

Securing Sufficient High Quality Learning and Childcare Places

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2022



Kirklees Children and
Young People Services



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Executive summary

All local authorities have a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient early learning places for eligible 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds and sufficient childcare places for working parents. This document is a study into the supply and demand of childcare within Kirklees.

Assessing demand for childcare places is a complex process which depends on many variables including, but not limited to, the effects of changes in child population demographics, employment patterns, housing developments, the movement of families within local authority ward areas, local geography and parental choice. A graduated approach is taken to manage the childcare market. The local authority intervenes only when required to ensure there are sufficient places in a local area.

On 31st August, 2022 there were 732 registered childcare providers in Kirklees which altogether provided 23,112 childcare places. Four hundred and fifteen providers are registered to deliver free early learning places for eligible 2-, 3- and 4-year-old children.

2022 has continued to be very difficult for the sector which is still struggling because of the pandemic, the continuing decline in the population of children aged 0-4, increased cost pressures and low early years funding rates. Kirklees receive the lowest early years funding rates along with approximately one third of other local authorities in England.

The Childcare Sufficiency Team provides a universal offer of advice and support to childcare providers with sustainability risks. This has become more important since the pandemic. During 2022 the Kirklees Childcare Sufficiency Team supported 17 settings with sustainability concerns. However, by the end of the year there was a net loss of 44 providers (948 places), which includes a net loss of 29 childminders (199 places).

The decline in the number of home-based providers (childminders) continues to be a concern and in some areas this has impacted on the availability of wrap-around care. The number of families using the Council's childcare brokerage service, looking for wrap-around care for school-age children, increased from 10 in 2021 to 42 in 2022. Thirteen of these are in relation to the reduction of places offered by an out of school provider in a particular area.

Brokering childcare places for children with additional needs is becoming more difficult. In 2021, 11 families who have children with SEND used the brokerage service, in 2022, the number of families using brokerage increased to 20. Further information on brokerage can be found in Appendix 11.

We know, through our regular engagement/communication with childcare providers, that this sector is facing a staffing crisis. Settings continue to report that recruitment and retention of well trained and qualified staff is proving difficult, with many practitioners choosing to take up employment in other sectors. Consequently, we are now seeing some settings capping places and some closing their provision. Some settings are unable to take children with SEND simply because there are insufficient staff to support the additional requirement of enhanced support.

A survey¹ carried out in December 2021 by the Early Years Alliance highlighted that recruitment within the sector is in crisis with 84% of early years providers finding it difficult to recruit staff.

The cost of employing staff is increasing year on year. In April 2022 there was a 9.8% increase in the National Minimum Wage (age 21-22) and a 6.6% in the National Living Wage (age 23 and over). From 2012 to 2022 the minimum/living wage rate has increased by £3.31 (53%). In addition, settings have also seen increases in workplace pensions, business rates, consumables, food and energy charges have skyrocketed.

The Kirklees average occupancy rate in under 5 childcare settings for Summer 2022 was 80%, an increase of 1% compared with Summer 2021. Occupancy levels are back to pre-pandemic levels. Although occupancy rates have increased slightly, occupancy rates are affected by parental demand for places and the number of places offered by providers, hence the increase in occupancy rates does not necessarily mean that demand is increasing. As noted elsewhere in this report the number of places available in Kirklees is declining.

Based on the data gathered from childcare providers, evidence suggests there continues to be sufficient childcare and early learning provision and there is some spare capacity across Kirklees to meet the demand for 0- to 4-year-old childcare, although this has reduced in recent years. However, place availability differs at ward level. Appendix 4 shows the number of children to a childcare place at ward level for under 5's and 5-11-year-olds. The data is an indicator and shows that some ward areas have less places available than the Kirklees average. Ward areas with the lowest number of under 5-year-old places are Dewsbury West and Crosland Moor and Netherton whereas ward areas with the lowest number of 5-11-year-old places are Almondbury and Heckmondwike.

At the time of publication, based on information from families using the Council's childcare brokerage service, there remains a gap in wrap-around care for some schools in Crosland Moor, Lockwood and Meltham.

The quality of childcare in Kirklees continues to be high. At 31st August, 2022, 96% of early learning and childcare providers were rated good or above by Ofsted for all provider types,

¹ [Early years staffing shortages reaches crisis point | early years alliance \(eyalliance.org.uk\)](https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/early-years-staffing-shortages-reaches-crisis-point)

this compares to 97% for England. The Early Years Outcomes Team use a challenge and support approach to ensure high-quality provision is maintained in Kirklees.

Increasing take-up of free early learning by eligible 2-year-olds continues to be a key priority. After the disruption caused by COVID-19, take-up rates in Kirklees have started to increase. In Summer 2022, the Kirklees average reached 80% which is the highest rate ever recorded and significantly above the national average rate of 72% (which is based on the annual early years census in Spring 2022). Kirklees take-up levels vary at ward level, this is shown in Appendix 7.

In June 2022 a Volunteer Parent Champion Co-ordinator was appointed. This role will establish a Parent Champion Volunteer Scheme and deliver on key actions to increase both the average take-up rate and the rate in wards where take-up is significantly low.

The targeted work is already making a difference. Take-up rates for Autumn 2022 were above 70% in five of the six areas of focus (Batley East, Batley West, Crosland Moor, Dewsbury West and Greenhead wards), Dewsbury East, the other area of focus was 64%. Previously take-up was much lower in these areas and as low as 43% in the Batley East ward. The Kirklees average take-up in Autumn 2022 increased to 81%.

Priorities for 2023

1. Continue to support parents of two-year olds to take-up their free early learning entitlement through ongoing Action Planning and establishing a Parent Champion Volunteer Scheme.
2. Support and facilitate training for childcare providers to review their business model and remain viable.
3. Support staff recruitment in childcare settings by developing the Kirklees Jobs and Careers webpage.
4. Review and enhance the Family Information Directory.
5. Roll out use of the Provider Portal for non-funded providers to support the collection of sufficiency and occupancy data.
6. Work with the sector and partners to increase wraparound childcare options for all school age children including those with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability.

Introduction and purpose of this report

Kirklees Childcare Sufficiency Assessments have been published on an annual basis since they became a statutory duty of the Childcare Act 2006. The Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) is a study into the supply and demand of childcare within Kirklees and is a vital tool to share information with the public, elected members and the childcare market itself. The local authority also has specific statutory duties in relation to childcare sufficiency:

- To ensure there are sufficient early learning places for eligible 2, 3-and 4-year-olds
- To ensure there are sufficient extended free entitlement places for eligible 3-and 4-year-olds and sufficient childcare places for working parents and parents studying or training for employment
- To provide information, advice and guidance to parents/carers seeking childcare

The CSA and ward profiles provide the evidence base to justify interventions required to help the Council meet its statutory duty to ensure there is sufficient childcare available in Kirklees. The ward profiles have been updated to reflect 2022 data. Ward level information is also provided in the appendices.

The provision of early learning and childcare supports the Council's shared outcomes listed below:

Best start

- Children have the best start in life

Aspire and achieve

- People in Kirklees have aspiration to achieve their ambitions through education, training, employment, and lifelong learning

Sustainable economy

- Kirklees has sustainable economic growth and provides good employment for and with communities and businesses

Full details of the Council's vision for Kirklees can be found in the [Council Plan 2021/23](#)

Our Kirklees Futures

The future of Kirklees is our children and young people. *Our Kirklees Futures* believes that families and communities provide the best start in life for every child and young person. This strategy and executive implementation plan will deliver a strong, equitable and high achieving system that benefits all learners. Early learning and childcare is at the forefront

of a child's learning journey hence securing sufficient places for our children will be a key contributor to the success of *Our Kirklees Futures*.

Disclaimer

The data used to assess the supply of and demand for early learning and childcare comes from a variety of sources, including a large number of childcare providers, before being aggregated. Whilst care is taken to ensure accuracy, Kirklees Council will not be held liable for any inaccuracies. Data is collected at a fixed point in time therefore will change between collection and the date of publication. Data is used to indicate where there may be gaps in provision, however Kirklees Council would always recommend that, prior to establishing a new childcare business or expanding an existing business, thorough market research is carried out.

Composition of Kirklees childcare market 31st August, 2022

	Number of providers	Number of Ofsted registered places	Number of providers registered for the free entitlements
Group based – full day (PVI and maintained)	168	7,705	168
Group based – part day (PVI and maintained)	5	120	5
Home based (childminders & agency childminders)	208	1,429	155
School nurseries (maintained and academy)	73	4,203	73
Independent school nursery	7	274	7
Out of school (PVI sector)	92	3,111	7
After school tuition (PVI sector)	17	80	0
*Out of school (maintained sector)	86	3,696	0
Holiday schemes (PVI sector)	69	2,346	0
Holiday schemes (maintained)	7	148	0
Total	732	23,112	415

*Primary schools only. From 2021 where a school has a before and after school provision these are now counted as one place, previously they were counted as two places.

