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1. Introduction

QA Research was commissioned by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership to complete consultation with families on the sufficiency of childcare within Sunderland. As part of this work, QA Research undertook an audit of childcare provision within each of the five cluster areas within Sunderland for the financial year 2006/ 2007. This document addresses the audit element of the research.

The overall aim of the audit was to establish a clear understanding of local demographics and their likely impact on childcare in Sunderland. Additionally the audit also aimed to gather more detailed information on current early education and childcare provision, out of school and school holiday provision, places available and attendance levels.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the data used in this audit, however it is recognised that local knowledge can sometimes impact on the accuracy of the data. Between the date of data collection in January 2007 and the date of publication, there will inevitably have been changes in terms of providers / childcare places and the status of Children's Centre development.

Under the Childcare Act 2006 local authorities have a duty to guarantee sufficient childcare which meets the needs of working parents and parents making the transition to work. The ultimate aim is to provide the best possible childcare market for local families¹. The scope of the audit includes all types of provision both voluntary and private sector and the provision within school nurseries. In addition the audit includes the provision of after school care for children up to the age of fourteen and holiday play schemes.

Improving early years education has been an important theme in recent national policy and initiatives. Research published in 2004 demonstrated the value of pre-school experience on enhancing the all round development of children². The findings of this research also showed that positive pre-school experience can also have a positive impact on children's progress over and above family influences.

The National ten year childcare strategy³, published in 2004, emphasises the importance of ensuring that there is high quality flexible, affordable and accessible childcare available for all families. The Government aims to ensure that all children have the best possible start in life and that parents have choice about the ways in which they balance work and family commitments. From April 1st 2006, there has been an entitlement of 12.5 hours per week (for 38 weeks of the year) of free early education for all three and four year olds⁴.

This audit provides a useful indicator of current childcare provision within Sunderland and enables consideration to be given to areas where more provision may be needed in the future to ensure that increasing demands from parents are met.

¹ <http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/files/EA809E2B87C528D509FA1949AF1E0124.doc>

² Sylva, K., Melhuish, E., Sammons, P., Siraj-Blatchford, I. and Taggart B (2004) The Effective Provision of Pre-School (EPPE) Project, Sure Start

³ Choice for Parents, the best start for children : a Ten Year Strategy for Childcare, DfES, DWP, DTI (2004)

⁴ <http://www.surestart.gov.uk/surestartservices/support/helpwithchildcarecosts/earlyeducationplaces/>

2. Costs of Childcare Nationally and Locally

Ensuring that available childcare is affordable for parents is obviously important in enabling them to access provision. Research by the Daycare Trust⁵ has shown that there has been a considerable rise in costs of provision since 2003. They state that the typical cost of a full time nursery place in England for a child under two is £152 per week, whilst a typical fulltime childminder place for a child of this age would be £141 per week. Costs also continue when the child is at school with the average cost for an after school club being £38 for 15 hours per week and a typical summer play scheme can cost £77.34 per week per child.

According to the Early Childhood Services team and Children's Information Service in Sunderland, the typical cost of a full time nursery place for a child under two, in the city, is £136 which is lower than the national average. A typical childminder place for a child of this age would also be £136 which is slightly less than the national average. After school clubs in Sunderland cost an average of £35 a week for 15 hours.

The Daycare Trust report also states that nationally, the average award through the childcare element of the Working Tax Credit is £49.80 per week with no extra help available for parents with three or more children. Over the years it appears that the average amount of tax credit received has decreased slightly, whilst childcare costs have risen slightly. Childcare costs would obviously be difficult for lone parents in particular and work by the Daycare Trust suggests that the cost and scarcity of childcare can be important barriers preventing lone parents get back into work.

3. Help with childcare costs⁶

There are a number of options for parents who require help with the costs of childcare.

3.1 Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit

Tax credits help support families with children and people on low incomes. To claim working tax credit an individual has to work at least 16 hours a week, if aged over 16 and be responsible for at least one child. Or work at least 16 hours a week if aged over 16 and disabled. Alternatively, they should be over 25, have no children and work at least 30 hours a week.

To claim child tax credits you have to be responsible for at least one child.

As part of the working tax credit some parents are eligible for help towards the costs of using registered childcare. The amount awarded depends on annual income and the number of children in the family. It is paid to the main carer of the child / children.

Parents who are working and paying for registered childcare may be eligible for help with payment of up to 80% of childcare costs. This is up to a maximum of £175 per week for one child and £300 a week for two or more children.

Parents may be eligible for this support for childcare costs if they are:

⁵ Daycare Trusts 2007 Childcare Costs Survey
http://www.daycaretrust.org.uk/mod.php?mod=userpage&menu=1003&page_id=226

⁶ Information from Sunderland Children's Information Service leaflets

- A parent and working for more than 16 hours a week
- A couple with children who both work more than 16 hours a week, or one partner works and the other is disabled

3.2 Free Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds

Free Entitlement is available for all 3 and 4 year olds within Sunderland. Children are entitled to (at present) 12.5 hours of free nursery education a week for 38 weeks of the year. These 12.5 hours are usually divided up into five 2.5 hour sessions over five days, but many nurseries are able to offer more flexibility. Some nurseries in Sunderland offer childcare to 'wrap around' the nursery education.

A child is entitled to free nursery education the school term after their third birthday. Nursery education is provided by local authority nursery schools and classes, nursery classes of independent schools and private nurseries and playgroups.

In Sunderland full time places are available in reception classes for all children in the September after their fourth birthday.

3.3 Employer support for childcare

In some cases working parents may be able to receive support for childcare needs from their employer. This support depends upon the employer and could be provision in the form of a work-based nursery, childcare vouchers or direct payment to the childcare provider.

The first £55 of childcare costs supplied by an employer (as of April 2007) is exempt for Income Tax and National Insurance contributions (employer and employee).

3.4 New Deal for Lone Parents

This is for parents who work less than 16 hours a week or not at all and would like to work. On this programme, those who join are given a personal advisor who offers advice on jobs, training and benefits and calculates how better off the parent would be if they worked.

In addition to this help is provided for expenses to attend meetings, interview and training including travel costs and childcare. The advisor will also provide information on registered or approved childcare.

3.5 Support for young parents in further education – Care to Learn⁷

This is support for parents who are aged 16 or over, but under 19 and are starting or continuing a course in school, sixth form or sixth form college. The Care to Learn scheme pays for registered childcare for young parents who attend training or a course at school or college.

Childcare provision offered is up to £155 per child per week; £170 in London. This is correct up to July 2007 and is reviewed annually. Additional necessary travel costs to and from childcare providers are also provided.

⁷ <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/caretolearn/parents.cfm?CategoryID=5&ContentID=2> and Sunderland Children's Information Service

3.6 Parents in Further Education who are over 19

This is available for parents who are over 19 and planning to / already doing a course at a further education college. The support offered depends upon the college attended. Most colleges do offer support for childcare costs either through a Learner Support Fund or subsidised crèche places. The amount of support offered varies from year to year.

3.7 Parents who are in Higher Education

This is for parents who are over 19 and are full time (sometimes part time) undergraduates in higher education. There are three main sources of support for individuals in this situation:

- **Childcare Grant** – This is available to students who have dependant children and a low household income. The grant should be applied for when applying to the LEA for help with tuition fees and student loan. The amount depends upon actual costs; up to 85% of childcare costs to a maximum amount.
- **Parents' Learning Allowance** – A grant available to students who are entitled to the Childcare Grant or if their dependant's income is below a set amount. This is for course related costs and could help pay childcare costs not covered by the Childcare Grant.
- **Access the Learning Fund** – Available from the university or college attended and provides help if the individual needs extra financial support to continue. The educational establishment decides whether an individual is entitled to this help and how much is offered. Usually this support is given as a grant, but sometimes as a short term loan.

3.8 NHS Bursary – childcare allowance

This is available to NHS Bursary funded students who have dependant children except those who are only entitled to a fees only award. These students can apply for extra help with registered or approved childcare costs, thus includes the cost of meals whilst a child is under the care of a provider and retainer fees up to an allowable maximum.

The allowance is paid as a supplement to the existing Bursary award.

4. The Children's Information Service

The Children's Information Service Sunderland (CISS) is a service for parents, carers, children and employers in Sunderland, Washington Houghton le Spring and Hetton le Hole. Its aim is to make it easier for children and families to access the information and services they need⁸.

The Children's Information Service also gives advice to employers about supporting staff with childcare costs. They offer help and advice to individuals who are thinking of setting up a childcare facility or wish to pursue a career in childcare⁹.

5. Children's Centres

Children's Centres offer services for children under 5 and their families. There are currently 12 Children's Centres within the city of Sunderland and six more due to open in 2008; information about their cluster locations is provided in the table below:

Figure 5.1: Children's Centres

	Number of Children's Centres (already open)	Children's Centre due to open in 2008
Central Sunderland	3	1
Sunderland North	2	1
Coalfields	2	2
Sunderland South and East	3	1
Washington	2	1

⁸ <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/Public/Editable/Themes/Education/early-years/default.asp>

⁹ <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/Public/Editable/Themes/Education/early-years/default.asp>

6. Average weekly income¹⁰

According to the national Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (resident analysis) 2006, the average weekly incomes within Sunderland are as follows:

- All people - £312.60 per week; £16255.20 per annum¹¹
- All people (full time only) - £383.30 per week; £19931.60 per annum
- All people (part time only) - £142.80 per week; £7425.6 per annum
- Male overall - £289.60 per week; £20259.20 per annum / Male full time¹² - £413 per week; £21481.20 per annum
- Female overall - £242.40; £12604.80 / Female full time - £328.20 per week; £17066.40 per annum / part time - £145.20 per week; £7550.40

In comparison, the median weekly pay / annual pay for England is as follows:

- All people - £370.60 per week; £19271.20 per annum¹³
- All people (full time only) - £454.40 per week; £23628.80 per annum
- All people (part time only) - £137.50 per week; £7150 per annum
- Male overall - £462.10 per week; £24029.20 per annum / Male full time¹⁴ - £496.60 per week; £25823.20 per annum
- Female overall - £282.70; £14700.4/ Female full time - £390.60 per week; £20311.20 per annum / part time - £139.90 per week; £7274.80 per annum

Thus it appears that the average wages for Sunderland are lower in comparison to the average for England.

¹⁰ Annual Survey of hours and earnings – resident analysis 2006 (from Nomis on March 22nd 2007)

¹¹ Has been calculated by QA Research by multiplying average weekly wage by 52 weeks

¹² Male part time figure unavailable as deemed statistically unreliable

¹³ Has been calculated by QA Research by multiplying average weekly wage by 52 weeks

¹⁴ Male part time figure unavailable as deemed statistically unreliable

7. Overview of cluster profiles and methodology

Cluster profiles have been included in this childcare audit to give the analysis of childcare provision a local context. Each of the cluster reports looks at data relating to childcare, population and additional information which may impact upon future demand.

The following section provides some supporting notes for the information contained within each cluster report:

7.1 Section 1.1. Location

The location of each cluster is given within this section. The number of middle layer Super Output Areas (SOAs) within each cluster is stated; these areas have a minimum population of 5000 and a mean of 7200. They are built from groups of lower layer SOAs¹⁵. There are currently 36 Middle Layer SOAs in Sunderland and 188 lower layer SOAs within Sunderland.

There is also reference to the location of population and childcare providers within the area. A map displaying this information can be found at the end of each cluster report.

SOAs – additional information

In some cases a cluster had not yet been assigned for SOAs at both middle and lower layer level. In these cases the nearest cluster was assigned:

- SOA 11 was assigned to Central Sunderland cluster

On some occasions some of the SOAs at lower layer level were assigned to one cluster and some to a different cluster. In these cases, the cluster was assigned on the basis of where more of the SOAs were located:

- SOA 21A-C in Central Sunderland and 21D / E in South and East cluster; therefore Central Sunderland was assigned to SOA 21

And in some cases, some SOAs at lower layer level were located in one cluster but some were yet to be assigned a cluster. Therefore the named cluster was applied:

- SOA 13 – South and East cluster

7.2 Section 1.2 Children's Centres

The current number of children's centres within each cluster has been stated within this section. In addition to this where children's centres are due to open in 2008, these have also been stated.

¹⁵ <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/geography/soa.asp#3layers>

7.3 Section 1.3 Indices of Multiple Deprivation

The Index of Multiple Deprivation (2004)¹⁶ maps deprivation at lower layer Super Output Area (SOA) level, which is smaller than middle layer SOA level. SOAs generally consist of a couple of thousand people.

Deprivation is discussed in terms of SOAs in the 0-10% worst affected, 11-25% worst affected and 26-50% worst affected on the national Index of Multiple Deprivation. Any SOAs which fall in the 50% highest are also referred to.

7.4 Section 1.4 Claimant Count

The claimant count refers to the total number of the working age population (16-64 year olds) who are claiming the Job Seekers Allowance (JSA). This data has been obtained from Nomis Labour Market Statistics¹⁷ and refers to the January 2007 figures. The percentages provided are based on the population figures from the 2001 census.

7.5 Section 1.5 Eligibility for Free School Meals

The number of children eligible for free school meals has been given for each cluster. This figure as a proportion of children aged 0-18 within the cluster has also been calculated.

To be entitled to free school meals children must have parents who receive the following support payments:

- Income Support (IS);
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA);
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; or
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £14,155;
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.

Children who receive IS or IBJSA in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals. Children who receive 'education suitable for children who have not attained compulsory age' will need to satisfy the additional requirement of 'receiving education both before and after the lunch period' before being eligible to receive free meals¹⁸.

On the basis of this information, it would therefore be expected to see areas with high claimant counts as also having a high number of children eligible for free school meals.

¹⁶ Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Indices of Deprivation 2004

¹⁷ <http://www.nomisweb.com>

¹⁸ <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/public/editable/Themes/Education/finance/FSM.asp>

7.6 Section 1. 6 Population

The age profile of people living in the cluster is important in identifying how many children are there and how many people are in the age groups that are likely to have children.

These figures are based on the 2001 census data from the Office for National Statistics / Nomis labour market statistics web sites.

