

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2013

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1. Executive Summary

The Childcare Act 2006 requires local authorities to carry out and publish a sufficiency assessment of childcare in their area at least every 3 years. Local authorities carried out their first assessment in 2008 and the latest report will be completed September 2013.

1.1. What is childcare?

Government definitions are set out in “Securing Sufficient Childcare – statutory guidance for Local Authorities in carrying out their childcare sufficiency duties.” (2010)

Childcare is defined in Section 18 of the Childcare Act 2006 as “any form of care for a child” including “education ... and any other supervised activity.”

The following are specifically excluded from this definition:

- education or activities provided by a school for a pupil during school hours, unless that pupil has not yet started Key Stage 1 (thereby including nursery and reception classes);
- care provided for a child by a parent, step-parent or person with parental responsibility; or any relative; or foster parent (local authority or private); or
- care provided by a children’s home, a care home, a hospital or a residential family centre, a young offenders’ institution, a secure training centre, or a secure care home within any of those establishments.

In the Childcare Act 2006, ‘early years provision’ means childcare for a child aged from birth until the 31st August following the child’s 5th birthday and ‘later years provision’ means childcare for a child from the 1st September following the child’s 5th birthday ending with such day as may be prescribed. (See sections 20 and 96(6) of the Act).

Childcare includes some ‘supervised’ provision for under 18 year olds. This may overlap with local authorities’ duties under section 507B of the Education Act 1996, to secure sufficient leisure activities for 13-19 year olds.

Local authorities should regard childcare as any provision that is regular and reliable and provides children a safe place to be. It would not include, for example, before school or after-school activity that was unsupervised or that was provided as a one-off activity.

1.2. What is sufficient childcare?

Local authorities are under a duty to ensure that there is sufficient childcare provision in their areas for two main purposes under Section 6 (1) of the Childcare Act 2006, the provision must be “sufficient to meet the requirements of parents in the local authority’s area who require childcare in order to enable them to:

a) take up, or remain in, work, or

b) undertake education or training which could reasonably be expected to assist them to obtain work.”

This requirement is applicable to all children up to 1st September after they reach the age of 14. For disabled children (as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 1995), the requirement applies to children or young people until they reach the age of 18.

Under Section 6(2) of the Childcare Act 2006, in determining whether childcare is sufficient, the local authority must have regard to the needs of parents in their area

a) for provision for which the childcare element of Working Tax Credit is payable; and

b) the provision of childcare that is suitable for disabled children.

Under Section 7(1) of the Childcare Act 2006, local authorities must secure free early years provision for all eligible children in their area. Regulations made under section 7 set out the type and amount of free provision and the age of children to benefit.

1.3. What is the legislative requirement on local authorities to secure sufficient provision?

Section 6(1) of the Childcare Act 2006 places a duty on local authorities to secure the provision of childcare “so far as is reasonably practicable”.

In assessing what is “reasonably practicable”, the local authority may take into account:

- the state of the local childcare market, including the level of demand in a particular locality and the amount and type of supply that currently exists;
- the state of the labour market and the potential for increasing the number of people working in childcare;
- the resources available to, and capabilities of, childcare providers (resources means not just the available funding, but also staff and premises, and capabilities will include experience and expertise);
- the need to develop an effective, phased programme to meet the sufficiency duty and;
- the local authority’s resources, capabilities and overall budget priorities

1.4. Update from the 2011 report and action plan

The 2011 report made the following recommendations

- the reports on the levels of provision contained within the childcare sufficiency assessment to be refreshed every 6 months, and the results published on the Bath and North East Somerset website
- the majority of providers are confident that their business is sustainable over the next two years. However, 42% of providers had seen a negative effect on their business from the current economic climate. Bath and North East Somerset should continue to monitor the impact of the economy on provision and provide strategies for market management in order to sustain existing quality provision, or in areas of shortfall to encourage new entrants into the childcare market
- to plan the expansion of the two year old funding from 10 hours per week to 15 hours per week term time only, to be implemented from 2013
- to evaluate the DCATCH initiative during 2011 and implement the recommended actions to improve the sufficiency of childcare for disabled children
- to publish an action plan in line with the childcare sufficiency report and will be reviewed every 6 months with an update on progress made and outcomes achieved

Note: Data within this report reported by Children's Centre geographical areas, please see Appendix 2 for details of these areas.

Action Plan from the 2011 Childcare Sufficiency Report

Task	Timescale	Resources available	Team or officer responsible	Outcome	Achieved?
Ensuring sufficient two year old places	25% of two year old children by 2013	Early Intervention Grant	Planning and Performance Team Early Years Foundation Stage Team	100% take up of funded places by eligible two year old children	YES Bath and North East Somerset was allocated funding for 20% of two year old children (50 places in total). Places offered to all children where referrals were completed. Due to late starters and some families choosing not to take their full entitlement, funding was offered to a total of 60 children.
Ensuring sufficient three and four year old entitlement places	Ongoing requirement since 2004	Direct Schools Grant Early Intervention Grant	Planning and Performance Team	100% take up of early years entitlement places by three and four year old children	YES Due to being an importer of children taking the entitlement (from other Local Authority areas), we have achieved over 100% of take up.

