

30 hour free childcare places gap analysis update – February 2018

The estimated number of eligible children has been adjusted for the change in population of 3-4 year olds since the 2011 census (source GP registrations dated February 2017).

The number of children who accessed some or all of their extended entitlement hours in the first term of implementation (Autumn 2017) was 1,838. The indicative percentage take-up based on the **estimated** number of eligible children in autumn is 52%. It is unclear at this stage if estimates of eligible children were too high or if there are significant opportunities to increase take-up. **Revised gaps provided below should be viewed in this context of uncertainty.**

The number of 30 hour codes issued for eligible children in the current term (Spring 2018) is 2,634. This equates to 56% of the estimated number of eligible children in spring.

The estimated number of eligible children in Summer 2018 is 5,539. Based on actual demand in the autumn term and applications in the spring term there is some doubt that the summer term estimate will be reached.

In many cases ward sufficiency does not appear to cause a pressure, however there are risks associated with the assumptions made and methodology used therefore caution should be used when planning any developments.

Assumptions and risks associated with estimating 30 hour gaps

- Assumes 90% take-up of places (initial take-up levels may be lower because of problems with the national application system, or until parents become familiar with the funding, i.e. reducing demand). **Possible over capacity.**
- Figures for those children already taking 10hrs or more paid for childcare and children collected by Private Voluntary and Independent providers from schools have not been updated since 2016 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (Appendix 9 Row H).
- Assumes that all provider capacity is available, however, there remain risks that some providers may limit their 30 hours places. Those who have indicated that they will provide places may not be in the right place and provide convenient hours (depending on their business model). Indications from Local Authority Early Implementers are that 80% of providers offering the free entitlement (15hrs universal) delivered extended hours. **Possible under capacity.**
- Assumes that where providers had existing capacity and have previously informed us that they were creating places that they will be created to meet demand.
- The calculation of the new gap assumes the use of summer 2016 vacancies (autumn and spring vacancies could be higher in reality thus increasing the available capacity further than indicated). **Possible over capacity.**
- The gap figures are adjusted monthly to account for opened and closed funded providers.

Ward	Autumn 2017			Spring 2018	Summer 2018			
	Adjusted estimated number of eligible children	Actual number of children taking extended hours	Indicative Percentage take-up	Adjusted estimated number of eligible children	Adjusted estimated number of eligible children	GAP Adjusted for changes since the CSA 2016	Feasible expressions of interest	New Gap
Almondbury Ward	164	93	57%	218	259	-143	49	-192
Ashbrow Ward	169	104	62%	225	267	0	31	-31
Batley East Ward	82	40	49%	110	130	-42	20	-62
Batley West Ward	146	67	46%	194	230	-32	3	-35
Birstall and Birkenshaw Ward	168	97	58%	224	265	-20	80	-100
Cleckheaton Ward	175	87	50%	234	277	-41	62	-103
Colne Valley Ward	170	112	66%	227	269	3	28	-25
Crosland Moor and Netherton Ward	142	32	23%	190	225	55	66	-11
Dalton Ward	150	68	45%	200	237	-8	0	-8
Denby Dale Ward	148	96	65%	197	234	-82	24	-106
Dewsbury East Ward	168	64	38%	224	265	27	96	-69
Dewsbury South Ward	103	47	46%	138	163	-64	72	-136
Dewsbury West Ward	116	59	51%	155	184	-46	28	-74
Golcar Ward	158	95	60%	211	250	-57	100	-157
Greenhead Ward	130	82	63%	173	205	-46	36	-82
Heckmondwike Ward	184	82	45%	245	291	10	138	-128
Holme Valley North Ward	127	84	66%	169	201	-6	0	-6
Holme Valley South Ward	150	76	51%	200	237	-23	63	-86
Kirkburton Ward	110	102	92%	147	175	-14	0	-14
Lindley Ward	216	114	53%	288	341	83	24	59
Liversedge and Gomersal Ward	203	90	44%	271	321	99	56	43
Mirfield Ward	200	100	50%	267	317	124	0	124
Newsome Ward	125	47	37%	167	198	-18	34	-52
Totals	3504	1838	52%	4675	5539			