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Childcare Sufficiency Review Summary 2018 Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole (BCP)

About Childcare Sufficiency Assessments

Local Authorities are required by law to 'report annually to Elected council members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare places for children from birth to aged 14 and up to 18 for those with disability and make this report available and accessible to parents'.

Overall Sufficiency

- **Poole** childcare providers have accommodated all age groups successfully, with little issues raised by parents unable to find childcare in their preferred area. Currently there are sufficient childcare places for funded 2, 3 and 4 year olds in Poole.
- The **Bournemouth** assessment found there is currently sufficient childcare to meet the duty to secure prescribed early years provision free of charge, however, provision may not always be in the areas or at the times of day or weeks of year, parents require it.

Population 0-14

The annual birth rate has been generally stable. The latest Mid Year estimates 2017 show the number of 0-4 year olds in BCP has fallen by nearly 700 in the past year. However, the number of 5-14 year olds has increased by 1450.

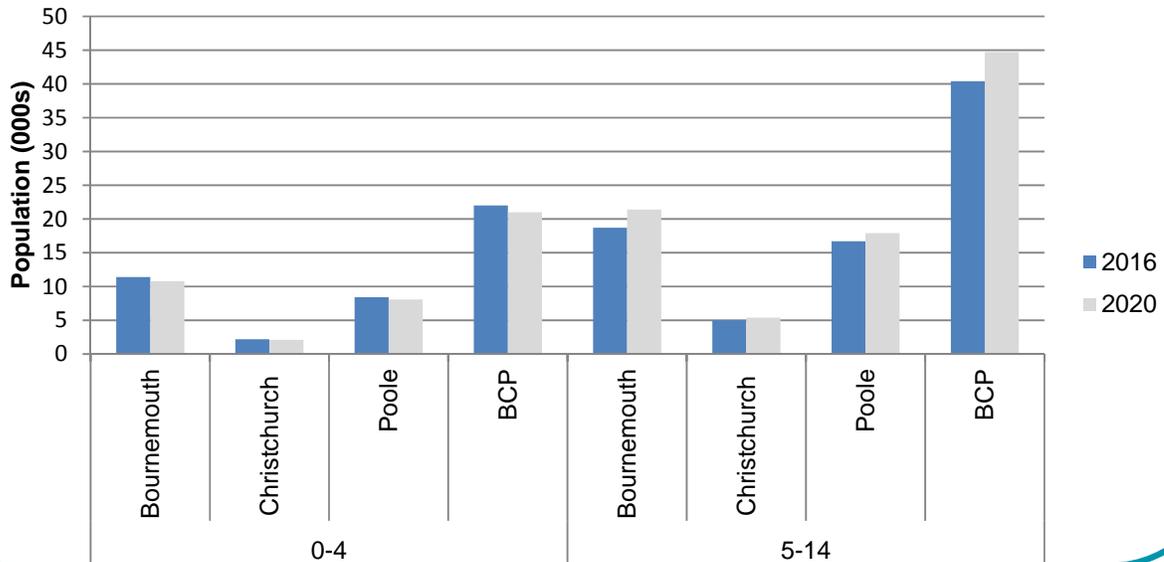
	0-4				5-14			
	Bournemouth	Christchurch	Poole	BCP	Bournemouth	Christchurch	Poole	BCP
2016	11433	2160	8436	22029	18883	5062	16717	40662
2017	11167	2010	8157	21334	19762	5186	17164	42112

