



**STOCKPORT**  
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Stockport**  
**2015 Childcare Sufficiency Report**

## 1.0 Introduction

The Local Authority has a statutory duty under the Childcare Act 2006 to secure sufficient childcare, as far as is reasonably practicable, for working parents, or parents who are studying or training for employment, for children aged 0-14 (or up to 18 for disabled children).

In order to comply with this legislation local authorities should:

Take into account what is 'reasonably practicable' when assessing what sufficient childcare means in their area and:

- the state of the local childcare market, including the demand for specific types of providers, in a particular locality and the amount and type of supply that currently exists.
- the state of the labour market
- the quality and capacity of childcare providers, including their funding, staff, premises, experience and expertise
- encourage schools in their area to offer out-of-hours childcare between 8.00am and 6.00pm and to offer 5 hour rather than 3 hour sessions
- encourage existing providers to expand their provision and new providers to enter the local childcare market.
- the legal entitlement to early education for around the 40% most disadvantaged two-year-olds and all three and four year olds

Local authorities should also report annually to elected council members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare, and make this report available and accessible to parents.

Local authorities are responsible for determining the appropriate level of detail in their report, geographical division and date of publication. The report should include:

- a specific reference to how they are ensuring there is sufficient childcare available to meet the needs of disabled children, children from families in receipt of the childcare element of Working Tax Credit or Universal credit, children with parents who work irregular hours, children aged two, three and four taking up early education places, school age children and children needing regular holiday care.
- information about the supply of and demand for childcare for particular age ranges of children, and the affordability, accessibility and quality of provision
- details of how gaps in childcare provision will be addressed

## 2.0 Aims and Objectives

This report will provide an update on the supply and demand for childcare in Stockport making comparisons where possible with the 2013/14 report. It will address the specific areas and references required by government guidance and where appropriate provide the data by Children's Centre reach area.

The report uses data from many sources which means that some data does not directly correlate. For example; ONS population figures are from mid-2013 and occupancy figures are from January 2015 census. These limitations mean that the report shows trends based on the most up to date information available at the time.

This report will be shared with Elected Members and made available to a wider audience through publication on Stockport Council's website.

### Childcare Information

Information on early education and childcare for families is published as a web based directory and incorporates information on the local offer of services for children and young people with special educational needs or who have a disability.

It can be accessed on Stockport Council's website; [www.stockport.gov.uk/childcare](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/childcare)

Any changes to a providers Ofsted registration details, including inspection grades, is updated automatically through an electronic data transfer process.

A provider portal allows individual childcare settings to update their details remotely and they are encouraged to do this on a regular basis. This information, which may include details of vacancies, costs, opening hours etc. is held centrally and with permissions is available to parents and others searching for childcare.

### Parents who work irregular hours

Childminders within Stockport are able to offer the most flexibility around opening hours with the ability to open earlier or later than childcare on non-domestic premises such as nurseries and preschools. The flexibility of childcare providers is recorded on the childcare database so that parents are able to carry out online searches as and when required.

### Entitlement to free early education for two, three and four year olds

All three and four year olds are entitled to up to 570 hours per year of funded early education. In September 2013 the Government introduced an entitlement to 570 hours a year of free early education for two year olds who met certain eligibility criteria. This was extended in September 2014 to up to 40% of two year olds. The primary eligibility criterion is economic and the Government estimated this to be approximately 1200 children in Stockport.

This prompted a managed expansion of two year old places in areas where there was identified need because of increased demand or lack of provision. At the same time, changes to government guidance enabled Ofsted graded "good" and "outstanding" childminders to offer funded early education places for the first time. In addition, 4 out of 5 of Stockport's maintained nursery schools and one school nursery also registered to offer two year old places. This has been the main area of growth in the childcare sector.

### 3.0 Population:

The under 5's population and the 5-7 years population has grown since the 2013 report, but the percentage of 0-4 year olds living in low income households or on out of work benefits has reduced slightly.

#### 3.1 Population by Children's Centre Reach Area:

CC Reach Area	Total Children by Age Group <sup>1</sup>						Percentage of 0 to 4 Year Olds Living in Households with			
	0 to 4		5 to 7		8 to 15		Out of Work Benefits <sup>2</sup>		Low Income <sup>3</sup>	
	#	+/-	#	+/-	#	+/-	%	+/-	%	+/-
Abacus	1,218	0	664	+36	1,478	+2	33.5%	-0.8%	32.0%	+2.2%
Belmont and Lancashire Hill	1,042	+32	587	+16	1,287	-30	21.8%	-0.2%	20.9%	+3.5%
Bramhall	982	+35	734	-17	2,093	+29	5.2%	+0.7%	5.5%	0.0%
Bredbury Green and Goyt Valley	637	+18	382	+12	925	-38	17.7%	-9.8%	22.0%	+1.2%
Bredbury, Romiley and Woodley	993	+12	640	+47	1,576	+30	19.1%	+1.6%	19.6%	+5.0%
Brinnington	837	+8	451	+28	909	-5	49.4%	-3.1%	47.1%	+2.4%
Cheadle and Gatley	1,068	-26	611	-15	1,620	-22	6.8%	-0.5%	7.6%	-2.3%
Cheadle Hulme	826	+20	550	+14	1,485	-35	7.7%	+0.2%	7.1%	+1.0%
Edgeley and Cheadle Heath	1,268	+96	619	+32	1,215	-36	22.9%	-6.3%	21.7%	-2.8%
Hazel Grove and High Lane	1,066	+32	728	+41	1,590	-7	14.2%	+0.9%	12.5%	+1.4%
Heald Green	707	-29	478	+11	1,249	+18	9.5%	-0.3%	12.3%	+1.5%
Heatons	1,177	+100	609	-7	1,687	-10	7.6%	-0.7%	7.9%	-0.9%
Ladybridge Park	720	+11	440	0	1,124	+30	14.9%	-1.6%	15.8%	+0.6%
Marple	898	+12	604	+14	1,587	0	10.1%	0.0%	11.0%	+2.3%
Offerton	799	-60	541	+35	1,363	+31	23.1%	-6.0%	24.1%	+5.4%
Reddish North	927	+11	526	+39	1,135	-29	24.6%	-0.1%	22.5%	-1.9%
Reddish Vale	739	-1	416	+14	995	-22	26.0%	+1.2%	25.2%	+5.0%
Stepping Hill	824	+66	548	+5	1,474	+6	4.6%	-2.7%	5.3%	+0.6%
Stockport Central	857	+32	421	+3	993	+11	27.6%	+2.8%	23.9%	+3.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,585</b>	<b>+369</b>	<b>10,549</b>	<b>+308</b>	<b>25,785</b>	<b>-77</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Figures gathered from Office for National Statistics (ONS) Mid-2013 Population Estimates

