

# **CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY AUDIT REVIEW 2008**

## **Introduction**

Sunderland Early Years Strategic Partnership commissioned QA Research to carry out a Childcare Sufficiency Audit in 2007. This included a parental survey to assess demand for childcare in the City and an analysis of what childcare was available. This also included looking at information about families in the City e.g. free school meal entitlement, income levels etc.

Sunderland are required to do an annual review of the second part of this Audit to update information about the City and the types of childcare available. A parental survey is required every three years.

## **How we have divided up the City for analysis**

For the childcare audit the City has been divided up using the Children's Centre cluster areas. There are 5 areas. These cluster areas were developed to ensure that there were centres set up in each area to provide services for similar numbers of families. The basis of these clusters are Super Output Areas (SOA's)

Super Output Areas are a way of breaking down the City into smaller geographical areas using numbers of people, to make it easier to compare different areas of the City and different types of data.

There are 3 levels of SOA's:

Lower Layers cover an area where an average of 1500 people live.  
Middle Layer cover an area where an average of 7200 people live using groups of Lower Layer SOAs. Upper Layers have a minimum size of 25,000 people and contain groups of middle layer SOA's. There are 36 Upper Layer SOA's in Sunderland.<sup>1</sup>

Since the last childcare audit in 2007, the Children's Centre clusters have been reviewed in line with areas of regeneration in the City. These new areas have been used for this review. This needs to be taken into consideration when comparing data from last year to this.

Much of the data available nationally is from the 2001 Census, which breaks the data down into the Super Output Areas.

We therefore used this as the basis for analysis and much of the information available in this report can be broken down into lower layer Super Output Areas.

## Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

Within this review each area of the City is also ranked according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2007. The IMD combines a number of indicators, chosen to cover a range of economic, social and housing issues, into a single deprivation score for each Lower Super Output area in England. This allows each area to be ranked relative to one another according to their level of deprivation. The rankings are then used to categorise the Lower SOA's in the City as to whether it is the most deprived or least deprived. Percentages are used to show which SOA's are the most and least deprived, where 1% is the most deprived and 100% the least.

IMD 2004 was used for the review in 2007. Since then, this data has been updated and there has been some changes. The table below shows a summary for the City. There is more details within each cluster section of the report.<sup>2</sup>

Cluster	No of lower layer SOA's under 5% on the IMD*	No of lower layer SOA's between 5-10% on the IMD*	No of lower layer SOA's between 10-20% on the IMD*	No of lower layer SOA's between 20-30% on the IMD*	No of lower layer SOA's between 30-50% on the IMD*	No of lower layer SOA's between 50-100% on the IMD*
Coalfields	1	5	7	5	7	5
North	7	4	10	3	6	3
South & East	6	4	11	13	7	5
Washington	0	0	10	2	10	10
West	4	10	4	2	7	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>27</b>

\* When 1% is the most deprived and 100% the least deprived against all SOA's in the country

## Information about the types of families in Sunderland

### Number of children in Sunderland

In the report the majority of information broken down by age is from the 2001 Census.

### Information about families in receipt of benefits

Information is gathered by Job Centre Plus (JCP) about the types of benefits paid to people with and without children. The main benefit paid to people with children is child benefit. Workless benefits including Income Support and Incapacity Benefit are also paid to people with children. In this report we have included information about the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance in each area, as a rough guide to individuals who are unemployed, but available for work. Information about the number of children dependent on workless benefits is also included.

Comparing child benefit data from August 2006 and numbers of children dependent on workless benefits in April 2007, it shows that approximately 25.20% of children aged 0 to 15 years in Sunderland are dependent on workless benefits. This can be broken down to 28.29% of under 5 year olds, and 24.07% of 5 to 15 year olds.<sup>3</sup>

### **Average household income**

According to the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings 2007, the average weekly income in Sunderland is £335.30. This has risen from £312.60 in 2006 (up by £22.70). This is lower than the average weekly income in England, which was £381.20 in 2007. This had risen from £370.60 in 2006 (up by £10.60). Therefore Sunderland's average has risen more than in England as a whole.

The average annual income in Sunderland in 2007 was £17,371, risen from £16,255.20 in 2006 (up by £1,115.80). Again this is lower than the England average, which was £20,280. This had risen from £19,270.20 in 2006 (up by £1,008.80), so, again, Sunderland's average has risen more than across England as a whole.

For part-time workers in Sunderland, the average weekly income was £138 per week in 2007. This has gone down compared to the previous year, which was £142.80 in 2006. Across England, the average weekly income in 2007 was £144.50, higher than in Sunderland. However, in 2006 the weekly average across England was slightly less than Sunderland at £137.50.<sup>4</sup>

### **Ethnicity**

There are no annual updates of ethnicity in the City, therefore this data has not been updated since the audit in 2007. Data used within this audit is from the Census 2001.

### **Free School Meal entitlement**

Entitlement and take up of free school meals has been updated in this review from the school census of January 2008. See definition of eligibility at Appendix 1.

### **Looked after Children**

About 80% of looked after children within Sunderland are in foster care or placed for adoption, and about 14% are in children's homes. The remaining 6% are either placed with parents or living independently.<sup>5</sup> Numbers of children who are looked after attending schools in each of the clusters is included within each section of the report. This provides a general idea of the number of children in schools who may require childcare whilst placed in foster care. In addition, on average, 12 pre-school children a month who are

looked after, access childcare funded by the Local Authority as part of the support for children in need.<sup>6</sup>

*\*Performance and Information Team, Children's Services June 08*

*\*\*Extended Services, Children's Services June 08*

## **SEN**

It is very difficult to get an overall number of children and young people with Special Educational Needs or a disability, as children can be supported by a number of different statutory services. However, a report compiled in July 2007 identified that from Social Care and Education databases, there were 9,852 children and young people who met the criteria for Learners with a Learning Disability or Difficulty (see appendix 2 for definition), 9,235 were aged under 16 years old. This is approximately 16% of all under 16 year olds in Sunderland, which is higher than the UK average identified in the 2001 Census. In Sunderland, of the 9235 children aged under 16, 485 were aged 4 years and under, 3,865 were aged 5 to 9 years, and 4,885 were aged 10 to 15 years.<sup>7</sup>

Within the cluster information, the numbers of children attending schools in Sunderland, who have an identified Special Educational Need, have been included.

### **Free entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds**

Free entitlement is available for all 3 and 4 year olds in Sunderland. Children are entitled to 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year. Some nurseries are able to offer flexibility around the times and days that care is available, for example offering care over 3 days, rather than 5. Traditionally there has been a high take-up of the free entitlement in Sunderland. It is available in the maintained (Local Authority schools) and private sector (including private and voluntary day nurseries and independent schools).

The data used for this review in each cluster outlines the numbers of places available in the maintained sector and the number of children accessing the free entitlement in January 2008 in both the maintained and private sector. The number of places available in the private sector is difficult to specify, as providers are able to be flexible within their registered numbers with other age ranges depending on demand and staffing levels etc.

At this time of the year (January), it is likely that most places in the maintained sector are occupied. Take-up of places in the private sector has increased since the autumn term, but there is likely still to be places available for those children requiring a place in the summer term.

In January 2008 there were a total of 3491<sup>8</sup> places available in the maintained sector. A total of 3769 3 and 4 year olds accessed the free entitlement, 585<sup>9</sup> in the private sector and 3184<sup>10</sup> in the maintained sector.

## **Childcare**

For each cluster there is a summary of the numbers of childcare providers by type of childcare. Some providers offer more than one type of care. There is also a summary of the number of Ofsted registered childcare places available for under 5 year olds and over 5's. This breakdown is used to calculate the number of childcare places per 100 children in the cluster area. This is referred to as the childcare density rate (see below for explanation). Some secondary schools provide care for older children as part of their 'safe place to be' policy. This care is not required to be registered. Schools which provide this are included in each cluster.

### **Mapping of childcare provision**

Maps showing the available day care provision at March 2008 can be found for each cluster at Appendix 2. Due to Data Protection childminders have not been shown.

### **Counting childcare places**

The density rate provides the number of childcare places per 100 children. This gives a guide of how much childcare is available in the area compared to the number of children who might need it. It can be used to compare different areas of the City.

In the audit of 2007 a density rate was provided to show the number of childcare places per 100 children aged under 8 years. This was based on counting the Ofsted registered places for the setting, for example if a nursery provides day care and after school care, these places were counted twice.

