where needed.
- Support practitioners to identify children who may be at risk, through developing good practice relating to Safeguarding and Early Intervention.
- Provide advice and practical support to providers on a range of inclusion issues to ensure children with additional needs and/or SEND are effectively supported.
- Support providers with referrals to specialist services when required.
- Advise and inform potential providers (including pre-registration childminders) on the key principles of;
 - creating and developing a high quality and sustainable business
 - implementing EYFS requirements

- implementing any other legislative requirements
- understanding and implementing Calderdale specific policies, procedures and practices
- Support prospective childminders to complete the Childminding UK training package prior to registration with Ofsted by helping them to understand and embed Calderdale procedures, by signposting to relevant services and by encouraging ongoing working partnerships with the team.
- Support the continued development and consolidation of early years and childcare provider groups, forums, and networks, and to write and deliver training.
- Encourage and support links between early years and childcare settings, Children's Centres, and schools through sharing of good practice and dissemination of ideas, current research and government agenda.
- Support effective transitions for children.

A key focus for the team in 2023 has included:

- Supporting providers to identify children whose development may need specific support including those who may have been adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and to put effective strategies in place for these children – referring to specialist services where needed.
- Paying particular attention to the development of speech, language and communication of children in line with Government agenda via the team's SLC Champion.
- Contributing to the speech, language and communication needs pathway development in collaboration with other supporting agencies such as the Portage and Early Years Support Teacher Team and Locala.
- Supporting childcare providers with child protection and safeguarding issues, including signposting to other agencies
- Delivering whole team safeguarding training to providers where needed
- Continuing to share all domestic abuse notifications including Encompass notifications with the sector to support effective information sharing and child protection and supporting settings to put in appropriate strategies for families particularly those who have high numbers of referrals.
- Continuing to facilitate Designated Safeguarding Lead meetings to support providers in all areas of child protection and safeguarding.
- Working collaboratively with Calderdale Safeguarding Children Partnership to share skills and knowledge to develop training that supports all agencies and developing strategies to better support the joint working of early years providers and safeguarding agencies
- Working collaboratively with the Locala and Public Health to review children's health and the food resilience of families in Calderdale.
- Working collaboratively within the Calderdale Family Hubs to promote the Home Learning Environment
- Promoting the importance of emotional health and wellbeing support for children, families and staff.
- Supporting providers with the current difficulties in the recruitment and retention of staff and working with other agencies to plan for future recruitment
- Keeping the sector up to date with changes in legislation and topics of interest through regular email communications, social media posts, 30 minutes 'BiteSize' online sessions, bespoke CPD for individual settings and the reinstatement of the Owners, Managers and Leader's and Childminder Networks.

The Children and Young People's Services Finance Team provide business and financial information, advice and support to all types of early years and childcare providers. This team supports schools, settings and childminders that are in receipt of funding for Early Learning and Childcare, to comply with statutory guidance and local funding agreements. This support is achieved by undertaking regular compliance audit visits and through one-to-one support, developing and providing resources and delivering briefings.

The Team provides information, advice and support for early years and childcare providers (including employees and prospective providers) regarding:

- Governance and models of delivery.
- National and local policy on the funded entitlement for 2, 3- & 4-year-olds.
- Business Planning and Sustainability.

- Financial Planning and Management, including accessing and reporting capital and sustainability grants.
- Systems and Processes to comply with Local Authority funding arrangements.

In addition to the support listed above, the Team is involved in consulting early years providers on changes to local funding arrangements, ensuring that the Local Authority complies with finance regulations and submitting statutory finance reports to the Government.

For the period 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023, the Team have undertaken 99 compliance visits, 29 review of actions and 31 support visits, including visits to help new administrators and newly funded providers comply with financial and statutory requirements.

Inclusion Funding for Children with SEND (SENIF)

Inclusion Funding is a Calderdale Early Intervention fund that supports Ofsted registered Early Years and childcare provision to be able to meet the individual needs of children and young people (0 -18 years) with SEND to access early education and childcare. There is a statutory duty for all Local Authorities to support children aged 3-4 in receipt of early education funding with low and emerging needs. In 2018 the Local Authority reviewed its IF offer and has since been able to continue funding over and above their statutory duty.

Inclusion Funding enables parents and carers and their children to use early education and childcare provision in their local area by supporting children's individual needs, for example, enhancing staff to child ratios enables providers to implement targeted intervention and strategies planned for the child's SEND. This increases staff confidence and promotes quality inclusive provision without always the need for high-cost specialist placements. This is in conjunction with other Local Authority Specialist SEND Teams.

Inclusion Funding for the period April 2023 – November 2023 has supported 395 children across Calderdale in early years and childcare provision covering the whole of the childcare market. 82 early years children are currently in receipt of an Education, Health and Care Plan. 136 Early years children with an EHC plan in the period April 2023- November 2023 in an Early Years Setting.

The LA has implemented a new process to ensure a smooth transition for providers in receipt of Inclusion Funding when, and if, children go on to an EHC plan, ensuring that there is a seamless transfer between funding streams.

Regular monitoring of Inclusion Funding in early years and childcare provision enables the Local Authority to impact assess the quality and measure the difference made to children's outcomes, narrowing the education gap. If appropriate, further support can be offered through signposting to training opportunities and/ or referrals to other agencies.

A network for Early Years SENCOs has been supported with Inclusion Funding and implemented alongside the wider team of Portage and Early Years Support and the Specialist Inclusion Team, as well as an annual SEND Conference. Inclusion Funding supports the implementation of the Children and Families Act 2014 by:

- Working collaboratively with families.
- Supporting children from birth up to adulthood.
- Supporting children with or without an EHC plan.
- Focusing on outcomes for children and their families.
- Supporting the early identification of children's needs.
- Complementing Calderdale's approach to EHC plans.
- Forming part of the Local Offer.
- Promoting inclusive practice through quality first teaching.

- Supporting childcare settings to meet their statutory duty as part of the SEND Code of Practice and the EYFS framework in meeting children's individual needs.

Overall Picture of Childcare and Early Education

Nationally, private and voluntary nurseries account for the majority of early education and childcare places, including around half of the funded entitlement places. There are currently around 60,000 registered providers and collectively they offer over 1.5 million Ofsted registered childcare places to children aged 0 to four. Whilst childminders are the most numerous, private and voluntary nurseries deliver the large majority of places for children aged 0 to four. Private and voluntary sector nurseries make up just over one third of providers (21,000), yet account for around two thirds of early years places. There has been a significant rise in the number of nurseries operating as part of a chain. The latest DfE data suggests that over a third (38%) of private group-based providers and 10 per cent of voluntary group-based providers are now part of what they would term a chain.

Number of Ofsted Registered Places in Calderdale (December 2023)

	Childminders/ Childcare On Domestic Premises (0-8)	Full Daycare ¹	Sessional/ Part Time Daycare ² (includes school and academy nursery places)	Out Of School/ Holiday Clubs/ Childcare on Non-Domestic Premises	Total
Ash Green	15	15	16	50	96
Boothtown	36	351	0	108	495
Creations	0	33	71	52	156
Elland	105	285	257	292	939
Field Lane	30	360	158	192	740
Hebden Vale	80	426	287	543	1336
Illingworth	11	72	156	135	374
Innovations	12	56	78	52	198
Jubilee	0	49	100	20	169
Kevin Pearce	115	228	149	132	624
Little Stars	0	150	92	52	294
Sowerby Bridge	16	216	68	109	409
Siddal	30	284	147	281	742
Sunshine (Mount Pellon)	0	0	42	30	72
Todmorden	15	228	183	141	567
Wellholme	97	476	113	228	914
Total	562	3229	1917	2417	8125

¹Full daycare: a place which is available for at least 6 hours/day for five days/week.