Mid-Year Estimates 2017

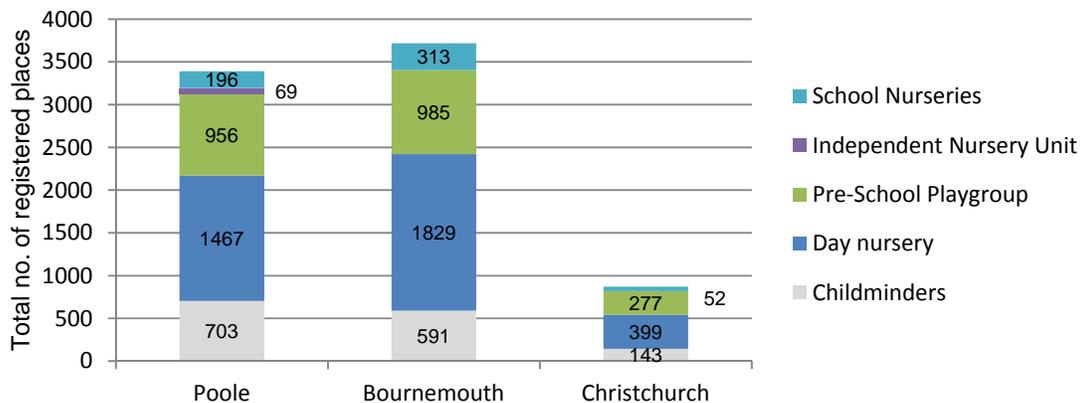
Population Projections

- The 2016 based population projections suggest lower growth than previous projections. The Early Years population projections (0-4) for **Poole** are projected to show little change in the next 5 years. The 5-14 age group are projected to show an increase.
- Population projections for **Bournemouth** show a declining 0-4 year old child population over the next few years, with faster growth in the older age range child population than Poole.
- The 0-4 and 5-14 age group in **Christchurch** is projected to stay stable.
- **Overall, the 0-4 year age group in BCP is projected to fall. This may have an impact on the number of pre school, day nursery and childminder places which are sustainable. The number of children aged 5-14 are projected to increase which will impact on out of school provision.**

Population Projections



Childcare Provision



Note: Childminder places may be under estimated

The total number of registered childcare places in BCP is 7980. 46% (3695) are in Day Nursery settings, 28% (2218) are in Pre School settings and 18% (1437) are at Childminders. There are 69 Independent Nursery setting places and 561 at School Nurseries.

- The total number of registered childcare places in **Poole** is 3391. 43% of these places are at Day Nursery settings. The overall places in **Poole** has stayed static, however Day Nursery places have increased by 9% in the last 12 months.
- Registered childcare places in **Bournemouth** total 3718, nearly half of which are Day Nursery places but only 16% at childminders.
- There are currently 871 registered places in **Christchurch**.
 - Childcare is most commonly delivered during the typical working day 8am-6pm. There is little provision open before 7am and most settings close between 6pm and 7pm. Settings in Bournemouth open for longer hours than in Poole. Many childminders are registered to be open for longer hours.
 - Nearly half of all group settings in Bournemouth are open all year around, compared to 41% in Poole.

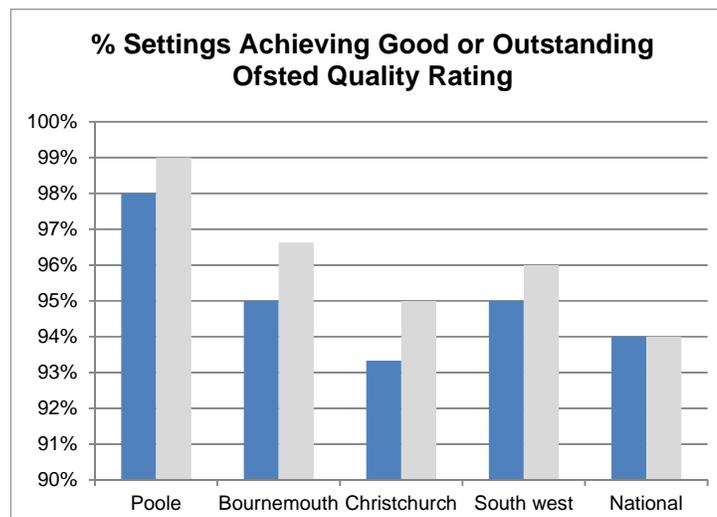
Out of School Provision

Many parents use informal childcare arrangements to support their working patterns; however, there are a number of providers, including schools across BCP who offer a variety of childcare services and activities outside of normal school hours.

- In Poole there are 82 registered settings providing out of school childcare through breakfast, afterschool and holiday playschemes. In addition, 83 childminders, 10 nurseries and 10 pre school providers provide breakfast and afterschool clubs. Schools will also run their own after school activities which parents also use to extend the school day.
- In Bournemouth there are an estimated 2807 Ofsted registered places for school-aged children (5+), with 47% being offered in breakfast club settings.
- Childminders will continue to play an important role for older children in the area.