For this year, a figure has also been calculated using population figures for children aged 0 to 11 years and the Ofsted places per setting have only been counted once. This has been calculated for children aged under and over 5 years. Most registered childcare provision for children aged over 5 years cater for children up to the end of primary school i.e. 11 years old, particularly childcare based in primary schools. As referred to above, secondary schools provide a 'safe place to be' for children aged 11 years and over. This can include childcare, as well as, provision of a wide range of study support activities around the school day. Therefore, the density rate does not include the 12 to 14 age group.

### **The cost of childcare**

Currently in Sunderland, the average cost of childcare for all age ranges is £2.60 per hour. Childcare settings charge fees in a variety of ways, for example, per hour, or per session, per day or per week. Some crèches in Sunderland do not charge a fee, as they are supporting parents who are attending training. The average costs of childcare by type of care are listed below:

Type of childcare	Cost Basis	Amount
Childminder	Per hour	£3.10
Childminder	Per week	£121
Breakfast club	Per session	£2.72
Crèche	Per session	Range from free to £8
Holiday Scheme	Per day	£17.25
Holiday Scheme	Per session	£9.10
After School	Per hour	£2.40
After School	Per session	£5.73
Day Nursery	Per day, 0 – 2 years	£29.84
Day Nursery	Per week, 0 – 2 years	£135.84
Day Nursery	Per day, 2 – 3 years	£26.69
Day Nursery	Per week, 2 – 3 years	£116.87
Day Nursery	Per day, 3 – 5 years*	£25.19
Day Nursery	Per week, 3 – 5 years*	£114.99

\*Some of these children will be eligible to the free entitlement, therefore these costs will be reduced.

Compared to the costs detailed in the audit last year, the average cost of childcare has reduced in some sectors, but increased in others. The average cost of a childminder was £136 per week last year, but is now £121. The average cost of a place in a day nursery for children over 2 years was £126 last year, but is £116 this year. Crèches remain the same. The average cost of a place at a day nursery for a child aged under 2 years has also remained the same at £136 a week. However, the cost of out of school provision has slightly risen. Last year it was £1.94 per session for a breakfast club on average, but is now £2.72, and the costs of an after school club was £35 for 15 hours, but is now £36.<sup>11</sup>

All Ofsted registered childcare allows eligible working parents to claim help towards the costs through Working Tax Credit and employer support and other help depending on the parents' circumstances (the Families Information Service can provide details of all help towards childcare costs).

### **Childcare vacancies**

Information about vacancies was requested from all registered childcare providers in Sunderland. This included numbers of places available within the setting broken down by age and the number of half or full day's vacant during 1 week (they could choose a week between 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008 and 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008).

From the information returned, a vacancy rate was calculated for each provider comparing registered/actual numbers and vacancies. This was broken down by age, where this information was given. A summary of this data is available for each cluster – this is divided into childcare providers and childminders.

Please note that not all childcare providers returned the information. The return rate was 75% of childminders, 67% of day nurseries, 42% of out of school clubs and 14% of crèches. For information about vacancies for children aged over 8 years, the information wasn't as comprehensive, as providers are not required to have registered numbers for this age group.<sup>12</sup> Therefore the number of places available were less easy to define and not as many providers gave information about this age group, as the others.

### **When childcare is available**

The usual opening hours of childcare is between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday. In each cluster there is detail of providers who offer care outside of these hours and days.

### **Gaps in provision**

To identify possible gaps in childcare provision, childcare linked to schools was looked at. Schools which did not provide their own childcare for all age groups, where not linked to other providers of childcare and had five or less childminders who picked up from the school were identified. These schools are listed in each cluster section.

### **Quality**

Ofsted inspects childcare providers on a 3 year cycle. The tables below summarise the inspection results for current childcare providers at May 2008 (please note, some childcare providers may not have a published inspection report if they have only recently registered). Childcare providers are given an overall inspection outcome, which can be one of 4 levels – Outstanding, Good, Satisfactory or Inadequate, whereby outstanding is the best outcome and inadequate is the worst. Some day care providers also provide the free entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds, so are also inspected on nursery education.

#### **Childminders**

<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Number of childminders</b>	<b>% of childminders</b>
Outstanding	6	2.9%
Good	96	47.1%
Satisfactory	97	47.5%
Inadequate	5	2.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Day Care

Outcomes	Number of providers	% of providers	Number of providers judged on Nursery Education	% of providers
Outstanding	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Good	32	59.3%	16	59.3%
Satisfactory	22	40.7%	11	40.7%
Inadequate	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

13

Day care includes day nurseries, out of school clubs, crèches and sessional childcare providers.

## Extended Services in and around schools

Most schools in Sunderland provide extended services to pupils attending the school and the local community, around the school day. These services include study support, community facilities, parenting support, swift and easy referral and childcare. In each section of the report the percentage of schools offering all of these services is included and the number of study support activities available in the area is listed.

## Other factors

### Housing developments

Potential demand for childcare in relation to new housing developments is provided by the regeneration department of Sunderland council. The larger developments of at least 10 dwellings or above which have been given full or outline planning permission in the last 2 years are included in each section. A national calculation is used which estimates that there are potentially 3 children for every 10 dwellings.

Information is included in each cluster about the potential number of children requiring childcare as a result of new housing developments.

It is likely that the children moving into new housing developments are moving from other areas of the City rather than from outside of the City, therefore would not affect the overall demand for childcare.

### Travel to Work Patterns

The Tyne and Wear Household Travel Survey 2006 found that a high percentage of Sunderland residents travel to destinations within Sunderland – 88.8%, rather than elsewhere in the region. This is the highest percentage of the regions surveyed. It also found that a high percentage of people travelling to work used private vehicles, either as drivers or passengers – 74.4%. Again

this was higher than any other region. The average distance of Sunderland residence travelling to work was 7.84km.<sup>14</sup>

In the 2001 Census it was found that travelling by car was the most popular form of transport to work, followed by bus, then on foot. It found that the Coalfields area had the highest percentage of residents driving to work (58.92%) and the West area had the lowest (47.97%). The West area had the highest percentage of residents travelling to work by bus (19.83%) and the Washington area had the lowest (12.52%). The South & East area had the highest percentage of residence travelling to work on foot (11.08%), and the Coalfields area had the lowest (8.19%).<sup>15</sup>

## Appendix I

### Summary tables

Cluster	% are in 30% IMD	% under 5's dependant on benefit	% over 5's dependant on benefit	% eligible for FSM	% SEN statement	Approx. number of looked after children	Number of Children's Centres	Number of extended schools	Childcare provision				Number of registered places		Density rates (per 100 children)*	
									Number of child-minders	Number of day nurseries	Number of out of school clubs	Number of holiday schemes	Under 5's	Over 5's	Under 5's	5 – 11 years
Coalfields	60	28	23	19	1.1	27	3	19	40	8	9	5	529	259	22.32	6.93
North	73	27	22	21	2.7	38	3	21	48	12	7	3	656	311	20.91	7.02
South and East	74	27	23	18	1.9	47	5	23	61	16	15	13	1043	593	27.83	8.54
Washington	38	23	27	15	2.2	43	3	16	85	10	13	8	700	555	22.58	10.45
West	65	29	24	24	5.2	62	3	17	37	10	6	4	623	206	23.74	4.84
<b>City-wide</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3556</b>	<b>1924</b>	<b>23.47 average</b>	<b>5.17 average</b>

\* Density rate definition: number of registered places per child population aged 0-11 years (where settings has a breakfast and out of school provision, the place has only been counted once).

Clusters	Possible gaps in provision *	Childcare vacancies % **											
		Under 2's			2 – 4 years			5 – 8 years			Over 8's		
		All	Child-care	Child-minders	All	Child-care	Child-minders	All	Child-care	Child-minders	All	Child-care	Child-minders
Coalfields	Easington Lane Primary, Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Primary	38	11	40	34	11	37	36	38	35	34	31	34
North	Dame Dorothy Primary, English Martyr's RC Primary, Hylton Castle Primary, Hylton Red House Primary	27	24	27	22	15	24	37	35	37	23	22	24
South and East	Hudson Road Primary, Grangetown Primary	34	20	38	27	28	26	15	20	15	11	5	12
Washington	Usworth Grange Primary, Springwell Village Primary	28	23	29	25	30	25	23	28	23	23	No data	23
West	Highfield Primary	35	26	38	29	30	28	25	52	23	29	No data	29
<b>City Wide</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>

### Vacancy Information

75% return rate for childminders

67% return rate for daycare

42% return rate for out of school clubs

\* Definition of gap: schools that do not provide childcare and are not linked to other childcare and with 5 childminders or less picking up from that school.