7.7 Section 1.7 Ethnicity

The number and percentage of population within different ethnic groups has been identified in this section. Comparisons are made to the population / ethnicity trends seen for the whole of Sunderland as well as within the cluster.

7.8 Section 2 Childcare Provision

Within each individual cluster report the following pieces of information are presented and discussed:

1. Private / voluntary childcare providers by type and average cost (average within Sunderland rather than cluster).
2. Number of places in private / voluntary provision by two age groups: 0-4 year olds and 5-8 year olds. These refer to OFSTED registered childcare places.
3. The number of places compared to number of children by age (graph) and a discussion of the childcare penetration ratio which is calculated by dividing number of places by number of children aged 0-8 years within the cluster and multiplying by 100.

The childcare provision referred to includes:

- Childminders;
- Day Nurseries;
- Crèches;
- Play Groups;
- After School Clubs;
- Breakfast Clubs;
- After School and Breakfast Clubs (in these cases the provider did not specify; the number of places allocated for each club, but just provided a single figure);
- Wraparound care;
- Holiday schemes / provision;
- Social Care Nursery (only one of these was located within Sunderland).

7.9 Section 3 Nursery Places and the Free Entitlement

Children whose parents are accessing the Free Entitlement; this is broken down by three year olds and four year olds as well as by proportions accessing private and LEA providers.

7.10 Section 4 Special Educational Needs (SEN) Provision

The number of children within the cluster has been stated and there is further breakdown as to the SEN status of the pupil:

- School Action;
- School Action Plus;
- Statemented.

Comparisons are made regarding the proportion of SEN pupils in the cluster and the proportions for the whole of Sunderland.

Any special schools within the cluster are identified in this section along with any mainstream schools offering additional specific support for children with SEN requirements such as speech and language support and hearing support.

7.11 Section 5 Housing Regeneration

The cluster profiles also include information about any housing that has been proposed to be constructed within each cluster. The numbers of sites and dwellings are given for each cluster for 2004-2011, 2011-2016 and 2016-2021. This may provide an indication of likely future childcare need.

7.12 Section 6 Conclusion

A conclusion has been provided for each cluster. This refers to deprivation, looked after children, free school meals and claimant counts in comparison with the other clusters within Sunderland.

In addition to this the key findings are referred to regarding the childcare places and providers and any gaps are highlighted.

7.13 Section 7 Map

At the end of each cluster report there is a map displaying the location of childcare providers in relation to the location of population within the cluster.

7.14 Additional information

Looked After Children

Figures regarding Looked After Children have not been included within the cluster reports as the figures provided did not give adequate information regarding the location of each child within Sunderland. The data on looked after children can be found in section 8 of this introduction.

About 80% of Looked After Children within Sunderland are in foster care and about 20% are in children's homes. Children enter care for a number of reasons, generally abuse or neglect, family dysfunction, disability of the child, disability or illness of the parent, absent parents. A small minority are looked after because of socially unacceptable behaviour¹⁹.

¹⁹ information from <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk>

Maps and providers / place data

In some cases there may be some variations between the information provided by the cluster maps and the tables of place / provider data within each cluster profile report.

Differences have arisen because figures relating to number of places were not available for some types of care offered by providers; therefore they may have been excluded from the place / provider tables.

8. Overview of Audit

The following section provides a series of summary tables which give information about each of Sunderland's five cluster areas. This section of the report is followed by a more detailed profile analysis of each individual area and also includes a map of provision within each cluster.

The lists and tables provide the following information:

- 8.1 Middle Layer SOAs and their assigned clusters
- 8.2 Children's Centres in Sunderland
- 8.3 Indices of Multiple Deprivation
- 8.4 Claimant Counts (Job Seekers Allowance)
- 8.5 Special Educational Needs (0-19 years)
- 8.6 Free School Meals
- 8.7 Population Structure
- 8.8 Ethnicity Data
- 8.9 Number of Care Providers
- 8.10 Number of Childcare Places for 0-4, 5-8 and 0-8 year olds
- 8.11 3 and 4 year old Free Entitlement Data (3 year olds)
- 8.12 3 and 4 year old Free Entitlement Data (4 year olds)
- 8.13 3 and 4 year old Free Entitlement Data (3 and 4 year olds)
- 8.14 Number of Looked After Children in Sunderland by age
- 8.15 Proposed Housing 2004-2021
- 8.16 Childcare Penetration Ratio
- 8.17 Cluster Map of the City

Figure 8.1 Middle layer SOAs and their assigned clusters

SOA number	Cluster
1	Sunderland North
2	Sunderland North
3	Sunderland North
4	Sunderland North
5	Sunderland North
6	Sunderland North
7	Washington
8	Sunderland North
9	Washington
10	Washington
11	Central Sunderland
12	Central Sunderland
13	Sunderland South and East
14	Central Sunderland
15	Central Sunderland
16	Sunderland South and East
17	Washington
18	Central Sunderland
19	Washington
20	Washington
21	Central Sunderland
22	Sunderland South and East
23	Central Sunderland
24	Sunderland South and East
25	Washington
26	Sunderland South and East
27	Sunderland South and East
28	Sunderland South and East
29	Sunderland South and East
30	Coalfields
31	Sunderland South and East
32	Coalfields
33	Coalfields
34	Coalfields
35	Coalfields
36	Coalfields
<i>Source: Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership, 2007</i>	

Figure 8.2 Children's Centres in Sunderland

Currently Open	
Children's Centre	Cluster
Ford Children's Centre	Central Sunderland
Pennywell Children's Centre	Central Sunderland
Thorney Close Children's Centre	Central Sunderland
Monument Children's Centre	Coalfields
Sure Start Hetton and Houghton	Coalfields
Greater Southwick Children's Centre	Sunderland North
North West Children's Centre	Sunderland North
New Silksworth Children's Centre	Sunderland South and East
Hendon Children's Centre	Sunderland South and East
Ryhope Children's Centre	Sunderland South and East
North Washington Children's Centre	Washington
Central Washington Children's Centre	Washington
Due to open by 2008	
Children's Centre	Cluster
Millfield Children's Centre	Central Sunderland
Houghton Children's Centre	Coalfields
St Peter's Children's Centre	Sunderland North
Grangetown Children's Centre	Sunderland South and East
South Washington Children's Centre	Washington
<i>Source: Sunderland Children's Information Service leaflet, 2007</i>	

Figure 8.3 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

Cluster	No. of lower layer SOAs in the 0-10% worst affected on the IMD, 2004	No. of lower layer SOAs in the 11 to 25% worst affected on the IMD, 2004	No. of lower layer SOAs in the 26-50% worst affected on the IMD, 2004	No. of lower layer SOAs in the 50% highest on the IMD, 2004
Central cluster	15	8	8	0
Coalfields cluster	7	9	10	4
Sunderland North	14	16	10	9
Sunderland South and East	13	11	8	7
Washington	7	6	16	10
Sunderland Total	56	50	52	30
<i>Source: Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Indices of Deprivation 2004</i>				

Figure 8.4 Claimant Counts (Job Seekers Allowance)

Cluster	Total claimants	Total population 16-64	Proportion claiming JSA
Central Sunderland	1224	29471	4.15%
Coalfields	753	29465	2.56%
Sunderland North	1380	36171	3.82%
Sunderland South And East	1884	47060	4.00%
Washington	1150	38649	2.98%
Total In Sunderland	6,391	180816	3.53%

Source: Data from Nomis Labour Market Statistics, January 2007

Figure 8.5 Special Educational Needs (0-19 years)

Cluster	A ¹	A%	P ²	P%	S ³	S%	Total no. of pupils 0-19 with SEN	% of 0-19 year olds in the cluster
Central Sunderland	1179	61.86	488	25.60	239	12.54	1906	14.89
Coalfields	870	65.22	386	28.94	78	5.85	1334	11.72
Sunderland North	1006	58.12	473	27.33	252	14.56	1731	12.10
Sunderland South And East	1459	64.59	581	25.72	219	9.69	2259	12.76
Washington	1230	63.01	561	28.74	161	8.25	1952	12.73
Total In Sunderland	5744	62.56	2489	27.11	949	10.34	9182	

Source: Children's Information Service, January 2007

¹ School Action² School Action Plus³ Statemented**Figure 8.6 Free School Meals**

Cluster	No. of 0-18 year olds eligible for FSM	No. of 0-18 year olds within the cluster	Proportion of 0-18 year olds eligible within cluster
Central Sunderland Cluster	1544	11978	12.89
Coalfields Cluster	1109	10882	10.19
Sunderland North Cluster	1577	13604	11.59
Sunderland South and East Cluster	1750	16486	10.62
Washington Cluster	1343	14515	9.25
Total in Sunderland	7333	67465	10.87%

Source: Children's Information Service, January 2007

Figure 8.7 Population Structure

	Central		Coalfields		Sunderland North		Sunderland South and East		Washington		TOTAL Sunderland	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Aged under 1 year	485	1.04%	505	1.09%	581	1.01%	650	0.89%	561	0.99%	2782	0.99%
Aged 1 year	525	1.13%	534	1.16%	653	1.13%	722	0.99%	634	1.11%	3068	1.09%
Aged 2 years	512	1.10%	536	1.16%	583	1.01%	706	0.96%	625	1.10%	2962	1.05%
Aged 3 years	593	1.27%	531	1.15%	679	1.18%	749	1.02%	683	1.20%	3235	1.15%
Aged 4 years	594	1.27%	569	1.23%	680	1.18%	826	1.13%	712	1.25%	3381	1.20%
Aged 5 years	568	1.22%	538	1.16%	679	1.18%	803	1.10%	663	1.16%	3251	1.16%
Aged 6 years	594	1.27%	547	1.18%	669	1.16%	827	1.13%	702	1.23%	3339	1.19%
Aged 7 years	635	1.36%	593	1.28%	705	1.22%	838	1.14%	781	1.37%	3552	1.26%
Aged 8 years	655	1.41%	593	1.28%	673	1.16%	858	1.17%	818	1.44%	3597	1.28%
Aged 9 years	733	1.57%	602	1.30%	800	1.38%	964	1.32%	769	1.35%	3868	1.38%
Aged 10 years	720	1.55%	631	1.37%	750	1.30%	950	1.30%	789	1.39%	3840	1.37%
Aged 11 years	688	1.48%	579	1.25%	795	1.38%	936	1.28%	809	1.42%	3807	1.36%
Aged 12 years	695	1.49%	599	1.30%	741	1.28%	895	1.22%	846	1.49%	3776	1.34%
Aged 13 years	679	1.46%	582	1.26%	789	1.37%	1037	1.41%	812	1.43%	3899	1.39%
Aged 14 years	685	1.47%	588	1.27%	828	1.43%	937	1.28%	887	1.56%	3925	1.40%
Aged 15 years	662	1.42%	609	1.32%	814	1.41%	979	1.34%	859	1.51%	3923	1.40%
16-29	9346	20.06%	7681	16.62%	9637	16.68%	13960	19.05%	11107	19.51%	51731	18.42%
30-49	12816	27.50%	13299	28.78%	16658	28.83%	20528	28.01%	17098	30.03%	80399	28.63%
50-64	7309	15.69%	8485	18.36%	9876	17.09%	12572	17.15%	10444	18.35%	48686	17.34%
65-74	4136	8.88%	4271	9.24%	5860	10.14%	7312	9.98%	3821	6.71%	25400	9.05%
75+	2966	6.37%	3339	7.23%	4324	7.48%	5244	7.15%	2510	4.41%	18383	6.55%
TOTAL	46596	1	46211	1	57774	1	73293	1	56930		280804	1

Figure 8.8 Ethnicity Data

Ethnic Groups	Central Sunderland		Coalfields		Sunderland North		Sunderland South and East		Washington		Sunderland	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White British	44579	95.65%	45532	98.52%	56804	98.26%	70236	95.80%	55570	97.71%	272721	97.11%
White Irish	168	0.36%	76	0.16%	94	0.16%	331	0.45%	158	0.28%	827	0.29%
White Other White	503	1.08%	156	0.34%	340	0.59%	788	1.07%	264	0.46%	2051	0.73%
Mixed White and Black Caribbean	38	0.08%	25	0.05%	38	0.07%	57	0.08%	48	0.08%	206	0.07%
Mixed White and Black African	34	0.07%	14	0.03%	23	0.04%	62	0.08%	25	0.04%	158	0.06%
Mixed White and Asian	110	0.24%	36	0.08%	62	0.11%	170	0.23%	78	0.14%	456	0.16%
Mixed Other Mixed	51	0.11%	23	0.05%	38	0.07%	87	0.12%	69	0.12%	268	0.10%
Asian / Asian British Indian	212	0.45%	119	0.26%	83	0.14%	303	0.41%	186	0.33%	903	0.32%
Asian / Asian British Pakistani	84	0.18%	31	0.07%	32	0.06%	151	0.21%	104	0.18%	402	0.14%
Asian / Asian British Bangladeshi	471	1.01%	48	0.10%	45	0.08%	536	0.73%	57	0.10%	1157	0.41%
Asian / Asian British Other Asian	57	0.12%	26	0.06%	34	0.06%	165	0.23%	48	0.08%	330	0.12%
Black / Black British Caribbean	11	0.02%	6	0.01%	12	0.02%	31	0.04%	24	0.04%	84	0.03%
Black/ Black British African	100	0.21%	23	0.05%	38	0.07%	71	0.10%	29	0.05%	261	0.09%
Black / Black British Other Black	7	0.02%	9	0.02%	3	0.01%	3	0.00%	3	0.01%	25	0.01%
Chinese or other ethnic group Chinese	140	0.30%	55	0.12%	139	0.24%	236	0.32%	90	0.16%	660	0.24%
Chinese or other ethnic group Other ethnic group	43	0.09%	37	0.08%	24	0.04%	89	0.12%	121	0.21%	314	0.11%
TOTAL	46608		46216		57809		73316		56874		280823	

Source: ONS data from the 2001 Census, provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