Task	Timescale	Resources available	Team or officer responsible	Outcome	Achieved?
<p>Increase the number of sustainable childminders in the most appropriate areas</p>	<p>2011 to 2014 as required and monitored through the CSA</p>	<p>Early Intervention Grant</p>	<p>Childminding Support Team Family Information Service</p>	<p>Reduction in the areas of under supply</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>We have increased the number of Childminders accepting the two year old funding to 14 with more joining as they complete their level 3 qualification</p>
<p>Increase provision in areas of under supply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Twerton ○ Paulton ○ Radstock 	<p>2011 to 2014 as required and monitored through the CSA</p>	<p>Early Intervention Grant Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)</p>	<p>Planning and Performance Team</p>	<p>Opening of Children's Centres with childcare provision in Paulton and Radstock</p> <p>Increase in provision for two year olds and three and four year old children in Twerton.</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Twerton – One childcare setting has improved quality to a level to accept two year old funding. Additional capital funding has been identified to further increase available places in Twerton.</p> <p>Paulton Children's Centre has opened offering 36 places in the early years age range.</p> <p>Radstock – Capital funding has been identified to create further places by 2014.</p>

Task	Timescale	Resources available	Team or officer responsible	Outcome	Achieved?
Continuation of market management and business support provision	2011 to 2014 as required and monitored through the CSA	Early Intervention Grant Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	Planning and Performance Team	Greater sustainability of provision across Bath and North East Somerset. Timely identification of areas of undersupply.	YES Business health checks completed with all voluntary run settings across Bath and North East Somerset. On-going regular liaison with the Family Information Service will identify areas of undersupply through their working with families to secure provision.
Positive marketing of childcare provider in gap areas	2011 - 2014		Family Information Service	New provision and more child places in areas of under provision	YES Childminder recruitment campaign in areas of under provision. Information out to existing providers about possible new opportunities in areas of undersupply.

Task	Timescale	Resources available	Team or officer responsible	Outcome	Achieved?
Continue to offer support to families, including take up of benefits	2011 to 2014	Early Intervention Grant	Family Information Service Children's Centres	Monthly monitoring of outcomes see FIS Business Plan	YES Completed
Monitoring DCATCH outcomes	March 2011	Early Intervention Grant	DCATCH steering group	Summary Report 31 March 2011	YES Completed
Continue to support new provision and existing provision	2011 to 2014	Early Intervention Grant	Planning and Performance Team Early Years Foundation Stage Team Family Information Service	Sustainable and developing provision across Bath and North East Somerset	YES Support available to new and existing settings in areas such as business management, quality, legislation, and training
Expansion of places following housing development from capital receipts from Planning Obligations (Section 106) developer contributions.	2011 to 2014	Planning Obligations (SPD)	Planning and Performance Team		YES Secured Section 106 funding in key areas as and when applicable.
Produce twice yearly updates of sufficiency data by children's centre areas.	2011 to 2014	Early Intervention Grant	Planning and Performance Team		YES Completed

Task	Timescale	Resources available	Team or officer responsible	Outcome	Achieved?
Continue to provide support to families to access appropriate childcare, continue to evaluate enquiries	2011 to 2014	Early Intervention Grant	Family Information Service	Monthly monitoring of outcomes see FIS Business Plan	YES Brokerage completed by the FIS team, along with Flying Start Workers for funded children
Design a voluntary register information pack to organisations seeking to set up Distribute a voluntary register information pack to organisations running and seeking to set up	2011 to 2014	Early Intervention Grant	Early Years Foundation Stage Team Family Information Service		YES Completed YES Completed
Provide more detailed information about nanny agencies to parents to enable greater informed choice	2011 to 2014	Early Intervention Grant	Family Information Service	Providing an alternative to families not able to access provision locally	YES Completed

2. Is Childcare Accessible

2.1. The need for childcare

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

The City of Bath College has a private nursery provider located within a short walk of the college who have entered into an agreement with them regarding the provision of childcare for students who are eligible for funding.

2.2. Supply of childcare - current providers as at April 2013

Accredited Childminder*	17
Breakfast Club	31
Childminder**	167
Day Nursery	56
Home Childcarer	60
Independent Nursery School	4
Non Reg After School Care	1
Non Registered Holiday Scheme	4
Playgroup or Pre-School	29
Registered After School Care	37
Registered Holiday Scheme	22
School Nursery Class	8
Specialist Service Provider	9
Total Providers	445

* Accredited Childminders are able to offer the Early Years Entitlement

** 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.

Average weekly childcare costs by region and nation, 2012 - 2013

Region/Nation	Nursery 25 hours (under 2)	Nursery 25 hours (2 and over)	Childminder 25 hours (under 2)	Childminder (2 and over)	After-school club 15 hours	Childminder after-school pick up
East of England	£106.55	£104.60	£106.90	£105.90	£50.74	£66.53
East Midlands	£104.91	£103.50	£86.40	£85.67	£56.51	£49.24
London	£133.17	£124.73	£131.08	£128.34	£48.06	£92.86
North East	£101.61	£96.00	£92.80	£90.34	£47.57	£47.63
North West	£92.22	£89.81	£84.13	£82.52	£46.60	£55.63
South East	£125.16	£131.34	£112.76	£111.73	£52.65	£84.09
South West	£113.32	£110.77	£98.96	£98.85	£44.11	£57.41
West Midlands	£96.92	£98.26	£91.64	£86.98	£49.86	£73.48
Yorkshire and Humberside	£102.71	£99.63	£86.11	£85.10	£53.29	£72.57
England regional average	£108.51	£106.52	£98.98	£97.27	£49.71	£72.79
Scotland average	£101.19	£94.35	£93.22	£92.92	£50.46	£79.63
Wales average	£92.36	£90.49	£95.61	£95.02	£48.46	£68
Britain average of regions and nations	£106.38	£103.96	£98.15	£96.67	£49.67	£72.98

Source: Daycare Trust and Family and Parenting Institute, Childcare Costs Survey 2013

Data is only available from this source on a regional basis. What it does show is that costs in the South West are usually higher than the English average with the exception of the after-school club and are all higher than the national average.