²Sessional daycare: a place which is available for between 2.5 and 6 hours/day

There are also 3 home child-carers registered to provide care in the child's own home.

The count above is of actual Ofsted registered places and not those places which providers choose to make available at any one time. Where an out of school club also operates a holiday scheme, the places have been counted twice, as a place could be occupied by a different child during term time and holiday periods.

A breakdown of places opened and closed between 1st January 2023 and 1st December 2023 by Children's Centre Reach Area is attached in Appendix 1.

Ofsted Inspection Grades Analysis (December 2023).

Type of childcare	Numbers of childcare providers judged by Ofsted						
	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate	Met	Not Met	Not Yet Inspected
Childminder	13	60	0	0	3	0	10
Childcare on Domestic Premises	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
Childcare on Non-Domestic Premises	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Day Nursery	13	30	0	0	0	0	5
Out of School	5	7	0	0	5	5	0
Holiday Scheme	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Pre-School	4	16	0	0	0	0	2

Source: *Evince childcare database; Ofsted data*

Guidance on Ofsted inspections is available here <https://www.gov.uk/ofsted-inspection-childcare-provider>

Individual providers' inspection reports are available here: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>

The Funded Early Education Entitlement for Three and Four Year Olds

% of 3- and 4-year-olds taking up some funded early education	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Calderdale	100%	100%	97%	97%	101%	1031%
Yorkshire & Humber	97%	96%	94%	89%	93%	96%
England	94%	94%	93%	90%	90%	94%

The funded early education entitlement is provided by 161 PVI childcare providers and 16 academy nurseries in Calderdale ensuring there is a wide range of choice for parents. There are 26 maintained nursery schools offering the funded entitlement.

In the Autumn Term 2023, 190 providers were signed up to offer part or all of the 30 hours childcare.

National take up comparison data is available at <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/education-provision-children-under-5>

The Funded Early Education Entitlement for Two Year Olds

Eligibility for the entitlement can be found here: <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/childcare/childcare-funding/education-eligible-two-year-olds>

The Local Authority receives data seven times a year on likely eligible families via a DWP Information Sharing Agreement. Social media and print marketing campaigns run regularly throughout the year. The LA has made use of a text messaging and email marketing campaign to improve take up but will still supply postal information where required.

The Local Authority has offered an online Portal for parents and providers to check eligibility since mid-2015.

Online Portal - Two-Year-Old Childcare Funding Applications													
Year	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023	2478	310	146	222	90	37	339	303	116	167	290	252	206
2022	2379	257	178	235	92	87	350	307	133	174	241	280	45
2021	2399	217	151	251	101	107	266	224	131	199	289	334	129
2020	2220	259	149	145	17	25	255	295	154	296	154	312	159
2019	2312	229	209	195	119	147	218	261	158	161	186	300	129
2018	2304	134	114	267	67	66	256	355	124	236	189	354	142
2017	1669	185	67	140	61	149	104	239	127	195	101	218	83
2016	1367	186	47	76	66	122	109	165	94	167	100	162	73
2015	738					15	75	121	97	177	51	118	84
Total	17866	1777	1061	1531	613	755	1972	2270	1134	1772	1601	2330	1050

The most recently DfE reported take up rate for the LA was 91% in the Spring Term 2023. The national average was 73%. The Local Authority estimate for take up for the Summer Term 2023 was 92% and for the Autumn Term 2023 it was 87%.

National take up comparison data is available at <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/education-provision-children-under-5>

The Local Authority analyses on a termly basis where parents are not taking up their two-year-old entitlement and Children's Centres are sent this data to encourage take up.

The Local Authority also analyses where parents take up their entitlement to better understand parental demand and future place development.

Early Intervention Childcare Funding (EICF)

Early Intervention Childcare Funding provides funding for high quality childcare places for children aged 0 – 5 Years old. Placements are available within a range of providers such as day care providers, childminders, Children’s Centres and after school clubs. EICF is available to those who cannot access nursery provision through any other means (e.g. the Childcare element of Universal Credit or the early education entitlement for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds) and is always part of a broader package of support services and based on assessed need. EICF is usually granted for a fixed, short-term period. It may, on occasion, be used to ‘top up’ the early education entitlement for the most vulnerable children. We also funded an additional 19 children over the Summer Holidays as extended support for families in need or to support school readiness.

Most of the EICF funded children aged 0 - 2 go on to access the 15 hours of early education entitlement for 2-year-olds.

All referrals are categorised according to their Children’s Centre Reach Area, the role of the referrer and Continuum of Need Tier. Regular feedback is sought from providers in receipt of the funding as to its’ impact.

An annual review of the service is undertaken each March and a copy of the most recent report is available upon request.

Childcare Sufficiency Duty Report Methodology

The Early Years & Childcare Sufficiency Team (EYCST) carries out regular audits of the childcare sector to establish the number of registered places, average costs, opening hours, occupancy and vacancy levels, staffing qualifications etc. This CSA has been conducted at Children's Centre Reach Area level, using the Reach Area boundaries in place as at the end of December 2023. This report is best viewed as a 'snapshot' of supply and demand. This review contains updated demographic data and childcare supply data.

The set of Sufficiency Indicators developed by the EYCST are updated annually and allow for tracking over a period of time. Individual indicators have been tailored to reflect the nature of the childcare picture in Calderdale.

Sufficiency Indicators (SIs) are linked to Children's Centre Reach Areas. The SIs are assigned to individual 'baskets' which relate to the original national Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Statutory Guidance:

1. Number of Places
2. Sustainability.
3. Flexibility.
4. High Quality.
5. Inclusivity.
6. Affordability.

Each indicator within a basket is assigned a 'Red', 'Amber', or 'Green' (RAG) rating depending on what is agreed to be 'sufficient'. 'Red' is 'insufficient', to easily identify areas for future focus.

However, the relatively small volume of data available for certain indicators and for certain areas should be taken into consideration when attempting to draw conclusions or compare between areas. Of huge importance once again, this year is the instability in the market because of the pandemic. We would therefore caution against using this data as the sole basis for any business decision. The data sources used in this review also vary in their age and completeness and some data has been averaged.

Information is primarily based on Ofsted registered places rather than actual places offered, except where otherwise stated. A setting may choose not to offer all of its registered places because of several factors including staffing ratios, personal circumstances or the maximum number of places only being used in an emergency etc. Where a day nursery offers additional services, for example a breakfast club and an out of school club, places have been split across each of the services offered and counted separately, as different children may attend one or more of the services available.

At individual Children's Centre Reach Area level, all vacancy data has been calculated on the basis that a vacancy exists if it is available for at least 6 hours/day for 5 days/week (roughly equating to the maximum funded early entitlement hours available to a child.)

As at the end of December 2023, ten Reach Areas were scored as 'amber' and 6 were scored as 'red' (an increase from two last year). The 'red' Reach Areas are Ash Green, Boothtown, Creations, Illingworth, Innovations and Sowerby Bridge.

Childcare Sufficiency Duty Review – Halifax Central

The Halifax Central area encompasses the wards of Town, Park, Skircoat and Sowerby Bridge and includes the main urban settlement of Calderdale. The Children’s Centres in this area are run by Halifax Opportunities Trust. Those with childcare are located at Siddal and Jubilee. Other Children’s Centre services are offered from Boothtown and Little Stars.

Summary of children per place.