\*\*Definition of childcare vacancy: number of places available within a setting, by age and the number of half or full days vacant during a week.

## **Coalfields Cluster**

### **Location**

This area covers the old pit villages and surrounding areas to the south of Sunderland, including Houghton-le-Spring and Hetton-le-Hole. It includes the largest rural areas in Sunderland. There have been no boundary changes to this area since the review in 2007.

### **Children's Centres and Schools**

There are 3 Children's Centres in this area: Monument Children's Centre, based across 2 school sites; Houghton Children's Centre based at a nursery school; and Hetton Children's Centre based in a converted house.

There are 3 nursery schools, 15 primary schools and 2 secondary schools in this area.<sup>16</sup>

### **Indices of Multiple Deprivation**

The Coalfields area contains 30 lower level Super Output Areas. Of which, 18 fall into the lowest 30% on the IMD, whereby 1% is the most deprived and 100% is the least deprived area in the country (of these 1 area is under 5%). This is 60% of the area.

Two SOA's in the Houghton Children's Centre area have moved into the next highest category on the IMD from 2004 to 2007, and one SOA in the Monument Children's Centre area.<sup>17</sup>

### **Families in receipt of benefits**

In January 2008 there were 662 benefit claimants (Jobseekers Allowance) in this area.<sup>18</sup> This has decreased by 12% from the previous year.

Using latest figures (April 2007), there are 2245 children dependent on workless benefits, 750 of them under 5 years old and 1505 aged 5 to 15 years. This is 28% of all under 5's (using the 2001 census population data) and 23% of 5 to 15 year olds.<sup>19</sup>

### **Free school meals**

Within this cluster 19.56% of children in schools were eligible for free school meals in January 2008. A total of 14.02% took up a free school meal at this time.<sup>20</sup>

### **Looked after Children**

There are approximately 27 looked after children in schools within this cluster.<sup>21</sup>

## Special Educational Needs (SEN) Provision

Below is a summary of the numbers of children in schools within this area that are on the SEN Code of Practice, under School Action or School Action Plus or have a statement of Special Educational Needs (see definitions at Appendix 2).

Numbers on SEN Code of Practice	Percentage of children on roll	Numbers with SEN statement	Percentage of children on roll
1295	20.84	71	1.14

<sup>22</sup>

## Housing developments

There were 11 significant housing developments given full or outline planning permission in the last 2 years in this cluster. Details are outlined below:

Full Planning Permission	Outline Planning Permission
10	1

	Started development	Not started	Total
<b>Number</b>	6	5	11
<b>Apartments</b>	107	0	107
<b>Houses</b>	268	139	407
<b>Total</b>	375	139	514

**Possible number of children (3 children for every 10 dwellings)**

154

<sup>23</sup>

## Free entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds

A total of 578 3 & 4 year olds in this cluster accessed the free entitlement in January 2008. This included 538<sup>24</sup> places in local authority schools' nurseries and 40<sup>25</sup> in the private, voluntary and independent sector. There were 631<sup>26</sup> places available in the maintained sector.

## Childcare

Below is a summary of the numbers and types of childcare within this cluster. This information was collated in March 2008. Please note that many day care providers provide more than one type of care. The number of Ofsted registered places is also listed. A map of the area with the day care providers plotted is attached at Appendix 2.

## Numbers of childcare providers

Childcare providers	Childminders
17	40

## Breakdown of childcare providers by type

Childcare Type					
Day nursery	Sessional	Crèche	Breakfast Club	After school Club	Holiday Scheme
8	0	8	8	9	5

27

## Ofsted registered places by age range

Childcare places		
Under 5's	Over 5's	Total
529	259	788

28

## Changes since the 2007 Audit

Since the last audit there has been one provider of day care and out of school provision that has closed. However, there have been two new out of school clubs. There are 4 fewer childminders in this area since the last audit.

## Density rates

In the audit of 2007 this area had a density rate of 25 places per 100 children aged under 8 years. When using the same method, the density rate for 2008 is 30.88.

When using population figures for children aged 0 to 11 years and the Ofsted places per setting counted once, the density rate is 22.32 per 100 children aged under 5 years and 6.93 per 100 children aged 5 to 11 years.<sup>29</sup>

## Childcare Vacancies

The average percentage of vacant places in this cluster by age range are as follows:

Type	Under 2 years	2 to 4 years	5 to 8 years	Over 8 years
Childcare providers	11%	11%	38%	31%
Childminders	40%	37%	35%	34%
All	38%	34%	36%	34%

30

## Gaps in provision

The following schools were identified as having low levels of childcare available:

School	Childcare provision
Easington Lane Primary School	4 childminders linked
Our Lady Queen of Peace RC primary School	5 childminders Breakfast Club

<sup>31</sup>

## Flexibility of childcare

Within this area there are 4 childminders who offer evening care. This would be after 6.00 p.m. There are also 3 childminders who offer care at weekends.<sup>32</sup>

## Extended Services in and around schools

95% of schools in this area provide the full core offer of extended services in and around schools.

A total of 141 study support activities are available to children attending schools in this area (information available from 53% of schools).<sup>33</sup>

## Conclusion

- Second highest cluster – number of children 0-4 dependent on benefits (28.04%)
- Second highest number of significant housing developments given full or outline planning permission in last 2 years (11 developments, 514 dwellings, potentially 154 children)
- Density rates – second lowest density rate for children under 5 years (22.32 places per 100 children) and children aged over 5 (6.98 places per 100 children)
- Highest vacancy rates over all age groups (except 5 to 8 year olds – north cluster slightly higher). Significantly higher vacancy rate for childminders compared to day care for under 5's. Slightly higher vacancy rate for childminders in 5-8 year category (this could be due to low numbers of day care provision returning information)

## **North Cluster**

### **Location**

This area covers the north area of Sunderland, north of the river Wear, between the A19 to the west and the coast line to the east. There have been no boundary changes to this area since the review in 2007.

### **Children's Centres and Schools**

There are 3 Children's Centres in this area: Austin House Children's Centre, based in a purpose built building; Bunnyhill Children's Centre based in a Sunderland City Council Customer Services Centre; and St Peter's Children's Centre based in a school.

There is 1 nursery school, 15 primary schools, 1 infant school, 1 junior school, 2 special schools and 3 secondary schools in this area.<sup>34</sup>

### **Indices of Multiple Deprivation**

The North area contains 33 lower level Super Output Areas within the Children's Centre areas. Of which, 24 fall into the lowest 30% on the IMD, whereby 1% is the most deprived and 100% is the least deprived area in the country (of these 7 areas are under 5%). This is 73% of the area. In addition, there are 6 SOA's currently not in a Children's Centre area, all of which are in the least deprived percentile (50-100%).

Two SOA's in the Southwick Children's Centre area have moved into the next highest category on the IMD from 2004 to 2007 and three SOA's in the St Peter's Children's Centre area. However, one SOA in the Bunnyhill area has decreased (from 10-20% to 5-10%).<sup>35</sup>

### **Families in receipt of benefits**

In January 2008 there were 1278 benefit claimants (Jobseekers Allowance) in this area.<sup>36</sup> This has decreased by 7% from the previous year.

Using latest figures (April 2007), there are 2635 children dependent on workless benefits, 850 of them under 5 years old and 1795 aged 5 to 15 years. This is 27% of all under 5's (using the 2001 census population data) and 22% of 5 to 15 year olds.<sup>37</sup>

### **Free school meals**

Within this cluster 21.03% of children in schools were eligible for free school meals in January 2008. A total of 16.15% took up a free school meal at this time.<sup>38</sup>

## Looked after Children

There are approximately 38 looked after children in schools within this cluster.<sup>39</sup>

## Special Educational Needs (SEN) Provision

Below is a summary of the numbers of children in schools within this area that are on the SEN Code of Practice, under School Action or School Action Plus or have a statement of Special Educational Needs (see definitions at Appendix 2).

Numbers on SEN Code of Practice	Percentage of children on roll	Numbers with SEN statement	Percentage of children on roll
1684	21.46	216	2.75

There are 2 special schools within this cluster, Maplewood School for primary aged children with emotional and behavioural difficulties and Castlegreen Community School for secondary aged children with social, emotional, behavioural and complex needs. The majority of pupils in both schools have a statement of Special Educational Needs.<sup>40</sup>

## Housing developments

There were 10 significant housing developments given full or outline planning permission in the last 2 years in this cluster. Details are outlined below:

Full Planning Permission	Outline Planning Permission
10	0

	Started development	Not started	Total
Number	0	10	10
Appartments	0	127	127
Houses	0	284	284
Total	0	411	411

**Possible number of children (3 children for every 10 dwellings)**

123<sup>41</sup>

## Free entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds

A total of 758 3 & 4 year olds in this cluster accessed the free entitlement in January 2008. This included 649<sup>42</sup> places in local authority schools' nurseries and 109<sup>43</sup> in the private, voluntary and independent sector. There were 712 places available in the maintained sector.<sup>44</sup>

## Childcare

Below is a summary of the numbers and types of childcare within this cluster. This information was collated in March 2008. Please note that many day care providers provide more than one type of care. The number of Ofsted registered places is also listed. A map of the area with the day care providers plotted is attached at Appendix 2.