Changes in childcare costs in 12 months December 2011 to December 2012

Region/Nation	Nursery 25 hours (under 2)	Nursery 25 hours (2 and over)	Childminder 25 hours (under 2)	Childminder (2 and over)	After- school club 15 hours
East of England	9.20%	8.70%	34.30%	32.80%	38.20%
East Midlands	1.10%	5.90%	-4.70%	-2.20%	28.50%
London	5%	11.10%	1.20%	-0.50%	1.20%
North East	5.90%	1.50%	4.40%	3%	-14.30%
North West	0.40%	0.10%	4.10%	2.70%	-2.70%
South East	5%	18.50%	9.40%	9.80%	9.90%
South West	6%	4.70%	6.10%	6%	-4.10%
West Midlands	6.50%	13.80%	8.90%	4%	16.00%
Yorkshire and Humberside	7.50%	5.60%	3.30%	2.10%	19.50%
England	5.20%	7.90%	6.90%	5.90%	8.50%
Scotland	0%	0%	0.10%	0.10%	3.90%
Wales	0%	1.30%	2.90%	3.20%	21%
Britain change: average across regions and nations 2012-2013	4.20%	6.60%	5.90%	5.20%	9%

Source: Daycare Trust and Family and Parenting Institute, Childcare Costs Survey 2013

Increases in costs within the South West have not exceeded either the English or national average in every case within this table and the average cost of after-school care fell during this data collection period.

Birth rate data by Academic Year

Children's Centre Area	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Chew Valley	119	129	123	109	132	139	145	135	114	123	134	126
Keynsham	160	141	156	158	179	155	174	162	163	166	207	175
Midsomer Norton	150	155	150	144	146	170	170	150	168	154	169	172
Moorlands	172	167	163	160	166	159	181	179	158	163	164	171
Parkside	217	221	207	228	217	258	250	253	225	234	248	242
Paulton	117	103	115	110	116	121	117	104	118	133	120	127
Peasedown	119	158	131	126	127	131	127	122	107	113	113	117
Radstock	104	88	88	111	90	98	115	115	118	109	118	118
St Martins	174	180	178	175	197	177	203	203	201	194	201	196
Twerton	116	129	125	127	137	129	146	119	156	115	149	170
Weston	180	175	206	194	189	183	204	232	175	194	207	215
Total	1628	1646	1642	1642	1696	1720	1832	1774	1703	1698	1830	1829

There has been a steady increase in resident births during the last 12 years. This has had an impact on the demand for provision. In addition 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 closure of the two MOD nurseries during 2012 will be evaluated for any impact on this statistic.

Resident Population by Academic Year

Children's Centre Area	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Chew Valley	195	198	193	174	172	183	187	176	165	161	163	148
Keynsham	230	211	207	184	209	193	221	214	205	216	241	200
Midsomer Norton	167	165	153	136	156	167	168	131	177	145	174	167
Moorlands	162	161	154	166	168	142	175	160	149	159	165	157
Parkside	191	228	191	204	210	209	230	203	198	243	220	214
Paulton	125	125	112	137	128	131	132	136	144	147	136	136
Peasedown	106	140	112	114	110	114	116	115	96	118	106	103
Radstock	116	119	109	113	101	118	131	112	117	136	128	123
St Martins	236	218	216	211	245	225	238	229	214	221	218	208
Twerton	94	112	118	118	122	118	124	119	141	117	138	166
Weston	243	211	232	215	225	246	246	259	224	220	238	229
Total	1865	1888	1797	1772	1846	1846	1968	1854	1830	1883	1927	1851

The increase in population in the Twerton area over the past few years may be due to the redevelopment of social housing in this area, resulting in more families moving into the area.

Supply data

Children's Centre Area	September 2013				
	Childcare Places - No Home Childcarers	* Number of children 0-11	Ratio of childcare places to children	Childcare Places - Including Home Childcarers	Ratio including Home Childcarers
Chew Valley	640	1875	0.341	661	0.353
Keynsham	819	2509	0.326	825	0.329
Midsomer Norton	537	2109	0.255	547	0.259
Moorlands	529	1928	0.274	535	0.277
Parkside	869	2558	0.340	889	0.348
Paulton	362	1594	0.227	361	0.226
Peasedown	373	1528	0.244	383	0.251
Radstock	269	1208	0.223	270	0.224
St Martins	683	2651	0.258	695	0.262
Twerton	261	1534	0.170	265	0.173
Weston	826	2772	0.298	838	0.302
Total	6168	22266	0.277	6269	0.282

As shown above, most areas have a good supply of provision with exception of Twerton and Radstock Children's Centre areas. The Paulton Children's Centre area has had some increase but remains below the Council average.

We continue to promote these areas to individuals who enquire about creating new childcare provision.

2.3. Demand data

The Family Information Service (FIS) was developed to address Section 12 of the Childcare Act 2006; to provide information, advice and assistance to parents and to ensure parents and prospective parents can access the full range of information they may need for their children right through to their 20th birthday. A total of 562 people accessed the FIS by email, with 320 face to face and 1018 through their freephone service. A new Facebook account has been created which provides useful information and updates to families who choose to receive them.

Part of the work of the FIS is to provide a brokerage service to families, offering impartial information on childcare available in Bath and North East Somerset.

For the period 1st April 2012 – 31st March 2013 the FIS responded to 1630 enquiries regarding childcare brokerage. A further 148 other professionals worked with families to secure suitable childcare.

