

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**CABINET****23RD JULY, 2015****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING****Authors: Chris Bradshaw Tel 01443 424026 and Denise Humphries Childcare Officer Tel: 01443 744430****CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT UPDATE REPORT 2015****1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide Members with the draft Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Update Report 2015 (the 'CSA Update') for Rhondda Cynon Taf and the proposed CSA Action Plan Update 2015-16 for consideration.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet: -

- 2.1 Note the contents of this report;
- 2.2 Agree the CSA Update, as attached at Appendix 1 to this report;
- 2.3 Agree the implementation of the CSA Action Plan Update 2015-16; and
- 2.4 Request that a further report is presented to Cabinet before Christmas, providing an update on the changes to the childcare market, reflecting the implementation of the funding for nursery school provision.

3 LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Local Authorities have a lead role in facilitating the childcare market, to ensure it meets the needs of working parents, especially those on low incomes, those with disabled children and those requiring childcare through the medium of Welsh.
- 3.2 Section 22 of the Childcare Act 2006 sets out the Council's duty to secure '*as far as is reasonably practicable*' that the provision of childcare (whether or not by it) is sufficient to meet the requirements of parents in its area who require childcare in order to enable them to take up, or remain in, work, or to undertake education or training which could reasonably be expected to assist them to obtain work.
- 3.3 The Council is under a duty to have regard to Welsh Government guidance on how it discharges the duties set out above. The current applicable guidance is the 2008 guidance (WAGC 013/2008, Guidance to Local Authorities–

Childcare Act 2006). That guidance stipulates that the intention of the duties is to ensure parents are able to access childcare locally which meets their needs and enables them to make a choice about work.

- 3.4 The 2006 Act also requires the Council to prepare assessments of the sufficiency of the provision of childcare in its area and to review any such assessments prepared by it. The current regulations are The Childcare Act 2006 (Local Authority Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2013.
- 3.5 As part of these duties a Childcare Sufficiency Assessment must be completed on a triennial basis, complemented by an annual update. The CSA Update, attached at Appendix 1 to this report, is an update of the third full Childcare Sufficiency Assessment produced by Rhondda Cynon Taf. The action plan is an update of the 2014-17 plan and details ongoing priorities for 2015-16.
- 3.6 Welsh Government provides an annual Out of School Childcare Grant to Local Authorities to support the work required for the CSA and the development and sustainability of local childcare. The grant is awarded on a year by year basis and for 2015-16 the grant awarded to Rhondda Cynon Taf amounts to £165,312.
- 3.7 The Council's proposals for 2015-16 have been submitted to Welsh Government and, at the time of writing, the Council are awaiting formal confirmation that the proposals are acceptable. Priorities for the use of this funding for 2015-16 include workforce training (including workshops to support CSSIW registration), commissioned support for children with additional learning and physical needs and grant support for childcare providers.

4 SUMMARY OF THE CSA UPDATE

- 4.1 The most significant development for childcare requirements in Rhondda Cynon Taf during 2014-15 is the Cabinet decision to approve plans to reduce the funding for 3 year old nursery education provision from full time (30 hours) to part time (15 hours) per week. It is anticipated that this will create some demand for childcare 'wrapped' around the part time nursery education offer.
- 4.2 This 'wraparound' childcare can be defined as childcare offered immediately before or after the part time nursery session in school, but during the hours of the normal school day. It is anticipated that this wraparound care will be offered on school site or via a pick up/drop off service by external providers.
- 4.3 Officers have used a number of indicators to identify schools where there is likely to be a demand for this service. This analysis included:
 - Identifying current childcare provision by ward
 - Identifying anticipated demand, utilising the Rochdale Formula, recommended as good practice within the Welsh Government CSA guidance. This formula utilises percentage of population under 14 years, percentage of lone working parents and WIMD score

- Mapping the above supply and demand data to identify the likely *high demand/low supply* wards (table 2 in the CSA Update)
- 4.4 This mapping, together with the following indicators provided an overall score for each school:
- From the nursery public consultation, wards where more than 35% of respondents indicated that childcare may be an issue
 - Schools with more than 35 pre-nursery and nursery children currently on roll
- Using the above indicators the maximum score that schools could receive was four. In total ten schools scored three or four (table 8 of the CSA Update), where demand is likely to be highest. These schools are the priority for further investigation into wraparound childcare requirements.
- 4.5 The governing bodies of all affected schools have now confirmed their nursery provision from September 2015. Sixty six schools intend to continue to offer full time nursery education using school budgets. Thirty three schools intend to offer part time nursery education in line with revised funding. Of these 33, five have plans in place to offer wraparound childcare on school site from September 2015. Officers are supporting these schools if required and are also continuing to work with those other schools where there is an identified likely demand.
- 4.6 Additionally, in order for officers to determine actual demand from parents, and to identify any unexpected pockets of demand, a questionnaire has been sent to all affected parents in the 33 schools stated above. The results of this questionnaire will be used to plan development work over the coming year.
- 4.7 The CSA Update reflects the demand for childcare prior to the implementation of the school nursery funding changes. We were unable to accurately predict the future childcare demands placed upon the market in preparing the CSA Update. Therefore, it is proposed that, a further report is prepared and presented to Cabinet in the Autumn, setting out the developments in the childcare market arising from the changes to the nursery school funding and any further action required by the Council to meet changes in the demand and supply of provision.
- 4.8 Encouraging unregistered childcare provision to register with Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) continues to be a priority for the Council. To support this, during 2014 we commissioned a series of workshops to support providers to go through the registration process. We plan to commission another series of workshops during 2015-16 to continue this support. Priority will be given to unregistered childcare providers in areas of identified need.
- 4.9 Rising costs, increasing vacancies and parent/carer preference to use family or friends for their childcare needs, means that the sustainability of childcare providers continues to be a concern. A grant scheme is in place to support the sustainability of childcare providers and the development of new provision in areas of identified need. During 2014-15, we received 36 grant applications, of which 29 were fully or partly funded. This scheme will

continue during 2015-16, with particular emphasis on supporting development of wraparound childcare in areas of identified need.

- 4.10 The delivery of nursery education in non-maintained Registered Education Providers (REP's) continues to be an important element of the delivery of nursery education in Rhondda Cynon Taf. In order to align these REP's with maintained nursery education, the number of hours of provision will increase in September 2015 from the current 10 hours per week to 15 hours per week. There are currently 20 REP's throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf, offering approximately 400 additional nursery education places per annum from the term following the child's 3rd birthday. Closer links are currently being made with the admissions team in Education and Lifelong Learning (E&LL) so that pre-nursery and REP provision can become more integrated in the admissions process. There will also be greater emphasis on registering REP's in areas where there is an identified need.
- 4.11 The full CSA 2014-17 identified a continuing demand for one to one support for children with additional learning and physical needs to access holiday childcare and play provision. During the last 18 months this scheme has been restructured and support is now administered via the Holiday Fun Time scheme. During 2014-15, 670 children received 3476 sessions of provision in 61 childcare and play settings. Subject to continued funding, this support will continue to be available to children and families during 2015-16.
- 4.12 The Family Information Service (FIS) continues to be a valuable source of information to families, childcare providers and professionals. The FIS website has been redeveloped during 2014-15. The recruitment of FIS Outreach Officers has also allowed for more interaction with childcare providers and community groups, ensuring that the accuracy of data is more accurate and up to date. During 2015-16 FIS Outreach Officers will continue to meet with childcare providers, community groups and professionals such as Jobcentre Plus advisors.
- 4.13 There are currently 26 Flying Start (FS) areas in Rhondda Cynon Taf, offering childcare to over 700 eligible children aged 2-3 years. Wherever possible third sector organisations are encouraged to tender for FS childcare contracts and the majority of this entitlement in Rhondda Cynon Taf is delivered in this manner. FS has therefore made a significant contribution to the sustainability of childcare providers although some have struggled to meet the exacting standards required for FS. In some areas, especially in deprived areas, no tenders were submitted and so existing local authority nurseries are being maximised to meet the FS needs on a full cost recovery basis. Four new areas are due to become FS during 2015-16 and officers are currently commissioning providers to deliver this provision.
- 4.14 The CSA Action Plan Update 2015-16 identifies 16 key priorities that will continue to drive our partnership work over the next year to support the development, and sustainability, of childcare provision in areas of identified need and for children with specific requirements:

1. CSA published every three years, with an annual update report, in accordance with Section 26 of the Childcare Act 2006;
 2. Increase parental awareness of financial support for childcare costs, particularly for those wishing to enter employment and/or training;
 3. Increase the number of CSSIW registered out of school clubs by 10% per year;
 4. Develop childcare provision in areas of identified need;
 5. Support the development of wraparound care for 3 year olds nursery pupils in areas of identified need;
 6. Administer a grant scheme to support sustainability of childcare settings and the development of new provision in areas of identified need;
 7. Develop closer links with the admission team to improve the co-ordination and delivery of nursery education for 3 year olds in Registered Education Provision (REP);
 8. Support the development of Welsh medium childcare in areas of identified need;
 9. Identify opportunities to improve access to childcare and early years provision for children with additional learning and physical needs;
 10. Support 75% of eligible children to access Flying Start childcare provision;
 11. Identify and support the training and workforce development needs of childcare providers;
 12. Improve the quality of childcare settings beyond the National Minimum Standards;
 13. Pre-school childcare providers are engaged in and delivering the Healthy Pre-Schools initiative;
 14. Develop closer links with employers in RCT and Business Support agencies to better support the needs of working parents;
 15. Investigate the childcare needs of children and young people aged 8-14 years;
 16. Improve collaboration with the Planning department regarding childcare related planning applications.
- 4.15 Following a review of service requirements, responsibility for the CSA and the Welsh Government Out of School Childcare Grant has transferred from Early Years and Family Support Services (EYFSS) to E&LL on 1st April 2015. The

Early Years Advisory Teachers who support REP's are now also the responsibility of E&LL. This will ensure improved collaboration between childcare and education providers in Rhondda Cynon Taf and also that the admissions process for REP's is more easily aligned with school admissions procedures.

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Rhondda Cynon Taf is well placed with its existing childcare provision to meet the current needs of most working parents and this will be kept under review during 2015-16 to ensure that changes in demand arising from the nursery school funding reduction are met as fully as possible.
- 5.2 It is considered that implementation of the CSA Action Plan Update 2015-16, within available resources, will address the other challenges identified in point 4.14.

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1. Introduction

All Local Authorities in Wales have a responsibility (Section 22, Childcare Act 2006) to secure, as far as is reasonably practicable, sufficient childcare to meet the requirements of parents/carers who require childcare in order to work, undertake training/education or to prepare for work. Local Authorities have the lead role in facilitating the childcare market to ensure it meets the needs of parents/carers, particularly those on low incomes, those with children with disabilities or those who wish their children to attend Welsh medium provision.

Section 26 of the Childcare Act 2006 requires Local Authorities to prepare Childcare Sufficiency Assessments (CSA's) every three years in order to have a clear understanding of the childcare provision in their area, the needs of parents/carers and to develop an action plan to address any gaps identified. In Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT), the full CSA Report 2014-17 carried on the work of previous CSA's. This report provides an update on those findings.

Priority 1:

CSA published every three years, with an annual update report, in accordance with Section 26 of the Childcare Act 2006

Changes to the provision of nursery education for three year olds in RCT are likely to have an impact on childcare demand over the coming year (see **2.1.3**). It is therefore important to recognise that this CSA update report has been prepared in accordance with Welsh Government requirements but will need to be updated on a regular basis over the course of 2015 and 2016 to reflect the changing demand and supply of childcare provision in RCT.

2. Executive Summary

Following a review of service requirements, responsibility for the CSA has transferred from Early Years and Family Support Services (EYFSS) to Education & Lifelong Learning (E&LL) with effect from 1st April 2015.

This 2015 CSA update report provides an overview of the findings of the full CSA 2014-17 report, analyse the current childcare supply and report on significant developments in the last year. It also reports progress on actions within the three year action plan, as well as identifying new priorities for 2015-16.

Unless stated otherwise all data used within this report is correct as at 31st December 2014. A detailed ward analysis has been undertaken and is available as an appendix to this report (see **Appendix 4**).

2.1 Update since 2014 Full Audit

A substantial amount of work has been undertaken over the last twelve months to map the current childcare provision in RCT, both registered and unregistered. Officers from EYFSS have worked alongside Family Information Service (FIS) Outreach Officers and colleagues from other departments to ensure that data on existing provision is up to date and that this mapping exercise is as thorough as possible.

On 12th February 2015, the Council's Cabinet, after a period of consultation, determined to change the funding arrangements for nursery education provision for 3 year olds from full time (30 hours) to part-time (15 hours) per week, with effect from 1st September 2015. This could have a significant impact on the demand and supply of childcare provision. However at the time of writing it has not yet been possible to identify neither where demand will be on a ward by ward basis nor how this demand will be met.

A comprehensive consultation process was undertaken to help inform the report presented to Cabinet members. A public consultation was undertaken from 21st October 2014 to 30th January 2015, which included nine public consultation events. 727 responses (679 online/paper questionnaires, 40 emails and 8 letters) were received from members of the public during the consultation process. Officers also contacted a selection of childcare providers and school headteachers. The aim of this exercise was to establish their views on the possible impact that the changes may have on their settings. 54 childcare

providers in RCT were contacted as well as 18 infant and/or primary schools. From this data, officers have established where potential gaps may exist and where demand for additional childcare may be most needed. This is discussed in more detail in **2.1.3** below.

The section below provides an overview of developments in RCT over the past year.

2.1.1 Unregistered settings

There are still out of school and sessional care providers in RCT, who are not registered with Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) and operate for less than two hours per day (15/30 out of school providers and 17/58 sessional care providers). All registered providers are required to comply with National Minimum Standards (NMS). This ensures that parents/carers can be confident that all staff are suitably qualified and experienced and that the setting is of a high quality. Registration also enables parents/carers to apply for childcare vouchers via their employer or financial support through the tax credit system (if eligible).