### Numbers of childcare providers

Childcare providers	Childminders
20	48

### Breakdown of childcare providers by type

Childcare Type					
Day nursery	Sessional	Crèche	Breakfast Club	After school Club	Holiday Scheme
12	0	3	7	7	3

45

### Ofsted registered places by age range

Childcare places		
Under 5's	Over 5's	Total
656	311	967

46

### Changes since the 2007 Audit

Since the last audit there have been two out of school clubs that have closed. There are 6 fewer childminders in this area since the last audit.

### Density rates

In the audit of 2007 this area had a density rate of 25 places per 100 children aged under 8 years. When using the same method, the density rate for 2008 is 26.58.

When using population figures for children aged 0 to 11 years and the Ofsted places per setting counted once, the density rate is 20.91 per 100 children aged under 5 years and 7.02 per 100 children aged 5 to 11 years.<sup>47</sup>

### Childcare Vacancies

The average percentage of vacant places in this cluster by age range are as follows:

Type	Under 2 years	2 to 4 years	5 to 8 years	Over 8 years
Childcare providers	24%	15%	35%	22%
Childminders	27%	24%	37%	24%
All	27%	22%	37%	23%

48

### Gaps in provision

The following schools were identified as having low levels of childcare available:

School	Childcare provision
Dame Dorothy Primary School	2 childminders Day care for under 5's only
English Martyr's RC Primary School	4 childminders (out of school provision closing July 2008)
Hylton Castle Primary School	4 childminders
Hylton Red House Primary School	4 childminders Breakfast Club Hylton Red House Nursery School

49

### Flexibility of childcare

Within this area there are 4 childminders who offer evening care. This would be after 6.00 p.m. There are also 5 childminders who offer care at weekends.<sup>50</sup>

### Extended Services in and around schools

91% of schools in this area provide the full core offer of extended services in and around schools.

A total of 408 study support activities are available to children attending schools in this area (information available from 100% of schools).<sup>51</sup>

### Conclusion

- Second highest proportion of SOA's in the lowest 30% on the IMD (73%)
- Lowest percentage of children 5-15's dependent on benefits (21.78%)
- Second highest percentage of eligible children for free school meals (21.03%)
- Second highest cluster – percentage of children with a Special Educational Need (note – 2 special schools in cluster)

- Density rates – lowest density rate for children under 5 years (20.91 places per 100 children), third lowest density rate for children aged over 5 (7.02 places per 100 children)
- Lowest vacancy rates for under 5's and highest vacancy rate for over 5's. Childminders have higher vacancy rates across all age groups (this could be due to low numbers of day care provision returning information).

## **South & East Cluster**

### **Location**

This area covers the south and east areas of Sunderland, south of the river Wear. This area includes the city centre and a large international business park.

Since the last audit, the boundaries of this cluster have been changed to be in line with the two regeneration areas – the South and the East areas. The area is therefore a wider geographical area, with a greater population. It therefore will be difficult to compare data with last year's audit.

### **Children's Centres and Schools**

There are 5 Children's Centres in this area: New Silksworth Children's Centre based at a school; Hendon Children's Centre, based across 2 schools; Ryhope Children's Centre based at a school, Millfield Children's Centre, based at a nursery school; and Grangetown Children's Centre based at a school.

There are 2 nursery schools, 13 primary schools, 4 infant schools, 4 junior schools, 1 special school and 4 secondary schools in this area.<sup>52</sup>

### **Indices of Multiple Deprivation**

The South & East area contains 46 lower level Super Output Areas. Of which, 34 fall into the lowest 30% on the IMD, whereby 1% is the most deprived and 100% is the least deprived area in the country (of these 6 areas are under 5%). This is 74% of the area. In addition, there are 2 SOA's currently not in a Children's Centre area, both of which are in the least deprived percentile (50-100%).

Two SOA's in the Hendon Children's Centre area have moved into the next highest category on the IMD from 2004 to 2007, 3 in the Ryhope Children's Centre area, 3 in the Silksworth Children's Centre area, and one in the Millfield Children's Centre area. However, one SOA in the Silksworth area and one in the Millfield area have decreased (20-30% to 10-20% and 5-10% to under 5% respectively).<sup>53</sup>

### **Families in receipt of benefits**

In January 2008 there were 1950 benefit claimants (Jobseekers Allowance) in this area.<sup>54</sup> As the population is larger in this area due to boundary changes, a comparison with the previous year is not available.

Using latest figures (April 2007), there are 3230 children dependent on workless benefits, 1005 of them under 5 years old and 2235 aged 5 to 15 years. This is 27% of all under 5's (using the 2001 census population data) and 23% of 5 to 15 year olds.<sup>55</sup>

## Free school meals

Within this cluster 17.92% of children in schools were eligible for free school meals in January 2008. A total of 13.59% took up a free school meal at this time.<sup>56</sup>

## Looked after Children

There are approximately 47 looked after children in schools within this cluster.<sup>57</sup>

## Special Educational Needs (SEN) Provision

Below is a summary of the numbers of children in schools within this area that are on the SEN Code of Practice, under School Action or School Action Plus or have a statement of Special Educational Needs (see definitions at Appendix 2).

Numbers on SEN Code of Practice	Percentage of children on roll	Numbers with SEN statement	Percentage of children on roll
1703	15.44	217	1.97

There is 1 special school within this cluster, Barbara Priestman School, for children aged 3 to 19 years with physical difficulties and additional complex needs. All pupils at the school have a statement of Special Educational Needs.<sup>58</sup>

## Housing developments

There were 19 significant housing developments given full or outline planning permission in the last 2 years in this cluster. Details are outlined below. This includes housing developments within the city centre, including the Vaux site.

Full Planning Permission	Outline Planning Permission
17	2

	Started development	Not started	Total
Number	3	16	19
Appartments	62	745	807
Houses	8	172	180
Total	70	917	987

### Possible number of children (3 children for every 10 dwellings)

296

<sup>59</sup>

## Free entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds

A total of 944<sup>60</sup> 3 & 4 year olds in this cluster accessed the free entitlement in January 2008. This included 763<sup>61</sup> places in local authority schools' nurseries and 181<sup>62</sup> in the private, voluntary and independent sector. There were 856 places available in the maintained sector.

## Childcare

Below is a summary of the numbers and types of childcare within this cluster. This information was collated in March 2008. Please note that many day care providers provide more than one type of care. The number of Ofsted registered places is also listed. A map of the area with the day care providers plotted is attached at Appendix 2.

### Numbers of childcare providers

Childcare providers	Childminders
26	61

### Breakdown of childcare providers by type

Childcare Type					
Day nursery	Sessional	Crèche	Breakfast Club	After school Club	Holiday Scheme
16	1	4	10	15	13

Also, 1 secondary schools in this cluster (The Venerable Bede C of E Secondary School) provide a 'safe place to be' for pupils attending their school.<sup>63</sup>

### Ofsted registered places by age range

Childcare places		
Under 5's	Over 5's	Total
1048	593	1641

<sup>64</sup>

### Changes since the 2007 Audit

Although it is difficult to make an accurate comparison, since the last audit there have been two privately run day nurseries that have closed. There are 3 more childminders in this area since the last audit.

### Density rates

In the audit of 2007 this area with the old boundaries, had a density rate of 31 places per 100 children aged under 8 years. When using the same method and the new boundaries, the density rate for 2008 is 37.30.

When using population figures for children aged 0 to 11 years and the Ofsted places per setting counted once, the density rate is 27.83 per 100 children aged under 5 years and 8.54 per 100 children aged 5 to 11 years.<sup>65</sup>

### Childcare Vacancies

The average percentage of vacant places in this cluster by age range are as follows:

Type	Under 2 years	2 to 4 years	5 to 8 years	Over 8 years
Childcare providers	20%	28%	20%	5%
Childminders	38%	26%	15%	12%
All	34%	27%	15%	11%

<sup>66</sup>

### Gaps in provision

The following schools were identified as having low levels of childcare available:

School	Childcare provision
Hudson Road Primary School	2 childminders Day care for under 5's only
Grangetown Primary School	5 childminders Day care for under 5's only

<sup>67</sup>

### Flexibility of childcare

Within this area there are 6 childminders who offer evening care. This would be after 6.00 p.m. There are also 3 childminders and 1 day nursery that offer care at weekends.<sup>68</sup>

### Extended Services in and around schools

77% of schools in this area provide the full core offer of extended services in and around schools.