2.4. Employment data including lone parent information and workless households

Breakdown of Lone parent families claiming benefits by Children's Centre Area

Chew Valley	40	Peasedown	40
Keynsham	110	Radstock	80
Midsomer Norton	70	St Martins	120
Moorlands	50	Twerton	170
Parkside	90	Weston	95
Paulton	60	Grand Total	925

2.5. Early Years Entitlement (EYE)

“The free entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds is at the heart of the Government’s vision for all children to have access to high quality early years provision that helps them reach their full potential. It offers universal free provision from the term following a child’s third birthday up until they reach compulsory school age, for every child, irrespective of background or family circumstances. From September 2010, the free entitlement equates to 15 hours per week, over a minimum 38 weeks of the year, with flexible access to meet parents’ needs.”

The EYE is a significant contribution towards childcare bills for parents with 3 and 4 year old children. It provides up to 570 hours a year free entitlement at Ofsted registered Private, Voluntary or Independent (PVI) and School nurseries until the child moves into reception.

Childrens Centre	2010			September 2013		
	Estimate EYE Eligible Children	EYE Places	Ratio	Estimate EYE Eligible Children	EYE Places	Ratio
Chew Valley	248	370	1.49	248	389	1.57
Keynsham	293	318	1.09	319	397	1.24
Midsomer Norton	279	286	1.02	292	250	0.86
Moorlands	265	224	0.85	242	226	0.93
Parkside	380	562	1.48	352	531	1.51
Paulton	194	151	0.78	223	198	0.89
Peasedown	214	222	1.04	168	211	1.26
Radstock	181	134	0.74	163	198	1.21
St Martins	338	412	1.22	339	388	1.14
Twerton	206	161	0.78	204	163	0.80
Weston	336	462	1.37	348	395	1.14
Total	2934	3301	1.12	2898	3346	1.15

2.6 Two year old Early Years Entitlement

Two year old early years entitlement was introduced as a pilot in September 2009, with Bath and North East Somerset Council offering 50 places within the South West Bath area. This was expanded in September 2012 to 140 places across the whole of the Bath and North East Somerset area.

From September 2013, to be eligible for a funded placement of up to 15 hours per week (term time only), for up to 38 weeks of the year, you must be in receipt of one of the following benefits, or meet the Free School Meals criteria:

Income Support
Income Based Job Seekers' Allowance
Income based Employment Support Allowance (ESA) – contribution based
Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
The guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and income less than £16,190.00)

Referrals are made via health visitors, children's centres, social workers, childcare providers and other professionals working with families. Families can self-refer from September 2013.

Children will be eligible from the term following their second birthday:

Child's Date of Birth (Between)	Term Eligible for 2 Year Old Funding (following their 2 nd birthday)
1st January and 31st March	The start of the Summer Term
1st April and 31st August	The start of the Autumn Term
1st September and 31st December	The start of the Spring Term

Take up of entitlement by category between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013

Category	Number of children	%
Child/family with a Common Assessment	62	35%
Non White British ethnicity	27	15%
Teenage parents	6	3.5%
Looked After Children	6	3.5%
Family with social care involvement	21	12%
Families experiencing domestic violence	35	20%
Lone parents	76	43%
Total Children funded	176	

From July 2013 families will have the opportunity to apply for a funded placement to start in September 2013 (for children who have their second birthday prior to 31st August 2013), via the Free School Meals helpline on 01225 394317. Families who meet the criteria for free school meals will be eligible for a funded placement for their two year old child at a high quality childcare provider.

From September 2014, it is proposed that the funding is expanded further, but the final details are yet to be confirmed.

3. Changes in Provision

3.1. Increase in take up of Early Years Entitlement

Since the last full report in 2010 there has been a change in the way that families can access their EYE hours. Prior to September 2012 the only way to access the full 15 hours a week was to attend for at least 3 days a week but this has now changed to 2 days. As a consequence there has been an increase in the number of hours funded per child when comparing Autumn 2012 with Autumn 2011 showing that families are benefiting and taking advantage of this greater flexibility to access more hours.

Attendance required for Funding	Term	Average Attended Hours per Term	Average Funded Hours per Term
3 Days	Autumn 11-12	228.80	177.78
2 Days	Autumn 12-13	235.02	182.57
Change per pupil		6.22	4.79

3.2. Settings opened, closed and changed since the last report

Eleven Day Nurseries opened resulting in an increase of 402 places

Six Day Nurseries closed and three Pre-Schools closed resulting in a loss of 322 places.

In 2010 there were a total of 179 registered Childminders in Bath and North East Somerset, fourteen of whom accepted the Early Years Entitlement Funding. Currently there are 186 registered Childminders, twenty of whom accept the Early Years Entitlement. This increases the choice for families who wish to use Childminders and claim the Early Years Entitlement.

3.3. Ofsted outcomes 1st October 2010 – 31st March 2013 across Bath and North East Somerset

57 'Childcare on non-domestic premises' were inspected

11 were graded as Outstanding
37 were graded as Good

8 were graded as Satisfactory
1 was graded as Inadequate

83 Childminders were inspected

13 were graded as Outstanding
50 were graded as Good
19 were graded as Satisfactory
1 was graded as Inadequate

Additionally 10 providers were assessed against the voluntary register – 9 met the requirements and 1 did not.