To enable eligible families to access this financial support, thereby helping to ensure that affordability is not a barrier for parents/carers, the Council continues to encourage unregistered settings to become registered with CSSIW. To support this, during 2014, we commissioned a series of workshops to support providers to go through the registration process. At the time of writing, these workshops had supported four settings to complete their registration packs to be submitted to CSSIW by the end of March 2015, whilst a further three plan to submit their registration packs within the next few months. This will result in approximately an additional 170 registered places throughout RCT. Using the Welsh Government Out of School Hours Childcare Grant, we plan to commission another series of workshops during 2015-16 to continue to support the registration of childcare settings.

Priority 3:

Increase the number of CSSIW registered out of school childcare clubs

2.1.2 Sustainability of settings

Anecdotal evidence over the last year suggests that rising costs as well as falling numbers

of children are continuing to have a detrimental impact on childcare providers. Provider feedback in the full CSA 2014-17 report suggested that parents/carers continued to use family or friends to meet their childcare needs and this looks to still be the case. Providers reported that there is also a continuing trend towards families only requiring part time paid childcare provision.

EYFSS operates a grant scheme to support the sustainability of childcare providers and the development of new provision in areas of identified need. In 2014-15, we received 36 grant applications from early years and childcare providers. Of these, 29 were fully or partly successful in achieving financial support. Subject to continued funds, this grant scheme will continue to offer financial support to childcare settings in 2015-16. Priority will be given to grant applications from settings in areas identified in this report as priority areas, or to those who can demonstrate a clear demand for new provision or expansion of current provision.

Priority 6:

Administer a grant scheme to support sustainability of childcare settings and the development of new provision in areas of identified need

2.1.3 Proposed changes to nursery education

It is anticipated that the proposed changes to nursery education will create a demand for childcare 'wrapped' around the part time nursery education offer, (herein referred to as wraparound care).

For the purposes of this report, wraparound care is defined as childcare offered immediately before or after the part time nursery session in school, but during the hours of the normal school day. Wraparound care can be offered on school site or via a pick up/drop off service by external providers. This wraparound care may link into current breakfast, after school or sessional childcare provision.

The public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education identified several geographical areas where a lack of childcare provision may be an issue for parents/carers when the changes are implemented. The number and percentage of responses can be seen in **Table 1** below:

Table 1 – Respondents to public consultation stating lack of childcare as an issue

Ward	Postcode	Total 'yes' responses	% of total responses for that ward	Providers from the consultation who are / may be interested in offering wraparound / pick up service
Pontyclun	CF72 8	11	46%	1
	CF72 9			
Tonyrefail West	CF39 8	11	92%	0
	CF40 1			
Brynna	CF72 9	6	38%	2
Rhondda	CF37 1	5	100%	1
	CF37 2			
Llanharry	CF72 9	4	100%	1
Llantrisant Town	CF38 2	4	22%	2
	CF72 8			
Llantwit Fardre	CF38 2	4	33%	1
Tonyrefail East	CF39 8	4	67%	5
Church Village	CF38 1	3	19%	2
	CF38 2			
Penygraig	CF40 1	3	100%	0
Porth	CF39 0	3	38%	1
	CF39 9			
Beddau	CF38 2	2	29%	2
Cilfynydd	CF37 4	2	50%	1
Cymmer	CF39 9	2	25%	0
Ferndale	CF43 4	2	25%	1
Hirwaun	CF44 9	2	67%	2
Pontypridd Town	CF37 2	2	100%	0
Tonteg	CF38 1	2	67%	2
Treorchy	CF42 6	2	25%	2
Ystrad	CF41 7	2	25%	3
Aberaman South	CF44 6	1	17%	0
Aberdare West	CF44 8	1	11%	3
Cwmbach	CF44 0	1	33%	1
Graig	CF37 1	1	20%	1
Llanharan	CF72 9	1	14%	2
Maerdy	CF43 4	1	100%	0
Penrhiwceiber	CF45 3	1	9%	1
Penywaun	CF44 9	1	50%	0
Taffs Well	CF15 7	1	50%	1
Tonypanyd	CF40 1	1	20%	0
Trallwng	CF37 4	1	17%	2
Trealaw	CF40 2	1	25%	1
Tyn-y-nant	CF38 2	1	14%	2
Ynysybwl	CF37 3	1	17%	3
No Postcode		11	5%	N/A
TOTAL		101		

Across the whole borough, the Council envisages that most increases in demand will be accommodated via current childcare provision. Where this is not possible, officers will work with schools and childcare providers to agree the most suitable solutions. Feedback suggests that several childcare providers have planned for the changes to nursery education and have already amended their CSSIW registration and/or opening hours to cater for the possible increase in demand for wraparound care.

Of the 54 childcare providers consulted during the public consultation period, 72.2% said they were planning to offer, or would probably offer, wraparound provision. Of those consulted, providers indicated they could, or possibly could, offer care in all of the wards identified in **Table 1** except eight. Of these eight, Tonyrefail West and Penygraig have been identified as requiring further exploration (see **Tables 7 & 8**) and will be a priority for childcare investigation for 2015-16. Despite this feedback from childcare providers, it is recognised that it may still be necessary to support the development of new provision in some of these areas. Officers from EYFSS and Education & Lifelong Learning (E&LL) are working closely with schools and childcare providers to support the development of wraparound care in areas of identified need. This will be ongoing and one of the main priorities for 2015-16. Key to this successful implementation will be supporting workforce development to ensure that all staff have the appropriate qualifications.

Priority 5:

Support the development of wraparound care for 3 year olds nursery pupils in areas of identified need

2.1.4 Registered Education Providers

The majority of nursery aged children (approximately 94%) are able to access nursery education in their local infant or primary school. Where this is not possible, limited places are available within private or voluntary, non-maintained registered education settings.

There are currently 20 Registered Education Providers (REP's) within the Local Authority (see **Appendix 2**). These REP's follow the Foundation Phase curriculum and are inspected by Estyn in the same way as nursery education in the maintained sector.¹ Early Years Advisory Teachers (EYAT) support these settings to ensure that the principles of the

¹ Estyn is the office of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales and is responsible for inspecting the quality and standards of education and training providers

Foundation Phase are implemented to meet Estyn standards. They also offer advice and support on maintaining high standards and training needs.

REP's currently offer 10 hours per week of free nursery education. As part of the changes to nursery education, the Council will fund an increase of 5 hours per week to 15 hours from September 2015. Closer links are currently being made with the Admissions team within E&LL so that pre-nursery and REP provision can become more integrated in the admissions process. These closer links will also ensure a smoother transition for children into full time school education at age 4 and ensure that the Admissions team is aware of all nursery aged children, whether attending a maintained or non-maintained nursery setting. There will also be greater emphasis on registering REP's in areas where there is an identified need (subject to available funding). This work will be ongoing throughout 2015-16.

Priority 7:

Develop closer links with Admissions team to improve the co-ordination and delivery of nursery education for 3 year olds in non-maintained settings (Registered Education Providers)

2.1.5 One to One Support

Previous CSA's have identified continuing growth in demand for one to one support to enable children with additional learning and physical needs to access out of school childcare and play settings. Without this support, many children are unable to access this provision due to the high costs associated with the specialist support they require. The Council has traditionally offered financial support for children to attend holiday play and childcare settings. During the course of the last 18 months, this scheme has been restructured and support is now administered via the Holiday Fun Time scheme.

The Holiday Fun Time scheme offers support to children requiring one to one support or specialist equipment, and also to those children deemed vulnerable by Social Services (to offer, for example, respite care). The scheme has grown considerably during 2014. In the period from April to December 2014, 687 children have been referred onto the scheme and 670 have received 3476 sessions of provision in 61 childcare and play settings.

The majority of vulnerable children are placed in settings close to their homes. This is to facilitate their inclusion within their own communities. However, for children with

significant mobility support needs there are currently three settings across RCT with the appropriate equipment and staff to accommodate their needs. This can result in these children having to travel some distance from their home addresses. This will continue to be monitored during 2015-16 with additional settings being identified wherever possible.

Subject to continued funding, the number of referrals to this scheme will undoubtedly grow again during 2015-16. Currently this scheme only offers this support during the school holiday periods. The number of requests for term time support to access out of school childcare is also increasing. Investigation of a system to support school aged children in term time will be one of the priorities for officers during the coming year.

Priority 9:

Identify opportunities to improve access to childcare and early years provision for children with additional learning and physical needs

2.1.6 Family Information Service

The Family Information Service (FIS) has gone through a substantial period of change over the last 18 months. The FIS website has been redeveloped which has led to an increase in online enquiries of 175% between 2013/14 and 2014-15.

FIS now employs three Outreach Workers (one each for Rhondda, Cynon and Taf areas). They have proven to be beneficial in raising the profile of the service and creating links with childcare providers, other Council departments and voluntary/community organisations.

The ward analyses in **Appendix 4** contain details of FIS enquiries for each area. This data refers only to the period 1st September – 31st December 2014. The redeveloped FIS website was not fully operational before this period and so the accuracy of data collated before this time cannot be relied upon. Although the time period used to capture data is quite small, FIS are confident that it is indicative of the number, and type, of enquiries throughout a 12 month period.

During the period September – December 2014, FIS received 91 enquiries regarding childminders, 69 for English medium playgroups, 45 for day nurseries, 26 for Welsh

medium playgroups (Cylch Meithrins) and 24 for after school clubs. The highest number of enquiries came from Rhydyfelin Central/Ilan and Tonypandy wards with 19 enquiries each. The types of enquiries are detailed in the ward analyses (**Appendix 4**). Rhydyfelin has a wide range of childcare provision available, mostly within the Integrated Children's Centre that is based there. FIS do not currently keep data on whether enquiries are successful (i.e. that the enquirer is able to find the type of childcare that they are looking for). However for Rhydyfelin it is reasonable to presume that most of the enquiries were met due to the number and type of childcare places available in that ward. Tonypandy, on the other hand, has limited childcare provision available. The high level of enquiries may be because parents/carers are aware of this and are looking outside of their immediate area for childcare provision.

Eight wards had no enquiries for childcare or play settings. Four of these areas have an identified *low demand* for childcare and therefore it is reasonable to presume that the lack of enquiries was due to a lack of demand. The other four areas had an identified *high demand*, with only one having an associated *high supply*. The three wards with an associated *low supply* have been identified as areas where further investigation is needed. It is possible that the lack of enquiries in these areas is due to lack of knowledge of the FIS service.

Obtaining up to date information from providers continues to be a challenge, but has improved considerably as the FIS Outreach Workers now visit providers to complete the database forms. Follow up telephone calls also ensure that the information on the FIS database is accurate.

2.1.7 Flying Start

Flying Start is the Welsh Government's targeted early years programme aimed at families with children below four years of age in some of the most deprived areas in Wales. It offers eligible parents/carers funded quality childcare for 2-3 year olds, parenting support, an enhanced health visitor service and help for early language development. The funded quality childcare consists of 2.5 hours a day for all eligible 2-3 year olds, 5 days a week for 42 weeks.

The majority of Flying Start settings are currently engaged with the Welsh Government's Healthy and Sustainable Pre-Schools Scheme (HSPSS). This scheme supports the basic

principles and learning framework of Flying Start by contributing to the social, emotional and physical development of children. This will continue to be an ongoing priority for Flying Start settings during 2015-16.

In RCT, there are currently 26 Flying Start areas, offering childcare to over 700 children aged 2-3 years. This equates to approximately 25% of all children in this age range in RCT. During 2015-16, four additional Lower Super Output Areas² (LSOA's) will join the programme:

- Cwmbach 2
- Treorchy 3
- Aberdare East 4
- Ystrad 3

These will make an additional 336 0-3 year olds eligible for Flying Start and will require an additional 72 commissioned childcare places. Officers are currently commissioning providers to deliver Flying Start provision for the four new areas.

The Programme has had an impact on available provision for 2-3 year old children and must be considered within the three yearly CSA and within this annual update. In some areas, new sessional care has been established, whilst in other areas existing childcare settings have been commissioned to offer a set number of existing childcare places to deliver Flying Start provision.

It is the policy of RCT that, wherever possible, Flying Start settings will be 'mixed economy' (the settings can accept fee paying children alongside Flying Start funded children). This can aid the sustainability of settings by utilising surplus places. It also ensures that there is still provision available for fee paying parents/carers so that the Flying Start provision does not have a negative impact on childcare availability locally.

Priorities 10 & 13:

Support eligible children to access Flying Start childcare provision
Pre-school childcare providers are engaged in and delivering the Healthy and Sustainable Pre-Schools Scheme (HSPSS)

² A LSOA is a geographic area designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics in England and Wales. The minimum population is 1000 and the mean is 1500

2.1.8 Assisted Places

The authority commissions Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Club (CPCKC) to administer an Assisted Places grant scheme to allow low income families access to out of school childcare places, both in term time and during school holidays. This scheme is funded via the Welsh Government Out of School Childcare Grant. It has proved to be a valuable financial support for parents/carers. During 2014-15 funding was available to support all eligible applications. In total 30 children were funded and were able to access 1689 out of school and holiday childcare sessions. The scheme is also a valuable source of sustainability support for childcare settings, as it allows them to fill vacancies. The Council will look to continue this scheme in the coming year.

2.1.9 Free Breakfast Clubs

Although not defined as childcare, the Welsh Government Free Breakfast Initiative offers a vital support to parents/carers at the start of the school day. In RCT, there are currently 109 free breakfast clubs in infant, primary and special schools (43 in Rhondda, 29 in Cynon and 37 in Taf).