Figure 8.9 Number of Childcare Providers

Type of Provider	Clusters					Sunderland (Total)
	Central	Coalfields	North	South And East	Washington	
After School Club	1	1	6	0	0	8
Breakfast Club / scheme	5	8	8	8	10	37
Childminder	43	44	54	58	95	294
Crèche	1	7	2	7	4	21
Day care	7	7	9	7	0	30
Day Nursery	5	2	2	7	10	26
Holiday Scheme / club	6	7	5	11	8	37
Out of school care / club	3	7	3	10	4	27
OSH	2	0	0	5	6	13
Play Group	0	0	0	1	0	1
Social Care Nursery	0	0	1	0	0	1
Wrap-around Care	0	2	1	2	2	7
Total number of individual providers	60	62	74	84	120	400
<i>Source: Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership / Sunderland Children's Information Service, January 2007</i>						

Figure 8.10 Childcare Places for 0-4, 5-8 and 0-8 year olds**0-4 Year Olds**

CLUSTER	Total no. of settings	Total no. of places	Breakfast club	Childminders	Crèche	Day Care	Day Nursery	Wrap around	Play Group	Social Care Nursery
Central Sunderland	56	723	0	118	12	326	267	0	0	0
Coalfields	62	568	0	116	74	283	31	64	0	0
Sunderland North	68	632	0	137	35	370	36	0	0	30
Sunderland South and East	81	972	0	153	82	352	319	40	26	0
Washington	114	872	90	249	53	0	440	40	0	0
Sunderland Total	381	3767	90	773	256	1331	1093	144	26	30

5-8 Year Olds

CLUSTER	Total no. of settings	Total no. of places	After School Club	Breakfast Club	Childminders	Creche	Day Care	Wrap around	Holiday Scheme	OSH	Out of School Care / club
Central Sunderland	57	560	24	120	92	0	0	0	160	92	72
Coalfields	67	661	24	194	103	0	0	0	170	0	170
Sunderland North	74	863	156	262	121	0	30	0	164	0	130
Sunderland South and East	93	1211	0	197	135	10	0	52	377	172	268
Washington	117	975	0	195	228	0	0	0	252	179	121
Sunderland Total	408	4270	204	968	679	10	30	52	1123	443	761

0-8 Year Olds (Total places and providers)

CLUSTER	Total no. of settings	Total no. of places	After School Club	Breakfast Club	Childminders	Creche	Day Care	Day Nursery	Wrap around	Holiday Scheme	OSH	Out of School Care / club	Play Group	Social Care Nursery
Central Sunderland	73	1283	24	120	210	12	326	267	0	160	92	72	0	0
Coalfields	85	1229	24	194	219	74	283	31	64	170	0	170	0	0
Sunderland North	91	1495	156	262	258	35	400	36	0	164	0	130	0	30
Sunderland South and East	116	2183	0	197	288	92	352	319	92	377	172	268	26	0
Washington	139	1847	0	285	477	53	0	440	40	252	179	121	0	0
Sunderland Total	504	8037	204	1058	1452	266	1361	1093	196	1123	443	761	26	30

Source: *Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership / Sunderland Children's Information Service, January 2007*

Figure 8.11 3 and 4 year old Free Entitlement data (3 year olds)

CLUSTER	Average No. attending Schools (nursery / reception)	Average No. attending Private Nursery / setting	Average number of places accessed
Central Sunderland	424	77	501
Coalfields	478	27	505
Sunderland North	511	69.67	581
Sunderland South and East	691	99.40	790
Washington	577	74.4	651
Sunderland (total)	2681	347	3028

Source: Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

Figure 8.12 3 and 4 year old Free Entitlement data (4 year olds)

CLUSTER	Average No. attending Schools (nursery / reception)	Average No. attending Private Nursery / setting	Average number of places accessed
Central Sunderland	426	25	451
Coalfields	495	7.8	503
Sunderland North	601	16	617
Sunderland South and East	746	59	805
Washington	595	20.27	615
Sunderland (total)	2863	128	2991

Source: Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

Figure 8.13 3 and 4 year old Free Entitlement data (3 and 4 year olds)

CLUSTER	Average No. attending Schools (nursery / reception)	Average No. attending Private Nursery / setting	Average number of places accessed
Central Sunderland	850	102	952
Coalfields	973	35	1008
Sunderland North	1112	86	1198
Sunderland South and East	1437	158	1595
Washington	1172	95	1267
Sunderland (Total)	5544	475	6019

Source: Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

Figure 8.14 Number of Looked After children in Sunderland by age

Age	Number of Looked After Children
0	24
1	17
2	20
3	17
4	26
5	22
6	12
7	14
8	19
9	11
10	25
11	31
12	16
13	33
14	44
15	44
16	30
17	21
18	1
TOTAL	427
<i>Source: Source: Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership, January 2007</i>	

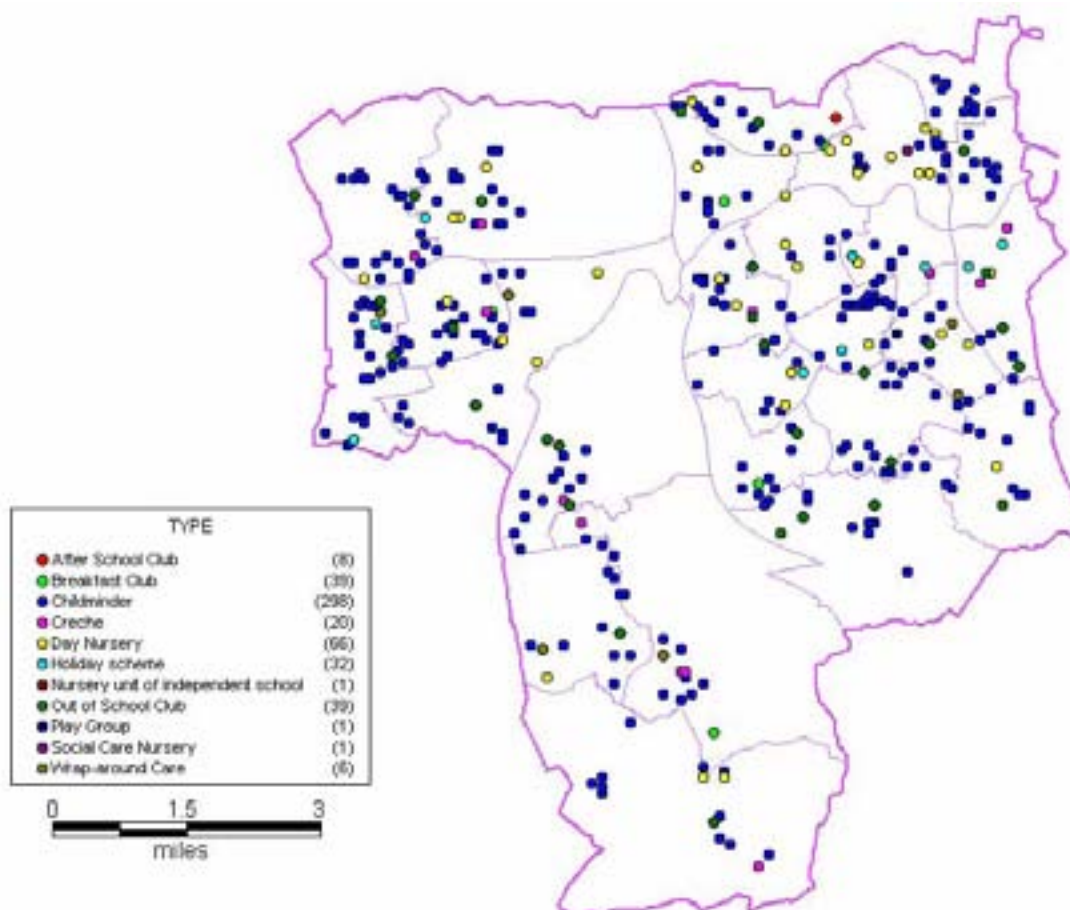
Figure 8.15 Proposed Housing 2004-2021

Cluster	2004-11		2011-16		2016-21		2004-2021 Total	
	No. of Sites	No. of Dwellings	No. of Sites	No. of Dwellings	No. of Sites	No. of Dwellings	No. of Sites	No. of Dwellings
Central	6	459	1	500	1	200	8	1159
Coalfields	7	684	3	207	0	0	10	891
North	7	315	3	414	0	0	10	729
South And East	12	1451	6	1075	3	414	21	2940
Washington	4	202	0	0	0	0	4	202
Sunderland	36	3111	13	2196	4	614	53	5921
<i>Source: Sunderland City Council Research and Information Team, February 2006</i>								

Figure 8.16: Childcare penetration ratio

Cluster	Total places aged 0-8 (P)	Total children aged 0-8 (N)	Penetration ratio (P/N) (No. of childcare places per 100 children)
Central Sunderland	1283	5161	25
Coalfields	1229	4946	25
Sunderland North Cluster	1495	5902	25
Sunderland South And East	2183	6979	31
Washington	1847	6179	30
Sunderland	8037	29167	28

NB. Penetration Ratio figures have been rounded to nearest whole number
Source: Population figures from 2001 Census (ONS data), provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership / Place data provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership / Sunderland Children's Information Service, January 2007

Figure 8.17 Map of Provision within Sunderland

NB: Buttercup day nursery appears once on this map.

9. Central Sunderland Cluster

1. Profile Information

a. Location

This cluster is based in the centre of Sunderland. It contains seven middle layer SOAs.

Central Sunderland has two libraries, no leisure centres and a skate park.

b. Children's Centres

Ford Children's Centre; Pennywell Children's Centre and Thorney Close Children's Centre are located within this cluster. The Millfield Children's Centre is also located in Central and is due to open by 2008.

c. Indices of Multiple Deprivation

The Index of Multiple Deprivation (2004)²⁰ maps deprivation at lower layer Super Output Area (SOA) level, which is smaller than ward level. SOAs generally consist of a couple of thousand people.

Central Sunderland contains 31 lower layer SOAs. Fifteen of these SOAs fall within the 0-10% worst affected on the national Index and Multiple Deprivation, 8 fall into the 11-25% worst affected and eight SOAs fall within the 26-50% worst affected. No lower layer SOAs within Central Sunderland fall into the 50% highest on the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

d. Claimant Count

In Central Sunderland there are currently 1224 claimants²¹. This is approximately 4.15% of the working age²² population within the cluster which is slightly higher than the proportion of the total population claiming in Sunderland.

²⁰ Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Indices of Deprivation 2004

²¹ Nomis claimant count figures for January 2007

²² Based on 2001 Census population figures, Office for National Statistics

e. Eligibility for Free School Meals

Within the cluster there is a total of 1544 children who are currently eligible for free school meals²³. This is approximately 12.89% of the 0-18 year old population within Central Sunderland²⁴.

f. Population Structure

The following table gives a break down of the population in Central Sunderland by age.

Figure 1.6.1: Age of population in Central Sunderland Cluster and Sunderland City

Age in years	School Year	Number in cluster	%	Number in Sunderland	%
Under 1		485	1.04%	2782	0.99%
Aged 1		525	1.13%	3068	1.09%
Aged 2		512	1.10%	2962	1.05%
Aged 3		593	1.27%	3235	1.15%
Aged 4	Reception	594	1.27%	3381	1.20%
Aged 5	1	568	1.22%	3251	1.16%
Aged 6	2	594	1.27%	3339	1.19%
Aged 7	3	635	1.36%	3552	1.26%
Aged 8	4	655	1.41%	3597	1.28%
Aged 9	5	733	1.57%	3868	1.38%
Aged 10	6	720	1.55%	3840	1.37%
Aged 11	7	688	1.48%	3807	1.36%
Aged 12	8	695	1.49%	3776	1.34%
Aged 13	9	679	1.46%	3899	1.39%
Aged 14	10	685	1.47%	3925	1.40%
Aged 15	11	662	1.42%	3923	1.40%
Aged 16-29		9346	20.06%	51731	18.42%
Aged 30-49		12816	27.50%	80399	28.63%
Aged 50-64		7309	15.69%	48686	17.34%
Aged 65-74		4136	8.88%	25400	9.05%
Aged 75+		2966	6.37%	18383	6.55%
		46596		280804	

Source: ONS Census data 2001 provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

²³ Free School Meals data supplied by Sunderland Council Research and Information team

²⁴ Based on 2001 Census population figures, Office for National Statistics

g. Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number in cluster	%	Number in Sunderland	%
White: British	44579	95.65%	272721	97.11%
White: Irish	168	0.36%	827	0.29%
White: Other White	503	1.08%	2051	0.73%
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	38	0.08%	206	0.07%
Mixed: White and Black African	34	0.07%	158	0.06%
Mixed: White and Asian	110	0.24%	456	0.16%
Mixed: Other Mixed	51	0.11%	268	0.10%
Asian or Asian British: Indian	212	0.45%	903	0.32%
Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	84	0.18%	402	0.14%
Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi	471	1.01%	1157	0.41%
Asian or Asian British: Other Asian	57	0.12%	330	0.12%
Black or Black British: Caribbean	11	0.02%	84	0.03%
Black or Black British: African	100	0.21%	261	0.09%
Black or Black British: Other Black	7	0.02%	25	0.01%
Chinese or other ethnic group: Chinese	140	0.30%	660	0.24%
Chinese or other ethnic group: Other ethnic group	43	0.09%	314	0.11%
Total	46608		280823	

Source: ONS Census data 2001 provided by Early Childhood Services, Sunderland

The majority of the population within Central Sunderland are White and British; the proportion of those within this ethnic group is slightly lower than the proportion for the whole city however.

2. Childcare Provision

Figure 2.1: Childcare providers by type and average cost

Type of provision	Number of providers	Average hourly charge	Average sessional charge	Average weekly charge
After School Clubs	1			
Breakfast Clubs	5		£1.94	
Childminder	43			£136
Crèche	1	£2 or free for those linked to training		
Day care	7			
Day nursery	5			£136 for children under 2 years and £126 for children over 2 years
Holiday Club / Scheme	6			
OSH	2			
Out of School Care / club	3			£35 for 15 hours
Total suppliers	60 ²⁵			

Source : Sunderland Children's Information Service, March 2007

Childminding is the most common type of provision within Central Sunderland. The average cost of this provision within Sunderland is £136 per week.