Since September 2012 Ofsted have no longer made specific conditions of registration instruction to providers about the number of places they can offer. As a result the provider can decide on how many places to offer, at what age range, and so on based on not exceeding the welfare requirements of the EYFS with regard to space per child, number of staff and so on. This makes the job of assessing the number of places on offer more challenging for a Local Authority who need the provider to confirm what they may potentially offer. Adjusting the ratios may also have a similar impact as many providers have indicated that they are unlikely to change, indeed some already operate at with either staffing levels much higher than those regulated for, or by accepting a lower number of children than they could under the regulations. This is, of course, their own business and practice decision.

3.4. Emerging issues

Committee recruitment

During the completion of provider health-checks with our voluntary run settings, one common theme raised was the difficulties that some settings had with forming committees to run the setting. Leaders stated that often their parents have literacy and/or other learning difficulties, and in some cases mental health needs which prevented them from volunteering. One provider was concerned that they may need to close the setting in future if they were not successful in creating a committee. This would leave a noticeable gap in provision in a recognised deprived area of Bath and North East Somerset.

Support has been offered to settings experiencing difficulties recruiting committee members, and they will be monitored and supported at their next Annual General Meetings.

4. Future Developments

4.1. Expansion of 2 year funding

Since September 2009, Bath and North East Somerset Council have been providing free nursery funding to economically deprived two year old children. This funding will become a statutory entitlement for eligible children from September 2013 where 248 (20% of two year olds nationally) placements will be available.

A recruitment campaign has increased the number of eligible providers to 64 with a further 20 potential providers offering in excess of 300 two year old placements across Bath and North East Somerset.

Further expansion is planned from September 2014, but further details have yet to be published.

4.2. Housing development

Current development sites

- Crest Nicholson is currently developing Bath Western Riverside. The first phase of development, includes 299 homes, 121 of which are affordable housing.
- Taylor Wimpey is currently developing 'The Meadows' in Keynsham (known as K2). They will build a total of 285 two, three, four, five and six bedroom houses.

The Council is currently consulting on proposed changes to the Core Strategy. Once this has taken place and approved then any necessary adjustment to future childcare sufficiency requirements can be calculated.

Future developments planned:

Consultations will take place in the future regarding the development of the former Ministry of Defence sites at Foxhill, Ensleigh and Warminster road in Bath. The Cadbury's site in Keynsham will be redeveloped.

Developer contributions

The Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) outlines the current Section 106 developer contribution requirements and when they will be sought. This includes those that may be requested to provide childcare and/or early years provision where the current Childcare Sufficiency Report highlights that there will be a shortfall in provision as a result of the number of children who result from the development having taken place.

Childcare sufficiency requirements are being incorporated into the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), a new levy, or charge that local authorities can charge on new developments in their area. The CIL is used to fund infrastructure that is needed to support new development in the district.

5. Services available to families

5.1. Family Information Service

The Family Information Service supports local families by providing information and choices.

They have lists of registered childcare, including childminders, nurseries, pre-schools and out of school clubs. They also have information on local parent and toddler groups, after school activities and details of leisure activities and support groups for you and your family; and lots of leaflets and booklets about parenting support, family issues, positive activities and safe lifestyle choices for teenagers.

The Outreach Team promotes the work of the Family Information Service across the Bath and North East Somerset area and you will see them regularly at Children's Centres and Schools. They visit organisations that work with families, go along to parenting and play events, post natal groups, toddler groups and family fun days. If you are having difficulty finding childcare, or a service to help you with your family, the Outreach Team can meet with you to discuss your options and give you impartial information.

They provide an Information and Advice Service, working closely with families who do not have a regular wage or income, offering one to one appointments and drop in sessions at local Children's Centres. At an appointment a family will be able to check that they are claiming all the benefits they are entitled to and be supported to access debt and housing advice, free school meals, specific benefits information and appropriate legal services.

5.2. 1Big Database

1 Big Database is the place to find out about organisations, support, events and other useful things going on in your area. The database provides a comprehensive directory of services, community and voluntary organisations, clubs and groups in Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire. The website is managed through a partnership with the local authorities in these areas. The childcare information listed is maintained by each local authority. The search function offers families the facility to find childcare centred around their home postcode (or chosen area of childcare) and further afield, including across the three local authority borders. Childcare providers supply the Family Information Service with details of their provision to give parents a synopsis of the childcare offered. Records can be viewed and printed individually and the Ofsted inspection outcome and report can be views directly from each record where available.

5.3. Rainbow Resource

The Rainbow Resource is a Directory of Services in Bath and North East Somerset for Children with Additional Needs.

As well as providing information for parents and carers of disabled children, this directory also includes relevant information for parents/carers who might have concerns regarding the health and general development of their child.

This directory has the local and national contact numbers of groups and organisations who have trained befrienders and counsellors. These can play an important part in helping parents to regain confidence and find a way forward after their child's diagnosis. There are many common issues for parents of children with additional needs, but no two families are the same or have identical needs. Families can be diverse in terms of their experience, resources and expectations as well as in their cultural, religious and linguistic influences.

5.4. The Link Newsletter

The Link newsletter goes out to families who have a child with a disability or additional need. The Newsletter is mailed out three times a year in time for families to plan for the school holidays. It contains details on local targeted and inclusive playschemes for disabled children and young people, as well as any other useful information on support groups and other meetings that may be helpful for families.

5.5. Short breaks commissioned services

Short breaks provide invaluable support for disabled children, young people and their families. It provides disabled children and young people with the opportunity to experience new relationships, environments and positive activities which provides them with valuable social skills and independence. Families are able to take time out to recharge their batteries or provide additional support so that the whole family can enjoy activities together.