A total of 439 study support activities are available to children attending schools in this area (information available from 93% of schools).<sup>69</sup>

## Conclusion

- Largest geographical area – most SOA's
- Highest percentage of SOA's in lowest 30% of IMD (74%)
- Second lowest cluster – number of children 5-15 dependent on benefits (22.5%)
- Second lowest percentage of children eligible for free school meals (17.92%)
- Highest number of significant housing developments given full or outline planning permission in last 2 years (19 developments, 987 dwellings, potentially 296 children) – note – largest geographical area and includes city centre
- Density rates – highest density rate for children under 5 years (27.83 places per 100 children) and second highest density rate for children aged over 5 (8.54 places per 100 children)
- Lowest vacancy rates for over 5's, and third highest for under 5's. Childminders had higher vacancy rate for under 2's, but for 2-4's and 5-8's vacancy rates were higher in other childcare ((this could be due to low numbers of day care provision returning information).

## **Washington Cluster**

### **Location**

This area covers the Washington district of Sunderland, north of the river Wear. Washington is made up of a number of old and new villages. There are also a number of industrial estates in Washington. There have been no boundary changes to this area since the review in 2007.

### **Children's Centres and Schools**

There are 3 Children's Centres in this area: North Washington Children's Centre, based in a purpose built building; Wessington Children's Centre based at a school; and South Washington Children's Centre based at a nursery school.

There are 2 nursery schools, 18 primary schools, 1 special school and 4 secondary schools in this area.<sup>70</sup>

### **Indices of Multiple Deprivation**

The Washington area contains 32 lower level Super Output Areas. Of which, 12 fall into the lowest 30% on the IMD, whereby 1% is the most deprived and 100% is the least deprived area in the country (none of these areas are under 10%). This is 38% of the area. In addition, there are 7 SOA's currently not in a Children's Centre area, 6 of which are in the least deprived percentile (50-100%) and one is in the 30-50% percentile.

Seven SOA's in the North Washington Children's Centre area have moved into the next highest category on the IMD from 2004 to 2007, 3 in the South Washington Children's Centre area and 3 in the Wessington Children's Centre area. Two SOA's out of Children's Centre areas have also increased.<sup>71</sup>

### **Families in receipt of benefits**

In January 2008 there were 900 benefit claimants (Jobseekers Allowance) in this area.<sup>72</sup> This has decreased by 22% from the previous year.

Using latest figures (April 2007), there are 2315 children dependent on workless benefits, 750 of them under 5 years old and 1575 aged 5 to 15 years. This is 23% of all under 5's (using the 2001 census population data) and 27% of 5 to 15 year olds.<sup>73</sup>

### **Free school meals**

Within this cluster 15.68% of children in schools were eligible for free school meals in January 2008. A total of 12.14% took up a free school meal at this time.<sup>74</sup>

## Looked after Children

There are approximately 43 looked after children in schools within this cluster.<sup>75</sup>

## Special Educational Needs (SEN) Provision

Below is a summary of the numbers of children in schools within this area that are on the SEN Code of Practice, under School Action or School Action Plus or have a statement of Special Educational Needs (see definitions at Appendix 2).

Numbers on SEN Code of Practice	Percentage of children on roll	Numbers with SEN statement	Percentage of children on roll
1773	18.01	217	2.20

There is 1 special school within this cluster, Columbia Grange School for nursery and primary aged children with severe learning difficulties and/or an autism spectrum disorder. The majority of pupils in the school have a statement of Special Educational Needs.<sup>76</sup>

## Housing developments

There were 9 significant housing developments given full or outline planning permission in the last 2 years in this cluster. Details are outlined below:

Full Planning Permission	Outline Planning Permission
7	2

	Started development	Not started	Total
Number	1	8	9
Appartments	3	82	85
Houses	53	138	191
Total	56	220	276

**Possible number of children (3 children for every 10 dwellings)**

83

<sup>77</sup>

## Free entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds

A total of 795 3 & 4 year olds in this cluster accessed the free entitlement in January 2008. This included 671<sup>78</sup> places in local authority schools' nurseries and 124<sup>79</sup> in the private, voluntary and independent sector. There were 717<sup>80</sup> places available in the maintained sector.

## Childcare

Below is a summary of the numbers and types of childcare within this cluster. This information was collated in March 2008. Please note that many day care providers provide more than one type of care. The number of Ofsted registered places is also listed. A map of the area with the day care providers plotted is attached at Appendix 2.

### Numbers of childcare providers

Childcare providers	Childminders
22	85

### Breakdown of childcare provider by type

Childcare Type					
Day nursery	Sessional	Crèche	Breakfast Club	After school Club	Holiday Scheme
10	0	3	12	13	8

81

### Ofsted registered places by age range

Childcare places		
Under 5's	Over 5's	Total
685	555	1240

82

### Changes since the 2007 Audit

Since the last audit there has been one crèche that has closed, but there are 2 new out of schools clubs. There are 10 fewer childminders in this area since the last audit.

### Density rates

In the audit of 2007 this area had a density rate of 30 places per 100 children aged under 8 years. When using the same method, the density rate for 2008 is 35.01.

When using population figures for children aged 0 to 11 years and the Ofsted places per setting counted once, the density rate is 22.58 per 100 children aged under 5 years and 10.45 per 100 children aged 5 to 11 years.<sup>83</sup>

### Childcare Vacancies

The average percentage of vacant places in this cluster by age range are as follows:

Type	Under 2 years	2 to 4 years	5 to 8 years	Over 8 years
Childcare providers	23%	30%	28%	No data
Childminders	29%	25%	23%	23%
All	28%	25%	23%	23%

84

### Gaps in provision

The following schools were identified as having low levels of childcare available:

School	Childcare provision
Usworth Grange Primary School	3 childminders
Springwell Village Primary School	4 childminders

85

### Flexibility of childcare

Within this area there are 3 childminders who offer evening care. This would be after 6.00 p.m. There are also 3 childminders who offer care at weekends.<sup>86</sup>

### Extended Services in and around schools

64% of schools in this area provide the full core offer of extended services in and around schools.

A total of 161 study support activities are available to children attending schools in this area (information available from 52% of schools).<sup>87</sup>

### Conclusion

- Lowest percentage of SOA's in lowest 30% of IMD (38%)
- Lowest cluster – number of children 0-4 dependent on benefits (23.33%), but highest percentage of children 5-15 dependent on benefits (26.50%)
- Lowest cluster percentage of children eligible for free school meals (15.68%)
- Lowest percentage of children with Special Educational Need (15.44%)
- Second lowest number of significant housing developments given full or outline planning permission in last 2 years (9 developments, 276 dwellings, potentially 83 children)
- Density rates – highest density rate for children aged over 5 (10.45 places per 100 children)
- Second lowest vacancy rates of under 5's and over 5's. Childminders had a higher vacancy rate for under 2's, but other childcare had more

vacancies for 2-4's and 5-8's ((this could be due to low numbers of day care provision returning information).

## **West Cluster**

### **Location**

This area covers the west area of Sunderland, south of the river Wear. The boundaries of this cluster have changed since the last audit, to be in line with the regeneration areas in the city. It therefore will be difficult to compare data with last year's audit.

### **Children's Centres and Schools**

There are 3 Children's Centres in this area: Thorney Close Children's Centre based in a community building; Highfield Children's Centre based at a school; and Pennywell Children's Centre based at a nursery school.

There is 1 nursery school, 8 primary schools, 2 infant schools, 2 junior schools, 3 special schools and 4 secondary schools in this area.<sup>88</sup>

### **Indices of Multiple Deprivation**

The West area contains 31 lower level Super Output Areas. Of which, 20 fall into the lowest 30% on the IMD, whereby 1% is the most deprived and 100% is the least deprived area in the country (of these 4 areas are under 5%). This is 65% of the area. In addition, there is 1 SOA that is currently not in a Children's Centre area, which is in the least deprived percentile (50-100%).