<sup>2</sup> Number of Children living in Out-of-work Benefit Claimant Households (DWP data as at 31 May 2013)

<sup>3</sup> Number of children living in families in receipt of CTC whose reported income is less than 60 per cent of the median income or in receipt of IS or (Income-Based) JSA, divided by the total number of children in the area (determined by Child Benefit data)

# Total number of children in that cohort

+/- Increase or decrease since 2013 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

% Percentage of children in that cohort

## 4.0 Places:

**4.1 Total Places for 0 to 4 Year Olds:** There has been some increase in in the number of day nurseries and preschools which has been driven by the need for additional 2 year old places. Childminder number and places has declined for a variety of reasons please see key points summary at end of the report.

CC Reach Area	Council Run Nursery		Childminder		Day nursery		Pre-School		Independent School Nursery		TOTAL	
	Providers	Places	Providers	Places	Providers	Places	Providers	Places	Providers	Places	Providers	Places
Abacus	4	180	14	32	4	159	3	75	0	0	25	446 (+11)
Belmont and Lancashire Hill	3	132	27	44	1	59	2	26	1	10	34	271 (-20)
Bramhall	4	160	13	26	2	90	2	60	0	0	21	336 (-36)
Bredbury Green and Goyt Valley	2	80	10	25	2	134	1	30	0	0	15	269 (+64)
Bredbury, Romiley and Woodley	3	140	23	43	4	200	4	100	0	0	34	483 (+20)
Brinnington	3	200	15	45	1	28	3	106	0	0	22	379 (+65)
Cheadle and Gatley	3	120	29	52	5	254	2	48	0	0	39	474 (+22)
Cheadle Hulme	3	120	21	53	3	205	2	60	4	245	32	683 (-172)
Edgeley and Cheadle Heath	4	278	27	68	4	286	3	20	0	0	38	652 (+166)
Hazel Grove and High Lane	4	140	22	41	5	257	4	103	0	0	35	541 (-60)
Heald Green	3	120	15	18	3	310	2	52	0	0	23	500 (-30)
Heatons	3	168	44	92	4	255	1	32	1	24	53	571 (+30)
Ladybridge Park	2	80	11	16	2	145	1	34	1	44	17	319 (+11)
Marple	3	96	22	60	3	123	5	131	1	26	34	436 (-149)
Offerton	2	157	22	32	2	93	2	20	0	0	28	302 (-14)
Reddish North	1	78	20	49	1	20	1	40	0	0	23	187 (-6)
Reddish Vale	4	276	35	68	2	102		0	0	0	41	446 (-26)
Stepping Hill	2	80	31	101	4	278	1	20	1	0	39	479 (+151)
Stockport Central	3	120	20	52	2	194	4	144	0	0	29	510 (0)
<b>Borough Total</b>	<b>56 (0)</b>	<b>2,725 (+10)</b>	<b>421 (-65)</b>	<b>917 (-447)</b>	<b>54 (+4)</b>	<b>3,192 (+207)</b>	<b>43 (+8)</b>	<b>1,101 (+180)</b>	<b>9 (-1)</b>	<b>349 (+77)</b>	<b>583 (-56)</b>	<b>8,284 (+27)</b>

Figures in brackets represent Increase or decrease since 2013 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

## 4.2 Total Places for 5 to 7 Year Olds:

CC Reach Area	PVI Out of School Care		Holiday Provision		TOTAL		Schools Run Before School			Schools Run After School		
	Providers	Places	Providers	Places	Providers	Places	School Run	Linked to PVI	No Provision	School Run	Linked to PVI	No Provision
Abacus	1	50	0	0	1	50 (-10)	4	1	0	2	3	0
Belmont and Lancashire Hill	1	25	0	0	1	25 (0)	4	1	0	2	1	2
Bramhall	4	220	3	170	7	390 (+102)	2	4	0	2	4	0
Bredbury Green and Goyt Valley	1	20	1	25	2	45 (-35)	1	2	0	0	3	0
Bredbury, Romiley and Woodley	2	122	1	62	3	184 (-24)	2	2	0	1	3	0
Brinnington	1	30	0	0	1	30 (-34)	3	0	0	0	3	0
Cheadle and Gatley	2	72	1	0	3	72 (-46)	1	3	0	1	3	0
Cheadle Hulme	7	229	5	129	12	358 (-125)	0	7	0	0	7	0
Edgeley and Cheadle Heath	3	140	2	100	5	240 (-30)	6	0	0	2	4	0
Hazel Grove and High Lane	3	78	0	0	3	78 (-40)	1	5	0	1	5	0
Heald Green	3	125	2	93	5	218 (-370)	2	3	0	2	3	0
Heatons	4	116	2	140	6	256 (+94)	2	3	0	1	4	0
Ladybridge Park	1	69	1	50	2	119 (+30)	3	0	0	1	1	1
Marple	5	182	3	102	8	284 (-200)	1	4	0	1	4	0
Offerton	1	50	2	50	3	100 (+20)	1	2	0	0	3	0
Reddish North	0	0	0	0	0	0 (0)	0	1	0	0	1	0
Reddish Vale	2	80	1	50	3	130 (0)	4	1	0	2	3	0
Stepping Hill	6	207	4	152	10	359 (+35)	2	3	0	2	3	0
Stockport Central	2	59	0	0	2	59 (-5)	4	1	0	1	4	0
<b>Borough Total</b>	<b>49</b> (+4)	<b>1,874</b> (-484)	<b>28</b> (+6)	<b>1,123</b> (-154)	<b>77</b> (+10)	<b>2,997</b> (-638)	<b>43</b> (+5)	<b>43</b> (+2)	<b>0</b> (-8)	<b>21</b> (+1)	<b>62</b> (0)	<b>3</b> (-2)
							<b>50.0%</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>24.4%</b>	<b>72.1%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>