These breaks can take the form of:

- Daytime care in the home or elsewhere
- Overnight care in the home or elsewhere
- Leisure activities outside the home
- Services available to assist carers in the evenings, at weekends and during school holidays

Short breaks come in many different forms and can last anything from a couple of hours to days. The length and type of break will depend on your child, young person and family.

The total number of children seen by these short break services between January 2012 and December 2012 is 474.

For more information about The Rainbow Resource, The Link newsletter, or the short breaks service, please contact:

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5.6. Childcare Voucher Schemes

Childcare Voucher Schemes are a “salary sacrifice” scheme that may be offered by an employer to enable employees to obtain care for a child who:

- is a child or stepchild of the employee and is maintained (wholly or partly) at the employee’s expense, or
- is resident with the employee and is a person in respect of whom the employee has parental responsibility.

Vouchers can be used to “pay” for most types of childcare, a child qualifies up to 1st September following their 15th birthday, or 1st September following their 16th birthday if they are disabled. The vouchers can be offered as payment to all OFSTED registered childcare providers who have joined with the scheme.

These may include:

- Childminders
- Home child carers
- Pre-schools and playgroups
- Day nurseries
- Breakfast clubs/after-school clubs
- Holiday Play Schemes.

Childcare vouchers effectively let workers swap untaxed income for childcare. Users pay no income tax and national insurance on the money they spend on childcare – up to a maximum of £243 a month (£124 for higher tax payers).

The amount requested is deducted from your pay packet prior to National Insurance and tax being applied so giving you savings. You then have the choice to receive a personalised voucher which you can use to pay your childcare provider, or opt to have payment direct to your chosen setting.

5.7. Youth Service

Youth Services available to young people across Bath and North East Somerset

There are a number of youth initiatives and youth centres across Bath and North East Somerset offering a range of activities for young people.

Youth Centres/Youth Hubs/Youth Projects

- Batheaston Youth Club
- Odd Down Youth Club
- Timsbury Youth Club
- Clutton Youth Club
- Peasedown St John Youth Hub
- Radstock Youth Hub
- Time out Drop in centre Riverside, Keynsham
- Southside Youth Hub, Bath

- Riverside Youth Hub, Bath

Youth Projects

- DAFBY (Democratic Action for Bath and North East Somerset Youth)
- YAGA (Youth Action Group for Access)

Further information is available from the Family Information Service and from 1BigData Base (www.1bigdatabase.org.uk).

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Award is for all young people aged 14-25. It gives opportunities for personal achievement, community and social involvement, adventure and widening of interests. This is run in a variety of youth hubs and schools across the area.

6. Recommendations and action plan

6.1 Ensuring sufficient two year old entitlement places

Prepare implementation plan to increase number of placements available in Bath and North East Somerset to approximately 500 from September 2014. Increase the number of eligible providers able to offer funded placements.

6.2 Ensuring sufficient three and four year old entitlement places

This is an ongoing requirement since 2004.

6.3 Increase provision in areas of under supply

Writhlington, Radstock

Keynsham

Twerton, Bath

6.4 Management of the childcare market, and provision of business advice and support to providers

Continue to manage the childcare market in line with the demand for high quality childcare across Bath and North East Somerset. Continuation of annual health checks for providers in the private and voluntary sector of the childcare market.

6.5 Continue to offer support to families, including take up of benefits

Family Information Service to continue to offer services to families.

6.6 Continue to support new provision and existing provision

6.7 Expansion of places following housing development from capital receipts from Planning Obligations (Section 106) developer contributions.

6.8 Produce twice yearly updates of sufficiency data by children's centre areas.

Action Plan from the 2013 Childcare Sufficiency Report

Task	Timescale	Resources available	Team or officer responsible	Outcome
Ensuring sufficient two year old places	40% of two year old children (Nationally) by 2014		Planning and Performance Team Early Years Foundation Stage Team	100% take up of funded places by eligible two year old children
Ensuring sufficient three and four year old entitlement places	Ongoing requirement since 2004	Dedicated Schools Grant People and Communities funding	Planning and Performance Team	100% take up of early years entitlement places by three and four year old children
Increase provision in areas of under supply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Twerton ○ Keynsham ○ Writhlington, Radstock 	2011 to 2014 as required and monitored through the CSA	People and Communities funding Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	Planning and Performance Team	Opening of Children's Centres with childcare provision in Paulton and Radstock Increase in provision for two year olds and three and four year old children in Twerton.
Continuation of market management and business support provision	2011 to 2014 as required and monitored through the CSA	People and Communities funding Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	Planning and Performance Team	Greater sustainability of provision across Bath and North East Somerset. Timely identification of areas of undersupply.

Task	Timescale	Resources available	Team or officer responsible	Outcome
Continue to offer support to families, including take up of benefits	2011 to 2014	People and Communities funding	Family Information Service Children's Centres	Monthly monitoring of outcomes see FIS Business Plan
Continue to support new provision and existing provision	2011 to 2014	People and Communities funding	Planning and Performance Team Early Years Foundation Stage Team Family Information Service	Sustainable and developing provision across Bath and North East Somerset
Expansion of places following housing development from capital receipts from Planning Obligations (Section 106) developer contributions.	2011 to 2014	Planning Obligations (SPD)	Planning and Performance Team	
Produce twice yearly updates of sufficiency data by children's centre areas.	2011 to 2014	People and Communities funding	Planning and Performance Team	

7. Appendices

Appendix 1

Case studies from users of the Bath and North East Somerset Short Breaks Service.