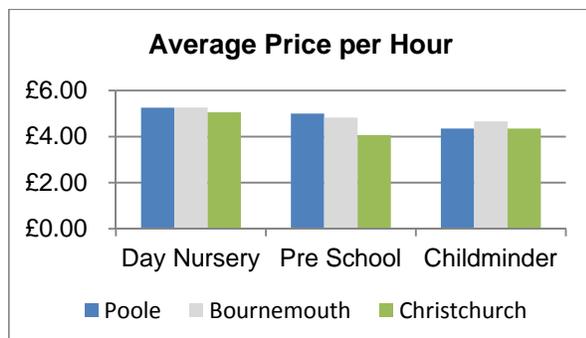
Quality of Provision

- 98% of private, voluntary and independent settings and 99% of childminders in **Poole** have a quality rating of “good” or “outstanding”.
- 100% of inspected providers in **Poole** were “good” or “outstanding” during winter 2017/18.
- 95% of preschool and day nursery settings and 96.5% of childminders in **Bournemouth** have a “good” or “outstanding” rating.
- In **Christchurch** 93% of pre school and day nursery settings and 95% of childminders have a quality rating of “good or “outstanding”



Latest quality figures show in BCP 97% of childminders and 96% of pre school and day nursery settings have a quality rating of “good” or “outstanding”. These figures are above the National average.

Fees Charged



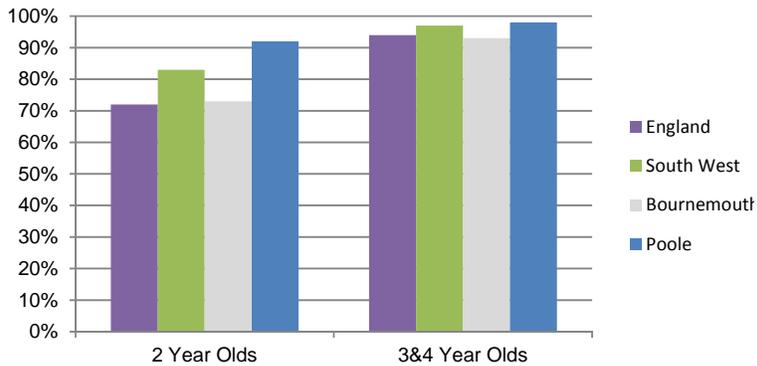
- The average price per hour at a day nursery in **Poole** is £5.25, pre school £5.00 and childminder £4.35.
- The average price per hour at a day nursery in **Bournemouth** is £5.26, pre school £4.82 and childminder £4.66.
- The average price per hour at a day nursery in **Christchurch** is £5.05, Pre school £4.06 and childminder £4.35.
- The average price per hour at all setting types has increased in the last 12 months in Poole.

Free Early Education and Extended Entitlement

Nationally 94% of 3&4 year olds and **72%** of eligible 2 year olds were accessing some free early education as at January 2018 (source: DfE provision for children under 5).

Bournemouth was funding **93%** of 3&4 year olds and **Poole 98%**. **Bournemouth** was funding **73%** of eligible 2 year olds and **Poole 92%**.

% 2,3&4 year olds benefitting from Universal Funding Early Education (January 2018)



- In the summer term 2018 in Poole the average hours of FEE taken was **13.9** per week.
- In September 2018, of 1507 Poole children starting reception classes, only 17 were known to have not accessed any FEE funding in Poole or neighbouring councils.
- In Bournemouth maintained settings have increased their share of 3&4 year olds take up from 8% to 16% in 2018.

From September 2017, eligible families of a 3/4 year old child became entitled to **30 hours childcare** (15 hours universal entitlement and an additional 15 hours extended entitlement).

- In the summer term 2018 in Poole, 2500 3&4 year olds took some FEE. 1195 accessed the extended entitlement (>15 hours). 50% of these children took the full 15 hours extended entitlement.
- Continual assessment of the take up of 30 hours FEE will be a priority in BCP over the next few years. This is particularly important as the offer becomes more embedded and to ensure demand does not outweigh supply. Providers need to be encouraged to become more flexible.

30-Hours-Childcare – Parents Views

POOLE Parents

- All parents go a place with their preferred provider.
- 10 parents did not access their full 30 hours because it was not required.
- 64% of f parents say the extra hours will reduce childcare costs. 52% said the extra hours will enable them to increase their working hours.
- Half of parents say their disposable income has significantly improved.

BOURNEMOUTH Parents

- 50% of parents reported they had increased the number of childcare hours used (average additional 11 hours week)
- Over a third of parents had increased their working hours, and 11% reported their partner had increased their working hours.
- 18% of respondents had more free time.

Further Information

For further information regarding this report please contact the Insight Team.