Figures in brackets represent Increase or decrease since 2013 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

The table above shows that there are more out of school and holiday providers but that they are registered for fewer children than in 2013. Having fewer registered places has meant that out of school and holiday clubs are showing higher occupancy rates (see occupancy table at 5.1) an explanation for this is that these providers are reducing numbers and costs to remain sustainable. In addition they do not need to register number of places offered for children over 8 years of age.

Childminders are not included within the figures in 4.2 but can also choose to offer holiday and out of school care (on the childcare register) and can care for up to three children aged 5-8 years in addition to their early year's registration numbers. Children over 8 years of age are outside the requirement for registration and the only caveat to the numbers of over 8s is that they don't impact on the care of the under 8s.

### 4.3 Childcare Register/ Voluntary Childcare Register:

The below table lists the types of Ofsted registration available and the number of Stockport providers on each register and often they are on all three. Those providers who are just on the voluntary register allows eligible parents to claim working tax credit or use childcare vouchers to help with childcare costs. Providers are not required by law to register for children over the age of 8.

Child Services Register	Childminder	Day Nursery	Pre-School	PVI Out of School Care	Holiday Provision	TOTAL
Early Years Register (under 5 year olds)	421	54	43	46	23	587
Childcare Register (5 to 8 year olds)	416	37	12	49	28	542
Voluntary Childcare Register (over 8 year olds)	397	28	10	44	24	503

#### Childcare for Older children

There are many models of delivery for before and after school provision for 5-11 year olds ranging from after school clubs on and off school sites to private nurseries and childminders who often provide a school pick-up service.

Changes described above to the way Ofsted register and apply places to early years and childcare providers make it very difficult to calculate sufficiency based on supply and demand for different age groups. In addition school run provision is no longer required to be Ofsted registered and many additional after school activities take place in schools that support working parents.

Unmet demand has been recorded for a small number of parents who have reported difficulties in identifying appropriate before and after school provision to meet their needs. This information is shared widely with childcare providers and schools; however, demand has not translated into sufficient numbers at a local level to make it a viable business proposition.

A brokerage service has been offered and on some occasions parents have been able to resolve their childcare needs by considering alternative types of provision such as childminders.

Childcare for 11 to 14 year olds generally does not relate to meeting the needs of working parents and tends to lean heavily towards informal activity based sessions usually in the holidays or early evenings.

Holiday provision can include formal registered provision which is aimed at meeting the childcare needs of working parents and holiday activity sessions including play , sports schemes and mobile play provision, which offer social activities for children outside school term times and are often un registered provision.

#### 4.4 Places Compared with Population:

CC Reach Area	Under 5 (0 to 4)				5 to 7 year olds			
	Places	Population	Places per 100		Places	Population	Places per 100	
			#	+/-			#	+/-
Abacus	446	1,218	36.6	+2.5	50	664	7.5	-2.0
Belmont and Lancashire Hill	271	1,042	26.0	-1.8	25	587	4.3	-0.1
Bramhall	336	982	34.2	-5.1	390	734	53.1	+14.8
Bredbury Green and Goyt Valley	269	637	42.2	+9.1	45	382	11.8	-9.8
Bredbury, Romiley and Woodley	483	993	48.6	+1.4	184	640	28.8	-6.3
Brinnington	379	837	45.3	+7.4	30	451	6.7	-8.5
Cheadle and Gatley	474	1,068	44.4	+3.1	72	611	11.8	-7.1
Cheadle Hulme	683	826	82.7	-0.8	358	550	65.1	-25.0
Edgeley and Cheadle Heath	652	1,268	51.4	+9.9	240	619	38.8	-7.2
Hazel Grove and High Lane	541	1,066	50.8	-7.3	78	728	10.7	-6.5
Heald Green	500	707	70.7	-1.3	218	478	45.6	-80.3
Heatons	571	1,177	48.5	-0.6	256	609	42.0	+15.7
Ladybridge Park	319	720	44.3	+4.0	119	440	27.0	+6.8
Marple	436	898	48.6	-14.5	284	604	47.0	-35.0
Offerton	302	799	37.8	+1.0	100	541	18.5	+2.7
Reddish North	187	927	20.2	-0.9	0	526	0	0
Reddish Vale	446	739	60.4	-3.4	130	416	31.3	-1.1
Stepping Hill	479	824	58.1	+14.8	359	548	65.5	+5.8
Stockport Central	510	857	59.5	-2.3	59	421	14.0	-1.3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,284</b>	<b>17,585</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>+0.7</b>	<b>2,997</b>	<b>10,549</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>-7.1</b>

This table shows that there are registered childcare places for nearly half of the under 5s population. There was a small increase in places due to the 2 year old demand but also a small population increase which means that the overall increase in places per 100 was only very small at 0.7. However it should also be noted that occupancy levels have increased. Places per 100 in the 5-7 age range appears to have reduced because it does not take into account school provision and other non-registered provision such as sports clubs.

Stockport currently has 18.2% of 0-4 year olds living in households with out of school benefits and 18.3% living in households on low income ( table 2.1) Demand for childcare could increase with changes in benefit entitlements or if more parents return to work.