The following table shows the total number of places in provision by age group in Central Sunderland:

Figure 2.2: Total number of places in provision by age group

Age	Total no. of settings	Total places	After School Club	Breakfast Club	Childminders	Crèche	Day Care	Day Nursery	Holiday Scheme Club	OSH	Out of School Club
0-4years	56	723	0	0	118	12	326	267	0	0	0
5-8years	57	560	24	120	92	0	0	0	160	92	72
Total 0-8	73	1283	24	120	210	12	326	267	160	92	72

Source: Sunderland Children's Information Service, March 2007

We are unaware of the exact numbers of unregistered places in Central Sunderland.

There are more places on offer for 0-4 year olds than 5-8 year olds.

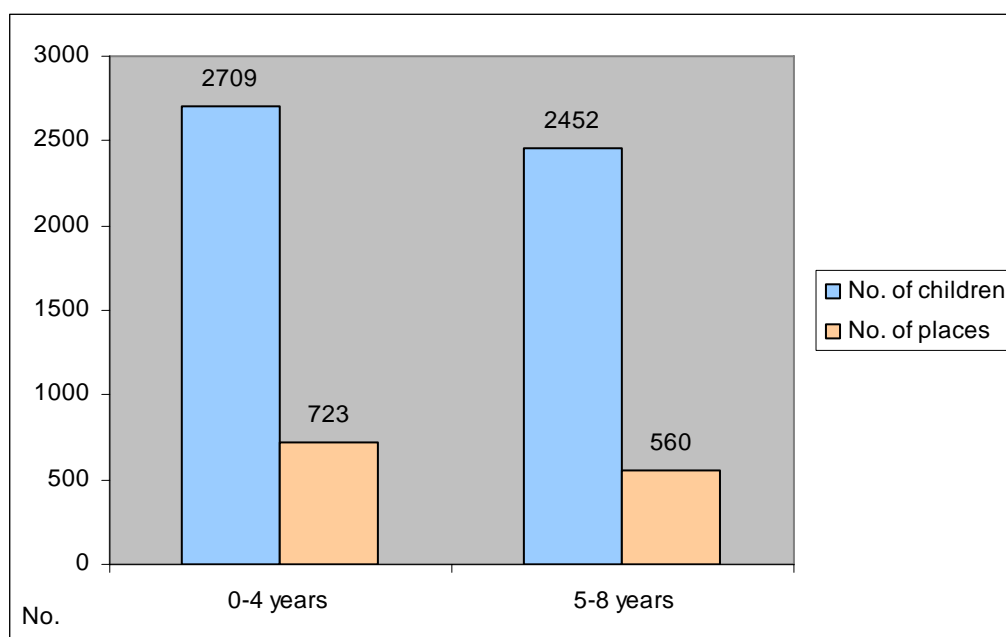
²⁵ In some cases individual providers were offering more than one type of provision therefore figures may not add up to 60

Overall, day nurseries / day care offer the greatest proportion of childcare places for 0-4 year olds within the cluster. Holiday schemes provide the greatest number of places for those aged 5-8 years.

The ratio of childcare places to number of children aged 0-8 years for Central Sunderland indicates that there are 25 childcare places per 100 children aged 0-8 within the cluster. This is slightly lower than the average for Sunderland which is 28 places per 100 children.

Figure 2.3 highlights that the number of childcare places for both age groups is particularly low in comparison to the number of children within this cluster.

Figure 2.3: Number of places compared to number of children within the cluster



Source: Population figures from ONS Census data 2001 provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership and places data from Sunderland Children's Information Service (March 2007)

3. Nursery Places and the Free Entitlement

Figure 3.1. Numbers of children attending schools and private settings

Age	Average No. attending Schools (nursery / reception)	Average No. attending Private Nursery / setting	Average number of places accessed
3 yr olds	424	77	501
4 yr olds	426	25	451
Total (3 and 4 year olds)	850	102	952

Source: Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

A high proportion of three and four year olds appear to be accessing nursery / reception places.

4. Special Educational Needs Provision

There are currently 1906 children within Central Sunderland who require special educational needs provision. This is approximately 14.89% of the total 0-19 population within the cluster.

Figure 4.1: Number and percent of pupils according to SEN status

SEN Status	Number of pupils in cluster	% of SEN pupils in cluster	Number of SEN pupils aged 0-19 in Sunderland	% of SEN pupils in Sunderland
School Action	1179	61.86%	5744	62.56%
School Action Plus	488	25.60%	2489	27.11%
Statemented	239	12.54%	949	10.34%
Total	1906	100%	9182	100%

Source: Sunderland Children's Information Service, March 2007

Six in ten SEN pupils within Central Sunderland are on school action. Just over one in ten are statemented (12.54%) which is a slightly higher proportion compared to the proportion in the whole of Sunderland.

There are two special schools within the cluster:

- Springwell Dene School offers provision for children aged 13-16 who have emotional and behavioural difficulties;
- Sunningdale School offers provision for children aged 3-11 who have moderate or severe learning difficulties.

Two schools also offer Curriculum Access Provision and one school which offers support for those with speech and language difficulties²⁶. Another primary school also offers support for those with hearing impairments.

5. Housing regeneration

The following table identifies proposed housing construction for Central Sunderland between 2004 and 2021:

Figure 5.1: Proposed housing construction by numbers of sites and dwellings

Time period	2004-11	2011-16	2016-21	TOTAL 2004 - 2021
Number of Sites	6	1	1	8
Number of Dwellings	459	500	200	1159
<i>Source: Interim Strategy for Housing Land, Sunderland Development and Regeneration Team, February 2006</i>				

²⁶ Information from <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk>

6. Conclusion

Overall, Central Sunderland Cluster is one of the more deprived areas within Sunderland as 48% of its SOAs fall within the 0-10% most deprived in the country; this is the highest proportion when compared to the other clusters in Sunderland. The area does not appear to have a leisure centre based upon data provided.

In comparison to other clusters, Central Sunderland also has the highest proportion of working population claiming the Job Seekers Allowance. This cluster also has the highest proportion of children eligible for free school meals and the highest proportion of children with special educational needs.

There are slightly more places available for 0-4 year olds within the cluster inline with the 0-4 year population being slightly larger than the 5-8 population. The childcare penetration ratio indicates that there are 25 places available for every 100 children which is slightly lower than the Sunderland average.

There appears to be a good variety of different types of provision on offer, however there is only one crèche within Central Sunderland.

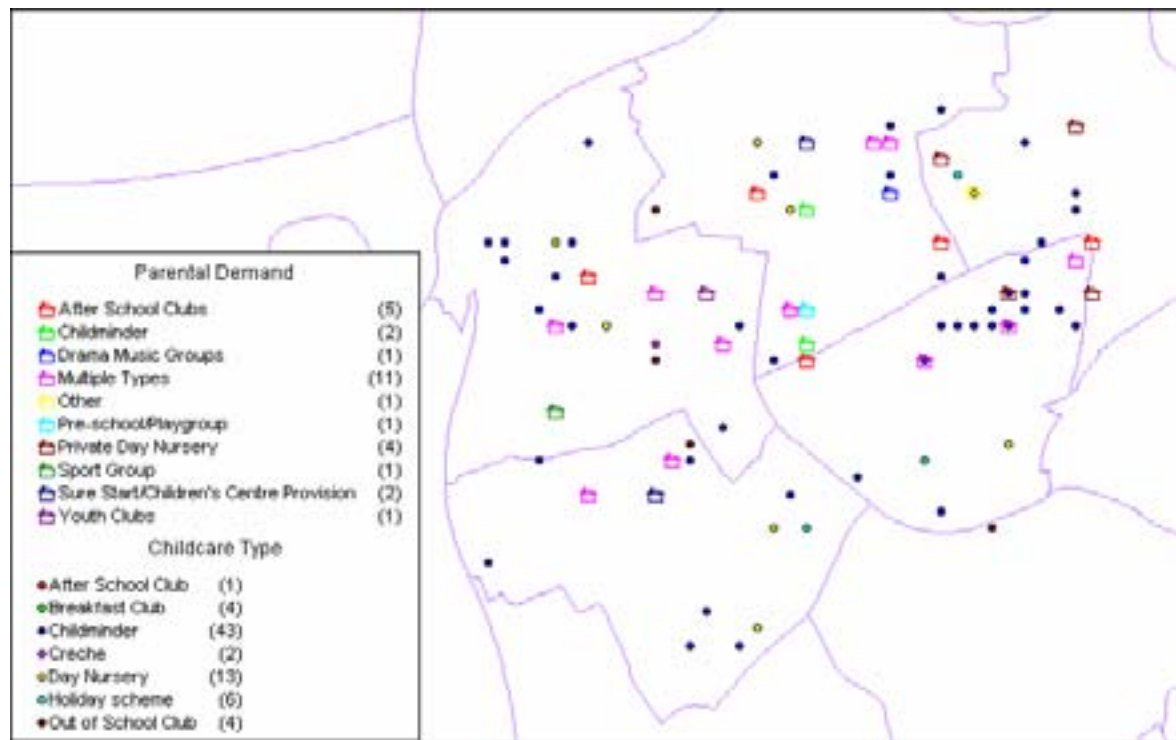
Day nurseries / care are the provider type offering the greatest number of places for children within Central Sunderland. A high percentage of both three and four year olds appear to access provision with the assistance of the Free Entitlement. However these proportions are slightly lower than proportions for Sunderland as a whole.

There are proposals for the construction of 1159 dwellings which may have a notable impact upon childcare availability and provision in the future.

Since the date of data collection and the date of publication, there will inevitably have been changes in terms of numbers of providers / childcare places and the status of Children's Centre development. Please ensure that Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership and the Sunderland Children's Information Service are consulted in relation to data before any plans are made.

7. Provision within the cluster

Figure 7.1: Map of Childcare Provision within Central Sunderland



The map above refers to the provision families use / intend to use in the next 12 months as identified in the parental demand survey. The map also shows the providers identified in the desk research as being located within the area.

10. Coalfields Cluster

1. Profile Information

1.1 Location

This cluster is based in the south of Sunderland. It contains six middle layer SOAs.

Coalfields has five libraries, three leisure centres and eight playgrounds²⁷.

1.2 Children's Centres

Monument Children's Centre and Sure Start Hetton and Houghton are located within this cluster. The Hetton Children's Centre and the Houghton Children's Centre will be located in Coalfields and are due to open by 2008.

1.3 Indices of Multiple Deprivation

The Index of Multiple Deprivation (2004)²⁸ maps deprivation at lower layer Super Output Area (SOA) level, which is smaller than ward level. SOAs generally consist of a couple of thousand people.

Coalfields contains 30 lower layer SOAs. Seven of these SOAs fall within the 0-10% worst affected on the national Index of Multiple Deprivation, nine fall into the 11-25% worst affected and ten SOAs fall within the 26-50% worst affected. Four lower layer SOAs within Coalfields fall into the 50% highest on the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

1.4 Claimant Count

In Coalfields there are currently 753 claimants²⁹. This is approximately 2.56% of the working age³⁰ population within the cluster which is slightly lower than the proportion of the total population claiming in Sunderland.

²⁷ Information from <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk>

²⁸ Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Indices of Deprivation 2004

²⁹ Nomis claimant count figures for January 2007

³⁰ Based on 2001 Census population figures, Office for National Statistics

1.5 Eligibility for Free School Meals

Within the cluster there is a total of 1109 children between the ages of 2 and 18 who are currently eligible for free school meals³¹. This is approximately 10.19% of the 0-18 year old population within Coalfields³².

1.6 Population Structure

The following table gives a break down of the population in Coalfields by age.

Figure 1.6.1: Age of population in Coalfields Cluster and Sunderland City

Age in years	School Year	Number in cluster	%	Number in Sunderland	%
Under 1		505	1.09%	2782	0.99%
Aged 1		534	1.16%	3068	1.09%
Aged 2		536	1.16%	2962	1.05%
Aged 3		531	1.15%	3235	1.15%
Aged 4	Reception	569	1.23%	3381	1.20%
Aged 5	1	538	1.16%	3251	1.16%
Aged 6	2	547	1.18%	3339	1.19%
Aged 7	3	593	1.28%	3552	1.26%
Aged 8	4	593	1.28%	3597	1.28%
Aged 9	5	602	1.30%	3868	1.38%
Aged 10	6	631	1.37%	3840	1.37%
Aged 11	7	579	1.25%	3807	1.36%
Aged 12	8	599	1.30%	3776	1.34%
Aged 13	9	582	1.26%	3899	1.39%
Aged 14	10	588	1.27%	3925	1.40%
Aged 15	11	609	1.32%	3923	1.40%
Aged 16-29		7681	16.62%	51731	18.42%
Aged 30-49		13299	28.78%	80399	28.63%
Aged 50-64		8485	18.36%	48686	17.34%
Aged 65-74		4271	9.24%	25400	9.05%
Aged 75+		3339	7.23%	18383	6.55%
		46211		280804	

Source: ONS Census data 2001 provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

³¹ Free School Meals data supplied by Sunderland Council Research and Information team

³² Based on 2001 Census population figures, Office for National Statistics

1.7 Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number in cluster	%	Number in Sunderland	%
White: British	45532	98.52%	272721	97.11%
White: Irish	76	0.16%	827	0.29%
White: Other White	156	0.34%	2051	0.73%
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	25	0.05%	206	0.07%
Mixed: White and Black African	14	0.03%	158	0.06%
Mixed: White and Asian	36	0.08%	456	0.16%
Mixed: Other Mixed	23	0.05%	268	0.10%
Asian / Asian British: Indian	119	0.26%	903	0.32%
Asian / Asian British: Pakistani	31	0.07%	402	0.14%
Asian / Asian British: Bangladeshi	48	0.10%	1157	0.41%
Asian / Asian British: Other Asian	26	0.06%	330	0.12%
Black / Black British: Caribbean	6	0.01%	84	0.03%
Black / Black British: African	23	0.05%	261	0.09%
Black / Black British: Other Black	9	0.02%	25	0.01%
Chinese / other ethnic group: Chinese	55	0.12%	660	0.24%
Chinese / other ethnic group: Other ethnic group	37	0.08%	314	0.11%
Total	46216		280823	

Source: ONS Census data 2001 provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

The majority of the population within Coalfields are White and British; the proportion of those within this ethnic group is slightly higher than the proportion for the whole city.