Three SOA's in the Highfield Children's Centre area have moved into the next highest category on the IMD from 2004 to 2007, six in the Thorney Close Children's Centre area and four in the Pennywell Children's Centre area.<sup>89</sup>

### **Families in receipt of benefits**

In January 2008 there were 1206 benefit claimants (Jobseekers Allowance) in this area.<sup>90</sup> As the population differs in this area due to boundary changes, a comparison with the previous year is not available.

Using latest figures (April 2007), there are 2575 children dependent on workless benefits, 765 of them under 5 years old and 1800 aged 5 to 15 years. This is 29% of all under 5's (using the 2001 census population data) and 24% of 5 to 15 year olds.<sup>91</sup>

### **Free school meals**

Within this cluster 23.94% of children in schools were eligible for free school meals in January 2008. A total of 19.70% took up a free school meal at this time.<sup>92</sup>

## Looked after Children

There are approximately 62 looked after children in schools within this cluster.<sup>93</sup>

## Special Educational Needs (SEN) Provision

Below is a summary of the numbers of children in schools within this area that are on the SEN Code of Practice, under School Action or School Action Plus or have a statement of Special Educational Needs (see definitions at Appendix 2).

Numbers on SEN Code of Practice	Percentage of children on roll	Numbers with SEN statement	Percentage of children on roll
1962	25.49	397	5.16

There are 3 special schools within this cluster, Springwell Dene School for secondary age children with emotional and behavioural difficulties; Sunningdale School for primary age children with profound, multiple and complex learning difficulties; and Portland School for secondary age children with severe learning difficulties. All pupils at these schools have a statement of Special Educational Needs.<sup>94</sup>

## Housing developments

There were 3 significant housing developments given full or outline planning permission in the last 2 years in this cluster. Details are outlined below:

Full Planning Permission	Outline Planning Permission
3	0

	Started development	Not started	Total
Number	1	2	3
Appartments	0	59	59
Houses	108	10	118
Total	108	69	177

Possible number of children (3 children for every 10 dwellings)

53

<sup>95</sup>

## Free entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds

A total of 694 3 & 4 year olds in this cluster accessed the free entitlement in January 2008. This included 563<sup>96</sup> places in local authority schools' nurseries

and 131<sup>97</sup> in the private, voluntary and independent sector. There were 575<sup>98</sup> places available in the maintained sector.

## Childcare

Below is a summary of the numbers and types of childcare within this cluster. This information was collated in March 2008. Please note that many day care providers provide more than one type of care. The number of Ofsted registered places is also listed. A map of the area with the day care providers plotted is attached at Appendix 2.

### Numbers of childcare providers

Childcare providers	Childminders
13	37

### Breakdown of childcare providers by type

Childcare Type					
Day nursery	Sessional	Crèche	Breakfast Club	After school Club	Holiday Scheme
10	0	0	5	6	4

Also, 1 secondary schools in this cluster (St Anthony's Catholic Girls' School) provides a 'safe place to be' for pupils attending the school.<sup>99</sup>

### Ofsted registered places by age range

Childcare places		
Under 5's	Over 5's	Total
623	206	829

<sup>100</sup>

### Changes since the 2007 Audit

Although it is difficult to make an accurate comparison, since the last audit one crèche has closed and one new out of school club has opened. There are 6 fewer childminders in this area since the last audit.

### Density rates

In the audit of 2007 this area with the old boundaries, had a density rate of 25 places per 100 children aged under 8 years. When using the same method and the new boundaries, the density rate for 2008 is 26.82.

When using population figures for children aged 0 to 11 years and the Ofsted places per setting counted once, the density rate is 23.74 per 100 children aged under 5 years and 4.84 per 100 children aged 5 to 11 years.<sup>101</sup>

## Childcare Vacancies

The average percentage of vacant places in this cluster by age range are as follows:

Type	Under 2 years	2 to 4 years	5 to 8 years	Over 8 years
Childcare providers	26%	30%	52%	No data
Childminders	38%	28%	23%	29%
All	35%	29%	25%	29%

<sup>102</sup>

## Gaps in provision

The following schools were identified as having low levels of childcare available:

School	Childcare provision
Highfield Primary School	2 childminders Day care for under 5's only

<sup>103</sup>

## Flexibility of childcare

Within this area there are 4 childminders who offer evening care. This would be after 6.00 p.m. There are also 3 childminders and 1 day nursery that offer care at weekends.<sup>104</sup>

## Extended Services in and around schools

94% of schools in this area provide the full core offer of extended services in and around schools.

A total of 288 study support activities are available to children attending schools in this area (information available from 94% of schools).<sup>105</sup>

## Conclusion

- Highest cluster – number of children 0-4 dependent on benefits (28.53%)
- Highest percentage of children eligible for free school meals (23.94%)
- Highest percentage of children with a Special Educational Need (25.49%) – note – 3 special schools in this cluster
- Lowest number of significant housing developments given full or outline planning permission in last 2 years (3 developments, 177 dwellings, potentially 53 children)

- Density rates – second highest density rate for children under 5 years (23.74 places per 100 children) and lowest density rate for children aged over 5 (4.84 places per 100 children)
- Second highest vacancy rates for under 5's, third highest for over 5's. Childminders had more vacancies for under 2's, but other childcare had more vacancies for 2-4's and 5-8's ((this could be due to low numbers of day care provision returning information)

## **Conclusion**

The Childcare Sufficiency Review, 2008 has enabled the Local Authority to identify priorities with regard to managing the childcare market. The 2008 review shows that poverty in Sunderland is reducing; however there remains a high level of disadvantage. Figures show 28% of the city's children below the age of 5 years and 24% of children aged over 5 years are living in household's dependant on benefits. The accessibility of affordable childcare for those living in poverty will need to form part of the Childcare Sufficiency Strategy.

## **Childminders**

There are 271 childminders in the city, 26 less than 2007. They have vacancy rates of 28% on average across the age range. There are some areas where there are gaps in childminder provision, 11 schools with 5 childminders or less picking up children. Some childminders are continuing to receive an inadequate judgement from Ofsted due to the expiry of current first aid certificates and their not being renewed.

## **Daycare**

There are 56 daycare providers, 3 less than 2007. They have vacancy rates of 26% on average across the age range from birth – 8 years. The largest number of vacancies in the childcare market is linked to childcare provision for babies and toddlers under two. This may be due to current legislation linked to extended maternity leave and flexible working patterns for families with young children. This has reportedly had an impact on the reduction of the requirement for childcare for children of this age.

## **Out of School**

There are 50 Out of School Clubs, 33 of which provided Holiday Childcare Schemes, 3 less than 2007. The Out of School provision has vacancy rates of 26% on average for children aged over 5 years. There are two areas of the city where settings have closed, however there has been no unmet demand in either of these areas identified by the Families Information Service.

## **Appendix 1**

### **Free School Meals**

A child is eligible for free school meals if they meet one of the following criteria:

A parent or legal guardian is:

- in receipt of Income Support
- in receipt of Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- supported under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- in receipt of Child Tax Credit, providing they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income not exceeding £15,575 (according to HMRC)
- in receipt of the guarantee element of State Pension Credit

The child is in receipt of either Income Support or Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right.

## **Appendix 2**

### **SEN and disabilities**

#### **Learners with a Learning Disability or Difficulty (LLDD)**

A child or young person was identified as being Learners with a Learning Disability or Difficulty in the Children's Services Disability Analysis 2007 if they met one or more of the following criteria in:

- Were currently open to a Social Care team which deals specifically with a disability of some kind, i.e., Services for Disabled Children, Occupational Therapy, Wheelchair Services or the Sensory Impairment Team
- Were registered on the Sunderland Network for Disabled Children
- Had a health feature on Swift (Social Care database) which relates to disability
- Had a child in need code on Swift which relates to disability
- Had a current Statement of Special Educational Need
- Were currently receiving School Action or School Action Plus intervention

#### **Special Educational Needs (SEN)**

A child has Special Educational Needs when they find it more difficult to learn than most children their age or has a disability that makes it hard for the child to use the normal educational facilities.