Halifax Central	0-4s		5-11s		
	Term-time	School holidays	Before school in term-time	After-school in term-time	School holidays
Total number of places	1291	872	180	499	190
Total number of children	3018	3018	6393	6393	6393
Total number of children per place	2.3	3.5	35.5	12.8	33.6

Boothtown Children's Centre

This Children's Centre Reach Area is currently rated 'red' overall (no change from last year).

The area is well served by public transport and many families choose to access provision in Halifax Town Centre or in neighbouring Bradford based provision.

There are 9 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early entitlements in the Boothtown Children's Centre reach area.

There is a growing demand for sessional (funded only early education entitlement) places. There is also some reported unmet demand for out of school care linked with Trinity Academy Akroydon.

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Skircoat and Town wards.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5 year olds	369	103	28%
All PVI Places 6–11 year olds	126	23	17%
Childcare on Non-Domestic Premises	28	N/A	N/A
Childminder	36	7	20%
Day Nursery	351	101	29%
Holiday Scheme	60	10	16%
Out of School Care	20	8	40%
Total	495	126	25%

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	495
Net 12 month change in settings	0
Net 12 month change in available places	0
Number of available places for 0-5	369
Number of available places for 6-11	126
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	0
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	0

Cost of childcare

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Day Nursery	£52.95/day
Before school	£5.40/session
After school	£8.60/session
Childminder	£33.50/day
Holiday Scheme	£25.00/day

Jubilee Children's Centre

This Children's Centre Reach Area is currently rated 'amber' overall, (no change from the end of last year).

There are 3 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early entitlements in the Jubilee Children's Centre reach area.

Any further loss of provision in this Reach Area would create a sufficiency issue especially for eligible two-year-olds.

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Park ward.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5-year-olds	149	14	9%
All PVI Places 6–11-year-olds	20	0	0%
EY School and Academy	52	4	8%
Day Nursery	49	10	20%
Out of School Care	20	0	0%
Pre-School	48	0	0%
Total	169	14	8%

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	169
Net 12 month change in settings	-1
Net 12 month change in available places	-28
Number of available places for 0-5	149
Number of available places for 6-11	20
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	-28
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	0

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Day Nursery	£53.00/day
Pre-School	£24.00/6 hour day
Before school	£2.50/session
After school	£9.00/session

Little Stars Children’s Centre

This Children’s Centre Reach Area is currently rated ‘amber’ overall, (no change from the end of last year). There are very low numbers of out of school and holiday places in this Reach Area but no current reported unmet demand.

There are 4 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early education entitlement in the Little Stars Children’s Centre reach area.

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Park ward.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5-year-olds	242	57	24%
All PVI Places 6–11-year-olds	52	0	0%
EY School and Academy	92	5	5%
Childcare on Non-Domestic Premises	20	N/A	N/A
Day Nursery	150	52	35%
Out of School Care	32	0	0%
Total	294	57	19%

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	294
Net 12 month change in settings	0
Net 12 month change in available places	0
Number of available places for 0-5	242
Number of available places for 6-11	52
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	0
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	0

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Day Nursery	£47.00/day
Before school	£6.00/session
After school	£7.50/session

Mount Pellon Sunshine Children's Centre

This Children's Centre Reach Area is currently rated 'amber' overall (no change from the end of last year). There is no reported unmet demand in this area despite the very low number of registered places and reported vacancies.

There are 2 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early education entitlement in the Sunshine Children's Centre reach area.

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Ovenden, Park and Warley wards.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5-year-olds	42	13	30%
All PVI Places 6–11-year-olds	30	5	16%
EY School and Academy	26	13	50%
Out of School Care	30	5	16%
Pre-school	16	0	0%
Total	72	18	25%

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	72
Net 12 month change in settings	0
Net 12 month change in available places	0
Number of available places for 0-5	42
Number of available places for 6-11	30
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	0
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	0

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Before school	£1.50/session
Pre-School	£21.00/6 hour day

Siddal Children's Centre

This Children's Centre Reach Area is currently rated 'amber' overall (no change from the end of last year). There is a good range of vacancies for most age groups. However, most of the vacancies are in the Savile Park and Skircoat Green localities of this Reach Area, some distance from Siddal itself.

There are 16 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early education entitlement in the Siddal Children's Centre reach area.

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Skircoat, Sowerby Bridge and Town wards.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5-year-olds	446	97	22%
All PVI Places 6–11-year-olds	296	91	31%
EY School and Academy	78	16	21%
Childminder	30	3	10%
Day Nursery	210	49	23%
Nursery Units of Independent Schools	74	10	14%
Out of School Care	281	89	32%
Pre-school	69	21	30%
Total	742	188	25%

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	742
Net 12 month change in settings	-2
Net 12 month change in available places	-12
Number of available places for 0-5	446
Number of available places for 6-11	296
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	-6
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	-6

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Day Nursery	£47.50/day
Pre-School	£25.00/6 hour day
Before school	£5.00/session
After school	£8.65/session
Childminder	£38.35/day

Childcare Sufficiency Duty Review – Upper Valley

The Upper Valley area encompasses the wards of Calder, Todmorden, Luddendenfoot and Ryburn. This area is located to the north and west of Halifax Town Centre and is characterised by rolling hills and valleys and market towns. It is bordered by Rochdale, Rossendale, Burnley, Oldham and Pendle Councils. The Children's Centres in this area are run by Halifax Opportunities Trust. The Children's Centre in this area with childcare is Todmorden. Other Children's Centre services are offered from various locations in Hebden Bridge.

Summary of children per place.

Upper Valley	0-4s		5-11s		
	Term-time	School holidays	Before school in term-time	After-school in term-time	School holidays
Total number of places	1506	943	173	831	190
Total number of children	2523	2523	3812	3812	3812
Total number of children per place	1.7	2.7	22.0	4.6	20.1

Hebden Vale Children's Centre

This Children's Centre Reach Area is currently rated 'amber' overall (no change from the end of last year).

There are 27 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early education entitlement in the Hebden Vale Children's Centre reach area.

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Calder, Luddendenfoot, Ryburn and Sowerby Bridge wards.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5-year-olds	753	123	16%
All PVI Places 6–11-year-olds	583	76	13%
EY School and Academy	157	38	24%
Childcare on Non-Domestic Premises	8	0	0%
Childminder	80	6	8%
Day Nursery	408	50	12%
Holiday Scheme	79	25	32%
Nursery Units of Independent Schools	18	10	55%
Out of School Care	456	48	11%
Pre-school	130	22	17%
Total	1336	199	15%

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	1,336
Net 12 month change in settings	0
Net 12 month change in available places	-27
Number of available places for 0-5	753
Number of available places for 6-11	583
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	0
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	-27

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Day Nursery	£55.75/day
Pre-School	£28.00/6 hour day
Before school	£5.90/session
After school	£9.50/session
Childminder	£39.35/day
Holiday Scheme	£29.50/day

Sowerby Bridge (New Road) Children’s Centre

This Children’s Centre Reach Area is currently rated ‘red’ overall (a change from ‘amber’ at end of last year). There is increasing pressure on available funded entitlement places in day nurseries for children aged 2-4 in this area. Any loss of provision in this Reach Area would create a sufficiency issue.

There are 11 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early education entitlement in the Sowerby Bridge Children’s Centre reach area.

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Park, Ryburn, Sowerby Bridge and Warley wards.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5-year-olds	292	29	10%
All PVI Places 6–11-year-olds	117	29	25%
EY School and Academy	52	0	0%
Childminder	16	1	6%
Day Nursery	216	28	13%
Out of School Care	109	29	26%
Pre-school	16	0	0%
Total	409	58	14%

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	409
Net 12 month change in settings	0
Net 12 month change in available places	0
Number of available places for 0-5	292
Number of available places for 6-11	117
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	0
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	0

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Day Nursery	£51.75/day
Pre-School	£20.00/6 hour day
Before school	£6.30/session
After school	£10.40/session
Childminder	£40.50/day

Todmorden Children's Centre

This Children's Centre Reach Area is currently rated 'amber' overall (no change from the end of last year). There is a strong parental preference for early education places in school or academy nurseries in this Reach Area.