Mrs E situation was as follows:

Mrs E is the carer for her 13 year old son who has Tourettes syndrome, is autistic and has OCD. He has been receiving extensive therapy to get him to be more out- going (he was not going out anywhere except to school and the swimming baths) but with the help of a Consultant and a volunteer he has made trips to Bristol, and Trowbridge and is incrementally becoming more receptive to a wider horizon. Mum has all kind of financial problems, as she has had to give up her job to care for him. Father died tragically 2 years ago. She has had to move house as she could not afford the mortgage on her home. Her other son aged 10 is very supportive of his brother but does miss out on so much as he attention is largely focused on supporting his brother.

A long weekend break was arranged at Centre Parcs - Longleat was arranged to follow up on the work being done by the consultant and the volunteer.

Outcome: Mrs E reported that the weekend away had been a great success, both for her 13 year old and more especially for his brother as they had both been able to enjoy the facilities and this gave them both greater freedom as they went off on different activities. She had the support of her brother who gets on well with both the lads and therefore she was able to have some quality time for herself. Her son is making great progress with expanding his horizons and this trip would not have been possible 12 months ago.

Mrs G situation was as follows:

Master H is 6 years old Autistic and has ADHT. He is non-speaking and communicates through a series of picture cards. The one thing he really seems to enjoy, more than any activity, is to go horse riding. He goes with Riding for the Disabled but only gets a short time on the horse and then gets very frustrated when his ride is over. In an attempt to see if he can gain more from this activity a longer session has been arranged at 'Special Horses for Special People' at Scampton Farm - Chard to see if this is viable for him.

Outcome: Mrs G rang full of enthusiasm for the trial for her son and said that he was totally absorbed by the chance to spend extended time on 'his' horse. The staff were absolutely brilliant with her son and he benefitted from a much longer session. Horse riding could well turn out to be a very positive therapy for him.

Appendix 2

Children's Centre Reach Areas

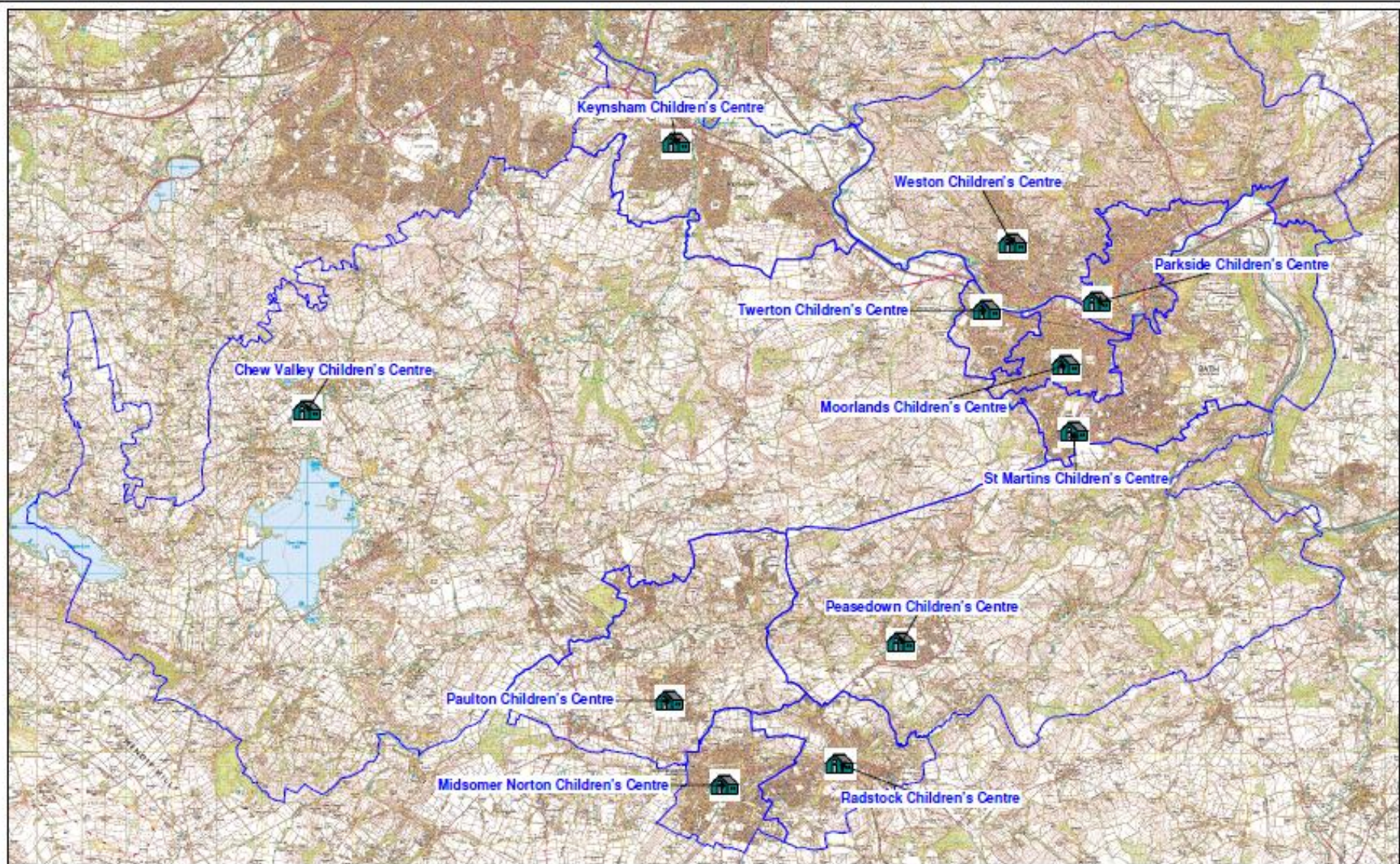
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Appendix 3