2. Childcare Provision

Figure 2.1: Childcare providers by type and average cost

Type of provision	Number of providers	Average hourly charge	Average sessional charge	Average weekly charge
After School Clubs	1			
Breakfast Clubs	8		£1.94	
Childminder	44			£136
Crèche	7	£2 or free for those linked to training		
Day care	7			
Day nursery	2			£136 for children under 2 years and £126 for children over 2 years
Holiday Scheme	7			
Out of School Care	7			£35 for 15 hours
Wraparound Care	2			
Total suppliers	62 ³³			

Source : Sunderland Children's Information Service, March 2007

Childminding is the most common type of provision within Coalfields. The average cost of this provision within Sunderland is £136 per week.

The following table shows the total number of places in provision by age group in Coalfields:

Figure 2.2: Total number of places in provision by age group

	Total no. of settings	Total places	After School Club	Breakfast Club	Childminders	Creche	Day Care	Day Nursery	Wrap around	Holiday Scheme	Out of School Club
0-4years	62	568	0	0	116	74	283	31	64	0	0
5-8years	67	661	24	194	103	0	0	0	0	170	170
Total 0-8	85	1229	24	194	219	74	283	31	64	170	170

Source: Sunderland Children's Information Service, March 2007

Note: Place data was inaccurate for one childminder and therefore was not included

We are unaware of the exact numbers of unregistered places in Coalfields.

There are slightly more places available for older children than those in the 0-4 age band.

³³ In some cases individual providers were offering more than one type of provision therefore figures may not add up to 62

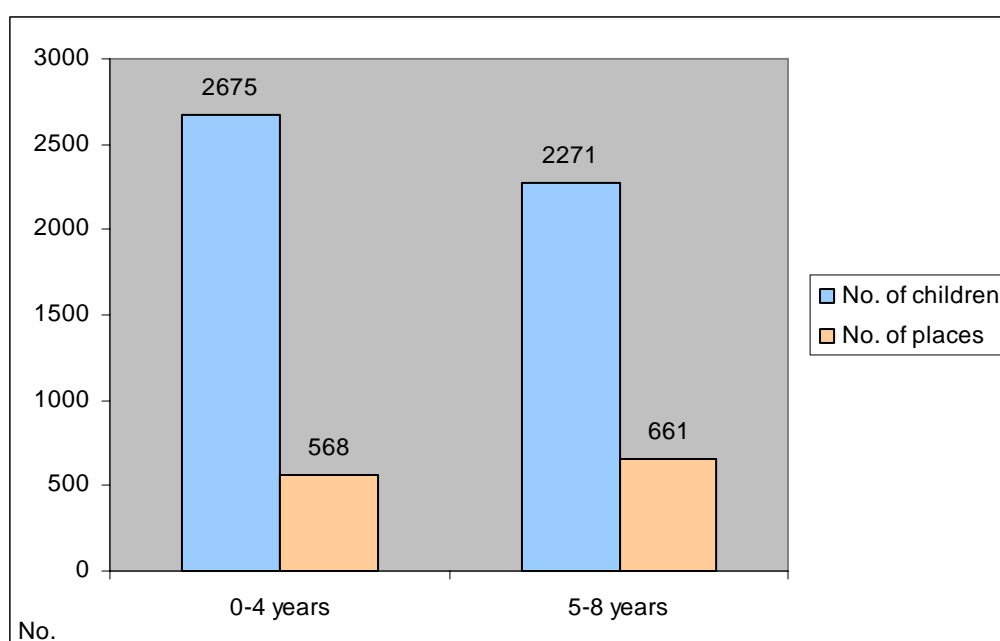
Overall, day nurseries / day care offer the greatest proportion of childcare places for 0-4 year olds within Coalfields. Breakfast clubs provide the greatest number of places for those aged 5-8 years.

There are no play groups within this cluster, but there appears to be a good variety of provision on offer.

The penetration ratio of childcare places to number of children aged 0-8 years for Coalfields indicates that there are 25 childcare places per 100 children aged 0-8 within the cluster. This is slightly lower than the average for Sunderland which is 28 places per 100 children.

Figure 2.3 highlights that the number of childcare places for both age groups is particularly low in comparison to the number of children within this cluster.

Figure 2.3: Number of places compared to number of children within the cluster



Source: Population figures from ONS Census data 2001 provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership and places data from Sunderland Children's Information Service (March 2007)

3. Nursery Places and the Free Entitlement

Figure 3.1. Numbers of children attending schools and private settings

Age	Average No. attending Schools (nursery / reception)	Average No. attending Private Nursery / setting	Average number of places accessed
3 yr olds	478	27	505
4 yr olds	495	7.8	502.8
Total (3 and 4 year olds)	973	34.8	1007.8
<i>Source: Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership</i>			

A high proportion of three and four year olds appear to be accessing nursery / reception places.

4. Special Educational Needs Provision

There are currently 1334 children within Coalfields who require special educational needs provision. This is approximately 11.72% of the total 0-19 population within the cluster.

Figure 4.1: Number and percent of pupils according to SEN status

SEN Status	Number of pupils in cluster	% of SEN pupils in cluster	Number of SEN pupils aged 0-19 in Sunderland	% of SEN pupils in Sunderland
School Action	870	65.22%	5744	62.56%
School Action Plus	386	28.94%	2489	27.11%
Statemented	78	5.85%	949	10.34%
Total	1334	100%	9182	100%
<i>Source: Sunderland Children's Information Service, March 2007</i>				

Just under two thirds of SEN pupils within Coalfields are on school action. Only 5.85% are statemented which is a lower proportion compared to the proportion in the whole of Sunderland.

There are no special schools within the cluster. However, there are two schools within Coalfields which offer support for those with speech and language difficulties³⁴.

³⁴ Information from <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk>

5. Housing regeneration

The following table identifies proposed housing construction for Coalfields between 2004 and 2021:

Figure 5.1: Proposed housing construction by numbers of sites and dwellings

Time period	2004-11	2011-16	2016-21	TOTAL 2004 - 2021
Number of Sites	7	3	0	10
Number of Dwellings	684	207	0	891
<i>Source: Interim Strategy for Housing Land, Sunderland Development and Regeneration Team, February 2006</i>				

6. Conclusion

Around 23% of the SOAs within Coalfields fall into the 0-10% most deprived in the country; this is the second lowest proportion when compared to the other clusters in Sunderland. However around 87% of the SOAs within this cluster fall into the 0-50% most deprived in the country. In terms of leisure facilities, Coalfields appears to be well supplied with libraries, playgrounds and also leisure centres.

In comparison to other clusters, Coalfields has the lowest proportion of working population claiming the Job Seekers Allowance, the second lowest proportion of children eligible for free school meals and the lowest proportion of children with special educational needs.

There are more places available for 5-8 year olds than 0-4 year olds within the cluster despite there being more 0-4 year olds. The childcare penetration ratio indicates that there are 25 places available for every 100 children which is slightly lower than the Sunderland average.

There appears to be a good variety of different types of provision on offer, however there are no pre-school playgroups within Coalfields.

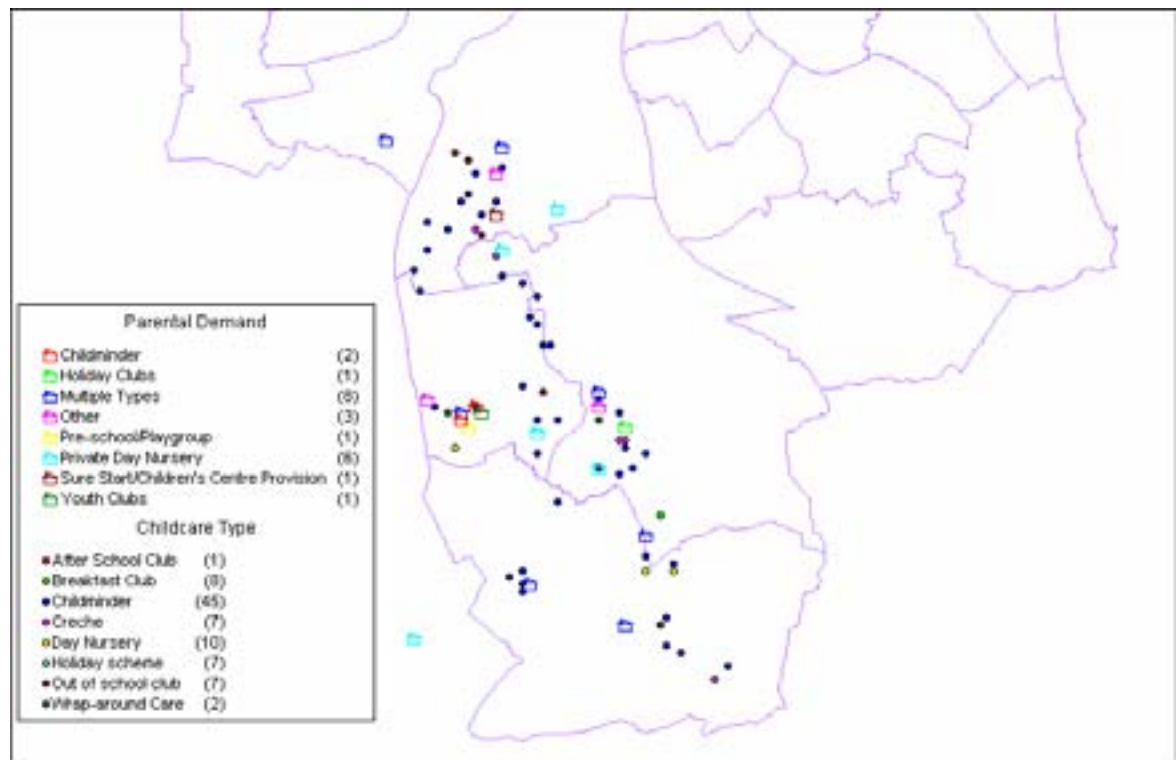
Day nurseries / day care are the provider types offering the greatest number of places for children within Coalfields. A high percentage of both three and four year olds appear to access provision with the assistance of the Free Entitlement. The proportion of three year olds is slightly higher than the city percentage and the proportions for four year olds and three/four year olds are almost equal to the city figure.

There are proposals for the construction of 891 dwellings which may have a notable impact upon childcare availability and provision in the future.

Since the date of data collection and the date of publication, there will inevitably have been changes in terms of numbers of providers / childcare places and the status of Children's Centre development. Please ensure that Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership and the Sunderland Children's Information Service are consulted in relation to data before any plans are made.

7. Provision within the cluster

Figure 7.1: Map of Childcare Provision within Coalfields



The map above refers to the provision families use / intend to use in the next 12 months as identified in the parental demand survey. The map also shows the providers identified in the desk research as being located within the area.

11. Sunderland North Cluster

1. Profile Information

1.1 Location

This cluster is based in the north of Sunderland. It contains seven middle layer SOAs.

Sunderland North has four libraries, four leisure centres and five playgrounds³⁵.

1.2 Children's Centres

North West Children's Centre and Greater Southwick Children's Centre are located within this cluster. St. Peter's Children's Centre will be located in Sunderland North and is due to open by 2008.

1.3 Indices of Multiple Deprivation

The Index of Multiple Deprivation (2004)³⁶ maps deprivation at lower layer Super Output Area (SOA) level, which is smaller than ward level. SOAs generally consist of a couple of thousand people.

Sunderland North contains 39 lower layer SOAs; 13 of these SOAs fall within the 0-10% worst affected on the national Index of Multiple Deprivation, 11 fall into the 11-25% worst affected and eight SOAs fall within the 26-50% worst affected. Seven lower layer SOAs within Sunderland North fall into the 50% highest on the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

1.4 Claimant Count

In Sunderland North there are currently 1380 claimants³⁷. This is approximately 3.82% of the working age³⁸ population within the cluster which is slightly higher than the proportion of the total population claiming in Sunderland.

³⁵ Information from <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk>

³⁶ Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Indices of Deprivation 2004

³⁷ Nomis claimant count figures for January 2007

³⁸ Based on 2001 Census population figures, Office for National Statistics

1.5 Eligibility for Free School Meals

Within the cluster there is a total of 1577 children between the ages of 2 and 18 who are currently eligible for free school meals³⁹. This is approximately 11.59% of the 0-18 year old population within Sunderland North⁴⁰.

1.6 Population Structure

The following table gives a break down of the population in Sunderland North by age.