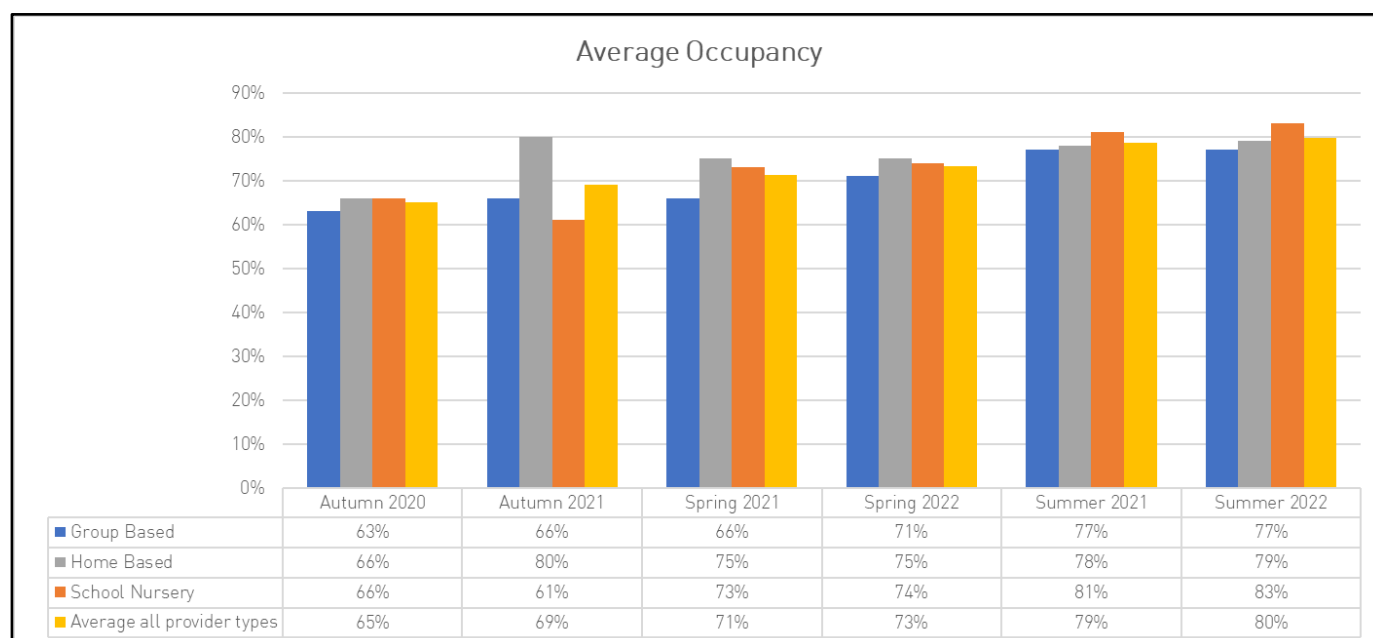
Changes in the number of providers in the Kirklees Childcare Market

Between 1st September, 2021 and 31st August, 2022, there have been several childcare providers joining and leaving the childcare market in Kirklees.

Provider type	Joiners	Leavers	+/-
Home based (childminders & agency childminders)	7	34	-27
Group based – full day	2	4	-2
Group based – part day	0	1	-1
Out of school	9	6	+3
School nursery	0	1	-1
Total	18	46	-28

Early years occupancy – under 5's

Occupancy is calculated by using the average number of filled places across the week divided by the maximum number of places offered by providers, referred to as the operating capacity. The operating capacity relates to the actual number of places offered which may be different from the maximum number of children a setting is registered for by Ofsted. Using termly sufficiency data received from childcare providers, the chart below shows occupancy levels collected for the last 6 terms.



Childcare occupancy rates for the early years age group (under 5s) are affected by seasonal variations of the free early learning entitlement meaning that child numbers are lower in the autumn term when children move into school reception year and peak in the summer term.

The graph shows the average occupancy rate for summer 2022 was 80%, an increase of 1% from summer 2021, whereas the spring term saw an increase of 2% from spring 2021. Occupancy levels are back to pre-pandemic levels.

Although occupancy levels have increased slightly, occupancy rates are affected by parental demand for places and the number of places offered by providers. Hence, a slight increase in occupancy rates does not mean that demand is increasing, as noted elsewhere in this report the number of places available in Kirklees is declining.

Ward level data can be found in Appendix 3. The table shows larger variations at ward level. However, figures are affected by providers entering and leaving the childcare market, parental preference for a particular type of provider and the percentage of sufficiency data returns received from providers.

Cost of childcare

The table below represents the average rate for childminders, day nurseries, pre-schools and out of school care in Kirklees. There may be variations to prices based on the number of hours a family uses, with reductions for longer hours, or discounts for sibling groups. There may also be additional payments for lunch and other meals which are not included in these prices.

Childcare prices

Provider type	Price (£)	Difference from last year (£)	Difference from last year (%)
Home based (childminders) Average price per hour	£4.65	+£0.51	+12%
Day nurseries Average price per day	£53.00	+£6.32	+14%
Pre-schools Average price per 3-hour session	£13.19	-£0.22	-2%
Out of school care Average price for a before and after school session	£16.58	+£1.41	+9%

The quality of childcare in Kirklees

All childcare providers must register with, and be inspected by, Ofsted. Ofsted is the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills who regulate services that care for children and young people and services providing education and skills for learners of all

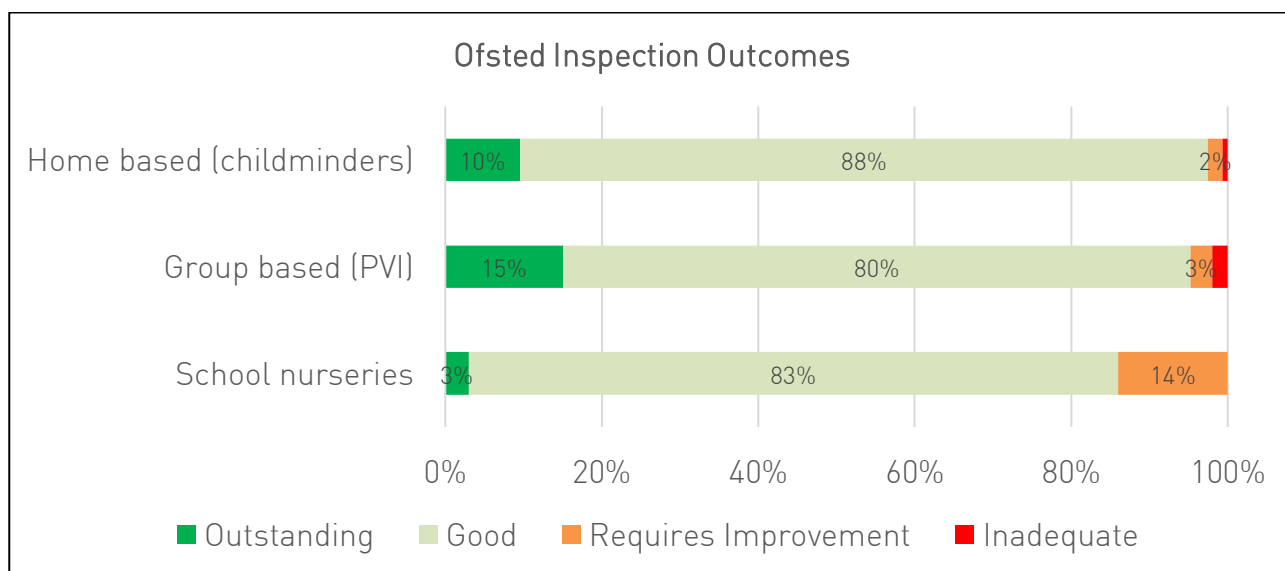
ages. Ofsted give providers an overall grade for the quality of their provision. Schools with nursery provision have an overall inspection grade for the whole school and most also have a separate early years' grade. Schools and providers have four possible outcomes: 'Outstanding', 'Good', 'Requires Improvement' and 'Inadequate'. Providers awaiting their first full inspection are excluded from the inspection outcome calculation shown below.

Research is clear; to maximise the outcomes for children it is important that the places available are good quality.

The chart below shows Ofsted inspection outcomes by provider type at 31st August, 2022.

96% of all Ofsted registered providers in Kirklees are rated Outstanding or Good, the national level is also 96%.

Ofsted inspection outcomes



Home based (childminders) registered on the EY register

Early Years Outcome Team

Kirklees Council has a dedicated team of Early Years officers who have extensive knowledge and experience in Early Years practice. The team use a challenge and support approach and offer advice, support, and guidance to early years providers within the Private, Voluntary, and Independent (PVI) sector to ensure high-quality provision is maintained in Kirklees. All providers are offered a bi-annual visit and targeted support is given to providers with a less than good Ofsted outcome. This helps to ensure the statutory duty to have sufficient high-quality childcare is met.

Free early learning and childcare for two, three and four-year-old children

The free early learning and childcare entitlement is a national scheme which provides free early learning and childcare for all three and four-year-old children and some two-year olds. Children can have up to 15 hours each week for 38 weeks of the year, 570 hours in total. Some providers offer free places during the school holidays where the entitlement is spread across the year by taking less hours each week, supporting working parents during the school holidays and providing consistency for the child.

The number of children accessing early learning is subject to seasonal variations, for 2-year-olds, the number of children and take-up rates are highest in the autumn term and tend to be lower in the summer term. In theory, numbers should be relatively the same throughout the year, however anecdotal information suggests that some parents wait until their preferred provider has space in the autumn term. For 3- and 4-year-olds combined it is the opposite pattern, numbers are at their lowest in the autumn term due to children moving to school reception year and peak in the summer term as the cohort increases, although the take-up rate throughout the year remains fairly constant.