There remain a few fee paying breakfast clubs in RCT, the majority of which are within external childcare settings. These provide a valuable service to parents/carers, as the opening times tend to be longer than those for the free breakfast clubs. Fee paying clubs are typically open from 7.30am to the start of school, whereas free breakfast clubs do not open until 8am-8.15am. According to FIS data, the average cost for this type of provision is currently £4.47 per hour.

2.1.10 School Holiday Childcare

The full CSA 2014-17 report states that 75% of parents/carers are satisfied with term time childcare arrangements, whilst this falls to 54% of parents/carers for school holiday childcare arrangements.³

It is recognised that high quality, reasonably priced school holiday childcare remains a challenge. This is especially so for the older age range (8-14 years) who do not want to be 'looked after' in traditional childcare settings.

³ RCTCBC, *Full CSA 2014-17 report*, (2014), p. 36

A priority for the coming year will be to look at cost effective holiday care options, especially for older children. Possible solutions may include developing 'Playcare' provision, which can reduce the daily fee quite considerably.⁴ However, this remains dependant on funding for open access playscheme provision and on the individual providers' ability to employ suitably qualified staff to run the childcare element of the day.

Officers are also working with CPCKC to support childcare providers to develop out of school and holiday clubs specifically for the older age range. One club is currently in development for children and young people aged from 9-14 years. Officers will monitor the success of this club with a view to rolling the model out across RCT.

Priority 15:

Investigate the childcare needs of children and young people aged 8-14 years

2.1.11 Housing / Employment Developments

The ward analyses in **Appendix 4** include details of all planning applications that have achieved full planning approval during 2014 (those for 10 units or more per application). As with previous CSA reports, the Taf area of RCT has received the highest number of housing development applications, with approximately 500 houses approved for the Beddau/Church Village/Tonteg area. Developments in the Hawthorn and Rhydyfelin wards have also achieved planning permission with 72 units approved. There was only one application in the Cynon area (Aberdare East ward). This development consists of predominantly one bedroom flats and is therefore unlikely to have an impact on the childcare needs of that area. There were three applications approved in the Rhondda area. Again these were predominantly for one bedroom apartments and are unlikely to impact on childcare needs. This will be monitored to understand the accuracy of this hypothesis.

This update report does not consider housing developments that received full planning permission prior to 2014 and are currently in the building phase. Previous CSA reports will be consulted to monitor the childcare demands of these developments. Using E&LL analysis of where there will be increases in the number of required school places (due to

⁴ 'Playcare' is where fee paying childcare is 'wrapped' around free, open access playschemes, i.e. typically parents/carers will pay for the periods 8am-10am, 12pm-2pm and 4pm-6pm, whilst the periods 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm are free of charge

housing developments) officers will monitor where there may be increased demand for childcare provision. It must also be remembered that developers have a period of five years from the date of permission in order to implement the consent, and so those applications approved in 2014 have until 2019 to be built and so therefore may not impact on childcare demand immediately.

Priority 16:

Improve collaboration with the Planning department regarding childcare related planning applications

The employment market has remained fairly static in RCT over the last year. There have been no major redundancy situations, other than approximately 25 redundancies at a company on the Treforest Industrial Estate. The most significant job creation during 2014 was the development of four restaurants on the site of an old Comet store in Talbot Green ward. Approximately 70 jobs were created across the four units. The majority of these are part time jobs. There is no data to suggest that this had led to an increase in demand for childcare in this area.

The RCTCBC Business Support Grant records the number of jobs created in businesses that have received grant support. During 2014, a total of 40 jobs were created in 19 wards as a result of this business support. Aberdare East and Talbot Green wards saw the highest number, with 6 jobs each created. The South East Wales Local Investment Fund created 72 jobs in 23 wards. Abercynon and Pontyclun wards saw the highest number with 8 jobs each created. Again, there is no data to suggest that this job creation has led to an increase in childcare demand that cannot be met by current provision.

Closer links are currently being developed with Jobcentre Plus and Regeneration & Planning officials. This will ensure that the Council is aware of major job creation opportunities or losses at an early stage so that appropriate support and information can be offered to the childcare sector.

Priority 14:

Develop closer links with employers in RCT and Business Support agencies in order to better support the needs of working parents/carers

2.2 Gap Analysis

The following section explores in more detail where there may be particular gaps in childcare supply and demand and provides an update on the full CSA 2014-17 report.

2.2.1 Geographical Analysis

The full CSA 2014-17 report found that vacancy rates amongst many providers were increasing, especially in the Taf area of RCT.⁵ So that officers can fully understand the current childcare situation, it is necessary to map, as far as is possible, what childcare provision is available in what areas. The mapping exercise undertaken during the last year has allowed officers to identify wards where there is little or no childcare provision. However, this alone does not tell the Council about the demand for childcare in that area and it does not consider where there may be gaps between childcare supply and demand. In order to calculate this, officers have followed the Welsh Government guidance in the CSA toolkit in order to identify the wards in which more exploratory work may be needed.⁶

Using data from the Office for National Statistics, the Council can determine that there are 41,426 children and young people aged from 0-14 years in RCT, from a total population of 236,114. This equates to 18%, which is slightly higher than the Wales average of 17%.⁷ Alongside this data, officers have identified how many childcare places are available per ward (see **Appendix 1**). For the purposes of this analysis, registered open access play provision and Welsh Government Free Breakfast Clubs have been excluded.

This tells the Council that there are currently 4086 childcare places (both registered and unregistered) available overall in RCT or 9.86 places per 100 children. Based on the population figures, 3110 childcare places are required overall, suggesting there is currently an oversupply of 976 places. However, it must be remembered that this oversupply is based on the childcare market before the changes to the nursery funding for 3 year olds from September 2015 have an impact. It is also important to note this is a general assessment of the childcare market in RCT and does not take into account the types of childcare available, the age groups catered for nor the number of vacancies within each setting. Also, it does not take account of capacity within childcare settings. The total number of places available does not always correlate with the actual number of places that a setting can offer (due to staffing restraints, sustainability etc).

⁵ RCTCBC, *Full CSA 2014-17 report*, pp. 4-5

⁶ Welsh Assembly Government, *Toolkit for Conducting a Childcare Sufficiency Audit*, (March 2010), p. 36

⁷ Office for National Statistics, *SAPE15DT8: Ward Level Mid-Year Population Estimates, mid-2013*

However, it does give a starting point for assessing childcare supply in each geographical area. The data in **Appendix 1** can be used as a very basic analysis to group each ward using the categories on the following page (see **Table 2**). This suggests there are 12 wards with a **perceived high demand / low supply** of childcare. Further investigation will take place during 2015-16 to determine if there is, in fact, a demand for additional childcare in these areas, and if so what types are required.

Priority 4:

Develop childcare provision in areas of identified need

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Table 2 – Childcare supply and demand analysis

Data as at 05.01.15	Low Demand			High Demand		
Low Supply	<i>It is unlikely that the market will develop childcare places. To increase childcare supply, intervention in the market is likely to be required to stimulate demand</i>			<i>Development of more childcare may be needed and should be sustainable</i>		
	Rhondda	Cynon	Taf	Rhondda	Cynon	Taf
	Cymmer	Aberaman North	Glyncoch	Cwm Clydach	Abercynon	Cilfynydd
	Ferndale	Aberaman South	Tyn-y-nant		Aberdare East	Graig
	Maerdy	Mountain Ash West			Cwmbach	Tonteg
	Penygraig	Penrhiwceiber			Hirwaun	Tonyrefail West
	Tonypandy	Penywaun			Rhigos	Trallwng
	Trealaw					Ynysybwl
	Ynyshir					
Ystrad						
High Supply	<i>There is likely to be a sufficiency of childcare and it is possible that there could be an oversupply in these areas leading to sustainability issues brought about by competition</i>			<i>The market is most likely to be functioning and market forces will meet supply without further intervention</i>		
	Rhondda	Cynon	Taf	Rhondda	Cynon	Taf
	Llwynypia	Aberdare West	Gilfach Goch		Mountain Ash East	Beddau
	Pentre		Rhydyfelin Central			Bryнна
	Porth		Tonyrefail East			Church Village
	Treherbert					Hawthorn
	Treorchy					Llanharan
	Tylorstown					Llanharry
						Llantrisant Town
						Llantwit Fardre
						Pontyclun
						Pontypridd Town
						Rhondda
						Taffs Well
					Talbot Green	
					Treforest	

2.2.2 Income Analysis

Overall, RCT is the third most deprived Local Authority in Wales, as measured by the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) 2014. 17.5% of LSOA's in RCT are in the 10% most deprived in Wales. These levels of deprivation correlate with families' ability to pay childcare costs. Of the 12 wards identified in **Table 2**, 5 include LSOA's in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. This may be one indicator why there is limited childcare provision in these areas and must be taken into account when investigating childcare demand in more detail.

Consultation with parents/carers in the full CSA 2014-17 report found that 48% of respondents used partners/family/friends to care for their children, with 32% stating the reason was that childcare was too expensive.⁸ Similarly, employer feedback stated that 67% felt that childcare should be more affordable for employees. The majority of those consulted offered childcare benefits to their employees. 50% offered an on-site nursery, followed by 33% who offered childcare vouchers with a similar number offering employees information about working tax credits.

From the recent public consultation on nursery education proposals, many respondents stated that they may have to reduce their working hours or cease work altogether as the increase in childcare costs will be too great. This was particularly evident amongst lone parents/carers with 31 out of 50 respondents stating that they would need to stop/reduce/delay work or training as a result of the proposals.⁹ It is not yet possible to determine if affordability of wraparound childcare will have a detrimental impact on those parents/carers who will be affected by the proposals. However, officers will closely monitor and support the development of provision, and work with schools and childcare providers to ensure that it is competitively priced and of high quality.

Ensuring that childcare provision is accessible and affordable for parents/carers continues to be a key priority for the Council. Further information is available in **Section 2.1**, but some of the support available includes:

- The Assisted Places grant scheme for low income families (in particular for parents/carers to continue/return to work or training)

⁸ RCTCBC, *Full CSA 2014-17 report*, p. 8

⁹ RCTCBC, *Funding for Nursery Education Consultation Report*, (February 2015), pp. 28-29

- The Holiday Fun Time scheme that funds referred children with additional learning or physical needs to access holiday childcare and play provision
- The Welsh Governments' Flying Start programme and Free Breakfast initiative support families to access free childcare for eligible children
- The FIS website has a range of information for parents/carers regarding available financial support and advice.¹⁰ FIS Outreach Officers also attend Jobcentre Plus lone parent sessions, parent & toddler groups and parenting groups to offer information on a variety of financial support for families
- Unregistered childcare providers are supported (via workshops and 1:1 sessions) to register with CSSIW so that eligible parents/carers can access financial support
- EYFSS offer a childcare provider grant scheme to support the development, expansion and sustainability of childcare provision, so that parents/carers can access high quality, affordable childcare
- In line with the changes to nursery education, the number of hours of funded education in Registered Education Providers will increase from 10 hours per week to 15 hours per week from September 2015

Priority 2:

Increase parental awareness of financial support for childcare costs, particularly for those wishing to enter employment and/or training

According to current FIS data, the average cost for childcare **per hour** in RCT is:

Table 3 – Current childcare costs

Provider type	Lowest cost (per hour)	Highest cost (per hour)	Average Cost (per hour)
After School Club	£1.00	£5.20	£3.06
Breakfast Club (Fee paying clubs only. Does not include Welsh Government free breakfast club initiative)	£1.33	£7.33	£4.47
Childminder	£2.70	£6.00	£4.14
Cylch Meithrin	£1.75	£5.00	£2.68
Day Nursery	£2.22	£6.75	£4.27
Holiday Club	£1.67	£3.67	£2.66
Playgroup	£0.83	£4.23	£2.42

¹⁰ www.rctcbc.gov.uk/fis

Using the Family and Childcare Trust 2015 Childcare Costs Survey as a comparison, average costs in RCT are 2.76% higher than the Wales average for day nurseries and 6.91% higher for childminders.¹¹ However, this analysis is based on a fairly small number of childcare providers who have submitted this information to FIS. During 2015-16, the FIS Outreach Officers will consolidate and increase their data so that it provides a more thorough overview of childcare costs. Additionally, although the Council has no control over the fees set by childcare providers, officers will continue to offer advice and support to try and ensure that fees remain competitive and good value for money.

Table 4 – Comparison of RCT costs with Wales' wide average

Region / Nation	Nursery 25 hours	Childminder 25 hours
RCT average	£106.75	£103.50
Wales average (for the purposes of this comparison, the cost shown here is the average of the 'under 2' category and the '2 and over' category in the Family and Childcare Trust 2015 survey)	£103.88	£96.81
Difference	+2.76%	+6.91%

2.2.3 Specific Needs Analysis

There is a range of support available to children in RCT with additional learning or physical needs. External agencies and council departments work collaboratively to provide children and young people with good quality play and early years' experiences. The range of support currently available includes:

- **Disabled Children's Team**

This service offers personalised support to children who meet the DCT disability criteria and have a high or medium level of need.

- **Education Psychology Service**

Educational Psychologists assess the needs of children where there is a concern about their development, learning or behaviour. This team work with parents/carers and schools to develop a plan of support. There is now a dedicated Flying Start Educational Psychologist, based with EYFSS, to support children identified through the Flying Start programme.

- **Flying Start**

¹¹ Family and Childcare Trust, *Childcare Costs Survey 2015*, (2015), p. 4

See **page 12** for more information on this scheme

- **Holiday Fun Time Scheme**

See **page 10** for more information on this scheme

- **Law yn Llaw**

This is a Local Authority funded scheme, providing 1:1 support for pre-school children with additional needs to enable them to access community based pre-school playgroups through the medium of Welsh and English.

- **Portage Service**

This service offers support for parents/carers and families of children aged 4 and under who have developmental delay in two or more areas.