Primary Schools, Children's Centres and Early Years Childcare Providers

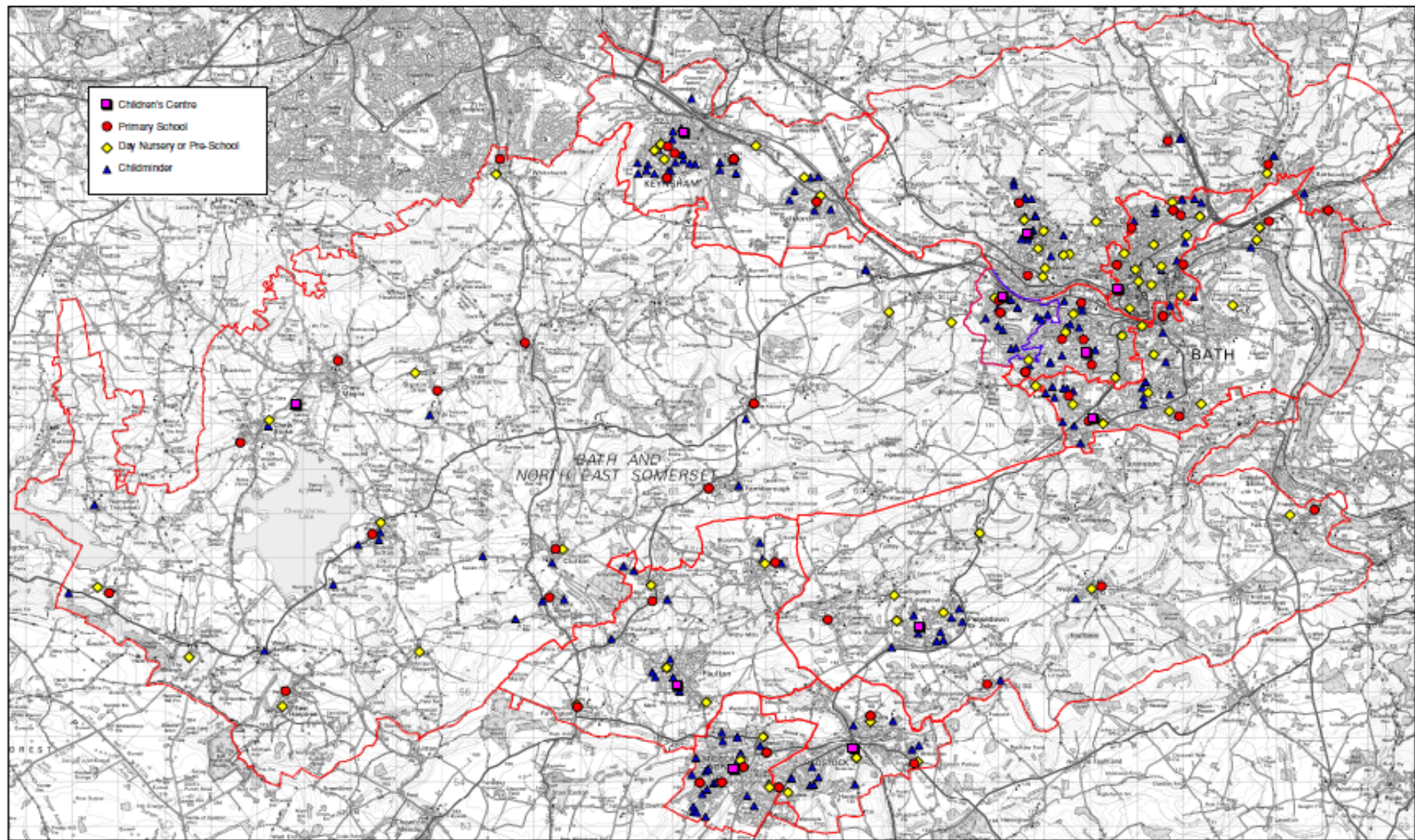
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Appendix 4

Childcare Ratio by Ward - All childcare excluding holiday clubs - year to September 2013			
Ward	Resident Children age 0-11	Childcare Places	Childcare Ratio
Abbey	322	62	0.19
Bathavon North	964	259	0.27
Bathavon South	330	48	0.15
Bathavon West	291	167	0.57
Bathwick	258	186	0.72
Chew Valley North	300	141	0.47
Chew Valley South	329	80	0.24
Clutton	343	71	0.21
Combe Down	806	191	0.24
Farmborough	250	112	0.45
High Littleton	418	120	0.29
Keynsham East	602	213	0.35
Keynsham North	739	290	0.39
Keynsham South	700	124	0.18
Kingsmead	521	128	0.25
Lambridge	816	300	0.37
Lansdown	468	171	0.37
Lyncombe	700	164	0.23
Mendip	362	107	0.30
Midsomer Norton North	855	255	0.30
Midsomer Norton Redfield	652	184	0.28
Newbridge	870	181	0.21
Odd Down	804	138	0.17
Oldfield	557	208	0.37
Paulton	835	162	0.19
Peasedown	1030	227	0.22
Publow and Whitchurch	228	60	0.26
Radstock	951	182	0.19
Saltford	462	192	0.42
Southdown	808	140	0.17
Timsbury	357	80	0.22
Twerton	918	222	0.24
Walcot	815	208	0.26
Westfield	875	185	0.21
Westmoreland	485	127	0.26
Weston	826	341	0.41
Widcombe	541	142	0.26
B&NES	22388	6168	0.28