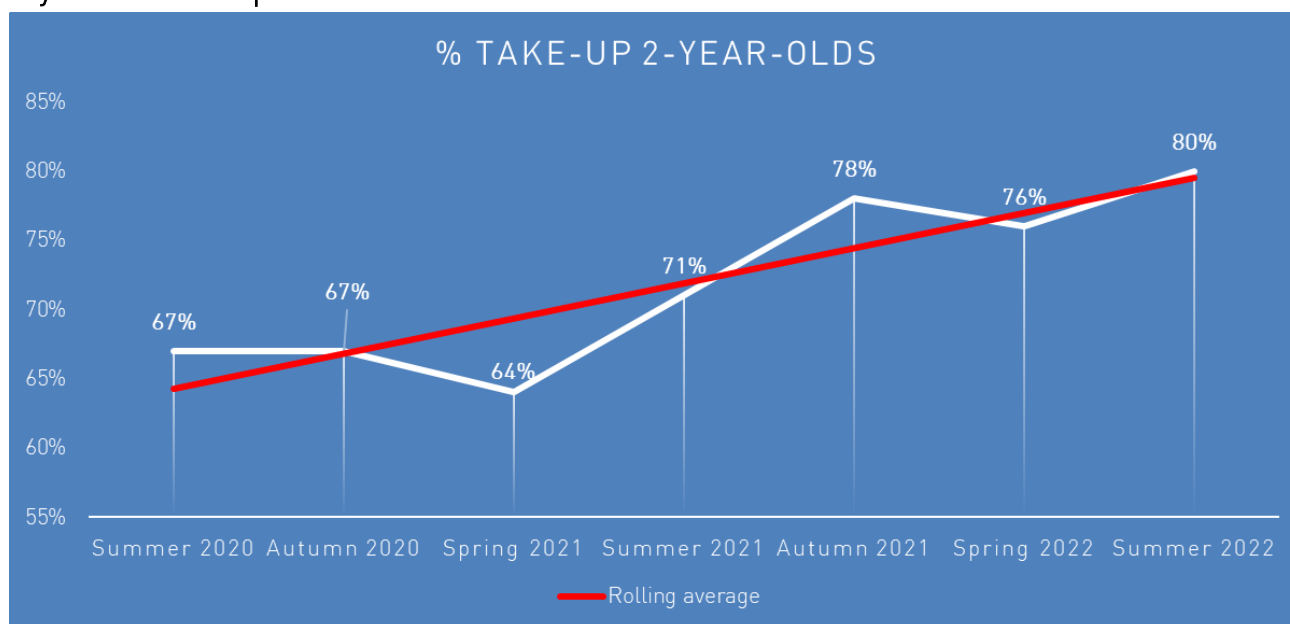
Number of children accessing their free entitlement

	Spring 2021	Summer 2021	Autumn 2021	Spring 2022	Summer 2022
2-year olds	1,237	1,343	1,441	1,405	1,406
3-year olds (universal entitlement)	4,738	4,787	4,845	4,759	4,766
4-year olds (universal entitlement)	1,894	3,027	0	1,714	2,985
3- and 4-year olds (extended entitlement)	2,825	3,307	2,172	2,796	3,306
Total number of 15-hour places	10,694	12,464	8,458	10,674	12,463

Notes:

- Most 4-year olds move to school reception year in the autumn term, approximately 2% defer their place and remain in their early years provision therefore no figures are shown in this table for the autumn terms.
- 2 year old data includes out of area children

2-year-old take up trends



Note: Due to the pandemic the summer term 2020 figures are based on the number of children and hours funded at childcare providers rather than the number of children attending.

The graph shows the seasonal variations referred to. The Department for Education (DfE) measure take-up using the annual early years census taken in the spring term which is considered the mid-point or average for the year in relation to early learning take-up. Locally, in Kirklees, take-up figures are based on the number of children attending at the end of each term hence small differences exist between Kirklees and the rates published by the DfE. In the spring term 2022 the national average take-up rate was 72%.

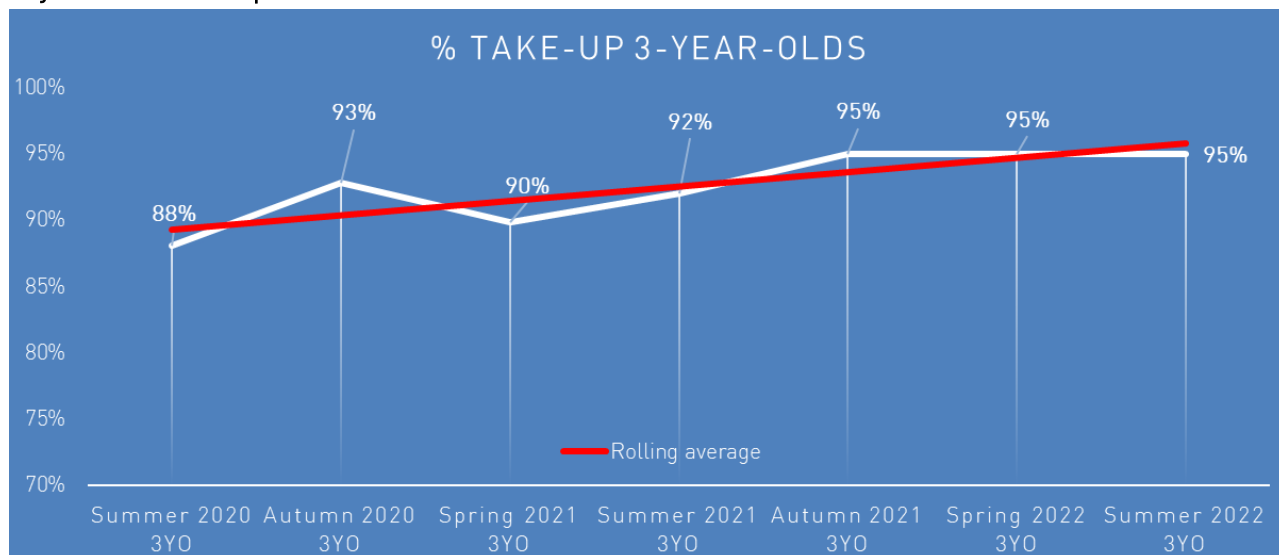
In the summer term 2022, 1,768 children were eligible of which 1,406 accessed a place bringing the Kirklees average take-up to the highest ever recorded at 80% which is also significantly higher than the national average in 2022 (72%). Kirklees take-up levels vary at ward level, this is shown in Appendix 7.

Increasing take-up of free early learning by eligible 2-year-olds continues to be a key priority. In June 2022 a Volunteer Parent Champion Co-ordinator was appointed. This role will establish a Parent Champion Volunteer Scheme and deliver on key actions to increase both the average take-up rate and the rate in wards where take-up is significantly low. The Volunteer Co-ordinator and volunteers will work with families to highlight the benefits of early learning and help families to access free early learning and childcare places.

The targeted work is already making a difference, take-up rates for autumn 2022 were above 70% in five of the six areas of focus (Batley East, Batley West, Crosland Moor, Dewsbury West and Greenhead wards), Dewsbury East, the other area of focus was 64%. Previously take-up was much lower in these areas and as low as 43% in the Batley East ward. The Kirklees average take-up in autumn 2022 increased to 81%.

Although the take-up rates are increasing, it is worth noting that the actual number of eligible families in Kirklees (and nationally) is declining due to the income thresholds for eligibility remaining at the 2014 level when the scheme was expanded to 40% of the population nationally. In 2014 approximately 50% of Kirklees families were eligible, in 2022 36% were eligible.

3-year-old take up trends



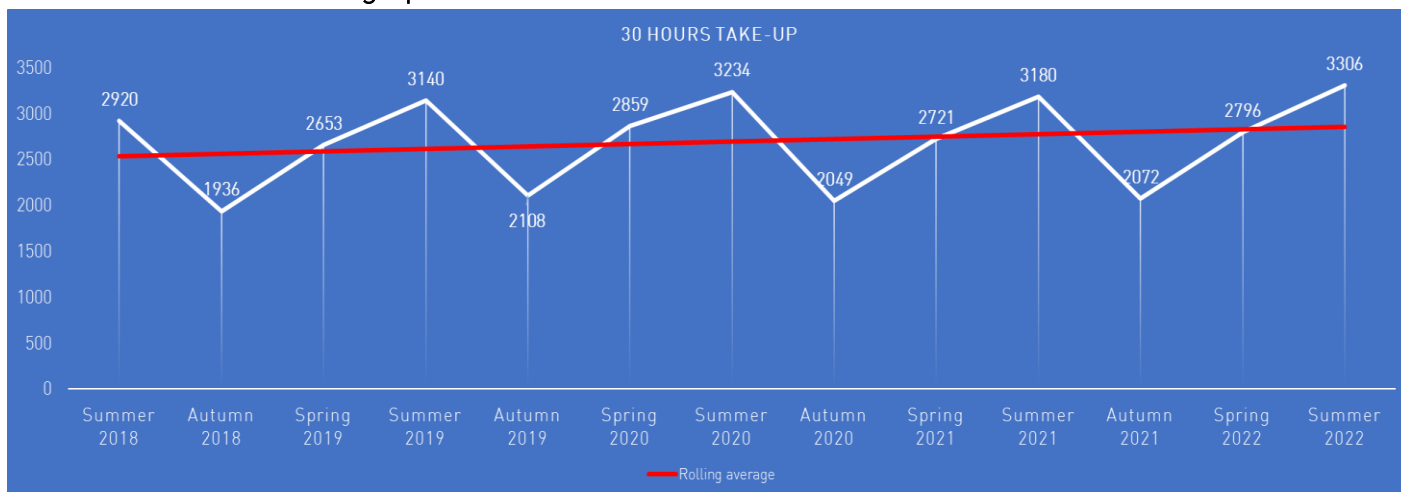
Note: Due to the pandemic the summer term 2020 figures are based on the number of children and hours funded at childcare providers rather than the number of children attending.

The graph shows the Kirklees average take-up rates for three-year-olds over the last seven terms. Average take-up is usually consistent, however, the pandemic had an impact.