- **Sure Steps**

Sure Steps is an intensive pre-school service for children aged 2-3 years who have been diagnosed with autism or are suspected of being on the acute end of the autistic spectrum.

- **Talk and Play**

This programme includes Language and Play, Number and Play and Talkabout. It supports parents/carers to communicate and play with their children. Talk and Play is a creative and practical community based service to support and advice on speech, language and literacy development in order to reduce longer term speech, language and communication difficulties.

The public consultation on nursery education proposals indicates that there is some concern about the impact of the proposals on children with additional needs. 2.8% of respondents reported that their child(ren) have a disability that requires special support. Comments from this group of parents/carers highlighted the negative impact the changes will have on children's learning and their development of social skills, independence and confidence.¹² As with all childcare provision, consideration must be taken of the needs of children with learning or physical impairments and wraparound childcare provision will be no exception to this.

Numbers of vulnerable children

As at 31st December 2014, there were 485 child protection cases within RCT. This was a similar figure to that reported in the full CSA 2014-17 report (477).

¹² RCTCBC, *Funding for Nursery Education Consultation Report*, p. 31

The highest number of cases was for the 2 years and under age range (152), whilst the 15-17 years age range had the lowest number of cases (30). The ward with the highest total number of child protection cases was Cymmer (25), whilst the wards with the lowest number were Graig, Taffs Well and Talbot Green (1 case each).

Under Sections 17 and 18 of the Children Act 1989, the authority complies with its duty to purchase appropriate childcare places for children in need when necessary. This is currently delivered via a variety of settings, including Flying Start (of which Cymmer is a Flying Start area), council run full day nurseries as well as through a network of specially trained childminders. The changes to nursery education are likely to have an impact on the childcare needs of vulnerable children in the 3-4 year old age range. Any increase in demand will be accommodated via the current arrangements. This will be closely monitored to ensure that current supply is adequate.

The figure for Looked After Children (LAC) as at 31st December 2014 was 657. Again this is a similar figure to that reported in 2014 (640).

The highest number of LAC was in the 11-14 years age range (147), whilst the lowest number were children aged 3-4 years (70). There is no evidence to suggest that the childcare needs of LAC are not accommodated via the current supply of childcare across the authority. This will continue to be monitored.

Numbers of disabled children

As at 31st December 2014, there were 622 children within RCT whose additional needs met the criteria for support from the Disabled Children's Team. This is an increase of 10 on the figure reported in the full CSA 2014-17 report (612).¹³ Children who do not meet these criteria can be signposted to TAF (Team Around the Family) or Third Sector organisations that accept self referrals, such as the Viva project.¹⁴

For the purposes of the CSA, consideration must be given to the needs of disabled children in the 15-17 age range. Social isolation and a lack of out of school opportunities that develop independence skills are recognised as a need for this age group. Although

¹³ RCTCBC, *Full CSA 2014-17 report*, p. 14

¹⁴ TAF is a multi agency approach to deliver support to children and their families to overcome challenges and bring about positive change; Viva Project offers leisure and training opportunities for young people, aged 11-30 years, with a disability

not strictly childcare, closer links with the Youth Engagement and Participation Service (YEPS) would be beneficial in ensuring that the needs of this age group are not overlooked.

Ethnic background

2011 Census data suggests that RCT has become more ethnically diverse in the ten years since the 2001 Census. The population of RCT that stated they were from ethnic minority backgrounds rose from 1% in 2001 to 2.6% in 2011. This is still well below the Wales average of 4.4%.¹⁵ 1.7% reported that their main language was one other than English or Welsh.¹⁶ There is no evidence to suggest that these ethnic groups are unable or unwilling to access current childcare provision because of their ethnicity or language. This will be kept under review.

2.2.4 Time Analysis

The full CSA 2014-17 report found that childcare was not available at the times needed for 6% of parents/carers consulted. This was typically between 7.30am-9am and 3.30pm-6pm as well as weekends and during school holidays.¹⁷ 42% of employers consulted felt that childcare provision could be improved by being available at different times.

Childminders continue to offer the most flexible childcare for parents/carers who work atypical hours. FIS data shows that five (3%) childminders currently offer care before 7.00am on weekdays, whilst 10 (7%) offer care after 6.00pm. Six (4%) childminders state they can offer care on Saturdays with three (2%) stating they can offer care on Sundays. This figure is comparable with the full CSA 2014-17 report that stated seven (5.6%) childminders offered weekend care.¹⁸

Despite the challenges of staffing costs for day nurseries to offer care at weekends, before 7.00am or after 6.00pm, there seems to be a willingness to explore this option, with at least one day nursery offering Saturday childcare. Four (12%) day nurseries have stated that they open at 7.00am but only one (3%) states a closing time after 6.00pm.

¹⁵ Office for National Statistics, *KS201EW: 2011 Census: Ethnic group, local authorities in England and Wales*

¹⁶ Office for National Statistics, *QS204EW: 2011 Census: Main language (detailed), local authorities in England and Wales*

¹⁷ RCTCBC, *Full CSA 2014-17 report*, p. 9

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 11

The public consultation on nursery education proposals identified concern from parents/carers over a perceived lack of childcare ‘wrapped’ around the nursery education offer. This was particularly evident in the Taf area of RCT where 19 of the 34 postcode areas were located.¹⁹ However, consultation with childcare providers suggests that many are planning to offer wraparound childcare to meet the anticipated demand. 72.2% of childcare providers who responded to the public consultation exercise are planning to offer, or will probably offer, wraparound provision. The location of these providers in relation to areas identified in the public consultation is detailed in **Table 1**.

2.2.5 Age Analysis

The mid-2013 population estimates used in this report suggest a slight decrease in the population of 0-14 year olds compared with the 2011 Census data (see **Table 5**).²⁰ The 10-14 year age group showed the biggest decrease of 6.2%, whilst there was a rise in the number of 5-9 year olds, up 4.7%. This suggests that further investigation is needed to ensure that there is sufficient childcare provision for this age range. This trend looks set to continue with 2017 population projections showing the number of 5-9 year olds increasing by a further 10%. The number of 10-14 year olds is also set to return to 2011 levels with a 6.5% rise, thereby cancelling out the decrease shown in 2013. The number of 0-4 year olds shows a steady increase with a rise from 14,449 in 2011 to 15,018 in 2017, an overall increase of 3.9%.²¹ This population data can be used to inform officers of the childcare needs for each age group.

Table 5 – Population projections up to 2017

	0-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	Totals
2011 census	14,449	13,140	13,885	41,474
Mid-2013 estimates	14,654	13,752	13,020	41,426
% change	+1.4%	+4.7%	-6.2%	-0.1%

	0-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	Totals
Mid-2013 estimates	14,654	13,752	13,020	41,426
2017 projections	15,018	15,124	13,863	44,005
% change	+2.5%	+10.0%	+6.5%	+6.2%

¹⁹ RCTCBC, *Funding for Nursery Education Consultation Report*, pp. 22-23

²⁰ Office for National Statistics, *PP04: 2011 Census: Usual resident population by five year age group, wards in England and Wales & SAPE15DT8: Mid-2013 Population Estimates for 2013 Wards in England and Wales*

²¹ <http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk>, *POP1010: 2006-based local authority population projections for Wales, 2006 to 2031*

Using data in the ward analyses (see **Appendix 4**), Rhigos has the lowest number of children in all categories from 0-14 years, suggesting the need for childcare in this particular ward is limited, although the childcare analysis suggests (**Appendix 1**) that Rhigos is a *high demand / low supply* area. This anomaly will need further investigation to determine the exact needs in this ward.

Pontyclun has the highest number of children in all categories from 0-10 years whilst Aberdare West/Llwydcoed has the highest number of young people aged from 11-14 years. Again, the childcare analysis is at odds with this data, as both wards are defined as *high demand / high supply*, suggesting there is sufficient childcare to meet demand. As mentioned in **2.2.1**, this childcare analysis does not take account of specific types of childcare and so further investigation is needed to establish this. Parental feedback in the full CSA 2014-17 report indicated that the availability of childcare provision for children over the age of 8 years drops significantly. Further investigation work will be undertaken during 2015-16 to establish if there is a need for out of school and holiday care for the 8-14 year age range. The population estimates suggest that if there is a demand, it is likely to increase over the coming two years.

The public consultation on nursery education proposals also indicates that there may be an increased need for care for 3 year olds when not accessing their nursery education place. Trying to address identified gaps for this particular need will be a priority during 2015-16.

Based on the mapping exercise that has been undertaken, officers have been able to identify where there are gaps in childcare provision for certain age ranges. With regards to sessional care, there appear to be registered and/or unregistered settings in each ward in the Rhondda area, suggesting that pre-school provision for 2-3 year olds is well catered for. Those wards within the Cynon and Taf areas with no sessional care provision will be investigated during 2015-16 to determine if there is a demand in these areas.

Childminders are fairly well represented across the whole of the authority and can offer care across the age ranges.

There remains limited out of school care within RCT, with the majority of wards having no specific out of school provision. Based on the population projections above, this must be a

continued priority for development. However, it must be remembered that childminders and day nurseries also offer out of school care but are not included in this particular analysis. This will need to be taken into account when investigating out of school childcare needs.

As you would expect, there are many wards within RCT without any form of day nursery provision. However, this is not to say that there is a demand for more to be established. Day nurseries are often registered to care for large numbers of children and so can cater for children from a wide geographical area, outside of their immediate location.

2.2.6 Type Analysis

FIS data, along with the mapping exercise conducted by officers, shows that there is a wide range of childcare provision within RCT (see **Table 6**). Whilst most childcare provision is registered with CSSIW, there still continues to be a high number (14.8%) of unregistered childcare places.

Table 6 – Current childcare provision in RCT

Provider Type	Number of Providers	Number of Registered Places	Number of Unregistered Places	Number of Places per 100 children
Childminder	145	810	0	1.96
Crèche	2	19	0	0.05
Full Day Care	34	1367	0	3.30
Out of school Care	30	415	240	1.58
Sessional Care	58	947	288	2.98
TOTAL	269	3558	528	9.86

Welsh language profile

As at January 2015, there are 24 Welsh medium sessional care providers in RCT (21 registered with CSSIW, 3 unregistered), offering approximately 550 places for 2-3 year olds. Eleven of these are also Registered Education Providers and six are commissioned to deliver Flying Start provision.

There have been no changes in the number of Welsh medium sessional providers in the last year. However, FIS data suggests one provider has changed their CSSIW registration from sessional to full day care, in order to offer out of school and holiday care. This may also include wraparound care when the proposed changes to nursery education provision come into force.

There are currently ten out of school clubs offering care to children attending Welsh medium primary schools. Three are registered with CSSIW, whilst seven are currently unregistered. Combined, they offer approximately 180 places for 3-11 year olds in term time, with 30 places available during school holiday periods. One new club has opened in the last year, increasing the number of available places by approximately 16.

FIS data found that five (4.6%) childminders offer 'Bilingual' or 'Welsh and English' medium care, whilst 68 (63%) state that they offer 'Predominantly English with some use of Welsh'. Four (12.1%) day nurseries stated they offer 'Bilingual', 'Welsh and English' or 'Welsh medium only'. 25 (75.8%) stated they offer 'Predominantly English with some use of Welsh'. Overall, there appears to be limited childcare provision that can offer a fully Welsh medium service. However, parent feedback in the full CSA 2014-17 report suggested that only 6.7% of parents/carers preferred Welsh medium childcare provision. This may indicate that parents/carers are happy for their children to receive care in settings that are 'Predominantly English with some use of Welsh'. This will continue to be monitored during the coming year.

During 2015-16, special consideration will be given to the provision of Welsh medium wraparound care. 28.5% of respondents to the public consultation on the nursery education proposals stated that their child(ren) attend a Welsh medium nursery, education or childcare setting, and there was concern that the proposals will have a detrimental effect on the Welsh language development of children. Less exposure to Welsh, especially for children from English speaking families was highlighted as one of the main concerns in this consultation.²²

2011 Census data shows that Pontypridd Town ward has the highest percentage of residents who can speak, read and write in Welsh (15.7%) with Church Village ward a very close second (15.6%). At the time of writing, Pontypridd Town does not have any Welsh

²² RCTCBC, *Funding for Nursery Education Consultation Report*, p. 30

medium childcare provision, although there is a Welsh medium out of school club and a Cylch Meithrin in neighbouring wards. Church Village ward is well catered for in regards to Welsh medium provision. The Gartholwg campus offers childcare, play and education opportunities from birth through to 18 years, as well as a Lifelong Learning Centre on site.

Trealaw ward has the lowest percentage of residents who can speak, read and write Welsh (6%) with Penrhiwceiber second lowest (6.4%).²³ There is no specific Welsh medium provision in Trealaw, although there are three Cylch Meithrin and one Clwb Carco in neighbouring wards. In Penrhiwceiber, the Flying Start setting offers Welsh medium sessions for those parents/carers who have stated this preference.

Priority 8:

Support the development of Welsh medium childcare in areas of identified need

²³ <http://wales.gov.uk/docs/statistics/2013/130130-welsh-language-skills-ency.xls>

2.3 Priorities for 2015-16

The following areas will be the main focus for development work during 2015-16. These actions are included in the CSA Action Plan Update 2015-16 (see **page 36**), along with existing priorities from 2014-15.

2.3.1 Financial support and advice for families and childcare providers

A range of support and advice will continue to be offered to childcare providers and families during 2015-16. The Family Information Service will continue to signpost families to possible financial support for childcare costs. This will be via their website and email/telephone enquiries, but also through attendance at a variety of childcare settings and community events. FIS Outreach Officers will also continue to attend lone parent advice sessions to give advice on available childcare provision and possible financial support for childcare fees.

The EYFSS childcare provider grant scheme will offer financial support to new childcare developments and sustainability/expansion of existing settings.