Figure 1.6.1: Age of population in Sunderland North Cluster and Sunderland City

Age in years	School Year	Number in cluster	%	Number in Sunderland	%
Under 1		581	1.01%	2782	0.99%
Aged 1		653	1.13%	3068	1.09%
Aged 2		583	1.01%	2962	1.05%
Aged 3		679	1.18%	3235	1.15%
Aged 4	Reception	680	1.18%	3381	1.20%
Aged 5	1	679	1.18%	3251	1.16%
Aged 6	2	669	1.16%	3339	1.19%
Aged 7	3	705	1.22%	3552	1.26%
Aged 8	4	673	1.16%	3597	1.28%
Aged 9	5	800	1.38%	3868	1.38%
Aged 10	6	750	1.30%	3840	1.37%
Aged 11	7	795	1.38%	3807	1.36%
Aged 12	8	741	1.28%	3776	1.34%
Aged 13	9	789	1.37%	3899	1.39%
Aged 14	10	828	1.43%	3925	1.40%
Aged 15	11	814	1.41%	3923	1.40%
Aged 16-29		9637	16.68%	51731	18.42%
Aged 30-49		16658	28.83%	80399	28.63%
Aged 50-64		9876	17.09%	48686	17.34%
Aged 65-74		5860	10.14%	25400	9.05%
Aged 75+		4324	7.48%	18383	6.55%
		57774		280804	

Source: ONS Census data 2001 provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

³⁹ Free School Meals data supplied by Sunderland Council Research and Information team

⁴⁰ Based on 2001 Census population figures, Office for National Statistics

1.7 Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number in cluster	%	Number in Sunderland	%
White: British	56804	98.26%	272721	97.11%
White: Irish	94	0.16%	827	0.29%
White: Other White	340	0.59%	2051	0.73%
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	38	0.07%	206	0.07%
Mixed: White and Black African	23	0.04%	158	0.06%
Mixed: White and Asian	62	0.11%	456	0.16%
Mixed: Other Mixed	38	0.07%	268	0.10%
Asian / Asian British: Indian	83	0.14%	903	0.32%
Asian / Asian British: Pakistani	32	0.06%	402	0.14%
Asian / Asian British: Bangladeshi	45	0.08%	1157	0.41%
Asian / Asian British: Other Asian	34	0.06%	330	0.12%
Black / Black British: Caribbean	12	0.02%	84	0.03%
Black / Black British: African	38	0.07%	261	0.09%
Black / Black British: Other Black	3	0.01%	25	0.01%
Chinese / other ethnic group: Chinese	139	0.24%	660	0.24%
Chinese / other ethnic group: Other ethnic group	24	0.04%	314	0.11%
Total	57809		280823	

Source: ONS Census data 2001 provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

The majority of the population within Sunderland North are White and British; the proportion of those within this ethnic group is slightly higher than the proportion for the whole city.

2. Childcare Provision

Figure 2.1: Childcare providers by type and average cost

Type of provision	Number of providers	Average hourly charge	Average sessional charge	Average weekly charge
After School Clubs	6			
Breakfast Clubs	8		£1.94	
Childminder	54			£136
Crèche	2	£2 or free for those linked to training		
Day care	9			
Day nursery	2			£136 for children under 2 years and £126 for children over 2 years
Holiday Scheme	5			
Out of School Care	3			£35 for 15 hours
Social Care Nursery	1			
Wraparound Care	1			
Total suppliers	74 ⁴¹			

Source : Sunderland Children's Information Service, March 2007

Childminding is the most common type of provision within Sunderland North. The average cost of this provision within Sunderland is £136 per week.

The following table shows the total number of places in provision by age group in Sunderland North:

⁴¹ In some cases individual providers were offering more than one type of provision therefore figures may not add up to 74

Figure 2.2: Total number of places in provision by age group

Age Group	Total no. of settings	Total places	After School Club	Breakfast Club / scheme	Childminders	Creche	Day Care	Day Nursery	Holiday Scheme	Out of School Club	Social Services Nursery
0-4years	68	632	0	0	137	35	370	36	0	0	30
5-8years	74	863	156	262	121	0	30	0	164	130	0
Total 0-8	91	1495	156	262	258	35	400	36	164	130	30

Source: Sunderland Children's Information Service, March 2007

Note: Place data was inaccurate for one childminder and therefore was not included

We are unaware of the exact numbers of unregistered places in Sunderland North.

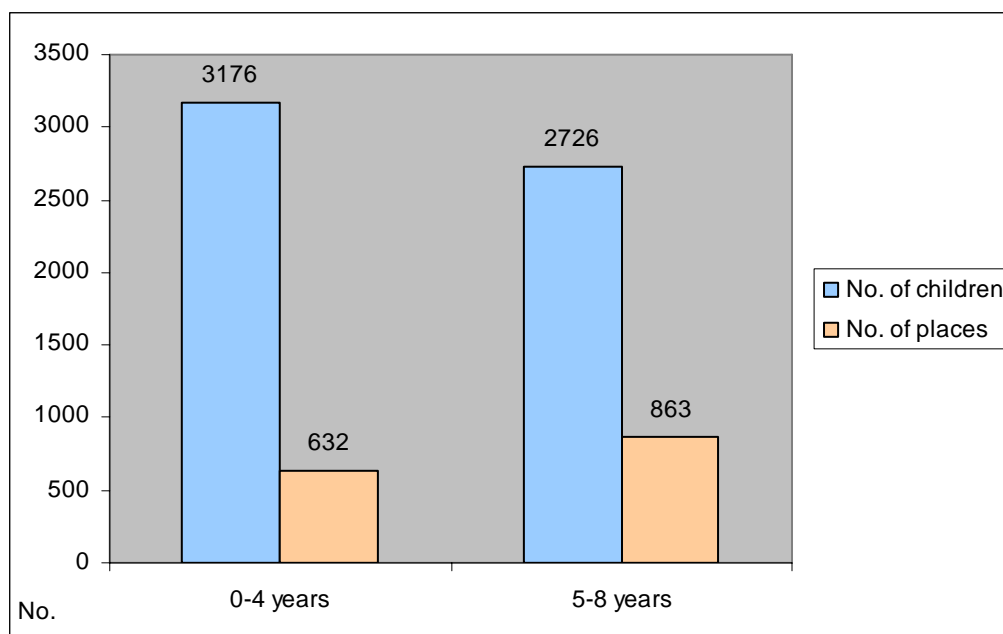
There are more places available for older children than those in the 0-4 age band.

Overall, day care / nurseries offer the greatest proportion of childcare places for 0-4 year olds within Sunderland North. Breakfast clubs provide the greatest number of places for those aged 5-8 years.

There are no play groups within this cluster, but there appears to be a good variety of provision on offer. There is a social care nursery within the cluster.

The penetration ratio of childcare places to number of children aged 0-8 years for Sunderland North indicates that there are 25 childcare places per 100 children aged 0-8 within the cluster. This is slightly lower than the average for Sunderland which is 28 places per 100 children.

Figure 2.3 highlights that the number of childcare places for both age groups is particularly low in comparison to the number of children within this cluster.

Figure 2.3: Number of places compared to number of children within the cluster

Source: Population figures from ONS Census data 2001 provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership and places data from Sunderland Children's Information Service (March 2007)

3. Nursery Places and the Free Entitlement

Figure 3.1. Numbers of children attending schools and private settings

Age	Average No. attending Schools (nursery / reception)	Average No. attending Private Nursery / setting	Average number of places accessed
3 yr olds	511	69.66	581
4 yr olds	601	16	617
Total (3 and 4 year olds)	1112	86	1198

Source: Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

A high proportion of three and four year olds appear to be accessing nursery / reception places.

4. Special Educational Needs Provision

There are currently 1731 children within Sunderland North who require special educational needs provision. This is approximately 12.1% of the total 0-19 population within the cluster.

Figure 4.1: Number and percent of pupils according to SEN status

SEN Status	Number of pupils in cluster	% of SEN pupils in cluster	Number of SEN pupils aged 0-19 in Sunderland	% of SEN pupils in Sunderland
School Action	1006	58.12%	5744	62.56%
School Action Plus	473	27.33%	2489	27.11%
Statemented	252	14.56%	949	10.34%
Total	1334	100%	9182	100%
<i>Source: Sunderland Children's Information Service, March 2007</i>				

Just over half of SEN pupils within Sunderland North are on school action; 14.56% are statemented which is a higher proportion compared to the proportion in the whole of Sunderland.

There are two special schools located within this cluster; Maplewood School offers provision for children aged 7-13 who have emotional and behavioural difficulties. Castlegreen School offers provision for children aged 11-19 who have moderate learning difficulties.

There is also one mainstream school within Sunderland North which offers support for those with speech and language difficulties⁴².

⁴² Information from <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk>

5. Housing regeneration

The following table identifies proposed housing construction for Sunderland North between 2004 and 2021:

Figure 5.1: Proposed housing construction by numbers of sites and dwellings

Time period	2004-11	2011-16	2016-21	TOTAL 2004 – 2021
Number of Sites	7	3	0	10
Number of Dwellings	315	414	0	729
<i>Source: Interim Strategy for Housing Land, Sunderland Development and Regeneration Team, February 2006</i>				

6. Conclusion

Approximately 82% of SOAs within Sunderland North Cluster fall within the 0-50% most deprived in the country. In terms of leisure facilities, Sunderland North appears to be well supplied with libraries, playgrounds and leisure centres.

In comparison to other clusters, Sunderland North also has the middle⁴³ proportion of the working population claiming the Job Seekers Allowance, the second highest proportion of children eligible for free school meals and the second lowest proportion of children with special educational needs.

There are more places available for 5-8 year olds than 0-4 year olds within the cluster. The childcare penetration ratio indicates that there are 25 places available for every 100 children which is slightly lower than the Sunderland average.

There appears to be a good variety of different types of provision on offer, however there are no pre-school playgroups within Sunderland North.

Day nurseries are the provider type offering the greatest number of places for children within Sunderland North. A high percentage of both three and four year olds appear to access provision with the assistance of the Free Entitlement. The proportion of four year olds accessing nursery / reception provision is slightly higher than the proportion for the whole of Sunderland.

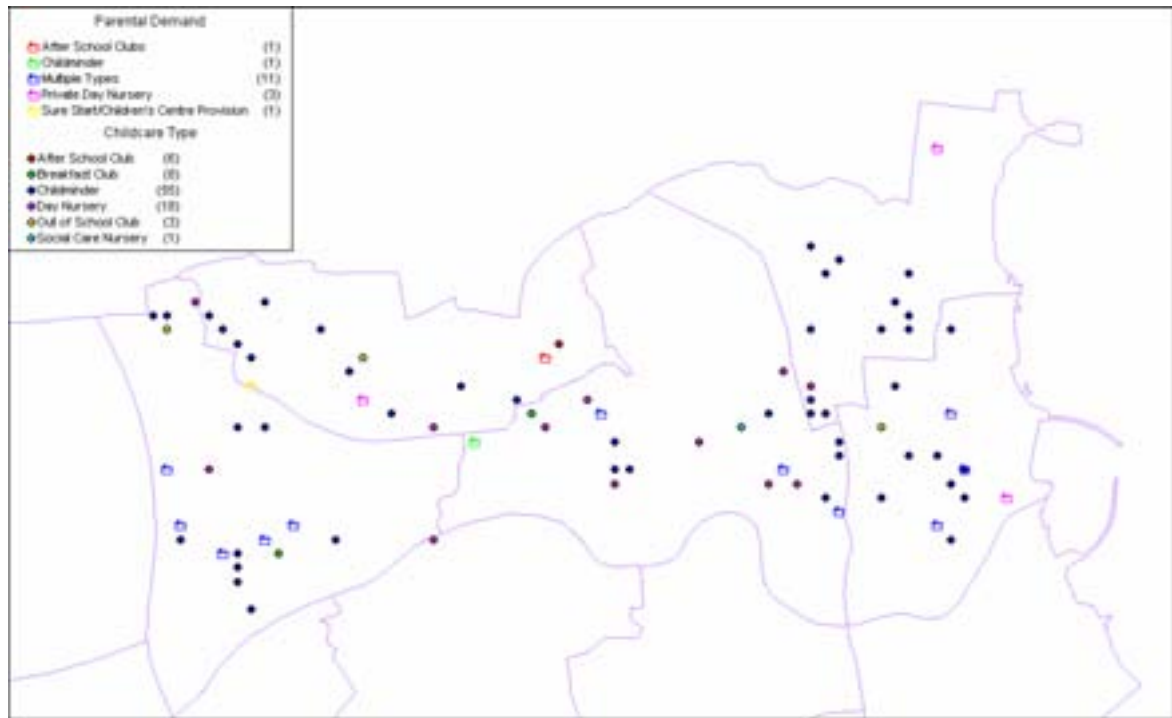
There are proposals for the construction of 729 dwellings which may have a notable impact upon childcare availability and provision in the future.

Since the date of data collection and the date of publication, there will inevitably have been changes in terms of numbers of providers/ Childcare places and the status of Children's Centre development. Please ensure that Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership and the Sunderland Children's Information Service are consulted in relation to data before any plans are made.

⁴³ third highest and third lowest in comparison with the four other cluster areas in Sunderland

7. Provision within the cluster

Figure 7.1: Map of Childcare Provision within Sunderland North



The map above refers to the provision families use / intend to use in the next 12 months as identified in the parental demand survey. The map also shows the providers identified in the desk research as being located within the area.

12. Sunderland South and East Cluster

1. Profile Information

1.1 Location

This cluster is based in the east of Sunderland. It contains nine middle layer SOAs.

Sunderland South and East has six libraries, four leisure centres, four playgrounds and one skate park⁴⁴.

1.2 Children's Centres

New Silksworth, Hendon and Ryhope Children's Centres are located within this cluster. Grangetown Children's Centre will be located in Sunderland South and East and is due to open by 2008.

1.3 Indices of Multiple Deprivation

The Index of Multiple Deprivation (2004)⁴⁵ maps deprivation at lower layer Super Output Area (SOA) level, which is smaller than ward level. SOAs generally consist of a couple of thousand people.

Sunderland South and East contains 49 lower layer SOAs; 14 of these SOAs fall within the 0-10% worst affected on the national Index of Multiple Deprivation, 16 fall into the 11-25% worst affected and 10 SOAs fall within the 26-50% worst affected. Nine lower layer SOAs within Sunderland South and East fall into the 50% highest on the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

1.4 Claimant Count

In Sunderland South and East there are currently 1884 claimants⁴⁶. This is approximately 4.00% of the working age⁴⁷ population within the cluster which is slightly higher than the proportion of the total population claiming in Sunderland.

⁴⁵ Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Indices of Deprivation 2004

⁴⁶ Nomis claimant count figures for January 2007

⁴⁷ Based on 2001 Census population figures, Office for National Statistics

1.5 Eligibility for Free School Meals

Within the cluster there is a total of 1750 children between the ages of 2 and 18 who are currently eligible for free school meals⁴⁸. This is approximately 10.62% of the 0-18 year old population within Sunderland South and East⁴⁹.

1.6 Population Structure

The following table gives a break down of the population in Sunderland South and East by age.