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Calder and Todmorden wards.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5-year-olds	421	60	14%
All PVI Places 6–11-year-olds	146	21	14%
EY School and Academy	183	33	18%
Childminder	15	0	0%
Day Nursery	228	27	12%
Out of School Care	141	21	15%
Total	567	81	14%

There are 14 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early education entitlement in the Todmorden Children's Centre reach area.

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	567
Net 12 month change in settings	-1
Net 12 month change in available places	-6
Number of available places for 0-5	421
Number of available places for 6-11	146
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	-3
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	-3

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Day Nursery	£46.40/day
Before school	£4.50/session
After school	£9.20/session
Childminder	£40.00/day

Childcare Sufficiency Duty Review – Halifax North & East

The Halifax North and East area encompasses the wards of Illingworth and Mixenden, Northowram and Shelf, Ovenden and Warley. This area is located to the north of Halifax Town Centre and is characterised by urban settlements. It is bordered by Bradford to the north. The Children’s Centres in this area are run by North Halifax Partnership. The Children’s Centres in this area with childcare are Innovations, Kevin Pearce, Ash Green and Creations. Other Children’s Centre services are offered from Illingworth and the Northowram & Shelf hub.

Halifax North & East	0-4s		5-11s		
	Term-time	School holidays	Before school in term-time	After-school in term-time	School holidays
Total number of places	1017	443	203	551	52
Total number of children	2728	2728	3954	3954	3954
Total number of children per place	2.7	6.2	19.5	7.2	76.0

Ash Green Children’s Centre

This Children’s Centre Reach Area is currently rated ‘red’ overall (a change from ‘amber’ at the end of last year).

There is an immediate and specific issue in this area related to the availability of places for two year olds. Any loss of provision in this Reach Area would create a sufficiency issue for all age ranges.

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Illingworth & Mixenden ward.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5-year-olds	43	2	5%
All PVI Places 6–11-year-olds	53	0	0%
EY School and Academy	16	2	13%
Childminder	15	0	0%
Day Nursery	15	0	0%
Out of School Care	50	0	0%
Total	96	2	2%

There are 4 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early education entitlement in the Ash Green Children’s Centre reach area.

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	96
Net 12 month change in settings	0
Net 12 month change in available places	0
Number of available places for 0-5	43
Number of available places for 6-11	53
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	0
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	0

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Day Nursery	£47.00/day
Before school	£1.50/session
After school	£6.00/session
Childminder	£38.00/day

Creations Children's Centre

This Children's Centre Reach Area is currently rated 'red' overall (no change from last year). This is an area of sufficiency concern due to the numbers of two-year-olds having to move out of the area for an early education place. There is limited choice for parents in this area and the immediate localities. There are no registered childminders in this area. Any loss of provision in this Reach Area would create a sufficiency issue for all age ranges.

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Warley ward.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5-year-olds	104	0	0%
All PVI Places 6–11-year-olds	52	14	27%
EY School and Academy	26	0	0%
Day Nursery	33	0	0%
Out of School Care	52	14	27%
Pre-school	45	0	0%
Total	156	14	9%

There are 3 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early education entitlement in the Creations Children's Centre reach area.

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	156
Net 12 month change in settings	0
Net 12 month change in available places	0
Number of available places for 0-5	104
Number of available places for 6-11	52
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	0
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	0

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Day Nursery	£50.00/day
Before school	£3.00/session
After school	£6.80/session

Illingworth Community Children's Centre

This Children's Centre Reach Area is currently rated 'red' overall (a change from 'amber' at the end of last year).

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Illingworth & Mixenden ward.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5-year-olds	234	26	11%
All PVI Places 6–11-year-olds	140	20	14%
EY School and Academy	156	12	8%
Childminder	11	1	9%
Day Nursery	72	13	18%
Out of School Care	135	20	15%
Total	374	46	12%

There are 6 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early education entitlement in the Illingworth Children's Centre reach area.

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	374
Net 12 month change in settings	-1
Net 12 month change in available places	-6
Number of available places for 0-5	234
Number of available places for 6-11	140
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	-3
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	-3

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Day Nursery	£59.00/day
Before school	£5.50/session
After school	£9.40/session
Childminder	£35.00/day

Innovations Children’s Centre

This Children’s Centre Reach Area is currently rated ‘red’ overall (a change from ‘amber’ at the end of last year).

Any loss of provision in this Reach Area would create a sufficiency issue for all age ranges.

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Illingworth & Mixenden and Ovenden wards.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5-year-olds	140	23	16%
All PVI Places 6–11-year-olds	58	18	31%
EY School and Academy	78	15	19
Childminder	12	6	50%
Day Nursery	56	5	9%
Out of School Care	52	15	29%
Total	198	41	21%

There are 5 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early education entitlement in the Innovations Children’s Centre reach area.

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	198
Net 12 month change in settings	1
Net 12 month change in available places	6
Number of available places for 0-5	140
Number of available places for 6-11	58
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	3
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	3

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Day Nursery	£50.00/day
Before school	£3.50/session
Childminder	£47.00/day

Kevin Pearce Children’s Centre

This Children’s Centre Reach Area is currently rated ‘amber’ overall (no change from the end of last year).

Most of the vacancies are in the Northowram and Shelf localities of this Reach Area. Any loss of provision in this Ovenden locality of this Reach Area would create a sufficiency issue for all age ranges.

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Illingworth & Mixenden, Ovenden and Northowram & Shelf wards.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5-year-olds	451	138	31%
All PVI Places 6–11-year-olds	173	29	17%
EY School and Academy	78	0	0%
Childcare on Domestic Premises	53	5	9%
Childminder	62	13	21%
Day Nursery	228	108	47% *
Out of School Care	132	23	17%
Pre-school	71	18	25%
Total	624	167	27%

* the % of vacant places is inflated because a nursery opened in Autumn Term 2023 and has not yet filled its places.

There are 24 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early education entitlement in the Kevin Pearce Children’s Centre reach area.

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	624
Net 12 month change in settings	2
Net 12 month change in available places	81
Number of available places for 0-5	451
Number of available places for 6-11	173
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	78
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	3

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Day Nursery	£52.25/day
Pre-School	£30.00/6 hour day
Before school	£5.50/session
After school	£8.60/session
Childminder	£39.80/day

Childcare Sufficiency Duty Review – Lower Valley

The Lower Valley area encompasses the wards of Greetland and Stainland, Elland, Brighouse, Rastrick and Hipperholme and Lightcliffe. This area is located to the south and east of Halifax Town Centre and is characterised by smaller market towns and some rural and wooded spaces. It is bordered by Kirklees to the southeast and Bradford to the north. The Children’s Centres in this area are run by North Halifax Partnership. The Children’s Centres in this area with childcare are Elland and Wellholme Park.

Lower Valley	0-4s		5-11s		
	Term-time	School holidays	Before school in term-time	After-school in term-time	School holidays
Total number of places	1887	1359	231	789	191
Total number of children	2601	2601	4602	4602	4602
Total number of children per place	1.4	1.9	19.9	5.8	24.1

Elland Children's Centre

This Children's Centre Reach Area is currently rated 'amber' overall (no change from the end of last year).

Any further loss of provision in this Reach Area would create a sufficiency issue, particularly for two-year-old funded entitlement places.