The Assisted Places grant is also available to support low income families access out of school and holiday childcare places.

2.3.2 CSSIW registration

A continuing priority for 2015-16 will be to encourage and support unregistered out of school and sessional care providers to register with CSSIW. Using the Welsh Government Out of School Hours Childcare Grant, we plan to commission another series of workshops to support the registration of out of school childcare settings.

2.3.3 Childcare development

Using the data contained within this report, a detailed analysis of each ward has been undertaken to establish which areas will be the priority for 2015-16. Further investigation will be undertaken to identify if there is an actual need for additional childcare, and if so, what types and for what age range. As part of the analysis, each ward has been awarded points according to the following criteria:

- Wards with at least 35% of responses in the public consultation on changes to nursery education stating lack of childcare would be an issue

- Wards identified as *high demand / low supply*
- Wards with 6 or more FIS enquiries
- Wards with no sessional care (as at Dec 2014)
- Wards currently with no out of school care (as at Dec 2014)
- Wards currently with no full day care (as at Dec 2014)
- Wards currently with no childminders (as at Dec 2014)

One point was awarded for each criterion. Using this data, one ward scored 6, two scored 5 and eight scored 4:

Table 7 – Wards identified for further investigation into childcare needs

Rhondda		Cynon		Taf	
Ward	Points scored	Ward	Points scored	Ward	Points scored
Cwm Clydach	4	Hirwaun	5	Cilfynydd	6
Penygraig	4	Aberaman South	4	Tonyrefail West	5
Ystrad	4	Penywaun	4	Glyncoch	4
				Tonteg	4
				Trallwng	4

Wraparound care

The same process was undertaken to identify the schools where there may be a demand for wraparound care, and if developed, has the best chance of being financially viable. Each school has been awarded points according to the following criteria:

- If the school is in a ward with at least 35% of responses in the public consultation on changes to nursery education stating lack of childcare would be an issue
- If the school is in a ward identified as *high demand / low supply*
- Schools with more than 35 pre-nursery and nursery children currently on roll (as at Jan 2015 intake)

One point was awarded for each criterion, whilst two points were awarded to those schools with 55 or more pre-nursery and nursery children on roll. Using this data, one school scored 4, whilst nine scored 3:

Table 8 – Priority schools for investigation into wraparound care

School	Ward	Points scored
Williamstown Primary School	Tonyrefail West	4
Cwmlai Primary School	Tonyrefail East	3
Dolau Primary School	Brynna	3
Gwauncelyn Primary School	Tonteg	3
Hirwaun Primary School	Hirwaun	3
Penygraig Infants School	Penygraig	3
Pontyclun Primary School	Pontyclun	3
Tonyrefail Primary School	Tonyrefail East	3
YGG Evan James	Rhondda	3
YGG Pont Sion Norton	Cilfynydd	3

It is important to note that this is a very basic analysis and does not take into account the individual needs of schools that have scored less than 3 in this exercise. Support will, of course, be offered to schools who request it or who can demonstrate a clear parental demand. This analysis though, helps officers to identify the schools that will be the first to have their wraparound options investigated during 2015-16.

It must also be remembered that individual school governing bodies may choose to continue to offer full time (30 hours per week) nursery education even though they will be funded for part time (15 hours per week) provision.

The schools listed in **Table 8** will only be offered support on potential wraparound options if their governing bodies do make the decision to offer part time nursery education in line with their funding. If they decide to offer full time education for the academic year from September 2015, they will not need the immediate support of officers in this matter.

The wards of Cilfynydd, Hirwaun, Penygraig, Tonteg and Tonyrefail West feature in both **Table 7** and **Table 8** and so therefore the schools in these wards will be investigated before the schools in the other four wards.

Holiday care

As detailed in **2.2.5**, out of school care, particularly during school holiday periods, will be investigated further during 2015-16. Parental feedback suggests that there is a lack of

holiday care for 8-14 year olds. This has been identified as a need in previous CSA reports. However, although it is accepted that this older age group do not want to access traditional 'childcare' with younger children, it can be difficult to sustain childcare provision specifically to cater for this need, as attendance numbers may not be sufficient to cover costs. Officers will work with childcare providers and other Council departments to explore possible, cost effective solutions. Aberdare West/Llwydcoed and Pontyclun will initially be examined as the population data shows these wards have the highest number of resident 8-14 year olds.

2.3.4 1:1 support

One to one support for children with additional physical and learning needs is well developed within RCT for school holiday periods. Term time support is available to support pre-school children to attend sessional care childcare via the Law yn Llaw scheme. Work will be undertaken during 2015-16 to develop the support available for school aged children to access out of school clubs. The Welsh Government Out of School Hours Childcare Grant will be used to support this.

2.3.5 Welsh medium provision/ethnic minority groups

Ensuring parents/carers have access to childcare provision delivered through the medium of Welsh will continue to be a priority for 2015-16.

Currently, there is no evidence to suggest that families from minority groups (such as BME, those whose first language is not English or for gypsy/traveler families) are not able to access current childcare provision. However, this will continue to be monitored during 2015-16 and action taken if the situation should change.

2.3.6 Training

A key priority for 2015-16 will be to signpost practitioners to appropriate training and qualifications to support the continuing professional development of childcare and early year's professionals. The Welsh Government Out of School Hours Childcare Grant will be used to commission a Level 3 Children's Care, Development and Learning (CCLD) course, as well as a Level 3 Transition to Playwork course for early years professionals. This will meet identified training needs for the development of wraparound childcare provision and out of school care.

Priority 11:

Identify and support the training and workforce development needs of childcare providers

2.3.7 Quality of Settings

EYFSS will continue to support childcare and early year's providers to improve the quality of their service. This will include support and advice from officers, signposting settings to relevant external agencies, promoting the RCT Quality Assurance Scheme for Early Years, Childcare and Play Provision and the Healthy Schools initiative.

Priority 12:

Improve the quality of childcare settings beyond the National Minimum Standards

3. CSA Action Plan Update 2015-16

SECTION 1 CSA summary document						
Priority	Actions	By Whom	Key Issues	Outcomes	Timescale	Progress against action
1	CSA published every three years, with an annual update report, in accordance with Section 26 of the Childcare Act 2006	<p>Agree timescales and actions with relevant partners</p> <p>Agree submission dates to senior managers, RCT Cabinet and Welsh Government</p> <p>Final CSA and annual update reports published</p>	<p>Childcare Officer</p> <p>EYFSS</p> <p>FIS</p> <p>MIS team</p>	<p>Lack of questionnaire returns by parents/carers, providers and employers</p> <p>Difficulties obtaining up to date data</p>	CSA and annual update report completed and published within timescales	<p>April 2015</p> <p>CSA update report 2015 on schedule to be submitted to Welsh Government by 30th April 2015</p> <p>Awaiting publication of updated Welsh Government CSA guidelines to inform future CSA reports</p>
SECTION 2 Factors affecting demand and ability to pay						
Priority	Actions	By Whom	Key Issues	Outcomes	Timescale	Progress against action
2	<p>Increase parental awareness of financial support for childcare costs, particularly for those wishing to enter employment</p> <p>Provide up to date information via the FIS website</p> <p>Establish links with Jobcentre Plus Lone Parent Advisors</p>	<p>Childcare Officer</p> <p>CPCKC Development Officer</p> <p>ECAPP</p>	<p>Up to date information not uploaded onto FIS website or disseminated to childcare providers</p>	<p>Families aware of financial support available for childcare costs</p> <p>Parents/carers able to access work and/or training</p>	Ongoing	<p>FIS Outreach Officers have significantly improved the quality and quantity of information held on the FIS</p>

	and/or training	<p>FIS Outreach Officers attend events to disseminate information to families</p> <p>Provide information to childcare providers to disseminate to families</p> <p>Promote the Assisted Places scheme to low income families</p>	<p>EYFSS</p> <p>FIS</p> <p>Jobcentre Plus / Lone Parent Advisors</p>	<p>Criteria for Assisted Places scheme not met by families</p> <p>Links with Jobcentre Plus Lone Parent Advisors not maintained</p>	<p>Increase in quantity and type of information held on FIS website</p>		<p>database</p> <p>FIS Outreach Officers regularly attend Jobcentre Plus events and have developed good working relationships with Lone Parent Advisors</p>
3	<p>Increase the number of CSSIW registered out of school childcare clubs by 10% per year</p>	<p>Offer support and guidance to non-registered settings to apply for CSSIW registration</p> <p>Deliver workshops and offer 1:1 support</p>	<p>Childcare Officer</p> <p>CPCKC Development Officer</p> <p>ECAPP</p> <p>Out of school childcare providers</p>	<p>Reluctance of non-registered settings to go through CSSIW registration process</p> <p>Lack of suitably qualified staff to satisfy registration requirements</p> <p>Premises unsuitable for registration requirements</p>	<p>Number of registered childcare places increased</p> <p>Parents/carers using registered clubs able to claim financial support via employer childcare vouchers or childcare element of working tax credits</p> <p>Parents/carers confident that out of school childcare is high quality and operating at or above National Minimum Standards</p>	<p>March 2016</p>	<p>Access to childcare providers grant scheme only available to those who are CSSIW registered</p> <p>In 2014 CPCKC were commissioned to deliver a series of 5 workshops to support CSSIW registration – 4 currently submitting applications to CSSIW, with 3 more due to do so in within the next six months</p>

SECTION 3 Analysis of supply							
Priority	Actions	By Whom	Key Issues	Outcomes	Timescale	Progress against action	
4	Develop childcare provision in areas of identified need	Further analysis of actual demand in wards identified in 2015 update report Support current and new childcare providers to develop new provision where demand has been identified	Childcare Officer Childcare providers Childcare umbrella organisations ECAPP EYFSS	Not enough demand in areas of identified need to make new provision sustainable Lack of suitable childcare for minority and ethnic groups Lack of childcare catering for parents/carers working atypical hours	Childcare provision is available where and when families need it Existing childcare is sustainable New provision is only created in areas of identified need	March 2016 Ongoing	All wards scored against criteria Wards that scored 4 or above will be priority for further investigation during 15/16
5	Support the development of wraparound care for 3 year olds nursery pupils in areas of identified need	Support schools to signpost families to existing provision or to develop their own provision if there is sufficient demand Work with current childcare providers or support new providers to develop suitable wraparound solutions	Childcare Officer Childcare providers Childcare umbrella organisations Primary/Infant Schools	Parents/carers unable to afford additional childcare fees CSSIW registration issues, particularly due to suitably qualified staff and venues	Parents/carers will have a choice of high quality childcare options for nursery aged children	March 2016 Ongoing	All schools scored against criteria 10 schools who scored 3 or above will be priority for further investigation during 15/16

			School Admissions	Availability of suitable space within school Sustainability of wraparound provision			
6	Administer a grant scheme to support sustainability of childcare settings and the development of new provision in areas of identified need	Grant criteria and Terms of Reference for group reviewed and agreed Grant scheme promoted to childcare providers Priority for new developments given to areas of identified need	Childcare Officer Childcare umbrella organisations EYFSS grant and quality assurance group FIS	Insufficient funding to support all applications Providers fail to complete and submit all necessary information Applications for new developments not in areas of identified need	All parents/carers are able to access high quality and affordable childcare to meet their needs Sustainability and development of childcare provision to ensure sufficient choice for parents/carers	June 2015 June 2015 Ongoing	In 14/15, 36 applications were received, of which 29 were fully or partly awarded funding Grant criteria due to be reviewed for 15/16 grant scheme

SECTION 4 Understanding the needs of parents/carers

Priority	Actions	By Whom	Key Issues	Outcomes	Timescale	Progress against action
7	Develop closer links with Admissions team to improve the co-ordination and delivery of nursery	Work with Admissions team to explore an online admissions process for pre nursery and REP places	Admissions team Childcare Officer	Lack of REP's in areas where additional places are required	Nursery admissions for pre nursery and REP places aligned with RCT Admissions team processes	March 2016 No progress against action

	education for 3 year olds in Registered Education Provision (REP)	<p>Identify wards that have an increased demand for REP</p> <p>Work with Early Years Advisory Teachers and childcare providers to develop new REP in areas of identified need</p>	<p>Childcare providers</p> <p>Early Years Advisory Teachers</p> <p>Registered Education Providers</p>	<p>Lack of available funding to develop new REP's in areas of identified need</p> <p>Lack of suitable childcare providers to become REP's in areas of identified need</p>	<p>One point of contact for families</p> <p>REP's in areas where additional places are required</p>	<p>September 2015</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	
8	Support the development of Welsh medium childcare in areas of identified need	<p>Identify demand for Welsh medium childcare provision</p> <p>Support development of new provision in areas of identified need</p> <p>Improve information held on FIS database regarding the number of childcare settings able to offer a Welsh medium service</p>	<p>Childcare Officer</p> <p>Childminding Development & Network Coordinator</p> <p>EYFSS</p> <p>FIS</p> <p>Menter Iaith Mudiad</p> <p>Ysgolion Meithrin</p>	Sustainability of Welsh medium settings	<p>Parents/carers able to make informed choice regarding language of childcare provision</p> <p>Number of Welsh medium childcare places available by type</p>	Ongoing	<p>Close working relationships established with Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin and Menter Iaith</p> <p>FIS Outreach Officers have started to collate information on languages offered in settings</p>
9	Identify opportunities to	Continue the Holiday Fun Time scheme	Childcare Officer	Cost of 1:1 support inhibitive	Childcare settings are fully accessible to all	Ongoing	Training needs identified and