30 hours free childcare for 3- and 4-year-olds

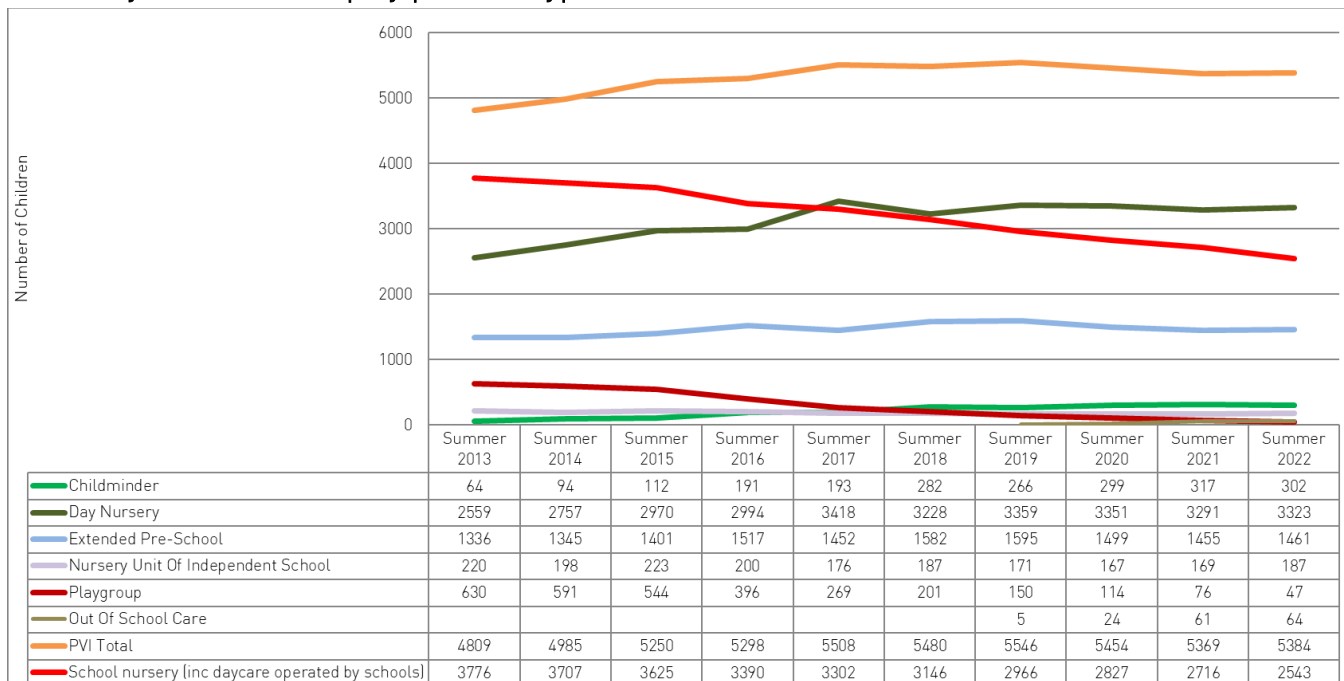
Some working parents of 3- and 4-year are eligible to receive an extra 15 hours per week of free childcare, (this is known as the extended entitlement). Details of the eligibility criteria can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-tax-free-childcare>. Eligible children can therefore access up to 1,140 free hours until they start a reception class in a school. The extended entitlement trend is continuing to increase, which could be related to more people in work.

Number of children taking up the extended entitlement



Note: Due to the pandemic the summer term 2020 figures are based on the number of children and hours funded at childcare providers rather than the number of children attending.

3-and 4-year-old take-up by provider type



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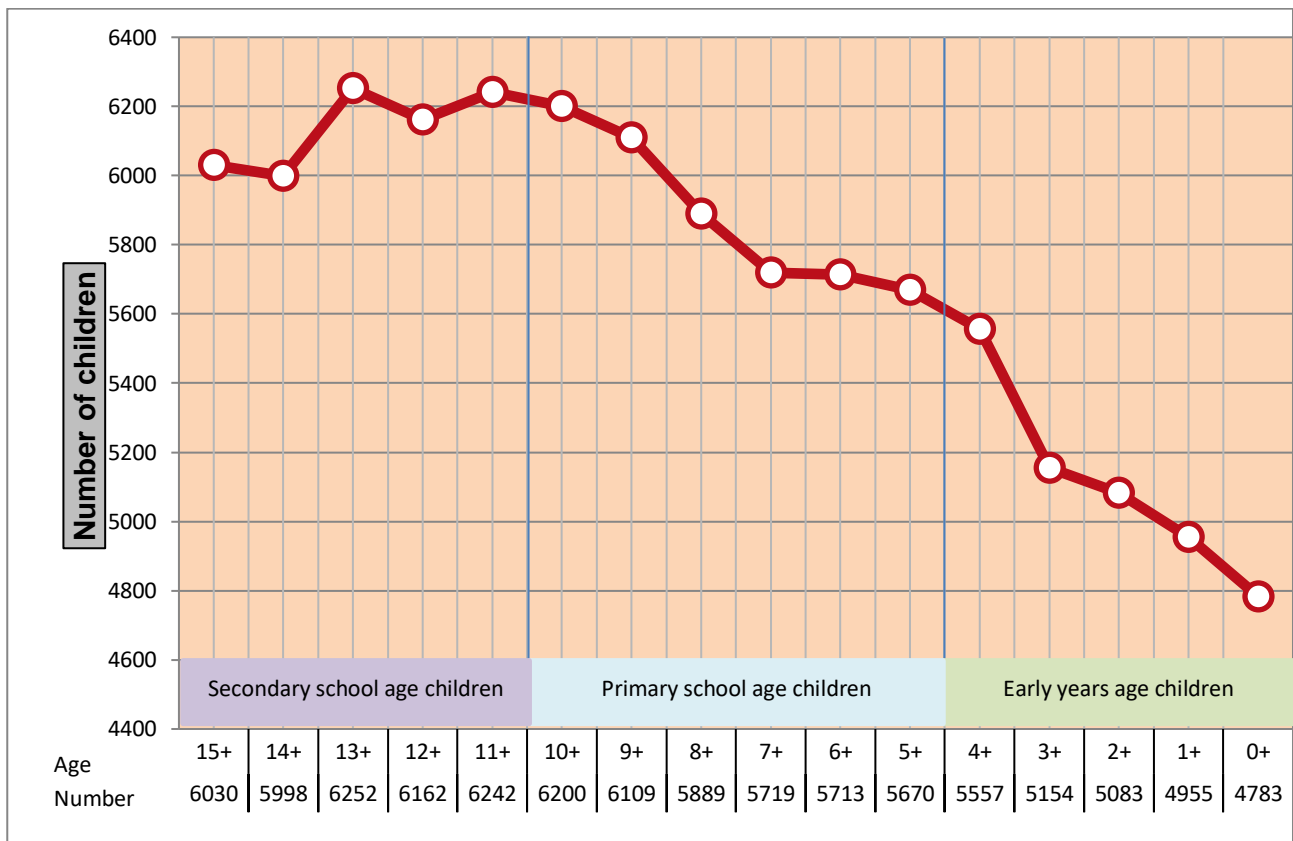
Over several years demand has shifted to more flexible provision (day nurseries, extended pre-schools, and childminders) over less flexible sessional provision (some playgroups and some schools with nursery provision).

Future demand for childcare

Population

The population data shown in the chart below is derived from an annual snapshot of GP registrations. Historically this is the best measure of the population because it gives an update on births, migration in and out of the area, and changes in residents due to tenancy changes or house building.

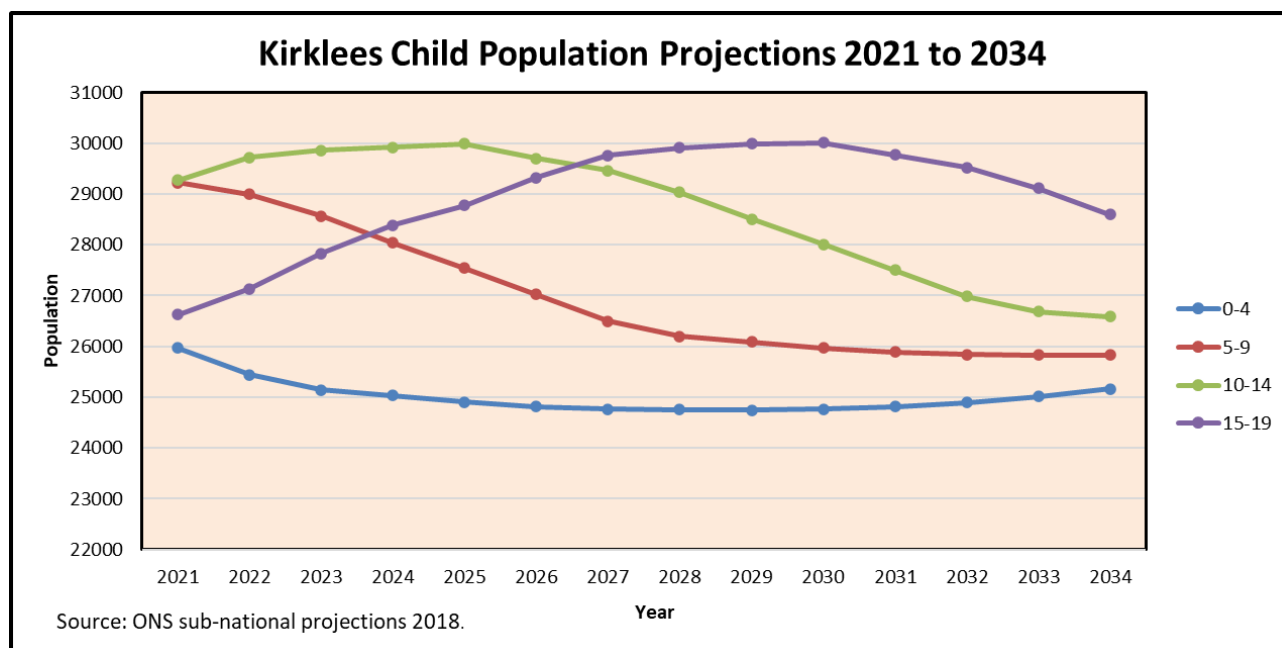
The information clearly shows a decline in the population of children aged under 10.



Source: NHS GP registration data January 2022 (age at 31 August 2021) – Kirklees Public Health

Population numbers in each ward can be found in Appendix 5. These are based on a more recent dataset - July 2022 GP registration data (age at 31st August, 2022), which has also been used in the ward profiles and to calculate the number of children per place indicator shown in Appendix 4.