A child could have difficulties in one or more of the following areas:

- Communication or interaction
- Cognition and learning
- Behaviour, emotional and social development
- Sensory and/or physical needs
- Medical condition which impacts of the child's learning

There are three stages of support within the SEN Code of Practice:

##### **School Action**

A SEN Co-ordinator at the nursery or school, with parents and other colleagues will assess a child's difficulties and decide what extra support could be given. This is written into an Individual Education Plan (IEP), which is reviewed at least twice a year. If it is felt that the child is not making good progress, they can be moved onto School Action Plus

##### **School Action Plus**

At this stage the nursery or school can ask for help from external support services e.g. Educational Psychologist, to give extra support and guidance. If,

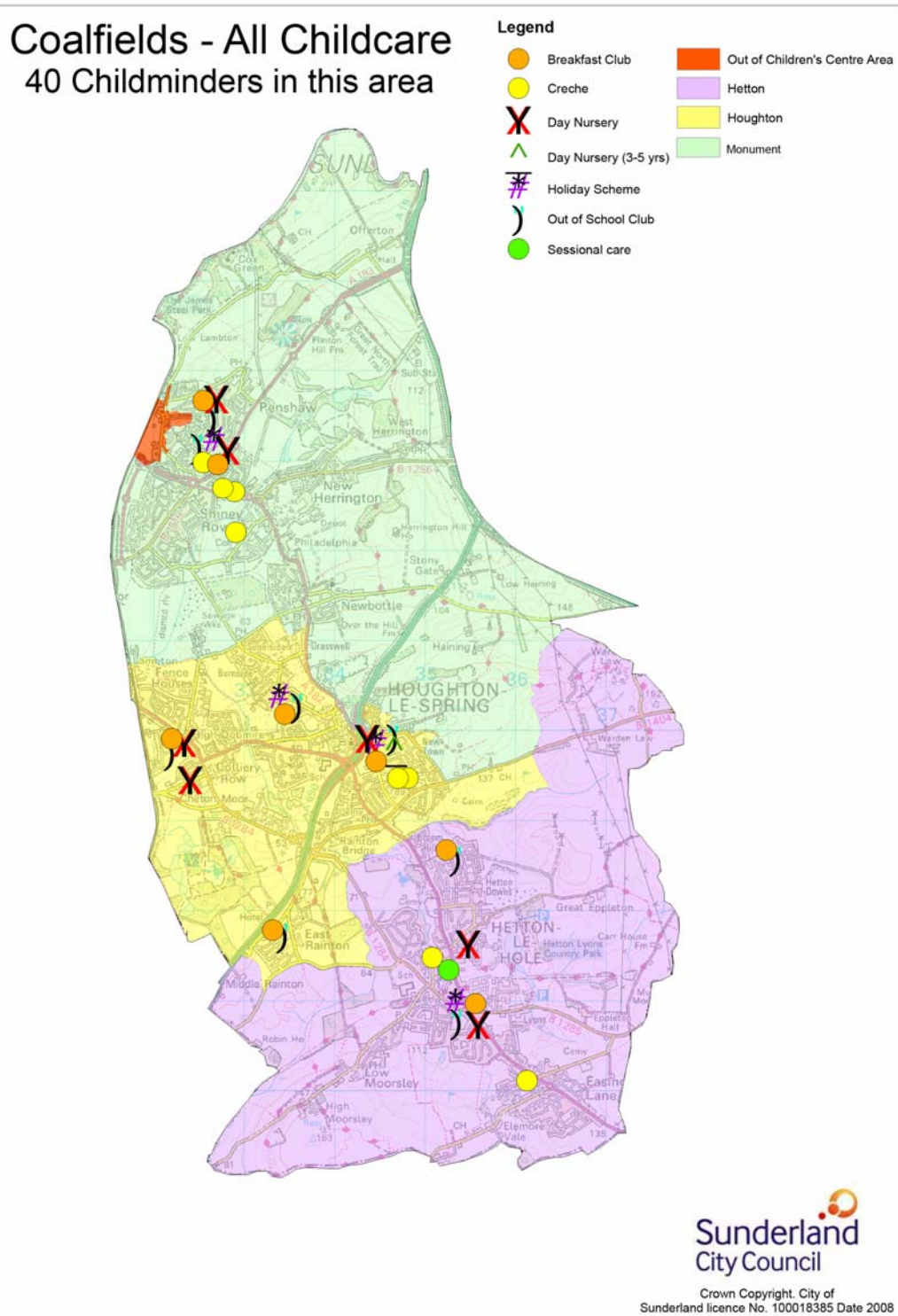
again, it is felt that the child is not making enough progress, it can be decided to ask the Local Authority for a formal Statutory Assessment.

### **Statement of Special Educational Need**

An assessment is made, which is a very detailed examination of what the child's difficulties are and what support the child needs. The Local Authority will then decide whether to issue a Statement of Special Educational Needs or not. The Statement is a legal document which includes all of the difficulties the child has and what provision should be made to meet the needs of the child.

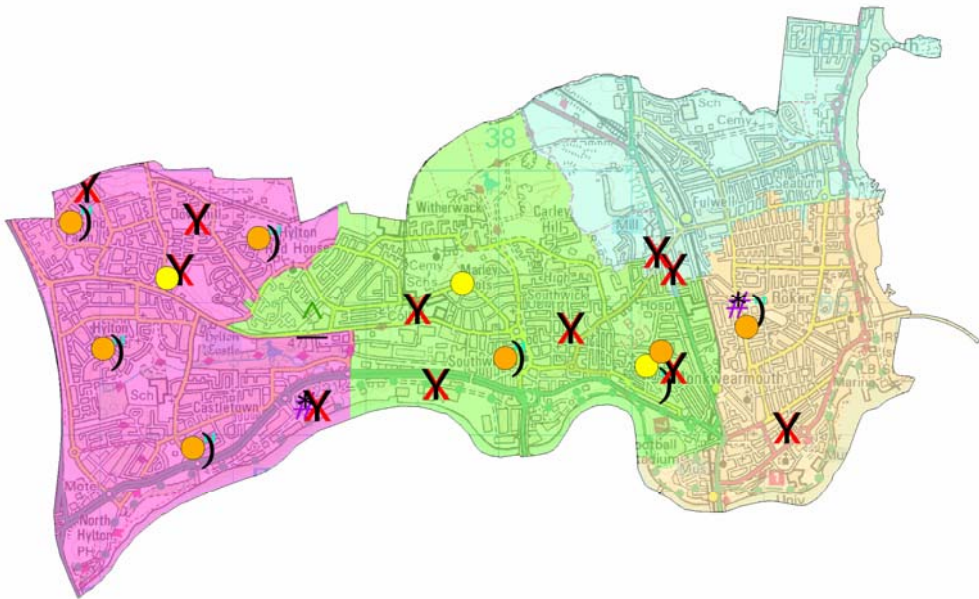
Source: Children's Services Disability Analysis July 2007  
Sunderland Local Authority SEN Guidance for parents

## Appendix 2



# Sunderland North - All Childcare

48 Childminders in this area



**Legend**

<b>Type</b>		
●	Breakfast Club	■ Austin House
●	Creche	■ Out of Children's Centre Area
X	Day Nursery	■ St Peter's
△	Day Nursery (3-5yrs)	■ Bunny Hill
#	Holiday scheme	
)	Out of School Club	