	<p>improve access to childcare and early years provision for children with additional learning and physical needs</p>	<p>Support childcare providers to access suitable, specialist training</p> <p>Explore barriers that prevent families from accessing childcare and early years provision</p> <p>Ensure relevant information is available to families of children with additional needs</p>	<p>Childcare Providers</p> <p>Childminding Development & Network Coordinator</p> <p>Early Years Training team</p> <p>ECAPP</p> <p>EYFSS</p> <p>FIS</p> <p>Holiday Fun Time Coordinator</p> <p>Law yn Llaw</p>	<p>to families without financial support</p> <p>Lack of suitably trained staff in childcare settings to deal with individual needs</p> <p>Lack of suitable provision within close proximity of child's home</p>	<p>children</p> <p>Number of children with additional needs supported in pre-school childcare settings</p> <p>Number of children with additional needs accessing Holiday Fun Time scheme and term time out of school childcare</p>		<p>training programme planned</p> <p>Play space assessments carried out on all Holiday Fun Time providers during 14/15</p> <p>Will continue in 15/16 with other childcare settings</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Support 75% of eligible children to access Flying Start childcare provision</p>	<p>Suitable childcare providers identified and commissioned to deliver FS provision</p> <p>FS providers supported to achieve desired level of quality</p> <p>FS providers supported to adapt settings to ensure compliance with</p>	<p>EYFSS</p> <p>Flying Start childcare providers</p> <p>Flying Start team</p>	<p>Lack of suitable childcare provision available to meet the needs of the FS programme in designated areas</p> <p>Commissioning process deter</p>	<p>Adequate levels of childcare available to meet growth in the number of FS areas</p> <p>High quality FS provision to support development of eligible children</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Four new FS areas in 2015-16</p> <p>Childcare providers currently being identified and commissioned to deliver service</p>

		FS criteria		potential providers from tendering for contracts			
SECTION 5 Consultation with childcare providers							
Priority	Actions	By Whom	Key Issues	Outcomes	Timescale	Progress against action	
11	Identify and support the training and workforce development needs of childcare providers	<p>Collect data and training needs specific to workforce development</p> <p>Work collaboratively with training team to deliver training required by providers</p> <p>Fund Level 3 Children's Care, Learning & Development (CCLD) course and Level 3 Transition to Playwork course</p>	<p>Childcare Officer</p> <p>Childcare umbrella organisations</p> <p>Childminding Development & Network Coordinator</p> <p>Early Years Training team</p>	<p>Lack of available funding</p> <p>Low attendance and/or high dropout rate on courses</p> <p>Training team unable to deliver specialist courses</p> <p>Lack of feedback from providers about training needs</p>	<p>Number of childcare and early years practitioners accessing and completing qualifications and CPD training</p> <p>Workforce training is planned and meets the needs of the childcare sector and children and young people</p> <p>Improved quality workforce</p> <p>Target of 12 learners achieving Level 3 CCLD and 12 achieving Level 3 Transition to Playwork</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>March 2016</p>	<p>Early Years Training centre developed training programme for 2015-16</p> <p>WG Out of School Grant for 2015-16 to fund one L3 CCLD course and one L3 Transition to Playwork course</p>
12	Improve the quality of childcare settings beyond the National Minimum Standards	<p>Promote and support childcare providers to take part in the RCT Quality Assurance Scheme for Early Years, Childcare and Play</p>	<p>Childcare Officer</p> <p>Childcare umbrella organisations</p>	<p>Providers find QA scheme time consuming and fail to complete the toolkit</p>	<p>Providers achieve the QA scheme, raising the quality of Childcare, Early Years and Play provision in RCT</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Re-designed Quality Assurance toolkit distributed to settings in December 2014</p>

		Provision Monitor the quality and undertake follow up visits	EYFSS grant and quality assurance group Training team	Designated officer needed to promote and co-ordinate the scheme	Quality of provision is monitored and maintained		First files of redesigned toolkit due to be submitted May/June 2015
13	Pre-school childcare providers are engaged in and delivering the Healthy and Sustainable Pre-Schools Scheme (HSPSS)	Collaborative working with Public Health to promote HSPSS Ensure HSPSS is embedded in childcare provisions Support settings to work through the 3 phases of scheme: Phase 1 – Preliminary, Nutrition and Oral Health and Physical Activity Phase 2 – Emotional Health and Wellbeing Phase 3 – Environment, Safety and Hygiene	ECAPP Flying Start team Public Health team	Childcare settings not achieving required criteria	Improved health and well being of children Number of pre-school settings working towards achieving the Healthy Schools award	Ongoing	26/29 FS settings are currently signed up to the scheme 4 settings completed Phase 1 and are progressing through the Phase 2 Other settings progressing through Phase 1
SECTION 6 Consultation with employers							
Priority	Actions	By Whom	Key Issues	Outcomes	Timescale	Progress against action	
14	Develop closer	Attend RCT Business	Childcare	Lack of	Parents/carers offered	Ongoing	No progress

	links with employers in RCT and Business Support agencies in order to better support the needs of working parents/carers	<p>Club events</p> <p>Establish links with RCT Regeneration & Planning department regarding job creation</p> <p>Disseminate information to employers about available support for working parents/carers</p>	<p>Officer</p> <p>FIS</p> <p>RCT Business Club</p> <p>RCT Regeneration & Planning department</p>	<p>engagement by employers</p> <p>Childcare market cannot meet the increased childcare demands created by major employment developments</p>	<p>supportive work environments by employers via family friendly work patterns and/or employer support towards childcare costs</p> <p>More parents/carers able to take up employment opportunities</p> <p>Mutual exchange of information between RCTCBC departments</p> <p>Positive consultation with targeted employers</p> <p>Childcare market able to accommodate increased childcare demands</p>		against action
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SECTION 7 Consultation with children and young people

Priority	Actions	By Whom	Key Issues	Outcomes	Timescale	Progress against action
15	<p>Investigate the childcare needs of children and young people aged 8-14 years</p> <p>Consult with Open Access Playscheme providers to explore possible Playcare model in holiday periods</p> <p>Work with YEPS to explore possible collaboration with their Extended Provision</p>	<p>Childcare Officer</p> <p>Childcare providers</p> <p>CPCKC Development Officer</p>	<p>Funding</p> <p>Lack of suitably qualified staff</p> <p>Vulnerability of Playcare settings if play funding is reduced</p>	<p>Development of provision for 8-14 year olds offering safe, stimulating environments that appeals to young people and cater for the childcare needs of parents/carers</p>	March 2016	<p>One holiday club specifically for 9-14 year olds being developed in Taf area</p> <p>If successful, roll out to other areas will take place during 2015-16</p>

		<p>programme</p> <p>Signpost parents/carers to suitable sporting and recreational activities that may provide informal childcare for 8-14 year olds</p> <p>Work with existing childcare providers to develop holiday clubs specifically for 8-14 year olds</p>	<p>FIS</p> <p>YEPS team</p>	<p>Reluctance of 8-14 year olds to access 'childcare'</p>			
SECTION 8 Consultation with other agencies							
Priority	Actions	By Whom	Key Issues	Outcomes	Timescale	Progress against action	
16	<p>Improve collaboration with the Planning department regarding childcare related planning applications</p>	<p>Planning department to consult with EYFSS regarding all childcare related planning applications</p> <p>Submit comments / support / objections on childcare related planning applications</p>	<p>Childcare Officer</p> <p>ECAPP</p> <p>EYFSS</p> <p>Planning department</p>	<p>Limited influence on childcare related planning applications, despite opportunity to support / object</p>	<p>EYFSS made aware of, and able to submit comments concerning planning applications</p> <p>Improved opportunity to limit new developments in areas with sufficient childcare, thus helping to support the sustainability of current provision</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>EYFSS now consulted on all childcare related planning applications</p>

4. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Childcare supply analysis (before the changes to nursery provision for 3 year olds)

<u>As at 05.01.15</u>	% of population under 14	Assumed demand level (% of population 18% or above = high)	% of working lone parents (PT & FT)	Assumed demand level (% of working lone parents above or below 55.0%)	WIMD 2014 Employment Deprivation Score (Median score of all LSOA's in ward)	Assumed demand level (WIMD Employment Score above or below 560)	Average assumed demand level (2 or more indicators)	Current number of childcare places (total registered and unregistered - all types)	Current number of places per 100 children	Current childcare supply level (9.86 of below = low supply)	Total number of childcare places required (current total plus additional required)	Over / under supply (all types)	Current childcare supply level
Aberaman North	18%	High	47.3%	Low	388	Low	Low	46	4.70	Low	71	25	Low
Aberaman South	17%	Low	44.4%	Low	255	Low	Low	18	2.25	Low	54	36	Low
Abercynon	19%	High	55.3%	High	694.5	High	High	47	3.87	Low	92	45	Low
Aberdare East	16%	Low	55.2%	High	581.5	High	High	52	4.83	Low	79	27	Low
Aberdare West/Llwydcoed	16%	Low	60.2%	High	558.5	Low	Low	174	11.79	High	110	-64	High
Beddau	17%	Low	59.3%	High	976	High	High	165	22.88	High	67	-98	High
Brynna	18%	High	65.6%	High	1184.5	High	High	130	16.99	High	67	-63	High
Church Village	25%	High	55.8%	High	1707	High	High	211	16.69	High	118	-93	High
Cilfynydd	19%	High	65.3%	High	683.5	High	High	16	2.91	Low	46	30	Low
Cwm Clydach	19%	High	55.9%	High	352.5	Low	High	35	6.62	Low	37	2	Low
Cwmbach	19%	High	58.7%	High	573	High	High	58	6.67	Low	60	2	Low
Cymmer	17%	Low	52.1%	Low	304	Low	Low	28	3.07	Low	62	34	Low
Ferndale	17%	Low	59.0%	High	430	Low	Low	21	3.03	Low	49	28	Low
Gilfach Goch	17%	Low	38.1%	Low	279	Low	Low	50	8.58	Low	39	-11	High
Glyncoch	19%	High	37.4%	Low	230	Low	Low	24	4.43	Low	39	15	Low
Graig	18%	High	44.9%	Low	626.5	High	High	30	6.70	Low	35	5	Low
Hawthorn	15%	Low	61.3%	High	620	High	High	52	9.30	Low	40	-12	High
Hirwaun	18%	High	45.9%	Low	596	High	High	12	1.56	Low	57	45	Low
Llanharan	21%	High	54.0%	High	1019	High	High	153	20.24	High	67	-86	High
Llanharry	21%	High	60.9%	High	786	High	High	132	17.05	High	67	-65	High
Llantrisant Town	18%	High	73.3%	High	1443	High	High	230	25.41	High	79	-151	High

Llantwit Fardre	17%	Low	66.7%	High	1524	High	High	140	13.11	High	98	-42	High
Llwynypia	16%	Low	51.9%	Low	305.5	Low	Low	148	40.66	High	25	-123	High
Maerdy	18%	High	41.6%	Low	33	Low	Low	34	6.05	Low	32	-2	Low
Mountain Ash East	16%	Low	58.5%	High	592.5	High	High	69	14.78	High	35	-34	High
Mountain Ash West	16%	Low	48.0%	Low	244	Low	Low	41	5.66	Low	48	7	Low
Penrhiwceiber	19%	High	46.7%	Low	218	Low	Low	51	4.62	Low	75	24	Low
Pentre	17%	Low	58.9%	High	495.5	Low	Low	95	10.70	High	63	-32	High
Penygraig	17%	Low	52.3%	Low	374	Low	Low	50	5.14	Low	69	19	Low
Penywaun	22%	High	28.5%	Low	22.5	Low	Low	42	6.27	Low	39	-3	Low
Pontyclun	20%	High	78.5%	High	1692.5	High	High	180	11.08	High	145	-35	High
Pontypridd Town	14%	Low	67.2%	High	1005.5	High	High	128	32.32	High	31	-97	High
Porth	17%	Low	56.4%	High	484	Low	Low	123	11.77	High	79	-44	High
Rhigos	15%	Low	61.4%	High	732	High	High	22	8.53	Low	18	-4	Low
Rhondda	17%	Low	65.7%	High	916	High	High	78	9.92	High	60	-18	High
Rhydyfelin Central Ilan	20%	High	38.0%	Low	180	Low	Low	96	10.85	High	57	-39	High
Taffs Well	15%	Low	75.0%	High	1224.5	High	High	94	16.88	High	50	-44	High
Talbot Green	15%	Low	58.9%	High	780	High	High	117	27.99	High	29	-88	High
Tonteg	13%	Low	76.3%	High	1103	High	High	33	6.24	Low	36	3	Low
Tonypandy	17%	Low	53.7%	High	560.5	High	Low	37	5.60	Low	49	12	Low
Tonyrefail East	18%	High	49.5%	Low	482	Low	Low	99	9.31	Low	77	-22	High
Tonyrefail West	20%	High	57.3%	High	420	Low	High	38	2.99	Low	102	64	Low
Trallwng	16%	Low	61.4%	High	1049	High	High	34	5.66	Low	47	13	Low
Trealaw	19%	High	45.7%	Low	360	Low	Low	32	4.15	Low	54	22	Low
Treforest	7%	Low	55.3%	High	1574	High	High	102	26.91	High	30	-72	High
Treherbert	16%	Low	43.9%	Low	186	Low	Low	107	11.51	High	59	-48	High
Treorchy	16%	Low	57.3%	High	455	Low	Low	156	12.38	High	85	-71	High
Tylorstown	20%	High	37.7%	Low	77	Low	Low	90	9.93	High	59	-31	High
Tyn-y-nant	20%	High	46.7%	Low	480	Low	Low	21	2.95	Low	53	32	Low
Ynysgir	17%	Low	53.9%	High	328.5	Low	Low	44	7.84	Low	38	-6	Low
Ynysybwl	19%	High	61.4%	High	835	High	High	29	3.34	Low	68	39	Low
Ystrad	16%	Low	54.7%	High	465.5	Low	Low	72	7.68	Low	66	-6	Low
Totals	18%		55.0%		560			4086	9.86		3110	-976	