## 5.0 Occupancy:

### 5.1 Summary:

Provider Type	Places		Vacancies		Occupancy*			National Occupancy		
	#	+/-	#	+/-	2015 CSA	2013 CSA	+/-	National 2015	National 2013	+/-
Council Run Nursery	2,725	+10	594	+215	79.6%	86%	-6.4%	n/a	90%	n/a
Childminder	917	-447	370	+39	59.9%	71%	-11.1%	n/a	75%	n/a
Day nursery	3,192	+207	559	-263	81.8%	71%	+10.8%	73% <sup>1</sup>	79%	-6%
Pre-School	1,101	+180	299	+68	74.6%	80%	-5.4%	72% <sup>2</sup>	79%	-6%
Independent School Nursery	349	+77	70	+68	78.3%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Out of School Care	1,874	-484	451	-50	77.1%	70%	+7.1%	n/a	76%	n/a
Holiday Provision	1,123	-154	309	-36	72.5%	54%	+18.5%	n/a	74%	n/a

\* Occupancy figures calculated based on providers who submitted both vacancy and place information. Providers who did not include vacancy information have been excluded.

<sup>1</sup> NDNA, Annual Nursery Survey 2015

<sup>2</sup> Ceeda, Counting the Cost of Childcare, August 2014

The table above shows occupancy in the different types of childcare provision and compares against 2013 and national data. It should be noted that not all Stockport provision submitted vacancy data and the table at 5.2 shows submission rates. Only 62.5% of childminders declared their vacancy data and those that did were showing low occupancy. This may be because all childminders are registered for 3 under 5s but often do not want to have that many early years' children. Capacity, in the childminding sector has meant that many have taken the opportunity to register to offer funded 2,3 & 4 year old places. This is beneficial to support the council childcare sufficiency and also for childminders to remain sustainable.

Reductions in occupancy in preschools and council run nurseries may be because parents require a more flexible offer than is currently available.

Also occupancy fluctuates at different times of the year, the highest being during the summer term before children begin their first term in reception class.

Where figures are known, occupancy for preschools and day nurseries is higher than the national average.

### 5.2 Submission rates:

Childminder	265	62.5%
Day nursery	54	100%
Holiday Scheme	24	85.7%
Out of School Care	45	91.8%
Pre-School Playgroup	43	100%
Independent Schools with Nursery Unit	6	66.7%

### 5.3 Average Occupancy by Children's Centre Reach Area:

CC Reach Area	Council Run Nursery	Childminder	Day nursery	Pre-School	Independent Schools Nursery	Out of School Care	Holiday Provision	CC Reach Average
Abacus	68.3%	62.5%	77.4%	84.0%	n/a	90.0%	n/a	<b>75.4%</b>
Belmont and Lancashire Hill	68.2%	78.4%	100.0%	100.0%	60.0%	76.0%	n/a	<b>79.2%</b>
Bramhall	73.1%	26.9%	100.0%	86.7%	n/a	85.5%	80.0%	<b>81.3%</b>
Bredbury Green and Goyt Valley	100.0%	64.0%	62.7%	76.7%	n/a	75.0%	80.0%	<b>75.8%</b>
Bredbury, Romiley and Woodley	92.1%	69.8%	68.5%	55.0%	n/a	65.6%	64.5%	<b>70.6%</b>
Brinnington	77.0%	84.4%	55.4%	81.7%	n/a	76.7%	n/a	<b>74.6%</b>
Cheadle and Gatley	100.0%	46.2%	91.3%	91.7%	n/a	83.3%	n/a	<b>87.9%</b>
Cheadle Hulme	85.0%	64.2%	92.7%	66.7%	74.7%	84.3%	85.3%	<b>81.8%</b>
Edgeley and Cheadle Heath	69.8%	56.9%	69.9%	75.0%	n/a	58.6%	54.0%	<b>65.5%</b>
Hazel Grove and High Lane	70.7%	48.8%	75.5%	58.3%	n/a	60.4%	n/a	<b>68.3%</b>
Heald Green	80.0%	33.3%	90.0%	90.4%	n/a	74.4%	97.8%	<b>85.2%</b>
Heatons	89.9%	55.4%	94.5%	100.0%	83.3%	72.2%	100.0%	<b>87.7%</b>
Ladybridge Park	83.8%	37.5%	95.2%	100.0%	100.0%	85.5%	40.0%	<b>84.0%</b>
Marple	77.1%	50.0%	65.9%	67.9%	n/a	94.0%	23.5%	<b>67.6%</b>
Offerton	87.3%	34.4%	41.9%	70.0%	n/a	70.0%	70.0%	<b>67.4%</b>
Reddish North	82.1%	61.2%	90.0%	100.0%	n/a	n/a	n/a	<b>81.3%</b>
Reddish Vale	73.2%	64.2%	78.4%	n/a	n/a	92.5%	84.0%	<b>76.7%</b>
Stepping Hill	97.5%	76.5%	95.0%	100.0%	n/a	61.8%	67.1%	<b>81.0%</b>
Stockport Central	77.5%	65.3%	81.4%	58.3%	n/a	57.6%	n/a	<b>70.8%</b>
<b>Borough Average 2015</b>	<b>79.6%</b>	<b>59.9%</b>	<b>81.8%</b>	<b>74.6%</b>	<b>78.3%</b>	<b>77.1%</b>	<b>72.5%</b>	<b>77.0%</b>
<b>Borough Average 2013</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>54%</b>	
<b>Increase/ Decrease</b>	<b>-6.4%</b>	<b>-11.1%</b>	<b>+10.8%</b>	<b>-5.4%</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>+7.1%</b>	<b>+18.5%</b>	

### 6.0 Availability:

Provider Type	% Open 8am or Earlier	% Closing 6pm or Later	% Providers Open Full Week
Childminder	97.5%	52.0%	78.9%
Day nursery	100%	88.9%	100%
Pre-School	52.5%	0.0%	87.5%
Out of School	100%	77.3%	95.5%
Holiday Provision	80.8%	72.0%	96.2%

Percentages calculated based on providers who submitted opening and closing time information. Providers who do not submit this information have been excluded from these figures.