Figure 1.6.1: Age of population in Sunderland South and East Cluster and Sunderland City

Age in years	School Year	Number in cluster	%	Number in Sunderland	%
Under 1		650	0.89%	2782	0.99%
Aged 1		722	0.99%	3068	1.09%
Aged 2		706	0.96%	2962	1.05%
Aged 3		749	1.02%	3235	1.15%
Aged 4	Reception	826	1.13%	3381	1.20%
Aged 5	1	803	1.10%	3251	1.16%
Aged 6	2	827	1.13%	3339	1.19%
Aged 7	3	838	1.14%	3552	1.26%
Aged 8	4	858	1.17%	3597	1.28%
Aged 9	5	964	1.32%	3868	1.38%
Aged 10	6	950	1.30%	3840	1.37%
Aged 11	7	936	1.28%	3807	1.36%
Aged 12	8	895	1.22%	3776	1.34%
Aged 13	9	1037	1.41%	3899	1.39%
Aged 14	10	937	1.28%	3925	1.40%
Aged 15	11	979	1.34%	3923	1.40%
Aged 16-29		13960	19.05%	51731	18.42%
Aged 30-49		20528	28.01%	80399	28.63%
Aged 50-64		12572	17.15%	48686	17.34%
Aged 65-74		7312	9.98%	25400	9.05%
Aged 75+		5244	7.15%	18383	6.55%
		73293		280804	

Source: ONS Census data 2001 provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

⁴⁸ Free School Meals data supplied by Sunderland Council Research and Information team

⁴⁹ Based on 2001 Census population figures, Office for National Statistics

1.7 Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number in cluster	%	Number in Sunderland	%
White: British	70236	95.80%	272721	97.11%
White: Irish	331	0.45%	827	0.29%
White: Other White	788	1.07%	2051	0.73%
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	57	0.08%	206	0.07%
Mixed: White and Black African	62	0.08%	158	0.06%
Mixed: White and Asian	170	0.23%	456	0.16%
Mixed: Other Mixed	87	0.12%	268	0.10%
Asian / Asian British: Indian	303	0.41%	903	0.32%
Asian / Asian British: Pakistani	151	0.21%	402	0.14%
Asian / Asian British: Bangladeshi	536	0.73%	1157	0.41%
Asian / Asian British: Other Asian	165	0.23%	330	0.12%
Black / Black British: Caribbean	31	0.04%	84	0.03%
Black / Black British: African	71	0.10%	261	0.09%
Black / Black British: Other Black	3	0.00%	25	0.01%
Chinese / other ethnic group: Chinese	236	0.32%	660	0.24%
Chinese / other ethnic group: Other ethnic group	89	0.12%	314	0.11%
Total	73316		280823	

Source: ONS Census data 2001 provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

The majority of the population within Sunderland South and East are White and British; the proportion of those within this ethnic group is slightly lower than the proportion for the whole city overall.

2. Childcare Provision

Figure 2.1: Childcare providers by type and average cost

Type of provision	Number of providers	Average hourly charge	Average sessional charge	Average weekly charge
Breakfast Clubs	8		£1.94	
Childminder	58			£136
Crèche	7	£2 or free for those linked to training		
Day care	7			
Day nursery	7			£136 for children under 2 years and £126 for children over 2 years
Holiday Scheme	11			
Out of School Care	11			£35 for 15 hours
OSH	5			
Pre-school Playgroup	1		£9.50	
Wraparound Care	2			
Total suppliers	84 ⁵⁰			
<i>Source : Sunderland Children's Information Service, March 2007</i>				

Childminding is the most common type of provision within Sunderland South and East. The average cost of this provision within Sunderland is £136 per week.

The following table shows the total number of places in provision by age group in Sunderland South and East:

⁵⁰ In some cases individual providers were offering more than one type of provision therefore figures may not add up to 84

Figure 2.2: Total number of places in provision by age group

Age Group	Total no. of settings	Total places	Breakfast Club / scheme	Childminders	Creche	Day Care	Day Nursery	Wrap-around	Holiday scheme	OSH	Out of school care	Playgroup
0-4years	81	972	0	153	82	352	319	40	0	0	0	26
5-8years	93	1211	197	135	10	0	0	52	377	172	268	0
Total 0-8	116	2183	197	288	92	352	319	92	377	172	268	26

Source: Sunderland Children's Information Service, March 2007

Note: Place data was inaccurate for one childminder and therefore was not included

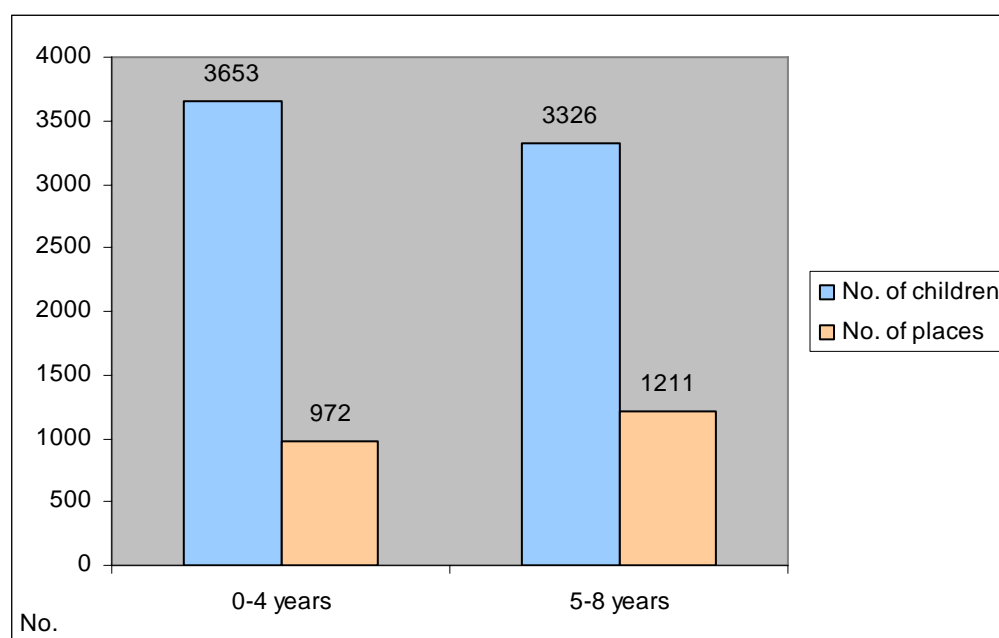
We are unaware of the exact numbers of unregistered places in Sunderland South and East.

There are more places for 5-8 year olds than 0-4 year olds in this cluster.

Overall, day care / nurseries offer the greatest proportion of childcare places for 0-4 year olds within Sunderland South and East. Holiday schemes provide the greatest number of places for those aged 5-8 years.

The penetration ratio of childcare places to number of children aged 0-8 years for Sunderland South and East indicates that there are 31 childcare places per 100 children aged 0-8 within the cluster. This is slightly higher than the average for Sunderland which is 28 places per 100 children.

Figure 2.3 highlights that the number of childcare places for both age groups is low in comparison to the number of children within this cluster.

Figure 2.3: Number of places compared to number of children within the cluster

Source: Population figures from ONS Census data 2001 provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership and places data from Sunderland Children's Information Service (March 2007)

3. Nursery Places and the Free Entitlement

Figure 3.1. Numbers of children attending schools and private settings

Age	Average No. attending Schools (nursery / reception)	Average No. attending Private Nursery / setting	Average number of places accessed
3 yr olds	691	99.40	790
4 yr olds	746	59	805
Total (3 and 4 year olds)	1437	158	1595

Source: Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership and ONS population data from 2001 census

A high proportion of three and four year olds appear to be accessing nursery / reception places.

4. Special Educational Needs Provision

There are currently 2259 children within Sunderland South and East who require special educational needs provision. This is approximately 12.76% of the total 0-19 population within the cluster.

Figure 4.1: Number and percent of pupils according to SEN status

SEN Status	Number of pupils in cluster	% of SEN pupils in cluster	Number of SEN pupils aged 0-19 in Sunderland	% of SEN pupils in Sunderland
School Action	1459	64.59%	5744	62.56%
School Action Plus	581	25.72%	2489	27.11%
Statemented	219	9.69%	949	10.34%
Total	2993	100%	9182	100%

Source: Sunderland Children's Information Service, March 2007

Almost two thirds of SEN pupils within Sunderland South and East are on school action, a slightly higher proportion than the average for Sunderland as a whole. Just less than one in ten SEN pupils are statemented in this cluster.

There are two special schools located within this cluster:

- Barbara Priestman School offers provision for children aged 3-19 who have physical impairment;
- Portland School offers provision for children aged 11-19 who have severe learning difficulties.

In addition to this Sandhill View School offers provision for the hearing impaired and/or visually impaired⁵¹.

⁵¹ Information from <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk>

5. Housing regeneration

The following table identifies proposed housing construction for Sunderland South and East between 2004 and 2021:

Figure 5.1: Proposed housing construction by numbers of sites and dwellings

Time period	2004-11	2011-16	2016-21	TOTAL 2004 - 2021
Number of Sites	12	6	3	21
Number of Dwellings	1451	1075	414	2940
<i>Source: Interim Strategy for Housing Land, Sunderland Development and Regeneration Team, February 2006</i>				

6. Conclusion

Approximately 82% of SOAs within Sunderland South and East Cluster fall within the 0-50% most deprived in the country. In terms of leisure facilities, Sunderland South and East appears to be well supplied with libraries, playgrounds and leisure centres.

In comparison to other clusters, Sunderland South and East has the second highest proportion of working population claiming the Job Seekers Allowance, the third highest proportion of children eligible for free schools and the second highest proportion of children with special educational needs. The cluster appears to be well served in terms of SEN provision.

There are more places for 5-8 year olds than 0-4 year olds in this cluster. The childcare penetration ratio indicates that there are 31 places available for every 100 children which is slightly higher than the Sunderland average.

There appears to be a good variety of different types of provision on offer.

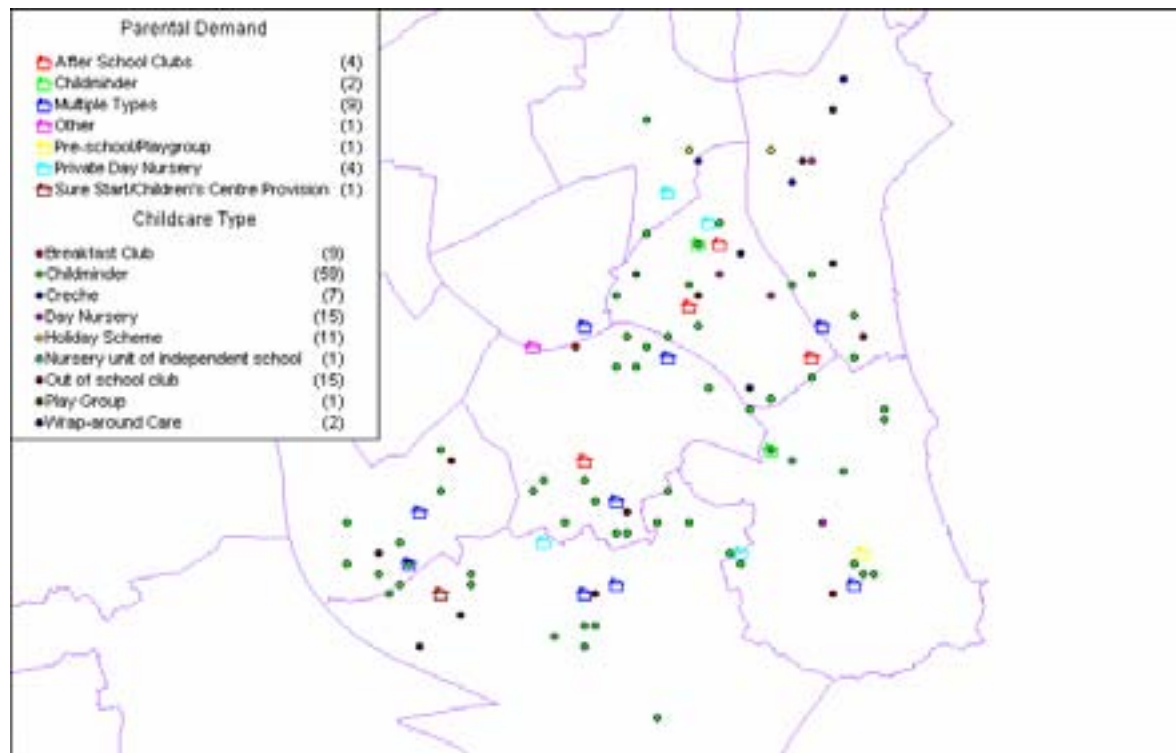
Day nurseries are the provider type offering the greatest number of places for children within Sunderland South and East. A very high percentage of both three and four year olds appear to access provision with the assistance of the Free Entitlement (possibly all); the proportions for this are higher than those for the city as a whole.

There are proposals for the construction of 2940 dwellings which may have a notable impact upon childcare availability and provision in the future.

Since the date of data collection and the date of publication, there will inevitably have been changes in terms of numbers of providers/ Childcare places and the status of Children's Centre development. Please ensure that Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership and the Sunderland Children's Information Service are consulted in relation to data before any plans are made.

7. Provision within the cluster

Figure 7.1: Map of Childcare Provision within Sunderland South and East



The map above refers to the provision families use / intend to use in the next 12 months as identified in the parental demand survey. The map also shows the providers identified in the desk research as being located within the area.

13. Washington Cluster

1. Profile Information

1.1 Location

This cluster is based in the west of Sunderland. It contains seven middle layer SOAs.

Washington has three libraries, two leisure centres and four playgrounds⁵².

1.2 Children's Centres

North Washington and Central Washington Children's Centres are located within this cluster. South Washington Children's Centre will also be located within the cluster and is due to open by 2008.

1.3 Indices of Multiple Deprivation

The Index of Multiple Deprivation (2004)⁵³ maps deprivation at lower layer Super Output Area (SOA) level, which is smaller than ward level. SOAs generally consist of a couple of thousand people.

Washington contains 39 lower layer SOAs; seven of these SOAs fall within the 0-10% worst affected on the national Index of Multiple Deprivation, six fall into the 11-25% worst affected and 16 SOAs fall within the 26-50% worst affected. Ten lower layer SOAs within Washington fall into the 50% highest on the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

1.4 Claimant Count

In Washington there are currently 1150 claimants⁵⁴. This is approximately 2.98% of the working age⁵⁵ population within the cluster which is slightly lower than the proportion of the total population claiming in Sunderland.