Appendix 2 – Registered Education Providers

Registered Education Provider	Setting Type	Ward	Number of children registered to receive education place	Welsh / English medium
Rhondda				
Cylch Meithrin Nant Dyrys	PVI	Treorchy	6	Welsh
Cylch Meithrin Porth	PVI	Porth	9	Welsh
Cylch Meithrin Tynewydd	PVI	Treherbert	7	Welsh
Cylch Meithrin Ynyshir / Wattstown	PVI	Ynyshir	10	Welsh
Cynon				
Cylch Meithrin Aberdar	PVI	Aberdare East	21	Welsh
Cylch Meithrin Seren Fach	PVI	Mountain Ash East	20	Welsh
Taf				
Cylch Meithrin Efail Isaf	PVI	Llantwit Fardre	8	Welsh
Cylch Meithrin Pentre'r Eglwys	PVI	Church Village	11	Welsh
Cylch Meithrin Rhydyfelin	PVI	Rhydyfelin Central / Ilan	10	Welsh
Cylch Meithrin Thomastown	PVI	Tonyrefail West	5	Welsh
Cylch Meithrin Ynysybwl	PVI	Ynysybwl	14	Welsh
Genesis Day Nursery	Local Authority	Tonyrefail East	0	English
Giggles Playgroup	PVI	Beddau	10	English
Little Folk Playgroup	PVI	Church Village	16	English
Little Inspirations Day Nursery	PVI	Llantrisant Town	13	English
Little Stars Playgroup	PVI	Llantwit Fardre	12	English
Meithrinfa Garth Olwg	PVI	Church Village	16	Welsh
St. Paul's Church	PVI	Pontyclun	27	English
Talbot Green Playgroup	PVI	Talbot Green	11	English
University of South Wales	PVI	Treforest	0	English

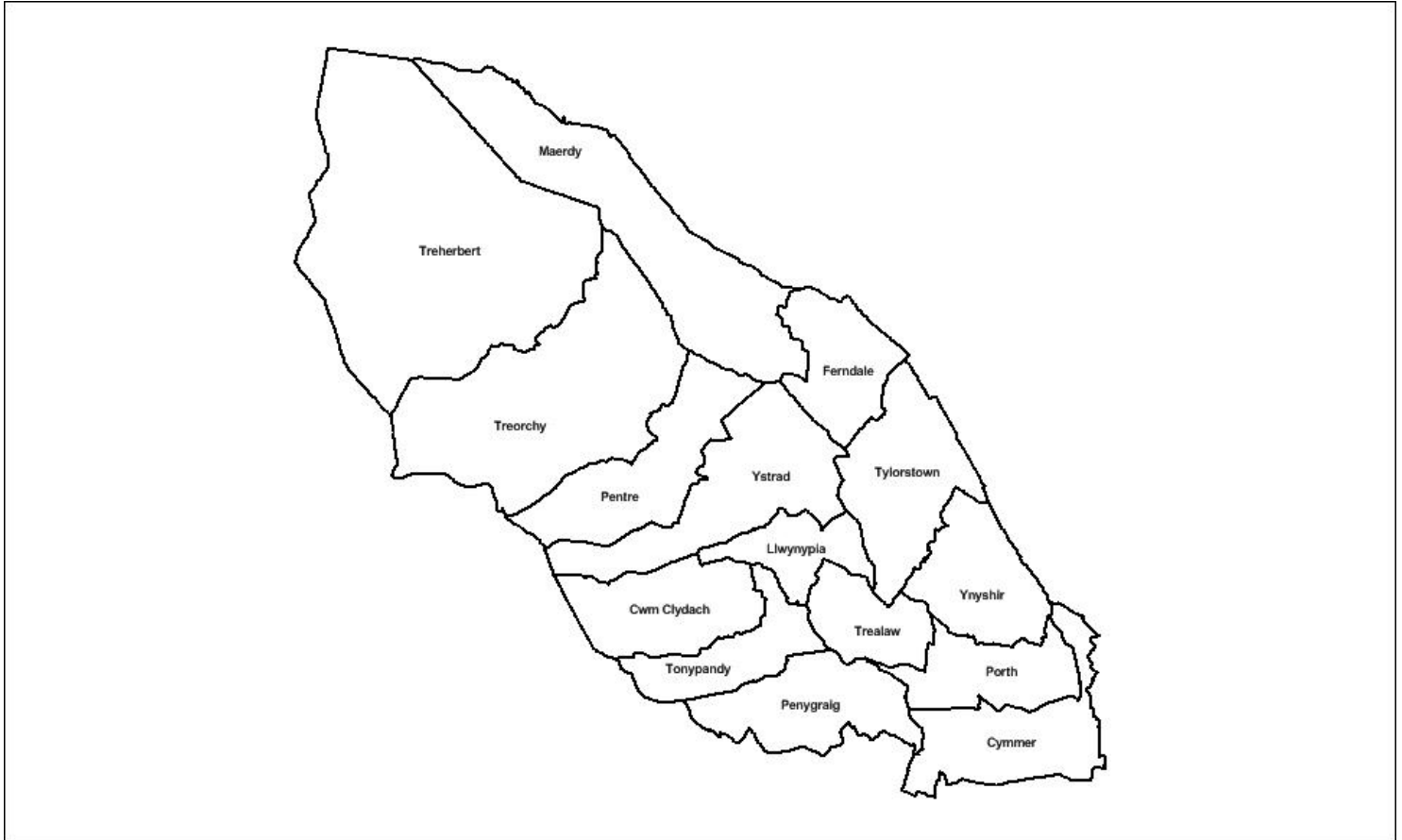
Appendix 3 – Flying Start Settings

Flying Start Setting	Setting Type	Ward	Number of children registered to receive Flying Start place	Welsh / English medium
Childminders	PVI	All RCT	19	English / Bilingual
Rhondda				
Cylch Meithrin Nant Dyrus	PVI	Treorchy	10	Welsh
Cylch Meithrin Ynyshir & Wattstown	PVI	Ynyshir	32	Welsh AM Bilingual PM
Genesis Day Nursery Tylorstown	Local Authority	Tylorstown	36	English
Growing Together Maerdy	PVI	Maerdy	46	English
Flying Start Penrhys	PVI	Tylorstown	13	English
Nightingales Playgroup	PVI	Penygraig	8	English
Pen Pych	PVI	Treherbert	19	English
Rainbow Room Rhiwgarn	PVI	Cymmer	34	English
Sunshine Corner Day Nursery	PVI	Cwm Clydach	24	English
Trealaw Caterpillar Corner	PVI	Trealaw	13	English
Ynyscynon Early Years Centre	Local Authority	Llwynypia	32	English
Cynon				
Cylch Chwarae Penrhiwceiber	PVI	Penrhiwceiber	27	Bilingual AM Welsh PM
Genesis Day Nursery Aberaman	Local Authority	Aberaman North	43	English
Growing Together Bryncynon	PVI	Abercynon	31	English
Growing Together Glenboi	PVI	Mountain Ash West	13	English
Growing Together Perthcelyn	PVI	Penrhiwceiber	13	English
Flying Start Penywaun	PVI	Penywaun	50	English
Taf				
Cylch Meithrin Llanhari	PVI	Llanharry	21	Welsh AM Bilingual PM
Cylch Meithrin Pentre	PVI	Church	30	Welsh AM

Eglwys		Village		Bilingual PM
Cylch Meithrin Rhydyfelin	PVI	Rhydyfelin Central / Ilan	43	Welsh AM Bilingual PM
Genesis Day Nursery Pontypridd	Local Authority	Pontypridd Town	17	English
Genesis Day Nursery Tonyrefail	Local Authority	Tonyrefail East	28	English
Giggles Playgroup	PVI	Beddau	19	English
Little Inspirations	PVI	Rhydyfelin Central / Ilan	13	English
Messy Monsters	PVI	Gilfach Goch	31	English
The Gruffalo's Den	PVI	Glyncoch	32	Bilingual AM Welsh PM

Appendix 4 – Ward Analyses

Rhondda



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4.1 Cwm Clydach

Population

Cwm Clydach has a population of 2757 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 118 are aged 2 years and under
- 61 are 3-4 years
- 102 are 5-7 years
- 102 are 8-10 years
- 146 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 529 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Cwm Clydach ward or 19% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Full Day Care	1	19	-
Sessional Care	1	-	16
Totals	2	19	16

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 6.62.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

One English medium sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 24 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 6 enquiries for childcare provision from the Cwm Clydach ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	2
Day Nursery	1
Playgroup	1
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	1
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	1

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 69.0% of 16-64 year olds in the Cwm Clydach ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 5.4% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Cwm Clydach 1 is ranked 25th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 180th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school in the Cwm Clydach ward with 28 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 2 responses were received from this ward, although none stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

Cwm Clydach is one of the wards identified in **Table 7** and the analysis in **Appendix 1** suggests that there is a **high demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. It will therefore require further investigation of childcare needs, although the analysis suggests that just an additional 2 places are required. This does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

4.2 Cymmer

Population

Cymmer has a population of 5444 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 220 are aged 2 years and under
- 135 are 3-4 years
- 193 are 5-7 years
- 150 are 8-10 years
- 215 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 913 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Cymmer ward or 17% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	4	-
Sessional Care	1	24	-
Totals	2	28	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 3.07.

One English medium sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 34 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one new sessional care provider has registered with CSSIW, offering 24 places. This is a Flying Start setting.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 4 enquiries for childcare provision from the Cymmer ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	1
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	1
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	1
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	1

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 65.8% of 16-64 year olds in the Cymmer ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 5.7% of those who

are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Cymmer 3 is ranked 12th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 86th in Wales, whilst Cymmer 4 is ranked 9th in RCT and 71st in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school and two English medium infant schools in the Cymmer ward with a total of 56 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*). One of the infant schools closed in December 2014 with children transferring to other schools in the area.

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 8 responses were received from this ward, with 2 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This suggests that it is unlikely for the market to develop additional childcare and intervention may be required to stimulate demand. The analysis indicates that an additional 34 places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed. Further investigation may be required.

4.3 Ferndale

Population

Ferndale has a population of 4172 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 151 are aged 2 years and under
- 100 are 3-4 years
- 133 are 5-7 years
- 134 are 8-10 years
- 176 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 694 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Ferndale ward or 17% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	5	-
Sessional Care	1	-	16
Totals	3	5	16

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 3.03.

Two providers in this ward have been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 2 enquiries for childcare provision from the Ferndale ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	-
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	1
Cylch Meithrin	1
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 69.0% of 16-64 year olds in the Ferndale ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.7% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium infant school, one English medium primary school and one Welsh medium primary school in the Ferndale ward with a total of 92 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 8 responses were received from this ward, with 2 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This suggests that it is unlikely for the market to develop additional childcare and intervention may be required to stimulate demand. The analysis indicates that an additional 28 places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed. Further investigation may be required.

4.4 Llwynypia

Population

Llwynypia has a population of 2245 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 72 are aged 2 years and under
- 45 are 3-4 years
- 65 are 5-7 years
- 82 are 8-10 years
- 100 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 364 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Llwynypia ward or 16% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Full Day Care	2	88	-
Out of school Care	1	36	-
Sessional Care	1	24	-
Totals	4	148	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 40.66.

Two providers in this ward have been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

One English medium sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 32 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 12 enquiries for childcare provision from the Llwynypia ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	1
Day Nursery	3
Playgroup	3
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	2
Holiday Playscheme	1
Holiday Club	-

Breakfast Club	2
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Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 68.5% of 16-64 year olds in the Llwynypia ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 5.0% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Llwynypia 2 is ranked 22nd most deprived LSOA in RCT and 160th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school and one English medium Early Years Centre in the Llwynypia ward with a total of 67 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 3 responses were received from this ward, although none stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that there is sufficient childcare provision and possibly an oversupply, leading to possible sustainability issues for the settings. This analysis suggests that there is an oversupply of 123 childcare places. However, there are two day nurseries in this ward so it is reasonable to presume that the children attending these settings are from a wide geographical area. Therefore this may distort the analysis for this ward.

4.5 Maerdy

Population

Maerdy has a population of 3118 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 130 are aged 2 years and under
- 78 are 3-4 years
- 105 are 5-7 years
- 94 are 8-10 years
- 155 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 562 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Maerdy ward or 18% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	2	10	-
Sessional Care	1	24	-
Totals	3	34	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 6.05.

One English medium sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 46 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

During 2015, delivery of the Flying Start provision is due to change and move to new premises within the grounds of Ferndale Community School.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 1 enquiry for childcare provision from the Cwm Clydach ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	-
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	1
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 57.7% of 16-64 year olds in the Maerdy ward are economically active. This is lower than the RCT average of 63.2%. 7.3% of those who

are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Maerdy 1 is ranked 15th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 95th in Wales, whilst Maerdy 2 is ranked 7th in RCT and 56th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school in the Maerdy ward with 34 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 1 response was received from this ward which stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This suggests that it is unlikely for the market to develop additional childcare and intervention may be required to stimulate demand. This analysis suggests that there is an oversupply of 2 childcare places, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

4.6 Pentre

Population

Pentre has a population of 5230 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 170 are aged 2 years and under
- 150 are 3-4 years
- 190 are 5-7 years
- 160 are 8-10 years
- 218 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 888 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Pentre ward or 17% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	6	34	-
Full Day Care	1	49	-
Sessional Care	1	12	-
Totals	8	95	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 10.70.

Three providers in this ward have been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 5 enquiries for childcare provision from the Pentre ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	-
Day Nursery	1
Playgroup	1
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	1
Holiday Playscheme	1
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	1

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 71.8% of 16-64 year olds in the Pentre ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.3% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also slightly higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school and one English medium infant school in the Pentre ward with a total of 54 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 3 responses were received from this ward, although none stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that there is sufficient childcare provision and possibly an oversupply, leading to possible sustainability issues for the settings. This analysis suggests that there is an oversupply of 32 childcare places. This will be kept under review.