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Elland, Greetland & Stainland and Ryburn wards.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5-year-olds	595	87	15%
All PVI Places 6–11-year-olds	344	47	14%
EY School and Academy	104	4	4%
Childminder	105	18	17%
Day Nursery	285	27	9%
Out of School Care	292	39	13%
Pre-school	153	46	30%
Total	939	134	14%

There are 29 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early education entitlement in the Elland Children's Centre reach area.

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	939
Net 12 month change in settings	-1
Net 12 month change in available places	-28
Number of available places for 0-5	595
Number of available places for 6-11	344
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	-1
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	-27

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Day Nursery	£56.40/day
Pre-School	£38.00/6 hour day
Before school	£6.05/session
After school	£9.95/session
Childminder	£36.95/day

Field Lane Children’s Centre

This Children’s Centre Reach Area is currently rated ‘amber’ overall (no change from the end of last year).

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Elland and Rastrick wards.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5-year-olds	533	52	10%
All PVI Places 6–11-year-olds	207	53	26%
EY School and Academy	158	11	7%
Childminder	30	0	0%
Day Nursery	360	41	11%
Out of School Care	192	53	27%
Total	740	105	14%

There are 16 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early education entitlement in the Field Lane Children’s Centre reach area.

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	740
Net 12 month change in settings	-1
Net 12 month change in available places	-6
Number of available places for 0-5	533
Number of available places for 6-11	207
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	-3
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	-3

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Day Nursery	£49.55/day
Before school	£6.40/session
After school	£9.40/session
Childminder	£35.00/day

Wellholme Park Children’s Centre

This Children’s Centre Reach Area is currently rated ‘amber’ overall (no change from the end of last year).

Any loss of early years provision in this Reach Area could create a sufficiency issue for funded entitlement places for all age ranges.

Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6. This Reach Area falls within Brighouse, Hipperholme & Lightcliffe and Rastrick wards.

Current places for 0–11-year-olds.

Type of provision	Current Places	Current Vacancies	% of places vacant
All PVI Places 0–5-year-olds	638	107	17%
All PVI Places 6–11-year-olds	276	47	17%
EY School and Academy	65	12	18%
Childminder	97	4	4%
Day Nursery	461	90	19%
Holiday Scheme	80	20	25%
Nursery Units of Independent Schools	15	1	7%
Out of School Care	148	27	18%
Pre-school	48	0	0%
Total	914	154	17%

There are 27 providers currently approved to deliver the funded early education entitlement in the Wellholme Children’s Centre reach area.

Net 12 month change in available settings and places	
Existing places	914
Net 12 month change in settings	-5
Net 12 month change in available places	-115
Number of available places for 0-5	638
Number of available places for 6-11	276
Net 12 month change in available places for 0-5	-103
Net 12 month change in available places for 6-11	-12

Type of childcare	Average cost (before any relevant funding entitlements are taken into account)
Day Nursery	£56.00/day
Pre-School	£28.00/6 hour day
Before school	£6.00/session
After school	£11.00/session
Childminder	£42.20/day

Conclusion

This has been another challenging year for the early years and childcare sector. Predicting future sufficiency and sustainability in Calderdale remains difficult as it is dependent on a variety of factors linked to the extension to the childcare entitlements, the national funding rate and the ongoing cost of living crisis.

Recruitment and retention of childcare and early years staff is a key concern for many providers now. Providers are stating they are unable to recruit into vacant positions of all levels, from ancillary staff to managers. Managers also report staff leaving the sector to work in supermarkets, the hospitality and leisure industry, or in other education/care sectors. The result of this is creating operating difficulties, which include managers being consistently counted in ratios or doing other tasks such as cooking etc. The childcare sector is a relatively low-paid sector with full-time staff earning around £20,000-£22,000 – well below the UK average of £33,000. About 11% of staff in school-based providers and 16% of group-based providers in the registered sector are paid at or below the national living wage of £10.42 per hour, although the proportion for childminders is 37%. Nationally, in January 2023 there were 22,165 job postings for nursery nurses and assistants –almost three times the pre-pandemic level.

Supply

On 17 November 2023 Ofsted published their Official Statistics with their main findings about childcare providers and inspections as at 31 August 2023. Findings include:

- There were 62,300 childcare providers registered with Ofsted, down by 3,320 (5%) since 31 August 2022. Most of this decline is due to a fall in the number of childminders.
- There were 1.26 million childcare places offered by providers registered on the Early Years Register (EYR), down by 17,800 (1%) since 31 August 2022. This means that the number of places is falling more slowly than the number of providers.
- At their most recent inspection, 96% of childcare providers were judged good or outstanding, the same as last year.

For the full report follow this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/childcare-providers-and-inspections-as-at-31-august-2023/main-findings-childcare-providers-and-inspections-as-at-31-august-2023#summary>

In Calderdale in 2023 there was a net loss of 141 childcare places (121 opened against 263 closed). This is compared to last year's net loss of 410 places.

Six new childminders registered creating a total of 32 places in 2023 but 12 childminders resigned with a total loss of 70 places.

Demand

Nationally there is a reduction in the numbers of parents eligible for the two-year old entitlement. This drop can be explained in part by declining birth rates and because the income threshold for Tax Credits (£16,190) and Universal Credit has not changed since the entitlement was introduced. DfE have stated there are no plans at present to change the existing income thresholds for families in receipt of UC/legacy benefits or Tax Credits.

Given the present uncertainty there is concern that if the local childcare market contracts even further, it may disrupt economic recovery and prevent parents finding suitable childcare to meet their changing working patterns.

Summary of Childcare Supply and Demand

Type of childcare	Summary of LA position
Funded early education for eligible two-year-olds	Supply currently meets demand with pressure on places in the Ash Green, Creations, Kevin Pearce and Innovations Reach Areas. Recorded evidence that the recruitment and retention issue is causing providers to cap the number of available places for funded two-year-olds. A concern is the potential displacement of disadvantaged two-year-olds when the entitlement for working parents of two-year-olds comes into force in April 2024.
Universal (15 hour) funded early education for 3- and 4-year-olds	Supply currently meets demand but any loss of provision this year will threaten the LA's sufficiency position. Recorded evidence that the recruitment and retention issue and the low national funding rates are causing providers to cap the number of available places for funded three and four-year-olds.
Extended (30 hour) funded early education and childcare for eligible 3- and 4-year-olds	Supply currently meets demand but any loss of provision this year will threaten the LA's sufficiency position. Recorded evidence that the recruitment and retention issue and the low national funding rates are causing providers to cap the number of available places for funded three and four-year-olds.
Early years childcare outside the funded entitlements for working parents	Supply currently meets demand but any loss of provision this year will threaten the LA's sufficiency position. By September 2025 there will be very few children aged under 5 who will not be entitled to at least 15 hours of early education.
Childcare before and after school	Mapping is underway to establish supply and a demand survey will be conducted in early 2024 to inform the rollout of the national Wraparound Childcare Programme.
Childcare during the school holidays	There is a shortage of places for 5–14-year-olds in some parts of the Borough. The DfE funded Healthy Holidays programme provides free holiday childcare and activities for children aged over 5 who are eligible for a Free School Meal. https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/community-and-living/healthy-holidays-calderdale
Childcare for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)	Some reported unmet demand for out of school and Summer Holiday care across the Borough.
Childcare during atypical hours (outside 8am to 6pm on weekdays)	No reported unmet demand despite the LA reporting low numbers of providers offering this type of care. It is thought that informal childcare provided by family members and friends typically meets many parents' needs for this care.
Childcare in the rural areas of Calderdale	No reported unmet demand. Childminders provide out of school care where there is insufficient demand to sustain an out of school club.