The following table shows the Office of National Statistics (ONS) forecasts for fluctuations in child population at a Kirklees level:



Caution should be exercised in using GP registration data as a proxy population for the following reasons:

- GP registration data does not always match ONS forecasts, although there has been greater synergy in recent years with both indicators showing similar trends
- It is a snapshot data set from a fixed point in time and is subject to change.
- The data, by its very nature, will always be incomplete and out of date before publication.
- At a ward level there are greater accuracy risks associated with smaller sample sizes.

The context of variation in the different population estimates in Kirklees can be illustrated by looking at census night (21st March, 2021). On this night it was estimated that the normal resident population of Kirklees was 433,200. This figure was 9,900 less than the ONS modelling for 2021. The further into the future that attempts are made to predict population numbers, the less accurate these projections are likely to be.

Further information about Kirklees populations can be found at the following links:

Kirklees Joint Strategic Assessment – Population, migration, births and deaths

<http://observatory.kirklees.gov.uk/jsna/population>

Links to more demographic information about Kirklees

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/information-and-data/area-and-ward-profiles.aspx>

Kirklees Census information:

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/information-and-data/census-information.aspx>

Migration Yorkshire – population and migration information

Employment

Since the pandemic, working patterns have changed resulting in more people working from home all the time or working a hybrid model i.e., partly at home and partly in the workplace. These changes have affected the demand for childcare.

The unemployment total for Kirklees in June 2022 was 11,715 or 4.3% of 16-64 year-old population (England 3.8%). This represents a decrease of -4,360 claimants on the same time last year. The lowest number of claimants in recent years was in December 2016 (5,380). The ward with the highest unemployment rate is Dewsbury West (7.5%), with Kirkburton being the lowest at 1.4%.

Claimant count rates (shown in percentage) between 2015 and 2022

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Kirklees	2.29	2.01	2.18	2.95	3.48	6.76	6.00	4.30

Source: Office for National Statistics (NOMIS)

In June youth unemployment (16-24) stood at 1,930 or 4.1% of the population aged 16-24 (England 3.5%), -1,200 lower than the same time last year.

Claimant count rates at ward level can be found in Appendix 6.

Housing and business developments – The Local Plan

Kirklees Council's Local Plan is a housing and industry development strategy for the borough and identifies sites across Kirklees that could provide homes or business premises. The Kirklees Local Plan was adopted on 27th February, 2019. The Local Plan is now the statutory development plan for Kirklees and has superseded the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan. Planning applications must be determined in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

It is worth noting the following site allocations propose a substantial level of residential growth which are likely to significantly increase the demand for childcare places and therefore potential opportunities for childcare providers.

- Dewsbury Riverside – total of 2310 dwellings, 1690 within the plan period (Dewsbury South).
- Chidswell – total of 1535 dwellings, all within the plan period (Batley East/Dewsbury East).
- Bradley - total of 1958 dwellings, 1577 within the plan period (Huddersfield North).

To assess the impact of new housing developments on future school places, it is an established practice to use a formula of 100 new homes resulting in the additional demand of 3 places per primary school year group and 2 places per secondary year group. As a guide, locally, 1.5 early years and childcare places per age group (0 to 5 years) and 3.5 after school places per age group (5-11 years) are used to indicate the impact on demand for childcare places.

Full details and copies of all the available Local Plan documents are available here:

www.kirklees.gov.uk/localplan

Business sustainability

Over and above normal inflationary pressures are additional costs as a direct result of changing legislation, these include:

- Increases in the national minimum wage and national living wage rates
<https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>
- Employer pension contributions <https://www.workplacepensions.gov.uk/employer/>

To remain sustainable, it is important that all childcare providers consider the ever-changing market. Providers may consider the following to mitigate risks of sustainability pressures:

1. Promote the free entitlements and support parents to apply for a place if they think their two-year-old is eligible. Banners to promote the free entitlement offers (2-year-old and 30-hours) are available from Kirklees Council for providers to display in prominent positions.
2. Register for Tax Free Childcare and raise awareness with parents by signposting parents to the Childcare Choices website <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>. The website also contains marketing materials which providers can use to promote the various schemes <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/communications-toolkit/>
3. Maximise funding by encouraging parents to supply their details to apply for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) and, where appropriate, Disability Access Funding (DAF)
4. Use the Kirklees Business Support Tools (Breakeven calculator, Occupancy calculator and cash flow statements) - [Grants, other funding and business advice for childcare providers | Kirklees Council](#)
5. Seek professional advice at the earliest opportunity if there are any concerns about sustainability.

Other resources to help early years providers run a sustainable childcare business:

- o <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/early-years-business-sustainability>

- <https://ndna.org.uk/nursery-business-support-early-years-business-zone/>
- <https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/business-and-management>

During 2022, the Kirklees Childcare Sufficiency Team supported 17 settings with sustainability concerns; 12 school nurseries, 4 daycare providers from the private, voluntary and independent (PVI) sector and 1 PVI out of school club. The team can be contacted by email: childcare.sufficiency@kirklees.gov.uk

Business support from the government – Early years education recovery programme: supporting the sector

The government is providing a package of workforce training, qualifications and support and guidance for the early years sector to aid staff and settings and address the impact of the pandemic on the youngest and most disadvantaged children.

[Early years education recovery programme – GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Kirklees Early Years Funding Formula 2022-23

On 27th October, 2021, the Chancellor announced additional funding for the early years entitlements worth £160m in 2022-23, £180m in 2023-24 and £170m in 2024-25, compared to the financial year 2021-22. Note this is not additional funding each year on top of the previous years funding, nationally from 2022-23 there will be £20m extra in 2023-24 and £10m extra in 2024-25 which reflects changes in the population of two, three-and four-year olds over the next three years. In February 2022, following consultation and engagement with the sector approval was given to use the additional funding to increase both hourly base rates.

Base rates

- Two-year olds: £5.38 (permanent)
Summer £5.45 / Autumn £5.50 / Spring £5.43* (temporary)
- Three- and four-year olds (universal and extended hours): £4.48 (permanent)
Summer £4.55 / Autumn £4.60 / Spring £4.53* (temporary)

* A varying temporary uplift added termly to the permanent base rates using the balance carried forward from 2021-22.

Deprivation

The allocation is £312,000, funding is allocated using the current metric IDACI (Income deprivation affecting children index) the rates are:

- Band A: £0.27

- Band B: £0.21
- Band C: £0.20
- Band D: £0.18
- Band E: £0.11
- Band F: £0.09

SEN Inclusion Fund for three- and four-year olds

£50,000 contribution for low level and emerging needs SEN to support providers from all sectors delivering the free entitlement.

Central retention

£708,600 is retained to fund quality improvement, administration costs associated with delivery of the free entitlements and SEN support. Kirklees retains only 2.5%, see table below. Local Authorities are permitted to retain 5% of the Early Years budget. The retention amount has remained the same since the introduction of the early years formula in 2017 with no adjustments for inflation.

Budget area	Budget	Description
Early Learning and Childcare	£585,000	Free Early Education, Childcare Sufficiency and Early Years Outcomes Teams – funding to providers, free entitlement place sufficiency, supporting standards of delivery
Back office / management costs	£71,200	Finance, payroll, HR, Legal, IT etc
Inclusion Support	£40,400	Contribution to the Inclusion Officer team
Miscellaneous	£12,000	Contribution to admissions, maternity, union duties etc
TOTAL	£708,600	

Additional funding for eligible three- and four-year olds

100% of additional funding is passed directly onto providers.

- Early Years Pupil Premium, applicable to universal entitlement hours only, the hourly rate is £0.60.
- Disability Access Funding (DAF), a lump sum payment of £800 available each year to funded children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA).

2023-24

On 16th December, 2022 the DfE announced an additional £20m for 2023-24 to help support providers at a national level with the additional National Living Wage costs associated with delivering the free entitlements next year. The table on the next page summarises the additional funding levels.

New national funding levels compared with 2021-22 funding levels:

Year	Set by the chancellor in October 2021 *	16 th December 2022 announcement:
2022-23	£160m	
2023-24	£180m	Additional £20m to help support National Living Wage costs associated with the free entitlement
2024-25	£170m	

*Funding variations each year for changes in population

The DfE have confirmed the hourly funding rates for 2023-24. The majority of local authorities will receive a funding increase between 1% and 10% for the two-year-old entitlement, and between 1% and 4.9% for the three-and four-year-old free entitlements compared to their 2022-23 rates. The funding rate for the Early Years Pupil Premium will increase from 60p to 62p per hour per eligible child, and the Disability Access Fund from £800 to £828 per eligible child per year.

The rates paid to Kirklees will increase by 6p an hour from £5.57 to £5.63 (1.1% increase) for the two-year-old entitlement and by 19p an hour from £4.61 to £4.80 (4.1% increase) for the three-and four-year-old entitlements. An additional 7p will be added to the three-and four-year-old rate for the teacher pay and pension grant bringing the rate to £4.87. This funding was previously allocated to maintained schools and academies with nursery provision to support increased costs associated with teachers pay and pension and is now included in the three-and four-year-old entitlement base rates. The supplementary funding hourly rate allocated for the Kirklees maintained nursery school will increase by 11p.

Although this adds further investment to early years Kirklees, along with almost one third of other local authorities, will still receive the lowest funding base rates in the country for two, three-and four-year olds from April 2023.

Families in challenging circumstances

Looked After Children

The vast majority of Looked After Children in Kirklees aged 2 to 4 access free early education and care. Where they are not accessing their entitlement the reason is known and the validity checked by a lead social worker. Furthermore, protocols are in place to only place Looked After Children in provision judged by Ofsted to be 'good' or 'outstanding'.

The Kirklees Virtual School plays a significant role in ensuring the educational needs of each child is met. An initial PEP (Personal Education Plan) is completed with the early years setting, social worker and carers at age 3 to ensure each child's development in the early years is supported and tracked. This is reviewed on a termly basis.

Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

The Council's ambition for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) is the same for all children and young people – that they achieve well in their early years, at school and in college and lead happy and fulfilled lives. The [SEND Transformation Plan](#) outlines how this ambition will be achieved.