Childminders often have flexible working hours and can pick up and drop off at other provision enabling shared care. Some school nursery classes also offer the option for parents to pay for additional hours if space is available or for nursery children to attend after school provision and this supports some parent's ability to return to work.

## 7.0 Average Cost of Early Education & Childcare:

Provider Type	Borough Figures					National Average	
	2015 Average	2013 Average	+/-	High	Low	£	+/-
Childminder	£35.55 (daily)	£33.49	<b>+\$2.06</b>	£45.00	£30.00	£41.22 <sup>1</sup> (daily)	<b>+\$2.55</b>
Day nursery	£44.24 (daily)	£41.25	<b>+\$2.99</b>	£58.75	£34.00	£43.93 <sup>1</sup> (daily)	<b>+\$2.35</b>
Pre-School	£24.75 (daily)	£23.58	<b>+\$1.17</b>	£40.50	£18.50	<i>Not obtained</i>	
Before School	£4.41 (sessional)	£3.24	<b>+\$1.17</b>	£38.00	£18.00	<i>Not obtained</i>	
After School	£8.89 (sessional)	£8.10	<b>+\$0.79</b>	£14.50	£3.00	£9.64 <sup>1</sup> (sessional)	<b>-\$0.29</b>
Holiday Provision	£24.96 (daily)	£22.19	<b>+\$2.77</b>	£6.50	£2.80	<i>Not obtained</i>	

<sup>1</sup>Daycare Trust Cost on Childcare Survey 2015

Table 7.0 shows that average costs for childcare has risen across Stockport. National figures also reflect this increase. Stockport's average day nursery rate is higher than the national average but childminders are lower. Rising costs for childcare across Stockport has risen in line with the national increase.

N.B. The preschool daily rate submitted is variable because of the actual times they are open are variable at each preschool. For example, a session may be 3 hours or 5 hours long, this makes it difficult to do like for like comparisons of the rates.

## 8.0 Quality:

The government has a very clear outcome that all children are able to take up their entitlement to funded early education in a high quality setting. Ofsted are the sole arbiters of quality and providers are graded as Outstanding/Good/Requires Improvement (previously Satisfactory) or Inadequate.

Providers with an Ofsted grade of Outstanding or Good can offer two, three and four year old funded places. Providers with a Satisfactory/Requires Improvement grade can deliver funded places for three and four year olds but to offer two year old places they must be working with the local authority to improve the quality of their provision. There is a quality improvement process in place and providers who receive a 'requires improvement' or 'inadequate' grade are supported through this process by the Early Years Improvement Team.

Where a provider receives an Inadequate Ofsted grade, funding can be removed from the setting as soon as is reasonably possible.

## 8.1 Ofsted Inspection Grades: snapshot at 15/01/2015

Provider Type	Total Providers	Good or Better	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement*	Inadequate
Council Run Nursery	56	<b>87.3%</b> (48)	30.9% (17)	56.4% (31)	10.9% (6)	1.8% (1)
Childminder	350	<b>82.5%</b> (289)	8.6% (30)	74.0% (259)	16.9% (59)	0.6% (2)
Day nursery	51	<b>88.2%</b> (45)	19.6% (10)	68.6% (35)	11.8% (6)	0.0% (0)
Holiday Scheme	20	<b>85.0%</b> (17)	15.0% (3)	70% (14)	10% (2)	5.0% (1)
Out of School Care	37	<b>73.0%</b> (27)	10.8% (4)	62.2% (23)	24.3% (9)	2.7% (1)
Pre-School Playgroup	36	<b>83.3%</b> (30)	8.3% (3)	75.0% (27)	16.7% (6)	0.0% (0)
<b>Non-Domestic Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>82.6% (109)</b>	<b>14.6% (21)</b>	<b>68.8% (99)</b>	<b>16.0% (23)</b>	<b>1.4% (2)</b>

\*includes Satisfactory

The quality of childcare provision in Stockport continues to show improvement. It has improved by nearly 9% since the last childcare sufficiency report in 2013.

## 8.2 Ofsted Inspection Judgement good or better .Comparison to 2013:

Provider Type	SMBC Average Good or Better			National Average Good or Better		
	2015	2013	+/-	2015	2013	+/-
Council Run Nursery	<b>87.3%</b>	83.9%	<b>+3.4%</b>	82%	78%	<b>+4%</b>
Childminder	<b>82.5%</b>	72.5%	<b>+10.0%</b>	81%	72%	<b>+9%</b>
Day nursery	<b>88.2%</b>	86.0%	<b>+2.2%</b>	<i>See non-domestic below</i>		
Holiday Scheme	<b>85.0%</b>	76.0%	<b>+9.0%</b>	<i>See non-domestic below</i>		
Out of School Care	<b>73.0%</b>	67.4%	<b>+5.6%</b>	<i>See non-domestic below</i>		
Pre-School Playgroup	<b>83.3%</b>	75.0%	<b>+8.3%</b>	<i>See non-domestic below</i>		
<b>Non-Domestic Total</b>	<b>82.6%</b>	<b>73.7%</b>	<b>+8.9%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>+5%</b>

Day nursery, preschool, out of school and holiday provision is all grouped together and classified by Ofsted as childcare on non-domestic premises. It is reported as a total figure by Ofsted and is reported as childcare on non-domestic premises in the national figures. The quality of childcare provision in all provider types in Stockport continues to improve as documented in the 2011 and 2013 childcare sufficiency assessments.