Geographical Gaps

It is difficult to state with any certainty that an area is likely to have an immediate undersupply based on numbers of resident children and registered places due to the fact that families do not necessarily stay within their immediate locality for their childcare needs. Details of the expected demand and supply for the extension to the entitlements can be found in Appendix 6.

Income Gaps

The cost of childcare in England is high compared with other countries and has risen quickly over time. According to a report from the IFS, the cost of a part-time nursery place for a child under 2 grew by 60% in cash terms between 2010 and 2021 – twice as fast as average earnings, and much higher than the 24% growth in overall prices in the same period. The median pre-tax cost of an hour of childcare in England is just under a third of the average hourly wage.

Affordability data shows that there is a correlation between high childcare affordability ratios and low take-up of the two-year-old offer. One of the likely consequences of high costs of formal childcare is a widening of the disadvantage gap between children on free school meals and their more affluent peers.

The average price for holiday childcare is £157/week in Britain and the average in Yorkshire & Humber is £159.17/week. There is considerable complexity in the holiday childcare market in that some 'holiday camp' type of activities do not run for the whole holiday but cover a couple of weeks; these shorter day activities do not meet the needs of working parents. Some of these are not required to register meaning parents cannot use their Tax-Free Childcare accounts to help meet the cost.

The median hourly pay, median cost of childcare and childcare affordability ratio in Calderdale

Median hourly pay	£15.45
Median hourly fee for a two-year-old (£)	£4.67
Median hourly fee for a three-year-old (£)	£5.00
Age two childcare affordability ratio*	0.3
Age three and four childcare affordability ratio**	0.32

*Median hourly cost of childcare for children aged 2 divided by median hourly wage by local authority

**Median hourly cost of childcare for children aged 3 and 4 divided by median hourly wage by local authority

Average costs across the Borough are now £127.00 for 25 hours' care per week and £240.00 for 50 hours' care per week for a child aged 0 – 4, before any funded entitlements are taken into account.

Tax Free Childcare was introduced in 2017 to help working families with the cost of childcare. For every £0.80 that the parent or someone else contributes, the government will contribute £0.20. This is the equivalent of the tax most people pay (20%), which gives the scheme its name "tax-free". The government will top up the up to a total of £2,000 support per child per year (or £4,000 for disabled children). The scheme is available for children up to the age of 12, and for children with disabilities up to the age of 17. While over 90% of eligible households are aware of the 15-hour free entitlement for 3- and 4-year-olds, nationally only 4 in 10 parents of preschool-aged children had heard of tax-free childcare in 2019. Awareness of the scheme rises significantly amongst those parents eligible for 30 hours of childcare.

Numbers of Families with Open Tax-Free Childcare accounts						
Region	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
United Kingdom	272,320	449,355	614,730	697,145	815,855	946,220
England	263,255	426,130	570,020	643,085	744,830	854,545
North East	11,355	18,200	24,100	27,340	31,980	36,600
North West	37,310	59,495	79,940	91,265	106,070	121,085
Yorkshire and The Humber	25,395	40,750	54,815	62,420	72,910	83,800
East Midlands	23,580	38,215	51,335	58,095	67,750	78,470
West Midlands	26,615	43,220	57,910	65,300	75,805	87,045
East of England	30,045	50,140	67,130	75,605	87,840	101,790
London	33,800	54,550	73,230	79,730	89,280	99,040
South East	45,535	74,660	99,850	113,600	132,675	153,430
South West	29,625	46,900	61,705	69,735	80,520	93,290

Numbers of Families with Used Tax-Free Childcare accounts						
Region	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
United Kingdom	57,000	160,185	315,040	374,135	512,415	649,935
England	52,290	144,550	279,615	331,215	450,395	567,935
North East	1,625	4,850	10,135	12,500	17,425	22,475
North West	6,625	19,130	38,830	47,750	65,620	82,615
Yorkshire and The Humber	4,555	12,990	26,465	32,295	44,010	55,990
East Midlands	4,200	11,900	24,155	29,210	40,530	51,870
West Midlands	4,880	13,770	27,180	32,400	44,575	56,610
East of England	6,125	17,125	32,555	37,695	51,460	65,470
London	8,680	22,330	38,760	41,940	54,285	64,610
South East	9,900	27,075	51,445	61,055	83,305	105,590
South West	5,700	15,380	30,090	36,370	49,185	62,705

Annual Number of Families with Used Tax-Free Childcare accounts by local authority in Yorkshire & Humber						
Area Name	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
East Riding of Yorkshire	380	985	1,800	2,265	3,205	4,115
Kingston upon Hull, City of	150	430	870	990	1,385	1,765
North East Lincolnshire	110	295	580	705	950	1,190
North Lincolnshire	120	385	725	875	1,165	1,470
York	245	615	1,230	1,500	2,005	2,570
North Yorkshire (Met county)	615	1,805	3,535	4,265	5,820	7,585
Craven	45	170	330	390	545	675
Hambleton	80	250	510	615	805	1,120
Harrogate	200	545	1,015	1,260	1,740	2,220

Richmondshire	65	180	325	380	470	620
Ryedale	55	155	300	340	460	590
Scarborough	60	205	425	475	640	845
Selby	100	300	630	800	1,155	1,510
South Yorkshire (Met county)	920	2,630	5,700	6,945	9,590	12,215
Barnsley	165	485	1,050	1,255	1,755	2,195
Doncaster	215	590	1,140	1,340	1,855	2,400
Rotherham	135	465	1,085	1,315	1,810	2,340
Sheffield	410	1,095	2,420	3,025	4,170	5,280
West Yorkshire	2,020	5,840	12,030	14,750	19,895	25,085
Bradford	345	985	2,050	2,490	3,385	4,260
Calderdale	210	605	1,215	1,450	1,940	2,445
Kirklees	400	1,185	2,370	2,940	3,930	4,895
Leeds	810	2,305	4,790	5,865	7,790	9,705
Wakefield	255	760	1,610	2,005	2,850	3,780

Universal Credit benefit allows eligible parents to claim back up to 85% of their childcare costs to a maximum to £950.92 a month for one child or £1,630.15 for 2 or more children. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/universal-credit-childcare-costs>

The government has a childcare calculator tool to assist families in finding out what financial support with the cost of childcare may be available to them: <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

The Government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme runs in Calderdale providing free holiday clubs for eligible children. <https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/communities/healthy-holidays-calderdale>

Time Gaps

Most childcare provision in Calderdale currently meets the needs of parents working a standard day between 8.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday. The majority of the day nurseries and childminders are open for 10 hours / day. There is more flexibility offered by childminders, with several operating outside 8.00am and 6.00pm. Although there are very few numbers of providers offering overnight or weekend care there has not been any reported unmet demand. We know that many parents though use unregistered/informal childcare options to meet the demands of working at atypical times. Importantly, we cannot assume working parents with very young children will work their 16 hours when the 30-hour entitlement is delivered during the typical working day, Monday to Friday. Wrap-around childcare might be required where a parent works early mornings or late evenings.

SEND Gaps

Disabled children's access to childcare barriers include funding, costs of childcare, staff skills, travel-distance to suitable settings and a lack of qualified and experienced staff in general. Of particular concern is the lack of suitable holiday childcare for children and young people with SEND. A national expansion of the HAF project to prioritise children with SEND would be particularly beneficial.

The Local Offer which sets out a clear joined-up offer for parents, including information on providers and the additional funding and support available to cover assessments, intensive support and specialised care is currently under review.