Children with SEND, and their families, are entitled to good quality, affordable childcare the same as any other family. The Children and Families Act 2014 stipulates that childcare must be available for young people with special needs or disabilities up to the age of 18. Childcare providers should not treat a child any less favourably because of their disability and they should not charge more for a disabled child.

There are a number of schemes available to support parents to pay for childcare;

- Two-year-old children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance are eligible for 15 hours of free early education.
- The Disability Access Fund (DAF) is a lump sum payment of £828 (from April 2023) per child each year to providers who have eligible funded 3 and 4-year-old children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA). For further information see <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/working-with-children/pdf/childcare-providers/disability-access-fund-application-form.pdf>
- Tax-free childcare supports working families by reducing childcare costs. For every £8 a parent pays into an online account, the government tops up an additional £2. Tax-free childcare provides up to £2,000 per year for each child under 12, or £4,000 per year for disabled children under 17. Further information is available at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

- The SENIF (SEN Inclusion Funding), previously known as the Access Fund, is available to support the inclusion of children with special educational needs (SEN) attending early years settings.

[The Kirklees Local Offer](#) brings together information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families. Kirklees childcare providers are encouraged to let us know any experience they have with caring for children with additional needs to enable parents to make informed choices about suitable childcare.

Kirklees Council will continue to work with parents and providers to help ensure good quality, accessible childcare is available to all.

Families in or at risk of poverty

Early learning and childcare supports the return to work to tackle poverty by providing:

- Access to childcare, thereby removing a barrier to work for parents and facilitating work as a route out of poverty
- Access to highest quality early learning experiences thereby helping to improve life chances and facilitate social mobility as a step towards reducing future poverty.

Increasing the take-up of early learning for eligible two-year olds and a continuation of a challenge and support strategy to improve the quality of early learning and childcare provision remain priorities to help tackle poverty.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) provides extra funding for three- and four-year-old children who are in care or have left care through adoption, have a special guardianship order or a child arrangement order, or whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits. Childcare providers should use the additional funding to support children's learning and development.

Kirklees Council childcare brokerage service

Most families can find suitable childcare by either using the online self-service website, contacting local providers or contacting the Family Information Service. For a minority of families with more complex needs or those which require just a little more help, a personalised brokerage service is available from the Council. Brokerage services are tracked and analysed to identify potential childcare sufficiency pressures. The decline in the number of home-based providers (childminders) has impacted on the availability of wrap-around care for school-age children.

In 2022, the Childcare Sufficiency Team received 56 childcare brokerage enquiries, an increase of 29 from 2021. 20 related to children with very complex additional needs

(compared with 11 in 2021) and 42 involved childcare for school-age children (compared with 10 in 2021). Thirteen of these are in relation to the reduction of places offered by an out of school provider in a particular area. At the time of publication, based on information from families using the brokerage service, there remains a gap in wrap-around care for some schools in Crosland Moor, Lockwood and Meltham. Further information on brokerage can be found in Appendix 11.

Priorities for 2023

1. Continue to support parents of two-year olds to take-up their free early learning entitlement through ongoing Action Planning and establishing a Parent Champion Volunteer Scheme.
2. Support and facilitate training for childcare providers to review their business model and remain viable.
3. Support staff recruitment in childcare settings by developing the Kirklees Jobs and Careers webpage.
4. Review and enhance the Family Information Directory.
5. Roll out use of the Provider Portal for non-funded providers to support the collection of sufficiency and occupancy data.
6. Work with the sector and partners to increase wraparound childcare options for all school age children including those with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability.

Contacts

Help to find suitable childcare

Website: www.kirklees.gov.uk/childcaresearch

Find out about help with childcare costs

Website: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

For parents experiencing difficulties finding suitable childcare:

Family Information Service

Tel: **01484 414887**

Email: fis@kirklees.gov.uk

For childcare sufficiency issues or to comment on this assessment:

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Appendix 1 – Number of childcare providers by ward at 31 August 2022

	Home based	Group based full day	Group based part day	School nurseries	Independent school nurseries	Out of school (PVI)	Out of school (maintained and academies)	After school tuition	Holiday schemes (PVI)	Holiday schemes (maintained and academies)	Total
Almondbury	7	7	1	2	0	3	2	0	2	0	24
Ashbrow	7	7	0	4	0	6	5	0	2	0	31
Batley East	1	8	0	5	0	0	7	2	0	1	24
Batley West	7	6	0	5	1	3	7	1	3	0	33
Birstall and Birkenshaw	13	5	0	4	0	4	5	0	4	1	36
Cleckheaton	11	7	0	4	0	4	3	0	4	0	33
Colne Valley	14	8	0	3	0	6	2	1	4	0	38
Crosland Moor & Netherton	10	5	1	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	23
Dalton	15	5	1	5	0	4	3	0	4	0	37
Denby Dale	8	6	0	3	0	4	5	1	4	1	32
Dewsbury East	15	7	1	4	1	2	5	0	1	1	37
Dewsbury South	4	7	0	4	2	2	4	3	2	0	28
Dewsbury West	6	8	1	4	1	4	6	0	3	1	34
Golcar	19	9	0	2	0	7	2	0	5	0	44
Greenhead	6	7	0	2	2	3	5	3	2	1	31
Heckmondwike	7	8	0	3	0	4	3	2	2	1	30
Holme Valley North	8	7	0	2	0	5	2	0	2	0	26
Holme Valley South	11	11	0	2	0	8	0	1	5	0	38
Kirkburton	7	8	0	0	0	3	4	0	3	0	25
Lindley	13	9	0	1	0	6	2	1	7	0	39
Liversedge & Gomersal	5	9	0	4	0	6	5	0	4	0	33
Mirfield	10	6	0	3	0	3	4	0	2	0	28
Newsome	4	8	0	3	0	5	2	2	4	0	28
Kirklees	208	168	5	73	7	92	86	17	69	7	732

Source: Childcare Sufficiency Team – Produced October 2022

Appendix 2 - Number of childcare places by ward area at 31 August 2022

	Home based	Group based full day	Group based – part day	School nurseries	Independent school nursery	Out of School (PVI sector)	After school tuition	Out of school (maintained after school clubs)	Holiday schemes (PVI)	Holiday schemes (Maintained & academies)	Total
Almondbury	42	250	20	104	0	74		55	48		593
Ashbrow	42	384	0	182	0	128		545	66		1347
Batley East	16	299	0	265	0	0		270		20	870
Batley West	42	358	0	376	60	106	10	180	106		1238
Birstall and Birkenshaw	96	282	0	221	0	85		138	85	20	927
Cleckheaton	62	346	0	208	0	84		60	84		844
Colne Valley	87	350	0	126	0	247		50	172		1032
Crosland Moor and Netherton	66	251	24	296	0	0	20	276			933
Dalton	105	180	18	260	0	115		245	140		1063
Denby Dale	52	325	0	104	0	118		224	118	12	953
Dewsbury East	95	392	24	338	40	50		178	40	16	1173
Dewsbury South	30	241	0	256	66	63	10	171	63		900
Dewsbury West	42	342	34	247	8	101		330	69	24	1197
Golcar	138	386	0	78	0	294		54	167		1117
Greenhead	48	418	0	224	100	167	30	176	67	32	1262
Heckmondwike	78	399	0	182	0	90		52	40	24	865
Holme Valley North	54	248	0	143	0	156		46	69		716
Holme Valley South	66	401	0	78	0	245	10		167		967
Kirkburton	49	273	0	0	0	124		65	124		635
Lindley	77	429	0	78	0	211		32	247		1074
Liversedge and Gomersal	48	416	0	182	0	314		287	194		1441
Mirfield	66	295	0	104	0	138		131	138		872
Newsome	28	440	0	151	0	201		131	142		1093
Kirklees	1429	7705	120	4203	274	3111	80	3696	2346	148	23112

Source: Childcare Sufficiency Team – Produced October 2022

Appendix 3 - Termly occupancy levels based on operating capacity (funded providers)

Ward	Spring 2021			Summer 2021			Autumn 2021			Spring 2022			Summer 2022		
	Group based	Home based	School nursery	Group based	Home based	School nursery	Group based	Home based	School nursery	Group based	Home based	School nursery	Group based	Home based	School nursery
Almondbury	67%	82%	71%	73%	82%	69%	73%	87%	51%	80%	77%	57%	85%	87%	73%
Ashbrow	65%	55%	55%	81%	70%	66%	65%	62%	49%	80%	63%	69%	71%	62%	88%
Batley East	67%	93%	56%	69%	80%	70%	67%	67%	48%	69%	90%	59%	85%	85%	65%
Batley West	68%	67%	59%	83%	63%	70%	65%	69%	49%	64%	61%	63%	71%	67%	73%
Birstall and Birkenshaw	68%	73%	82%	85%	71%	81%	54%	73%	69%	60%	67%	80%	77%	76%	77%
Cleckheaton	68%	85%	86%	87%	82%	86%	70%	85%	56%	75%	63%	77%	80%	78%	86%
Colne Valley	75%	71%	75%	73%	85%	74%	76%	83%	52%	78%	79%	55%	78%	77%	65%
Crosland Moor and Netherton	42%	71%	77%	62%	82%	89%	47%	71%	83%	48%	87%	90%	75%	84%	76%
Dalton	71%	76%	72%	68%	74%	89%	68%	86%	76%	67%	74%	84%	76%	79%	90%
Denby Dale	59%	77%	64%	77%	90%	70%	54%	89%	36%	59%	82%	47%	82%	92%	67%
Dewsbury East	43%	84%	88%	57%	81%	89%	68%	75%	79%	67%	78%	87%	69%	83%	92%
Dewsbury South	64%	98%	79%	78%	100%	90%	57%	95%	63%	59%	77%	78%	77%	87%	84%
Dewsbury West	66%	59%	55%	85%	69%	81%	71%	67%	78%	79%	47%	84%	85%	48%	95%
Golcar	54%	83%	72%	70%	81%	72%	59%	88%	51%	63%	83%	67%	70%	84%	83%
Greenhead	74%	64%	88%	82%	84%	98%	70%	79%	69%	78%	68%	86%	82%	74%	95%
Heckmondwike	49%	77%	51%	76%	81%	61%	58%	75%	48%	61%	73%	77%	68%	80%	80%
Holme Valley North	73%	78%	86%	80%	93%	86%	69%	100%	60%	74%	89%	72%	82%	90%	90%
Holme Valley South	72%	68%	67%	76%	64%	67%	67%	79%	49%	76%	75%	61%	77%	71%	73%
Kirkburton	68%	74%	0%	77%	78%	0%	66%	92%	0%	79%	89%	0%	84%	76%	0%
Lindley	75%	73%	97%	86%	72%	100%	71%	88%	99%	74%	89%	100%	84%	84%	100%
Liversedge and Gomersal	82%	50%	68%	87%	63%	76%	75%	63%	44%	78%	53%	63%	77%	71%	81%
Mirfield	70%	81%	89%	70%	84%	79%	65%	82%	68%	68%	82%	70%	72%	78%	78%
Newsome	69%	94%	89%	74%	45%	96%	72%	50%	68%	70%	100%	84%	70%	93%	94%
Kirklees average	66%	75%	73%	77%	78%	81%	66%	80%	61%	71%	75%	74%	77%	79%	83%
Overall average	71%			79%			69%			73%			80%		