### 8.3 Providers without Full Ofsted inspection judgement:

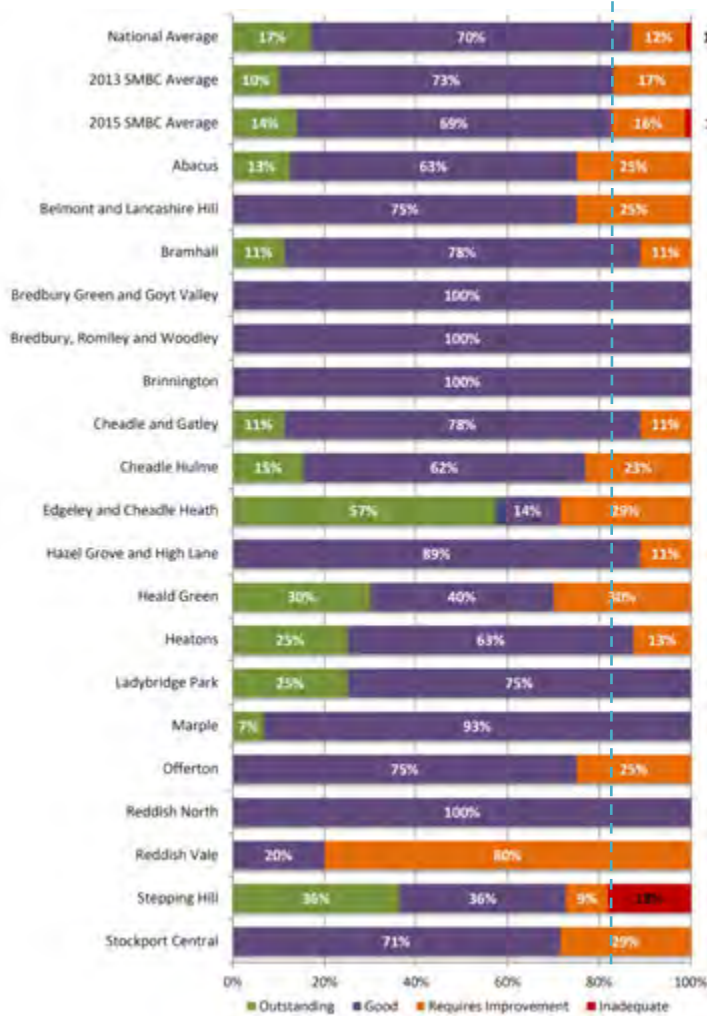
Provider Type	Total Providers	Awaiting First Inspection	Met	Not Met
Council Run Nursery	1*	1	0	0
Childminder	71	55	14	2
Day nursery	3	3	0	0
Holiday Scheme	7	5	1	1
Out of School Care	10	8	0	2
Pre-School Playgroup	6	6	0	0
<b>Non-Domestic Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

Providers without an Ofsted judgement are often, but not always newly registered provision. Newly registered provision does not have an Ofsted inspection judgement until its first inspection. Some providers can wait up to 30 months before their first inspection. However, these provisions are presumed good and are able to offer funded early years places. These provisions have been omitted from the table at 8.2.

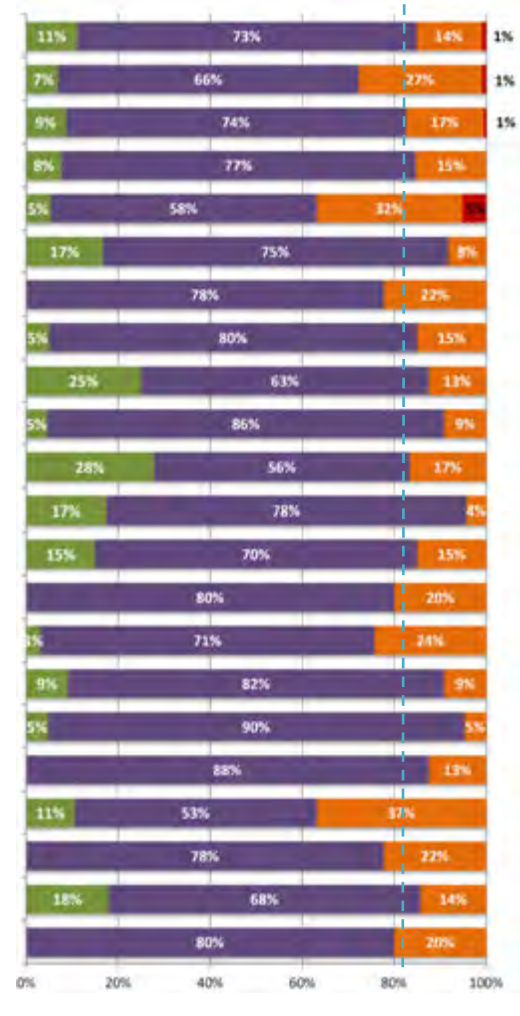
\*This nursery class is in a school that now has academy status.

## 8.4 Breakdown of Ofsted Judgement by Children’s Centre Reach Area- snapshot at 15/01/2015

### Childcare on non-domestic premises



### Childminders



The table on the left shows Ofsted quality grades of childcare on non-domestic premises by Children’s Centre reach area.

The table on the right shows Ofsted quality grades of childminders by Children’s Centre reach areas.

It shows that the majority of childcare in areas of disadvantage are Ofsted graded “good” or “better”