The Early Years Foundation Stage states that providers must have arrangements in place to support children with SEN or disabilities. Calderdale MBC has several teams of specialists who directly support early years

providers and practitioners to develop inclusive practice for children with SEND. They provide advice and support around early identification and intervention for children with SEND including day to day support to practitioners with strategies, targets, activities appropriate to the child's stage of development, looking at the early years environment, record keeping, making referrals to other professionals and transition into school, as well as delivering training to the sector.

The EYCST continues to offer a brokerage service for parents of disabled children who are struggling to locate suitable childcare.

Age Gaps

The numbers of parents continuing to work from home is having an ongoing impact on out of school provision.

Most schools offer a range of after school group-based clubs, but these do not always meet parents' full childcare needs, and very few operate during school holiday periods.

Government has announced the creation of a £289 million wraparound childcare fund, to make sure families of primary school children can access childcare between 8am and 6pm term time only. Funding is being distributed to all local authorities on the basis of anticipated need, plugging gaps in the existing market. It will help deliver the government's aim that by 2026, no matter where parents live, they should be able to access wraparound childcare for primary-age children in their local area. DfE has published a wraparound programme [handbook](#) and the LA funding allocations for the programme. Further details of our local plans for this programme will be provided in due course.

Holiday childcare for children aged 11+ remains a gap in most parts of the Borough; sessions run by private and voluntary sector organisations are helping to meet some of the demand but many working parents find they do not run for the whole day and additional childcare arrangements are required.

The Play Development Service runs several play sessions, primarily for children aged 5 - 14.

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/out-school-activities/play-development-service>

Childcare Sufficiency Duty Action Plan

Borough wide Actions	Action By Team	Action By Date
Carry out a targeted childminder recruitment campaign to ensure the LA continues to meet its sufficiency duty with specific regard to the extension to the entitlements.	Early Years & Childcare Sufficiency Team Early Years Improvement Officers Team	31 st March 2025
Implement the Government's Wraparound Programme to develop sustainable out of school provision in areas of high need.	Early Years Improvement Officers Team	31 st August 2026
Run marketing campaigns to advise parents of the eligibility for the extension to the entitlements.	Early Years & Childcare Sufficiency Team	31 st March 2025
Run marketing campaigns to increase awareness and take up of the Tax-Free Childcare scheme amongst working parents.	Early Years & Childcare Sufficiency Team	31 st March 2025
Work with Dingley's Promise to better understand and assess demand for childcare for our population of children with SEND.	Early Years & Childcare Sufficiency Team	31 st March 2025
Continue to support access to the nationally funded COVID Education Recovery programme training schemes aimed at early years providers.	Early Years Improvement Officers Team	31 st March 2025
Support the delivery of the early language and home learning environment element of the Calderdale Family Hubs programme, including the rollout of 'Tots Talking' and 'Making It Real.'	Early Years Improvement Officers	31 st March 2025
Support providers to work with their local Family Hub to ensure health and education outcomes for all are improved and to build an evidence base for what works best.	Early Years Improvement Officers	31 st March 2025

'Managing the Market' discussions take place throughout the year to establish if there are sufficiency or sustainability issues in any of Calderdale's localities and agree any actions required. The LA uses the findings of these to assess the quality, sustainability and workforce development requirements of individual settings to direct Council resources. The LA continues to face a key challenge in ascertaining which providers are most viable; which would not be sustainable even in normal market conditions; and which are strategically important to meeting sufficiency but will require support to ensure they can remain open to support the LA's sufficiency duty.

This Childcare Sufficiency Duty Review was carried out between December 2023 and January 2024. The next full Sufficiency Duty Review will be carried out between December 2024 and January 2025.

Further information can be obtained from the Senior Early Years & Childcare Sufficiency Officer on 01422 392694 or by emailing fis@calderdale.gov.uk.

Appendix 1 - Places opened and closed by Children's Centre Reach Area 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023

Reach Area	Places Opened	Places Closed	Net Change
Ash Green	0	0	0
Boothtown	0	0	0
Creations	0	0	0
Elland	4	32	-28
Field Lane	0	6	-6
Hebden Vale	31	58	-27
Illingworth	0	6	-6
Innovations	6	0	+6
Jubilee	0	28	-28
Kevin Pearce	81	0	+81
Little Stars	0	0	0
Sowerby Bridge (New Road)	0	0	0
Siddal	0	12	-12
Sunshine (Mount Pellon)	0	0	0
Todmorden	0	6	-6
Wellholme	0	115	-115
Total	122	263	-141

Reasons for closures have included:

- Setting income insufficient to meet rising costs (including low national funding rates for the entitlements)
- Inability to recruit/retain qualified and experienced staff
- Families opting out of childcare due to changes in work patterns or cost of living concerns
- Drop in numbers of young children locally
- 'Natural closures' – e.g. retirement of owner/childminder

Appendix 2 – Glossary of Childcare Types

Childcare on Domestic Premises are registered and inspected by Ofsted or a Childminding Agency. This is where a childminder works with 3 or more other childminders or assistants and where they come together to work in one of their homes at any one time. Some childcare on domestic premises providers offer a drop off and pick up services from other childcare providers and schools. Many offer funded early education places for children aged two-, three- and four-year-olds.

Childminders are registered and inspected by Ofsted or a Childminding Agency; they work in their own homes providing childcare for children of all ages. Childminders are self-employed and can employ assistants. Some childminders offer a drop off and pick up services from other childcare providers and schools. Many childminders offer funded early education places for children aged two-, three- and four-year-olds. Some childminders can offer more flexible care for people who work flexible hours or shifts for example weekends on evenings.

Day Nurseries are registered and inspected by Ofsted; they provide children from birth to five years with childcare and funded early education for eligible two-, three- and four-year-olds. Usually, Day Nurseries provide full day care offering part time or full-time places. Some nurseries also provide before/after school and holiday care for children of school age. Day nurseries are usually open all year round, closing only for bank holidays and Christmas, therefore providing care for children when their parents work all year round.

Independent School Nurseries are registered with either Ofsted or the Independent Schools Inspectorate and provide children aged two to five years with childcare and early education funded places. They usually offer part time or full-time places, and some may also offer before/after school and holiday care for children of school age.

Maintained/Academy school nurseries are registered and inspected by Ofsted as part of the school/academy provision and provide children aged three to four years old with funded early education entitlements. Some offer funded places to eligible two-year-olds.

Pre-School (Playgroups) are registered and inspected by Ofsted and provide children aged two and five years old with childcare and funded early education places. Pre Schools may offer mornings, afternoon or full day sessions depending on their model, with some able to offer extended hours for working parents if they run a before and after school club or/and holiday club too.

Out of school and holiday childcare providers offer childcare to school age children. Out of school providers offer one or more service types, before school, after school and during school holidays. Providers caring for children under the age of 8 for more than 2 hours a day must be registered with Ofsted (with the exception of schools that are registered under their school registration). Some providers offer a pickup and drop off service to schools.

Out of School Activity providers primarily offer after school tuition for up to two activities. These providers do not have to register if they provide tutoring or coaching in either one or two of the following activities to children aged 3 and over: school study support or homework support, sports, performing arts, arts and crafts, religious, cultural or language studies. However, they cannot look after children under 5 for more than 4 hours in any one day.