Source: Childcare Sufficiency Team – Produced October 2022

Note: There are no schools with nursery provision in the Kirkburton ward

Appendix 4 - Number of children per childcare place in each ward (Summer Term 2022)

	Children aged under 5 years		Children aged 5-11 years
	Children per place based on maximum Ofsted registration	Children per place based on Operating capacity in Summer 2022	Children per place based on maximum Ofsted registration
Almondbury	2.67	2.73	9.82
Ashbrow	2.71	3.19	3.17
Batley East	2.67	3.04	6.31
Batley West	2.04	2.71	6.48
Birstall and Birkenshaw	2.17	2.45	5.49
Cleckheaton	1.95	2.23	7.56
Colne Valley	1.91	2.22	4.19
Crosland Moor & Netherton	2.98	4.96	6.68
Dalton	2.59	2.58	4.01
Denby Dale	1.83	2.65	3.53
Dewsbury East	1.79	2.64	6.57
Dewsbury South	2.63	2.78	7.36
Dewsbury West	3.28	3.98	5.86
Golcar	2.18	2.36	3.87
Greenhead	2.16	2.78	6.00
Heckmondwike	2.02	2.31	9.71
Holme Valley North	2.40	2.98	6.18
Holme Valley South	1.74	1.85	5.37
Kirkburton	2.48	2.62	6.04
Lindley	2.38	2.85	6.87
Liversedge & Gomersal	1.75	1.86	2.79
Mirfield	2.43	2.64	5.03
Newsome	1.95	2.33	4.12
Kirklees	2.26	2.68	5.23

Source: Childcare Sufficiency Team – Produced October 2022

Appendix 5 – Number of children living in each ward by age

Age	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total
Almondbury	180	176	172	183	205	191	212	187	226	199	215	243	224	211	218	240	186	220	3688
Ashbrow	230	265	277	280	292	306	303	318	310	318	326	318	345	290	290	326	284	266	5344
Batley East	235	248	214	231	246	252	248	230	245	260	269	249	261	258	256	257	259	285	4503
Batley West	220	274	272	250	260	285	275	272	293	299	305	259	295	298	280	278	258	260	4933
Birstall and Birkenshaw	168	201	192	174	220	199	211	194	202	214	229	238	200	226	192	202	181	194	3637
Cleckheaton	195	174	194	196	179	175	198	198	194	172	195	198	193	179	183	174	197	143	3337
Colne Valley	176	163	182	167	187	210	196	197	206	191	209	211	225	213	226	179	195	195	3528
Crosland Moor & Netherton	259	265	254	296	274	288	293	299	307	307	311	280	308	306	266	305	281	277	5176
Dalton	188	180	194	199	219	237	229	222	227	250	252	245	247	225	219	247	225	188	3993
Denby Dale	149	132	143	157	154	172	183	173	189	199	200	190	204	213	205	197	199	179	3238
Dewsbury East	214	222	252	259	254	242	256	261	263	253	253	284	215	257	242	224	220	248	4419
Dewsbury South	226	235	213	247	264	239	268	253	263	282	265	262	279	289	261	282	278	285	4691
Dewsbury West	329	359	338	331	365	402	368	393	367	371	398	368	372	384	361	369	391	360	6626
Golcar	202	227	218	208	213	244	204	219	223	262	245	227	218	240	223	213	218	220	4024
Greenhead	282	285	270	258	318	320	279	309	336	293	321	345	330	265	315	300	259	302	5387
Heckmondwike	203	208	205	217	235	240	240	259	253	239	266	261	263	258	279	248	225	257	4356
Holme Valley North	127	183	160	176	187	194	201	191	213	207	205	204	200	223	214	238	196	229	3548
Holme Valley South	156	149	168	171	180	191	181	196	212	251	230	231	245	262	257	233	248	256	3817
Kirkburton	134	139	140	161	163	143	183	195	179	205	196	191	195	215	191	194	214	209	3247
Lindley	243	217	246	249	250	277	277	279	252	291	273	281	271	260	265	230	258	213	4632
Liversedge & Gomersal	168	179	187	191	203	240	221	230	239	268	258	287	237	283	222	246	219	225	4103
Mirfield	183	162	186	203	190	198	198	218	221	238	219	227	232	235	214	232	200	214	3770
Newsome	188	192	202	209	240	199	220	194	199	220	192	203	184	203	177	178	192	232	3624
Kirklees	4655	4835	4879	5013	5298	5444	5444	5487	5619	5789	5832	5802	5743	5793	5556	5592	5383	5457	97621

Source: NHS GP registration data July 2022 age at 31 August 2022, figures do not include Wyke or no ward

Appendix 6 - Unemployment Claimant Count Rates (in percentage) 2015 – 2022

Ward	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Almondbury	1.7	1.3	1.7	2.3	2.8	5.5	5.1	3.5
Ashbrow	4.1	3.3	3.4	4.2	5.1	8.7	8.1	5.9
Batley East	3.0	2.9	2.7	3.9	4.5	8.1	7.2	5.4
Batley West	2.9	2.0	2.5	3.7	4.2	8.2	7.2	5.1
Birstall and Birkenshaw	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.9	2.4	5.2	4.5	3.2
Cleckheaton	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.8	3.6	6.6	5.7	4.5
Colne Valley	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.6	2.1	4.6	3.9	2.6
Crosland Moor & Netherton	3.4	3.0	3.0	4.1	5.0	9.0	9.1	6.3
Dalton	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.6	4.3	7.8	7.3	5.4
Denby Dale	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.0	1.2	3.4	2.4	1.5
Dewsbury East	3.3	2.6	3.1	4.7	4.9	8.4	7.4	5.4
Dewsbury South	3.0	2.3	2.6	3.7	4.2	7.6	7.5	5.0
Dewsbury West	3.5	3.1	3.2	4.6	5.5	10.1	10.1	7.5
Golcar	2.1	1.8	1.9	2.5	3.1	6.3	5.3	3.9
Greenhead	3.0	2.8	3.2	4.6	5.0	9.4	8.7	6.4
Heckmondwike	1.7	1.8	2.2	3.2	4.0	7.4	6.8	5.3
Holme Valley North	1.2	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.5	3.8	3.2	2.2
Holme Valley South	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.2	3.6	2.9	2.0
Kirkburton	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.0	3.3	2.0	1.4
Lindley	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.9	2.4	4.9	3.9	2.8
Liversedge & Gomersal	2.1	1.9	2.2	3.0	3.7	6.4	5.6	3.7
Mirfield	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.8	2.0	4.6	3.7	2.2
Newsome	3.0	2.7	3.2	3.6	4.2	7.1	6.9	4.7
Kirklees	2.3	2.0	2.2	3.0	3.5	6.6	6.0	4.3

Source: Office for National Statistics (NOMIS) - June 2022

Appendix 7 - Free entitlement take-up of eligible 2-year-olds by ward

	Summer 2020	Autumn 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021	Autumn 2021	Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Summer 2022 No. not taking up a place	Summer 2022 No. eligible
Almondbury	69%	69%	61%	73%	97%	84%	90%	9	63
Ashbrow	62%	57%	57%	62%	78%	82%	80%	25	122
Batley East	48%	49%	43%	47%	56%	65%	63%	36	97
Batley West	57%	62%	57%	62%	73%	66%	73%	34	119
Birstall and Birkenshaw	67%	71%	62%	72%	72%	90%	87%	10	63
Cleckheaton	64%	57%	66%	73%	85%	71%	65%	24	65
Colne Valley	100%	71%	84%	88%	96%	95%	100%	0	34
Crosland Moor & Netherton	65%	65%	72%	76%	76%	70%	79%	25	111
Dalton	77%	71%	61%	76%	78%	83%	87%	11	87
Denby Dale	69%	95%	85%	90%	96%	80%	55%	13	29
Dewsbury East	48%	52%	64%	69%	71%	67%	70%	33	108
Dewsbury South	73%	71%	63%	74%	93%	82%	89%	11	97
Dewsbury West	59%	58%	49%	56%	73%	64%	78%	40	176
Golcar	84%	89%	89%	97%	82%	79%	79%	19	86
Greenhead	54%	67%	54%	60%	64%	74%	81%	20	97
Heckmondwike	63%	59%	62%	56%	63%	69%	94%	9	84
Holme Valley North	83%	74%	82%	77%	100%	100%	97%	1	36
Holme Valley South	67%	69%	81%	89%	73%	100%	93%	3	29
Kirkburton	75%	79%	74%	69%	100%	85%	87%	3	23
Lindley	69%	79%	78%	79%	90%	85%	89%	4	38
Liversedge & Gomersal	59%	61%	62%	69%	84%	71%	82%	12	68
Mirfield	71%	75%	72%	66%	86%	78%	81%	13	48
Newsome	76%	78%	65%	69%	86%	100%	99%	7	88
Kirklees average take-up	67%	67%	64%	71%	78%	76%	80%	362	1768

Source: Childcare Sufficiency Team – Produced October 2022

Note: Due to the pandemic the summer term 2020 figures are based on the number of children and hours funded at childcare providers rather than the number of children attending. Also, for the summer and autumn terms in 2020 the figures exclude Kirklees children that take their places in areas outside Kirklees.