⁵² Information from <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk>

⁵³ Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Indices of Deprivation 2004

⁵⁴ Nomis claimant count figures for January 2007

⁵⁵ Based on 2001 Census population figures, Office for National Statistics

1.5 Eligibility for Free School Meals

Within the cluster there is a total of 1343 children between the ages of 2 and 18 who are currently eligible for free school meals⁵⁶. This is approximately 9.25% of the 0-18 year old population with Sunderland South and East⁵⁷.

1.6 Population Structure

The following table gives a break down of the population in Washington by age.

Figure 1.6.1: Age of population in Washington Cluster and Sunderland City

Age in years	School Year	Number in cluster	%	Number in Sunderland	%
Under 1		561	0.99%	2782	0.99%
Aged 1		634	1.11%	3068	1.09%
Aged 2		625	1.10%	2962	1.05%
Aged 3		683	1.20%	3235	1.15%
Aged 4	Reception	712	1.25%	3381	1.20%
Aged 5	1	663	1.16%	3251	1.16%
Aged 6	2	702	1.23%	3339	1.19%
Aged 7	3	781	1.37%	3552	1.26%
Aged 8	4	818	1.44%	3597	1.28%
Aged 9	5	769	1.35%	3868	1.38%
Aged 10	6	789	1.39%	3840	1.37%
Aged 11	7	809	1.42%	3807	1.36%
Aged 12	8	846	1.49%	3776	1.34%
Aged 13	9	812	1.43%	3899	1.39%
Aged 14	10	887	1.56%	3925	1.40%
Aged 15	11	859	1.51%	3923	1.40%
Aged 16-29		11107	19.51%	51731	18.42%
Aged 30-49		17098	30.03%	80399	28.63%
Aged 50-64		10444	18.35%	48686	17.34%
Aged 65-74		3821	6.71%	25400	9.05%
Aged 75+		2510	4.41%	18383	6.55%
		56930		280804	

Source: ONS Census data 2001 provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

⁵⁶ Free School Meals data supplied by Sunderland Council Research and Information team

⁵⁷ Based on 2001 Census population figures, Office for National Statistics

1.7 Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number in cluster	%	Number in Sunderland	%
White: British	55570	97.71%	272721	97.11%
White: Irish	158	0.28%	827	0.29%
White: Other White	264	0.46%	2051	0.73%
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	48	0.08%	206	0.07%
Mixed: White and Black African	25	0.04%	158	0.06%
Mixed: White and Asian	78	0.14%	456	0.16%
Mixed: Other Mixed	69	0.12%	268	0.10%
Asian / Asian British: Indian	186	0.33%	903	0.32%
Asian / Asian British: Pakistani	104	0.18%	402	0.14%
Asian / Asian British: Bangladeshi	57	0.10%	1157	0.41%
Asian / Asian British: Other Asian	48	0.08%	330	0.12%
Black / Black British: Caribbean	24	0.04%	84	0.03%
Black / Black British: African	29	0.05%	261	0.09%
Black / Black British: Other Black	3	0.01%	25	0.01%
Chinese / other ethnic group: Chinese	90	0.16%	660	0.24%
Chinese / other ethnic group: Other ethnic group	121	0.21%	314	0.11%
Total	55570	97.71%	280823	

Source: ONS Census data 2001 provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

The majority of the population within Washington are White and British; the proportion of those within this ethnic group is almost equal to the proportion for the whole city.

2. Childcare Provision

Figure 2.1: Childcare providers by type and average cost

Type of provision	Number of providers	Average hourly charge	Average sessional charge	Average weekly charge
Breakfast Clubs	10		£1.94	
Childminder	95			£136
Crèche	4	£2 or free for those linked to training		
Day nursery	10			£136 for children under 2 years and £126 for children over 2 years
Holiday Scheme	8			
OSH	6			
Out of School Care	4			£35 for 15 hours
Wraparound Care	2			
Total suppliers	120 ⁵⁸			
<i>Source : Sunderland Children's Information Service, March 2007</i>				

Childminding is the most common type of provision within Washington. The average cost of this provision within Sunderland is £136 per week.

The following table shows the total number of places in provision by age group in Washington:

⁵⁸ In some cases individual providers were offering more than one type of provision therefore figures may not add up to 120

Figure 2.2: Total number of places in provision by age group

Age group	Total no. of settings	Total no. of places	Breakfast club	Childminders	Crèche	Wrap-around	Day Nursery	Holiday scheme	OSH	Out of School club
0-4years	114	872	90	249	53	40	440	0	0	0
5-8years	117	975	195	228	0	0	0	252	179	121
Total 0-8	139	1847	285	477	53	40	440	252	179	121

Source: Sunderland Children's Information Service, March 2007
Note: Place data was inaccurate for one childminder and therefore was not included

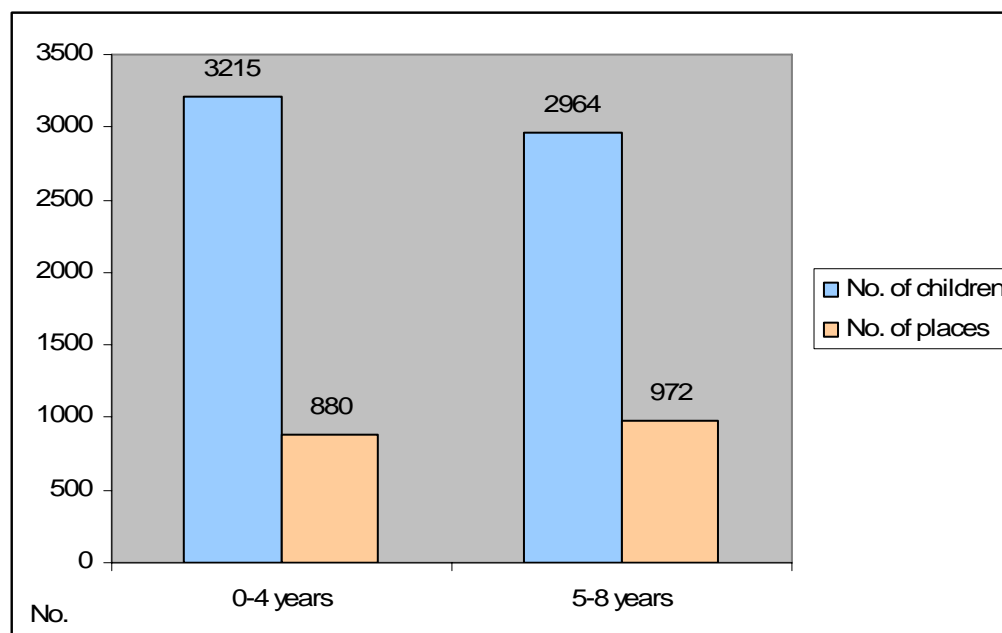
We are unaware of the exact numbers of unregistered places in Washington.

There are slightly more places available for older children than there are for 0-4 year olds.

Overall, day nurseries offer the greatest proportion of childcare places for 0-4 year olds within Washington. Holiday schemes provide the greatest number of places for those aged 5-8 years.

The penetration ratio of childcare places to number of children aged 0-8 years for Washington indicates that there are 30 childcare places per 100 children aged 0-8 within the cluster. This is slightly higher than the average for Sunderland which is 28 places per 100 children.

Figure 2.3 highlights that the number of childcare places for both age groups is particularly low in comparison to the number of children within this cluster.

Figure 2.3: Number of places compared to number of children within the cluster

Source: Population figures from ONS Census data 2001 provided by Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership and places data from Sunderland Children's Information Service (March 2007)

3. Nursery Places and the Free Entitlement

Figure 3.1. Numbers of children attending schools and private settings

Age	Average No. attending Schools (nursery / reception)	Average No. attending Private Nursery / setting	Average number of places accessed
3 yr olds	577	74.4	651.4
4 yr olds	595	26.73	621.73
Total (3 and 4 year olds)	1172	101.13	1273.13

Source: Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership

A high proportion of three and four year olds appear to be accessing nursery / reception places.

4. Special Educational Needs Provision

There are currently 2993 children within Washington who require special educational needs provision. This is approximately 13.64% of the total 0-19 population within the cluster.

Figure 4.1: Number and percent of pupils according to SEN status

SEN Status	Number of pupils in cluster	% of SEN pupils in cluster	Number of SEN pupils aged 0-19 in Sunderland	% of SEN pupils in Sunderland
School Action	1230	63.01%	5744	62.56%
School Action Plus	561	28.74%	2489	27.11%
Statemented	161	8.25%	949	10.34%
Total	1952	100%	9182	100%

Source: Sunderland Children's Information Service, March 2007

Almost two thirds of SEN pupils within Washington are on school action; 8.25% are statemented which is a lower proportion compared to the proportion in the whole of Sunderland.

There is one special school located within this cluster; Columbia Grange School offers provision for children with severe learning difficulties and/or autistic spectrum disorder⁵⁹.

⁵⁹ Information from <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk>

In addition to this five mainstream schools offer support for specific SEN within this cluster⁶⁰:

- Oxclose Village Primary School and Oxclose School offer provision for those with physical and medical difficulties;
- Usworth School offers Curriculum Access Provision and/or Hearing Impairment;
- Usworth Grange Primary School and Washington School offer Curriculum Access Provision.

5. Housing regeneration

The following table identifies proposed housing construction for Washington between 2004 and 2021:

Figure 5.1: Proposed housing construction by numbers of sites and dwellings

Time period	2004-11	2011-16	2016-21	TOTAL 2004 - 2021
Number of Sites	4	0	0	4
Number of Dwellings	202	0	0	202
<i>Source: Interim Strategy for Housing Land, Sunderland Development and Regeneration Team, February 2006</i>				

⁶⁰ Information from <http://www.sunderland.gov.uk>

6. Conclusion

Overall, Washington Cluster is one of the least deprived areas within Sunderland as it has the lowest proportions of SOAs falling within the 0-25% most deprived in the country; around two fifths of its SOAs fall within the 26-50% most deprived, and the remaining 26% into the highest 50% on the national Index of Multiple Deprivation (the highest proportion in comparison to other clusters).

In terms of leisure facilities, there appears to be a good supply of libraries, playgrounds and leisure centres within the cluster.

In comparison to other clusters, Washington has the second lowest proportion of working population claiming the Job Seekers Allowance, the lowest proportion of children eligible for free school meals and the third highest proportion of children with special educational needs.

There are more places available for 5-8 year olds than 0-4 year olds within the cluster despite there being more 0-4 year olds. The childcare penetration ratio indicates that there are 30 places available for every 100 children which is slightly higher than the Sunderland average.

There appears to be a good variety of different types of provision on offer, however there are no pre-school playgroups within Washington cluster.

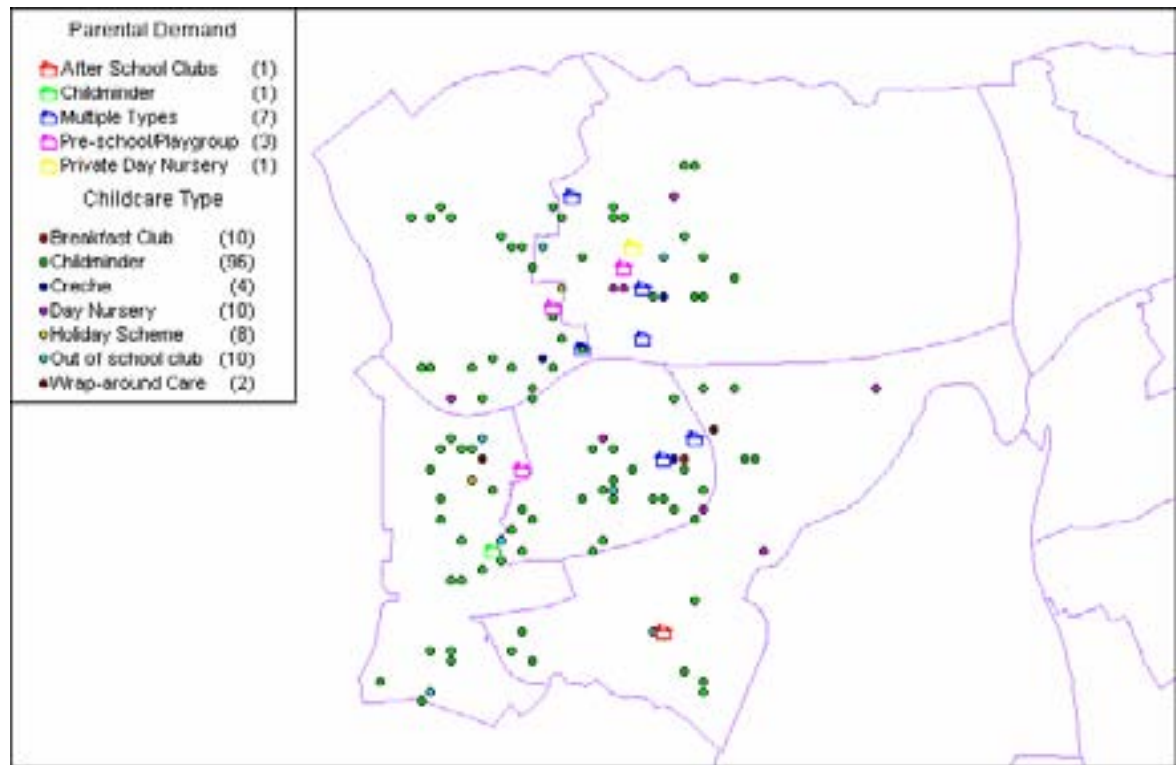
Day Nurseries and Childminders offer the greatest number of places for children within Washington. A high percentage of both three and four year olds appear to access provision with the assistance of the Free Entitlement.

There are proposals for the construction of 202 dwellings which is relatively small compared to the proposals in other areas of the city. Therefore this may have a slight impact upon childcare availability and provision in the future.

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