Appendix 3 - Family Health Service Child Data 0 - 4-year-olds by Reach Area November 2023

Childrens Centre	0	1	2	3	4	5
Ash Green	37	55	55	68	61	77
Boothtown	73	88	99	74	93	89
Creations	111	138	131	130	129	162
Elland	189	223	204	209	245	249
Field Lane	95	123	118	134	145	156
Hebden Vale	152	193	177	218	232	263
Illingworth	72	90	74	84	92	77
Innovations	67	73	58	85	74	102
Jubilee	101	110	114	99	106	117
Kevin Pearce	171	214	205	211	240	227
Little Stars	117	151	136	132	143	147
New Road	135	143	154	143	141	158
Siddal	166	175	212	193	192	224
Sunshine	76	83	70	107	95	99
Todmorden	122	140	148	134	160	158
Wellholme	165	157	196	219	213	222

Appendix 4 – Average Provider Costs December 2023

Carescheme Type	Average Cost
Academy with Nursery/School Maintained Nurseries	
Per day	£26.25
Per session am or pm	£14.50
Childminder	
After School	£10.40
Before School	£6.25
Per day	£36.85
Per hour	£4.45
Per session am	£22.60
Per session pm	£22.00
Per week	£175.00
Day nursery	
After School	£10.50
Before School	£7.20
Per day	£51.12
Per hour	£7.05
Per session am	£31.90
Per session pm	£30.80
Per week	£227.90
Holiday Scheme	
Per day	£31.90
Per session am	£23.00
Per session pm	£21.00
Out of School Care	
After School	£8.78
Before School	£4.85
Pre-School	
After School	£11.80
Before School	£6.25
Per day	£29.45
Per hour	£4.70
Per session am	£15.35
Per session pm	£15.30
Per week	£150.00

Appendix 5 – Number of children (for the new entitlements) in families that are in work

Number of children in families that are in work			
Children's Centre Reach Area	Aged 0	Aged 1	Aged 2
Ash Green	35	35	38
Boothtown	52	58	56
Creations	81	75	74
Elland	132	123	131
Field Lane	74	68	85
Hebden Vale	118	134	143
Illingworth	33	37	56
Innovations	38	49	39
Jubilee	56	56	54
Kevin Pearce	124	119	136
Little Stars	76	70	89
Siddal	115	123	107
Sowerby Bridge	86	89	85
Sunshine	47	58	62
Todmorden	91	83	91
Wellholme	111	130	129
Calderdale	1,264	1,306	1,373

The above figures do not represent children 'new' to the childcare market as many will already be in a paid for childcare place.

Appendix 6 - Anticipated demand for the extended entitlements

This data has been calculated using DfE estimates supplied to the LA in November 2023. It will be refined further throughout 2024 to map onto our Children's Centre Reach Areas.

Notes on demand calculations:

- The estimated national population of children taking the new entitlement is divided into those assumed to be new to childcare and those who were pre-existing users.
- The children who are new to childcare represent new demand on the childcare sector. DfE assume that these children will take on average 26 hours of entitlement funded childcare per week.
- The children who are pre-existing users of childcare represent new demand on the childcare sector if they use more hours through the new entitlement than they used previously.
- DfE assume that these children will use an average of 4 additional hours due to the presence of the new entitlement.

Notes on supply calculations:

- 1 place is converted into 35 supply hours, in a typical term time week.
- Calculations assume all registered places are available to be converted into funded places (hours)
- Supply calculations do not exclude currently occupied places (hours)

Ward Name	Supply hours childminders	Supply hours group-based providers	Demand Hours April 24	Shortfall Hours April 24	Demand Hours Sep 24	Shortfall Hours Sep 24	Demand Hours Sep 25	Shortfall Hours Sep 25
Brighouse	617	2,607	1,353	-1,871	1,386	-1,838	1,702	-1,522
Calder	265	2,003	2,294	26	2,360	92	2,960	692
Elland	717	3,051	2,064	-1,704	2,124	-1,644	2,649	-1,119
Greetland and Stainland	463	2,769	1,986	-1,246	2,053	-1,179	2,658	-574
Hipperholme and Lightcliffe	970	5,211	2,689	-3,492	2,784	-3,397	3,653	-2,528
Illingworth and Mixenden	353	1,771	3,065	941	3,124	1,000	3,668	1,544
Luddendenfoot	209	4,852	1,280	-3,781	1,314	-3,747	1,637	-3,424
Northowram and Shelf	794	2,782	1,712	-1,864	1,779	-1,797	2,370	-1,206
Ovenden	198	2,419	3,879	1,262	3,948	1,331	4,600	1,983
Park	0	4,156	5,106	950	5,716	1,560	5,837	1,681
Rastrick	463	4,785	2,800	-2,448	2,878	-2,370	3,599	-1,649
Ryburn	463	3,468	2,668	-1,263	2,761	-1,170	3,626	-305
Skircoat	132	4,536	3,126	-1,542	3,206	-1,462	3,952	-716
Sowerby Bridge	198	786	1,851	867	1,902	918	2,378	1,394
Todmorden	232	2,009	2,018	-223	2,053	-188	2,386	145
Town	728	7,345	4,143	-3,930	4,222	-3,851	4,957	-3,116
Warley	0	1,284	4,795	3,511	4,887	3,603	5,721	4,437
Totals	6,802	55,834	46,829	-15,807	48,497	-14,139	58,353	-4,283

Appendix 7 - % of children achieving at Expected or Exceeding levels

% of children at Expected or Exceeding levels										
Area	Cohort no.	Prime Learning Goals			Specific Areas of Learning				Good Level of Development*	Average Total Points**
		Communication	Physical	PSED	Literacy	Maths	Understanding the world	Expressive Arts		
England		79%	85%	83%	70%	77%	80%	85%	67%	
LA Data	2360	80%	85%	84%	69%	76%	80%	83%	66%	31
Lower Valley	598	84%	84%	87%	72%	79%	83%	84%	70%	32
Elland	229	81%	82%	87%	72%	77%	79%	83%	71%	31
Field Lane	146	84%	86%	88%	74%	81%	84%	84%	71%	32
Wellholme	223	87%	86%	87%	70%	79%	85%	87%	69%	32
Upper Valley	569	81%	85%	83%	70%	80%	83%	84%	68%	32
Hebden Vale	271	84%	87%	87%	73%	81%	87%	89%	70%	32
New Road	149	79%	81%	81%	70%	78%	80%	81%	66%	31
Todmorden	149	76%	85%	79%	65%	80%	78%	79%	64%	32
Halifax North & East	623	80%	86%	84%	68%	76%	80%	85%	66%	30
Ash Green	62	79%	77%	84%	48%	52%	77%	84%	47%	26
Creations	150	81%	91%	86%	75%	83%	83%	87%	75%	31
Illingworth	95	79%	92%	88%	65%	75%	79%	89%	62%	31
Kevin Pearce	100	78%	82%	82%	66%	75%	76%	79%	66%	30
Kevin Pearce (NS)	122	87%	89%	87%	75%	87%	88%	91%	74%	32
Innovations	94	71%	78%	76%	65%	71%	74%	79%	61%	30
Halifax Central	570	77%	85%	82%	64%	70%	73%	79%	61%	30
Boothtown	66	80%	91%	80%	68%	74%	73%	76%	59%	29
Jubilee	92	76%	84%	82%	62%	71%	72%	78%	61%	29
Little Stars	125	73%	83%	81%	58%	63%	66%	77%	56%	28
Siddal	195	81%	88%	85%	71%	75%	81%	86%	68%	32
Sunshine	92	72%	76%	77%	59%	63%	66%	72%	57%	30

Source: Nexus EYFSP 2023 - EYFSP data is analysed by child's home postcode, number of children includes children who were recorded as absent

*Good Level of Development is % of children who have achieved at least the expected level in the ELGs in the prime areas of learning (Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Physical Development; Communication and Language) and in the specified areas of Mathematics and Literacy

**Average point score is taken across the full 17 Early Learning Goals)