Appendix 8 - Free entitlement take-up of 3-year-olds by ward

	Summer 2020		Autumn 2020		Spring 2021		Summer 2021		Autumn 2021		Spring 2022		Summer 2022	
	Number taking up	% take up	Number taking up	% take up	Number taking up	% take up	Number taking up	% take up	Number taking up	% take up	Number taking up	% take up	Number taking up	% take up
Almondbury	170	91%	181	95%	180	94%	174	94%	164	94%	170	97%	186	100%
Ashbrow	261	87%	274	97%	248	90%	236	91%	256	100%	241	95%	275	94%
Batley East	233	82%	230	89%	232	90%	233	96%	232	95%	218	90%	212	89%
Batley West	257	93%	265	92%	265	88%	265	86%	247	91%	233	92%	239	96%
Birstall and Birkenshaw	159	88%	199	95%	199	87%	192	92%	172	92%	168	95%	200	100%
Cleckheaton	179	93%	187	99%	199	95%	188	96%	192	96%	169	94%	203	99%
Colne Valley	174	87%	177	91%	164	87%	167	91%	160	96%	168	97%	167	92%
Crosland Moor & Netherton	241	84%	240	92%	235	91%	231	86%	267	93%	259	94%	237	90%
Dalton	203	91%	217	98%	180	88%	187	89%	192	96%	188	95%	174	92%
Denby Dale	156	95%	139	95%	139	92%	140	94%	145	97%	143	93%	141	94%
Dewsbury East	196	75%	213	79%	201	81%	241	92%	259	98%	256	96%	244	92%
Dewsbury South	227	82%	257	90%	249	89%	245	93%	246	96%	238	96%	240	96%
Dewsbury West	354	86%	352	87%	327	83%	339	88%	346	95%	347	93%	320	90%
Golcar	213	91%	208	93%	201	96%	204	95%	207	100%	195	95%	197	95%
Greenhead	260	86%	277	90%	264	91%	253	88%	250	94%	251	93%	237	90%
Heckmondwike	220	88%	231	91%	219	90%	210	89%	217	95%	213	93%	191	88%
Holme Valley North	162	94%	176	100%	143	95%	162	98%	156	95%	170	98%	153	97%
Holme Valley South	141	94%	154	95%	149	94%	168	100%	160	96%	157	95%	159	97%
Kirkburton	133	94%	137	95%	136	88%	139	93%	154	93%	150	98%	144	98%
Lindley	227	92%	229	97%	222	91%	233	99%	242	100%	228	94%	237	94%
Liversedge & Gomersal	218	89%	210	93%	196	91%	186	89%	189	95%	204	94%	227	100%
Mirfield	181	95%	192	100%	194	94%	204	96%	200	93%	199	98%	186	97%
Newsome	195	86%	210	93%	196	89%	190	90%	192	91%	194	98%	197	98%
Kirklees	4760	88%	4955	93%	4738	90%	4787	92%	4845	95%	4759	95%	4766	95%

Source: Childcare Sufficiency Team – Produced October 2022

Note: Due to the pandemic the summer term 2020 figures are based on the number of children and hours funded at childcare providers rather than the number of children attending. Also for the summer and autumn terms in 2021 the figures exclude Kirklees children that take their places in areas outside Kirklees.

Appendix 9 - Free entitlement take-up of 4-year-olds by ward

	Spring 2021		Summer 2021		Spring 2022		Summer 2022	
	Number taking up	% take up	Number taking up	% take up	Number taking up	% take up	Number taking up	% take up
Almondbury	68	100%	107	99%	60	95%	106	100%
Ashbrow	114	100%	169	95%	95	97%	149	97%
Batley East	83	100%	154	100%	88	100%	142	100%
Batley West	101	100%	154	92%	97	93%	164	94%
Birstall and Birkenshaw	56	85%	117	98%	68	100%	108	100%
Cleckheaton	61	100%	104	96%	73	90%	113	97%
Colne Valley	69	100%	103	90%	55	92%	99	97%
Crosland Moor & Netherton	97	100%	143	93%	93	94%	163	96%
Dalton	90	100%	131	100%	68	100%	120	100%
Denby Dale	50	100%	83	100%	52	91%	89	99%
Dewsbury East	93	87%	153	94%	79	98%	155	100%
Dewsbury South	101	100%	167	98%	89	94%	159	100%
Dewsbury West	132	94%	213	91%	113	93%	219	100%
Golcar	85	100%	136	100%	86	100%	133	100%
Greenhead	105	100%	164	96%	80	99%	150	100%
Heckmondwike	79	95%	142	97%	77	100%	135	100%
Holme Valley North	71	99%	102	95%	41	87%	100	100%
Holme Valley South	63	97%	99	99%	58	98%	104	100%
Kirkburton	54	100%	87	87%	49	94%	94	97%
Lindley	100	100%	140	92%	91	100%	148	100%
Liversedge & Gomersal	71	100%	123	100%	59	92%	101	96%
Mirfield	69	95%	105	94%	74	95%	123	99%
Newsome	82	98%	131	90%	69	91%	111	90%
Kirklees	1894	100%	3027	96%	1714	97%	2985	100%

Source: Childcare Sufficiency Team – Produced October 2022

Notes:

- Most 4-year-olds move to school reception year in the autumn term, approximately 2% defer their place and remain in their early years provision, therefore no figures are shown for the autumn terms.
- For the summer and autumn terms in 2021 the figures exclude Kirklees children that take their places in areas outside Kirklees.

Appendix 10 - Eligible 2, 3 and 4-year-old children accessing their free entitlement outside ward of residence in Summer Term 2022

Child's Ward of Residence	Almondbury Ward	Ashbrow Ward	Batley East Ward	Batley West Ward	Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward	Cleckheaton Ward	Colne Valley Ward	Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward	Dalton Ward	Denby Dale Ward	Dewsbury East Ward	Dewsbury South Ward	Dewsbury West Ward	Golcar Ward	Greenhead Ward	Heckmondwike Ward	Holme Valley North Ward	Holme Valley South Ward	Kirkburton Ward	Lindley Ward	Liversedge and Gomersal Ward	Mirfield Ward	Newsome Ward	Grand Total	
Almondbury Ward	170						1		65	1				1	12		2	2		6	2	1		23	286
Ashbrow Ward	1	284	1	1				3	6				1	3	70	2				1	3	1	1	4	382
Batley East Ward			241	40	3	2					28	5	10			6									335
Batley West Ward			88	195	31		1				22	5	22			17						13			394
Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward			6	12	198	8					2		1			4						22	2		255
Cleckheaton Ward			1	5	10	228									1	10						33	1		289
Colne Valley Ward		2					204	4	1					18	8		3	1				9		2	252
Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward		5					3	307	2					11	16		14	3			7	1		30	399
Dalton Ward	32	6		1				1	211			1		5	10					8			2	11	288
Denby Dale Ward	3							1		161		1					3	24		33					226
Dewsbury East Ward			33	7							230	12	32			2						4			320
Dewsbury South Ward	2	1	6	5							20	334	12			1							2		383
Dewsbury West Ward			14	29	1	1					63	23	370		1	12						7	14		535
Golcar Ward		3					43	5	2					182	34		2						6		323
Greenhead Ward	3	23						6	4				1	6	257		1	1				53		22	377
Heckmondwike Ward			12	45	2	12			1		10	1	10			170						56	4		323
Holme Valley North Ward	1	1					14	26	1	1				2	8		160	29			1			6	250
Holme Valley South Ward	2	1					4	4		1					2		19	217		5			1	3	259
Kirkburton Ward	16									19		3			2		5	35			146		1	2	229
Lindley Ward	1	3					2	3	1			1		23	91					1	228	1	1	5	361
Liversedge and Gomersal Ward			2	10	11	55					2	1	5			51						171	6		314
Mirfield Ward	1	2	1	2	1	4			2			6	10			22				1	26	223			301
Newsome Ward	8	4		1		1	1	27	19	1		1		4	17		3	1		2	8			208	306
Out of area	1	16	2	11	18	44	5	1	3	17	12	4	7	2	11	10		7		3	12	7	2	2	197
Grand Total	241	351	407	364	275	355	278	388	318	201	389	398	481	257	540	307	212	320		205	370	343	260	324	7584

Source: Childcare Sufficiency Team – Produced October 2022

Appendix 11 – Kirklees Council childcare brokerage service – number of enquiries

Brokerage enquiries received between 1st January to 31st December 2022

Summary	
Number of enquiries recorded	56
Number of enquiries involving children with SEND	20

The table below shows the number of cases per month.

Number of brokerage enquiries				
2022	Closed - resolved	Closed - unresolved	Open	Grand Total
January	2	0	0	2
February	2	0	1	3
March	2	1	0	3
April	2	0	0	2
May	4	3	0	7
June	3	1	0	4
July	3	4	12	19
August	0	2	2	4
September	1	0	2	3
October	0	2	2	4
November	4	0	0	4
December	0	0	1	1
Total	23	13	20	56

Of the 20 open enquiries, 13 are associated with one school located in the Crosland Moor and Netherton ward.

Number of enquiries involving children aged under 5:

15, of which 4 for involve children with SEND

Number of enquiries involving school age children:

42, of which 16 involve children with SEND

An enquiry may include childcare required for more than one child.

Source: Childcare Sufficiency Team – Produced December 2022