## 9.0 Early Education Entitlement Take-up

### 9.1 Two Year Old Early Education Entitlement:

CC Reach Area	Entitled Children <sup>1</sup>	Spring 2015 Taken up Place <sup>2</sup>				Historic Figures		
		In Stockport	Outside Stockport	TOTAL	%	Autumn 2014	Summer 2014	CSA 2013
Abacus	133	130	1	131	98.5%	116 (90.6%)	95 (79.2%)	16
Belmont and Lancashire Hill	93	72	7	79	84.9%	65 (82.3%)	46 (66.7%)	17
Bramhall	25	22	0	22	88.0%	21 (77.8%)	12 (50.0%)	2
Bredbury Green and Goyt Valley	51	44	0	44	86.3%	37 (80.4%)	31 (66.0%)	10
Bredbury, Romiley and Woodley	64	53	2	55	85.9%	54 (87.1%)	41 (74.5%)	10
Brinnington	115	108	0	108	93.9%	97 (89.8%)	87 (82.1%)	19
Cheadle and Gatley	42	29	1	30	71.4%	31 (68.9%)	18 (40.9%)	4
Cheadle Hulme	25	22	0	22	88.0%	29 (96.7%)	17 (68.0%)	0
Edgeley and Cheadle Heath	108	102	3	105	97.2%	117 (107.3%)	75 (65.8%)	7
Hazel Grove and High Lane	68	51	1	52	76.5%	46 (69.7%)	31 (52.5%)	3
Heald Green	52	19	7	26	50.0%	23 (54.8%)	14 (42.4%)	1
Heatons	47	31	6	37	78.7%	37 (66.1%)	20 (44.4%)	5
Ladybridge Park	37	27	1	28	75.7%	30 (93.8%)	23 (88.5%)	2
Marple	37	40	0	40	108.1%	32 (86.5%)	21 (72.4%)	5
Offerton	61	59	0	59	96.7%	65 (94.2%)	43 (64.2%)	11
Reddish North	78	65	2	67	85.9%	66 (78.6%)	45 (64.3%)	10
Reddish Vale	91	68	1	69	75.8%	71 (79.8%)	45 (54.2%)	4
Stepping Hill	23	22	0	22	95.7%	26 (92.9%)	17 (51.5%)	3
Stockport Central	90	75	0	75	83.3%	60 (77.9%)	37 (47.4%)	6
Outside of Stockport	n/a	61	n/a	61	n/a	58 (n/a)	22 (n/a)	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>89%<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>1,081 (89.0%)</b>	<b>740 (65.7%)</b>	<b>135</b>

1. Children who are identified as eligible to take up a place (DfE November 2014 data)

2. Children taken up a place and with a provider in the Spring 2015 term (data as at 04/04/2015)

\* includes non-income assessed criteria

# excludes take-up outside of Stockport to avoid double count.



## 9.2 Three and Four Year Old Early Education Entitlement: January 2015

CC Reach Area	Population*	Taken-up Place					CSA 2013	
		PVI	Maintained	Outside Stockport	Total	%	#	%
Abacus	337	155	152	1	308	91.4%	256	97.3%
Belmont and Lancashire Hill	296	99	140	11	250	84.5%	175	92.6%
Bramhall	257	163	91	26	280	108.9%	260	94.2%
Bredbury Green and Goyt Valley	147	78	88	1	167	113.6%	241	91.3%
Bredbury, Romiley and Woodley	259	115	121	3	239	92.3%	283	93.4%
Brinnington	213	42	167	1	210	98.6%	256	90.8%
Cheadle and Gatley	288	161	109	15	285	99.0%	215	99.1%
Cheadle Hulme	220	143	60	14	217	98.6%	295	99.7%
Edgeley and Cheadle Heath	373	128	166	3	297	79.6%	203	94.0%
Hazel Grove and High Lane	289	151	96	10	257	88.9%	195	82.3%
Heald Green	190	82	83	34	199	104.7%	204	92.3%
Heatons	317	142	118	23	283	89.3%	223	89.6%
Ladybridge Park	182	105	89	6	200	109.9%	273	100.0%
Marple	216	174	72	3	249	115.3%	287	90.5%
Offerton	223	116	125	3	244	109.4%	175	98.3%
Reddish North	264	46	151	14	211	79.9%	197	98.0%
Reddish Vale	210	52	133	8	193	91.9%	193	99.5%
Stepping Hill	212	142	68	5	215	101.4%	277	98.2%
Stockport Central	228	107	101	3	211	92.5%	202	91.0%
Out of Area		242	65					
<b>Borough Total</b>	<b>4721</b>	<b>2,201</b>	<b>2,130</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>4,515</b>	<b>95.6%</b>	<b>4,410</b>	<b>94.2%</b>

\*Figures from January 2015 Early Years Census

Free Entitlement – The tables 9.1 and 9.2 show take up of funded early education places for two, three and four year olds. Take up for three and four year olds remain high at 94.2%. Take up of two year old early education is also high at 89% for spring 2015 this compares favourably with a national average of 63%.



## 10.0 Disability

All early years' provision that are funded by the Local Authority, to provide early education to 2, 3 and 4 years olds are required through the Children and Families Act 2014 to have regard for the SEND Code of Practice. They can now demonstrate their commitment to inclusive practice and their ability to meet the needs of individual children in their care through the council childcare website at [www.stockport.gov.uk/childcare](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/childcare) this information will be used to help parents to find suitable childcare for their children.

### 10.1 Maintained Nurseries and Schools:

In addition Stockport has specialist or additional resourced units in maintained nurseries or schools that offer provision for children with more complex needs requiring a higher level of support. These are shown by area location in the table below

CC Reach Area	Provision Available
Bramhall	There is 1 specialist school for primary aged children with a statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) and an additional resourced unit within a nursery and primary school.
Bredbury Green & Goyt Valley	There is 1 additional resourced unit within a nursery.
Cheadle & Gatley	There are two primary schools with additionally resourced units.
Edgeley and Cheadle Heath	There is 1 additionally resourced unit within a council nursery.
Hazel Grove & High Lane	There is 1 primary school and 1 secondary with an additional resourced unit.
Heald Green	There is 1 special school for children of primary school age and a primary school with an additional resourced unit to cater for children with a statement of special educational needs (SEN).
Heatons	There is 1 special school for secondary school age children with a statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN).
Ladybridge Park	There is 1 primary school with an additional resourced unit.
Marple	There is 1 special school for secondary school aged children with a statement of special educational needs (SEN) and 1 primary school with an additional resourced unit.
Offerton	There is 1 special school for primary and secondary aged children with a statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN)
Reddish North	There is 1 primary school with an additional resourced unit.
Stepping Hill	There is 1 primary and 1 secondary school with an additional resourced unit.