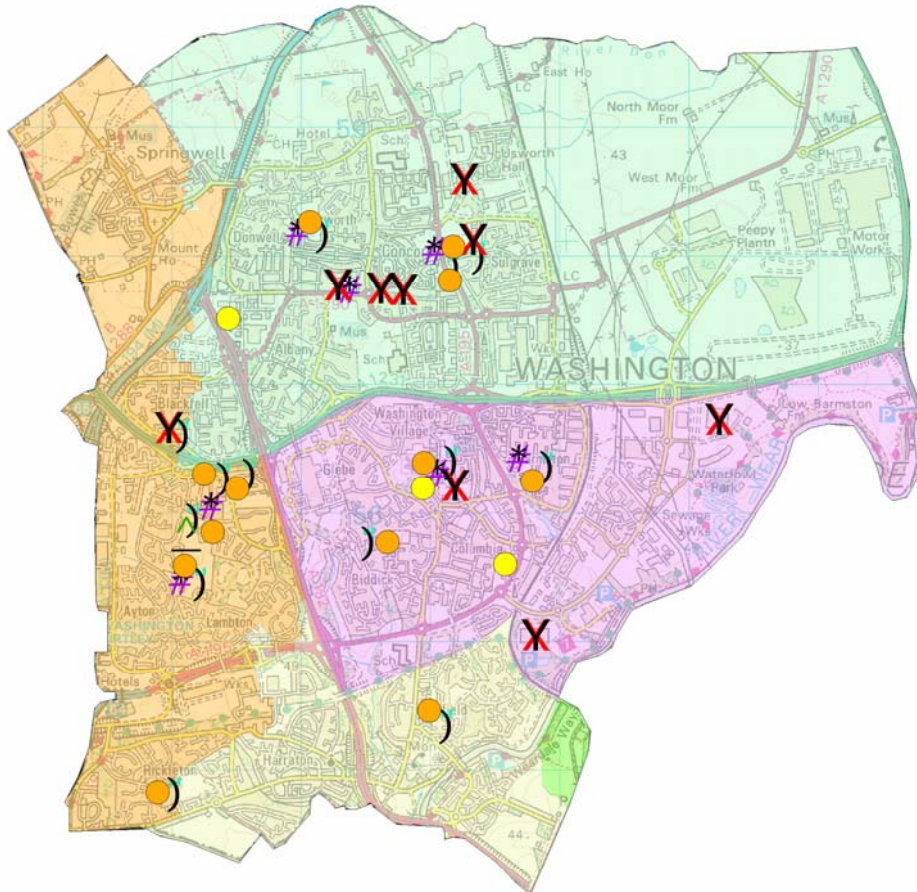


Crown Copyright. City of Sunderland licence No. 100016385 Date 2008



# Washington - All Childcare

85 Childminders in this area



### Legend

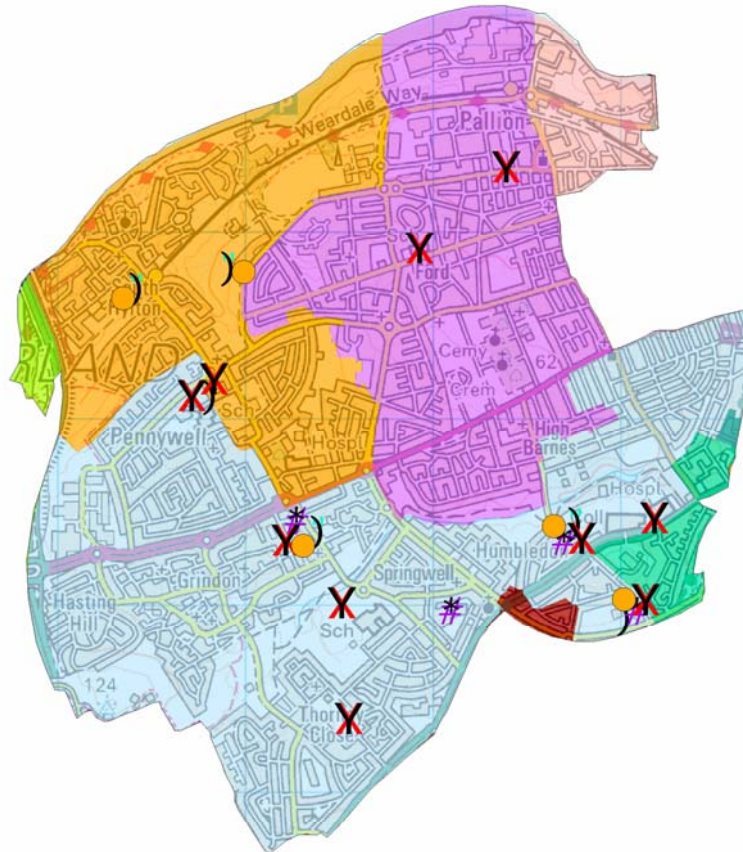
- |   |                       |   |                               |
|---|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------|
|  | Breakfast Club        |  | Monument                      |
|  | Creche                |  | South Washington              |
|  | Day Nursery           |  | Central Washington            |
|  | Day Nursery (3-5 yrs) |  | North Washington              |
|  | Holiday Scheme        |  | Out of Children's Centre Area |
|  | Out of School Club    |   |                               |

  
**Sunderland**  
 City Council

Crown Copyright. City of  
 Sunderland licence No. 100016385 Date 2008

# Sunderland West - All Childcare

37 Childminders in this area



**Legend**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color: #00FF00; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Grangetown                    | <span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color: #FFD700; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%;"></span> Breakfast Club |
| <span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color: #FFB6C1; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Millfield                     | <span style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">X</span> Day Nursery  |
| <span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color: #DC143C; border: 1px solid black;"></span> New Silksworth                | <span style="font-size: 1.5em; color: purple;">✱</span> Holiday Scheme  |
| <span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color: #ADFF2F; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Monument                      | <span style="font-size: 1.5em;">)</span> Out of School Club   |
| <span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color: #DDA0DD; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Highfield                     |   |
| <span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color: #ADD8E6; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Thorney Close                 |   |
| <span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color: #FF00FF; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Out of Children's Centre Area |   |
| <span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color: #FFA500; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Pennywell & South Hylton      |   |

**Sunderland City Council**

Crown Copyright. City of Sunderland licence No. 100018385 Date 2008

**Childcare Sufficiency Audit Review 2008**

**Footnotes**

Page 1

1. Office of National Statistics

Page 2

2. Corporate Policy Team, Chief Executives, Sunderland City Council

Page 3

3. DWP Information Directorate, via Job Centre Plus
4. Office of National Statistics website, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008
5. Performance and Information Team, Children's Services June 08
6. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08

Page 4

7. Children's Services Disability Analysis July 2007
8. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
9. Early Years Census January 2008, Extended Services, Children's Services
10. School Census January 2008

Page 6

11. Families Information Services June 08
12. Performance Management Team, Extended Services, Children's Services June 08

Page 8

13. Families Information Service, via Ofsted June 08
14. Tyne and Wear Household Survey 2006

Page 9

15. 2001 Census, Office of National Statistics

Page 12

16. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
17. Corporate Policy Team, Chief Executives, Sunderland City Council
18. Office of National Statistics website March 08
19. DWP Information Directorate, via Job Centre Plus
20. School Census January 2008
21. Attendance Team, Extended services, Children's Services May 08

Page 13

22. School Census January 2008
23. Building Schools for the Future Team, Children's Services May 08
24. School Census January 2008
25. Early Years Census January 2008, Extended Services, Children's Services

- 
26. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
- Page 14
27. Families Information Service March 08
28. Families Information Services March 08
29. Families Information Service May 08
30. Performance Management Team, Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
- Page 15
31. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
32. Families Information Services June 08
33. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
- Page 16
34. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
35. Corporate Policy Team, Chief Executives, Sunderland City Council
36. Office of National Statistics website March 08
37. DWP Information Directorate, via Job Centre Plus
38. School Census January 2008
- Page 17
39. Attendance Team, Extended services, Children's Services May 08
40. School Census January 2008
41. Building Schools for the Future Team, Children's Services May 08
42. School Census January 2008
43. Early Years Census January 2008, Extended Services, Children's Services
44. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
- Page 18
45. Families Information Service March 08
46. Families Information Services March 08
47. Families Information Service May 08
- Page 19
48. Performance Management Team, Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
49. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
50. Families Information Services June 08
51. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
- Page 20
52. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
53. Corporate Policy Team, Chief Executives, Sunderland City Council
54. Office of National Statistics website March 08
55. DWP Information Directorate, via Job Centre Plus
- Page 21
56. School Census January 2008
57. Attendance Team, Extended services, Children's Services May 08

- 
58. School Census January 2008
  59. Building Schools for the Future Team, Children's Services May 08

Page 22

60. School Census January 2008
61. Early Years Census January 2008, Extended Services, Children's Services
62. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
63. Families Information Service March 08
64. Families Information Services March 08

Page 23

65. Families Information Service May 08
66. Performance Management Team, Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
67. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
68. Families Information Services June 08
69. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08

Page 25

70. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
71. Corporate Policy Team, Chief Executives, Sunderland City Council
72. Office of National Statistics website March 08
73. DWP Information Directorate, via Job Centre Plus
74. School Census January 2008

Page 26

75. Attendance Team, Extended services, Children's Services May 08
76. School Census January 2008
77. Building Schools for the Future Team, Children's Services May 08
78. School Census January 2008
79. Early Years Census January 2008, Extended Services, Children's Services
80. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08

Page 27

81. Families Information Service March 08
82. Families Information Services March 08
83. Families Information Service May 08

Page 28

84. Performance Management Team, Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
85. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
86. Families Information Services June 08
87. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08

Page 29

88. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
89. Corporate Policy Team, Chief Executives, Sunderland City Council
90. Office of National Statistics website March 08

- 
91. DWP Information Directorate, via Job Centre Plus
  92. School Census January 2008
  93. Attendance Team, Extended services, Children's Services May 08

Page 30

94. School Census January 2008
95. Building Schools for the Future Team, Children's Services May 08
96. School Census January 2008
97. Early Years Census January 2008, Extended Services, Children's Services
98. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08

Page 31

99. Families Information Service March 08
100. Families Information Services March 08
101. Families Information Service May 08

Page 32

102. Performance Management Team, Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
103. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08
104. Families Information Services June 08
105. Extended Services, Children's Services June 08

---

---