## 10.2 Private Voluntary and Independent Childcare provision:

Private Voluntary and Independent providers offering early education funding are also required to provide information on how they meet the need of children with special educational needs and disabilities. They are able to demonstrate this commitment to inclusive practice to parents through their information published live on the childcare website [www.stockport.gov.uk/childcare](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/childcare)

Parents can search for settings that may be able to meet their individual needs in the categories listed below.

CC Reach Area	Supporting Children with disabilities								
	Local Offer Provider	wheelchair Access	Autism	Communication impairment	Learning difficulty	Hearing impairment	Physical impairment	Visual impairment	Mental health conditions
Abacus	10	10	9	10	10	9	9	9	8
Belmont and Lancashire Hill	7	7	5	7	7	7	5	6	5
Bramhall	8	8	5	6	6	5	6	4	3
Bredbury Green and Goyt Valley	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	3	3
Bredbury, Romiley and Woodley	13	12	7	9	10	9	8	8	6
Brinnington	9	7	8	9	9	9	8	8	7
Cheadle and Gatley	10	10	6	8	9	6	7	8	2
Cheadle Hulme	8	8	5	7	8	7	7	8	4
Edgeley and Cheadle Heath	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5
Hazel Grove and High Lane	15	13	14	15	15	15	14	14	13
Heald Green	6	6	4	6	6	4	5	4	4
Heatons	9	9	7	8	9	9	7	8	7
Ladybridge Park	6	5	3	4	4	2	3	2	1
Marple	15	15	12	15	15	12	13	13	11
Offerton	7	7	7	7	6	7	6	6	6
Reddish North	6	5	6	5	6	6	5	5	2
Reddish Vale	7	7	4	6	6	6	5	4	3
Stepping Hill	17	15	13	16	15	14	14	13	13
Stockport Central	11	11	7	9	9	6	7	6	5
<b>Borough Total</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>108</b>

## 11.0 Key Points summary

11.1 Stockport has sufficient high quality childcare places available to meet the needs of working parents. The increased demand for places created by the two year old entitlement has filled some of the existing vacancies that were in the sector and supported sustainable childcare. Some individual Children Centre areas are better served than others. Demand from parents or created by government initiatives is the key driver in the development and growth of affordable and sustainable quality early years and childcare provision.

11.2 **Places on non-domestic premises:** Section 4 Table 4.1 There has been an increase in childcare providers and places on non-domestic premises, such as day nurseries and preschools since 2013. This was primarily to meet the new demand for funded 2 year old places. The majority of Stockport's funded two year olds 90% have taken up their places in the private voluntary and independent sector; only 10% of funded two year olds are in the maintained sector, nursery schools and classes. Some of this demand for two year old places has been absorbed within the vacancies in the existing childcare provision. It has meant that occupancy rates have risen in day nurseries from 71% in 2013 to 81% in 2015. This has helped to support their future sustainability.

11.3 **Places at Childminders:** There has however been a decrease in numbers of registered childminders in Stockport over the last 5 years. However, the calibre of new Childminders is now much higher and this has been demonstrated by inspection data. In addition, of the remaining childminders, larger numbers are offering funded early education places than ever before. This is making the profession more sustainable and supporting Stockport's sufficiency requirements. Reasons for the reduction are:

- Childminders reaching the end of their career have resigned or Ofsted have been cancelling their registration or they are moving onto the Childcare register rather than the Early Years register as their minded children grow up. Some are choosing to move into other areas of childcare.
- There are higher costs to become and remain a registered childminder and the process for becoming a Childminder has become more stringent, and takes longer and applications both for registration and associated checks can now only be done online and this has proved a barrier to some people
- Most Childminders do this work to fit in with their own young families and so only ever intend to childmind whilst their own families are young – this was ever the case but the difference now is that we do not have the numbers of new people coming through to keep up with the turnover and this is mainly to do with the cost and stringency of registration. This is reflected nationally.

11.4 **Occupancy.** Section 5 Table 5.1 In day nurseries occupancy has increased to meet demand and in preschools and maintained nursery there has been a decrease and this may be because working parents require the more flexible childcare offered by day nurseries to meet their needs. Out of schools and holiday clubs now have a higher occupancy rate as there are fewer places registered and this consolidation of places has

enabled them to remain sustainable. It is expected that childminders occupancy may improve as more are now registered to offer early education funding

**11.5 Costs** – Table 7.0 shows that average costs for childcare has risen across Stockport since 2011. Stockport's average day nursery rate is higher than the national average but childminders rates are lower. National figures also reflect an increase in costs very similar to those in Stockport.

**11.6 Quality** – Table 8.2 the quality of childcare provision in Stockport continues to show improvement. It has improved by nearly 9% since the last childcare sufficiency report in 2013.

**11.7 Free Entitlement** – Tables 9.1 and 9.2 the take up of funded early education for three and four year olds remains high at 95.6%. Take up of two year old early education is also high at 89% for spring 2015 which compares favourably with a national average of 63%. During the summer term, numbers of two year olds taking up funded places is restricted because the children who have recently turned three years old cannot move to maintained nurseries until September.

## **12.0 Actions for 2015-2016**

- We will continue to share information and data about instances of unmet demand with all childcare providers and encourage them to expand their provision where appropriate.
- We will continue to develop the quality of information available to parents about the supply of childcare for particular age ranges of children and the affordability, accessibility and quality of provision.
- Specific gaps in two year old provision have been identified and plans are in place to develop additional places in targeted areas such as the Heald Green Children's Centre reach areas
- A high uptake of two year old places will remain a priority and data will be analysed effectively to enable maximum high take up.
- We will plan for the introduction of 30 hours of childcare for 3&4 year olds as appropriate in line with government policy. We are awaiting publication of detailed guidance regarding eligibility and criteria so that we can assess if there will be any impact on Stockport's sufficiency for three and four year old places.