4.7 Penygraig

Population

Penygraig has a population of 5570 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 225 are aged 2 years and under
- 130 are 3-4 years
- 173 are 5-7 years
- 201 are 8-10 years
- 244 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 973 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Penygraig ward or 17% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	6	-
Sessional Care	3	12	32
Total	4	18	32

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 5.14.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

One welsh medium sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 8 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one childminder has voluntarily suspended their registration with CSSIW.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 12 enquiries for childcare provision from the Penygraig ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	3
Day Nursery	1
Playgroup	3
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	2
Holiday Playscheme	1
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	2

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 68.7% of 16-64 year olds in the Penygraig ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 5.8% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Penygraig 3 is ranked 17th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 107th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school and one English medium infant school in the Penygraig ward with a total of 66 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 3 responses were received from this ward, with all stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

Penygraig is one of the wards identified in **Table 7**, although the analysis in **Appendix 1** suggests that there is a **low demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This analysis suggests that it is unlikely for the market to develop additional childcare and intervention may be required to stimulate demand, although the inclusion of this ward in **Table 7** suggests that further investigation is needed. The analysis indicates that an additional 19 places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

4.8 Porth

Population

Porth has a population of 6106 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 248 are aged 2 years and under
- 164 are 3-4 years
- 190 are 5-7 years
- 189 are 8-10 years
- 254 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 1045 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Porth ward or 17% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	6	36	-
Full Day Care	2	47	-
Out of school Care	1	-	16
Sessional Care	1	24	-
Totals	10	107	16

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 11.77.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one new full day care provider has registered with CSSIW, offering 19 places.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 13 enquiries for childcare provision from the Porth ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	4
Day Nursery	1
Playgroup	4
Cylch Meithrin	1
After School Club	1
Holiday Playscheme	1
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	1

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 71.9% of 16-64 year olds in the Porth ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.6% of those who

are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There are two English medium infant schools and one Welsh medium primary school in the Porth ward with a total of 73 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one Welsh medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, with 9 children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 8 responses were received from this ward, with 3 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that there is sufficient childcare provision and possibly an oversupply, leading to possible sustainability issues for the settings. This analysis suggests that there is an oversupply of 44 childcare places. This will be kept under review.

4.9 Tonypandy

Population

Tonypandy has a population of 3784 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 146 are aged 2 years and under
- 90 are 3-4 years
- 120 are 5-7 years
- 128 are 8-10 years
- 177 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 661 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Tonypandy ward or 17% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	5	-
Sessional Care	2	-	32
Totals	3	5	32

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 5.60.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 19 enquiries for childcare provision from the Tonypandy ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	5
Day Nursery	4
Playgroup	4
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	3
Holiday Playscheme	1
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	2

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 71.6% of 16-64 year olds in the Tonypandy ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 3.9% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There are two English medium primary schools (one of which is a Roman Catholic faith school) in the Tonypany ward with a total of 47 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 5 responses were received from this ward, with 1 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This suggests that it is unlikely for the market to develop additional childcare and intervention may be required to stimulate demand. The analysis indicates that an additional 12 places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed. Further investigation may be required.

4.10 Trealaw

Population

Trealaw has a population of 4149 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 180 are aged 2 years and under
- 123 are 3-4 years
- 155 are 5-7 years
- 134 are 8-10 years
- 180 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 772 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Trealaw ward or 19% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	2	12	-
Sessional Care	1	20	-
Totals	3	32	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 4.15.

One English medium sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 13 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one new sessional care provider has registered with CSSIW, offering 20 places. This is a Flying Start setting.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 14 enquiries for childcare provision from the Trealaw ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	4
Day Nursery	2
Playgroup	4
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	2
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	2

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 67.5% of 16-64 year olds in the Trealaw ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 5.3% of those who

are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Trealaw 2 is ranked 16th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 106th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There are two English medium primary schools in the Trealaw ward with a total of 60 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 4 responses were received from this ward, with 1 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

Planning has been approved for 10 x 1 bedroom apartments to be built on the site of the old Royal Hotel, within half a mile of Alaw Primary School and Trealaw Primary School. This development is unlikely to have an impact on childcare needs as they are single bedroom units not suitable for family use.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This suggests that it is unlikely for the market to develop additional childcare and intervention may be required to stimulate demand. The analysis indicates that an additional 22 places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed. Further investigation may be required.

4.11 Treherbert

Population

Treherbert has a population of 5696 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 196 are aged 2 years and under
- 151 are 3-4 years
- 176 are 5-7 years
- 165 are 8-10 years
- 242 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 930 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Treherbert ward or 16% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	5	-
Full Day Care	1	60	-
Sessional Care	2	26	16
Totals	4	91	16

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 11.51.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

One English medium sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 19 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one sessional care provider has moved premises and re-registered with CSSIW as a full day care provider, offering 60 places.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received no enquiries for childcare or play provision from the Treherbert ward in the period September – December 2014, although they did receive two enquiries for parent and toddler/ti a fi groups.

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 65.9% of 16-64 year olds in the Treherbert ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 5.7% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Treherbert 2 is ranked 23rd most deprived LSOA in RCT and 165th in Wales, whilst Treherbert 3 is ranked 21st in RCT and 147th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There are two English medium primary schools in the Treherbert ward with a total of 60 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one welsh medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, with 7 children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 4 responses were received from this ward, although none stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

Planning has been approved for the development of the former Infants School in Blaenrhondda into residential housing. This development is within half a mile of Pen Pych Community Primary School and two miles of Penyreglyn Community Primary School. This development is to convert the former school building into apartments and so is unlikely to have an impact on childcare needs as they are not likely to be for family use.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that there is sufficient childcare provision and possibly an oversupply, leading to possible sustainability issues for the settings. This analysis suggests that there is an oversupply of 48 childcare places. This will be kept under review.

4.12 Treorchy

Population

Treorchy has a population of 7675 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 250 are aged 2 years and under
- 138 are 3-4 years
- 272 are 5-7 years
- 236 are 8-10 years
- 364 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 1260 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Treorchy ward or 16% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	3	-
Full Day Care	2	54	-
Out of school Care	2	24	16
Sessional Care	3	43	16
Totals	8	124	32

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 12.38.

Two providers in this ward have been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

One welsh medium sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 10 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

There is one new Welsh medium out of school club and one new sessional care provider in the last year, increasing the number of places available in the Treorchy ward by approximately 32.

Treorchy 3 LSOA is due to become a Flying Start area from April 2015. A current sessional care provider is likely to deliver this provision.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 1 enquiry for childcare provision from the Treorchy ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	1
Day Nursery	-

Playgroup	-
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 69.7% of 16-64 year olds in the Treorchy ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.6% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also slightly higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There are two English medium primary schools and one Welsh medium primary school in the Treorchy ward with a total of 116 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one welsh medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, with 6 children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 8 responses were received from this ward, with 2 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

Planning has been approved for 12 x 1 bedroom apartments to be built. This development is within half a mile of Treorchy Primary School and 1½ miles of Parc Primary School and YGG Ynyswen. This development is unlikely to have an impact on childcare needs as they are single bedroom units not suitable for family use.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that there is sufficient childcare provision and possibly an oversupply, leading to possible sustainability issues for the settings. This analysis suggests that there is an oversupply of 71 childcare places. This will be kept under review.

4.13 Tylorstown

Population

Tylorstown has a population of 4527 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 206 are aged 2 years and under
- 94 are 3-4 years
- 198 are 5-7 years
- 189 are 8-10 years
- 219 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 906 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Tylorstown ward or 20% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	2	12	-
Full Day Care	2	46	-
Sessional Care	2	-	32
Totals	6	58	32

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 9.93.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

One English medium full day care provider, and one English medium sessional care provider are currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. A total of 49 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one new full day care provider has registered with CSSIW, offering 20 places. This is a Flying Start setting.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 7 enquiries for childcare provision from the Tylorstown ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	2
Day Nursery	1
Playgroup	2
Cylch Meithrin	2
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-

Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 63.1% of 16-64 year olds in the Tylorstown ward are economically active. This is slightly lower than the RCT average of 63.2%. 7.0% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Tylorstown 1 is ranked the most deprived LSOA in RCT and 4th in Wales, whilst Tylorstown 3 is ranked 20th in RCT and 133rd in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There are three English medium primary schools in the Tylorstown ward with a total of 65 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 4 responses were received from this ward, although none stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that there is sufficient childcare provision and possibly an oversupply, leading to possible sustainability issues for the settings. This analysis suggests that there is an oversupply of 31 childcare places. This will be kept under review.

4.14 Ynyshir

Population

Ynyshir has a population of 3304 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 139 are aged 2 years and under
- 81 are 3-4 years
- 98 are 5-7 years
- 103 are 8-10 years
- 140 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 561 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Ynyshir ward 17% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	4	-
Sessional Care	2	24	16
Totals	3	28	16

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 7.84.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

One sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds, offering welsh and bilingual sessions. 32 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 7 enquiries for childcare provision from the Ynyshir ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	1
Day Nursery	2
Playgroup	3
Cylch Meithrin	1
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-

Breakfast Club	-
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Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 67.9% of 16-64 year olds in the Ynyshir ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 5.4% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Ynyshir 1 is ranked 18th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 125th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There are two English medium primary schools in the Ynyshir ward with a total of 48 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one welsh medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, with 10 children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 2 responses were received from this ward, although none stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This suggests that it is unlikely for the market to develop additional childcare and intervention may be required to stimulate demand. The analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 6 places, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed. Further investigation may be required.

4.15 Ystrad

Population

Ystrad has a population of 5851 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 185 are aged 2 years and under
- 137 are 3-4 years
- 178 are 5-7 years
- 174 are 8-10 years
- 263 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 937 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Ystrad ward or 16% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Sessional Care	4	24	48
Totals	4	24	48

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 6.27.

Changes in childcare supply

Ystrad 3 LSOA is due to become a Flying Start area from April 2015. A current sessional care provider is likely to deliver this provision.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 10 enquiries for childcare provision from the Ystrad ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	2
Day Nursery	1
Playgroup	1
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	2
Holiday Playscheme	2
Holiday Club	1
Breakfast Club	1

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 68.2% of 16-64 year olds in the Ystrad ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.1% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is the same as the RCT average.

Three year old nursery provision

There two English medium primary schools and two Welsh medium primary schools in the Ystrad ward with a total of 92 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 8 responses were received from this ward, with 2 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

Ystrad is one of the wards identified in **Table 7**, although the analysis in **Appendix 1** suggests that there is a **low demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This analysis suggests that it is unlikely for the market to develop additional childcare and intervention may be required to stimulate demand, although the inclusion of this ward in **Table 7** suggests that further investigation is needed. The analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 6 places, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

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4.16 Aberaman North

Population

Aberaman North has a population of 5297 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 245 are aged 2 years and under
- 142 are 3-4 years
- 206 are 5-7 years
- 182 are 8-10 years
- 203 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 978 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Aberaman North ward or 18% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	3	17	-
Full Day Care	1	29	-
Totals	4	46	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 4.70.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

One English medium full day care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 43 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received no enquiries for childcare or play provision from the Aberaman North ward in the period September – December 2014.

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 70.4% of 16-64 year olds in the Aberaman North ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 5.1% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There are two English medium primary schools in the Aberaman North ward with a total of 48 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 10 responses were received from this ward, although none stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This suggests that it is unlikely for the market to develop additional childcare and intervention may be required to stimulate demand. The analysis indicates that an additional 25 places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed. Further investigation may be required.

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4.17 Aberaman South

Population

Aberaman South has a population of 4666 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 171 are aged 2 years and under
- 142 are 3-4 years
- 171 are 5-7 years
- 134 are 8-10 years
- 181 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 799 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Aberaman South ward 17% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	3	18	-
Totals	3	18	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 2.25.

Three providers in this ward have been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one childminder has voluntarily suspended their registration with CSSIW.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 8 enquiries for childcare provision from the Aberaman South ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	3
Day Nursery	2
Playgroup	2
Cylch Meithrin	1
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 66.7% of 16-64 year olds in the Aberaman South ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 6.5% of those who

are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school and one English medium infant school in the Aberaman South ward with a total of 67 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 6 responses were received from this ward, with 1 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

Aberaman South is one of the wards identified in **Table 7**, although the analysis in **Appendix 1** suggests that there is a **low demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This analysis suggests that it is unlikely for the market to develop additional childcare and intervention may be required to stimulate demand, although the inclusion of this ward in **Table 7** suggests that further investigation is needed. The analysis indicates that an additional 36 places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

4.18 Abercynon

Population

Abercynon has a population of 6437 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 262 are aged 2 years and under
- 192 are 3-4 years
- 228 are 5-7 years
- 234 are 8-10 years
- 297 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 1213 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Abercynon ward or 19% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	4	21	-
Sessional Care	1	26	-
Totals	5	47	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 3.87.

One English medium sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 31 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 5 enquiries for childcare provision from the Abercynon ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	2
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	-
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	1
Holiday Playscheme	1
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	1

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 72.0% of 16-64 year olds in the Abercynon ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 5.1% of those who

are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Abercynon 2 is ranked 6th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 36th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There are two English medium primary schools and one Welsh medium primary school in the Abercynon ward with a total of 106 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 7 responses were received from this ward, although none stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

Further investigation of childcare needs is required in this ward, as the analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is a **high demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This analysis suggests that an additional 45 childcare places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

4.19 Aberdare East

Population

Aberdare East has a population of 6541 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 197 are aged 2 years and under
- 126 are 3-4 years
- 234 are 5-7 years
- 206 are 8-10 years
- 314 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 1077 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Aberdare East ward or 16% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	12	-
Full Day Care	2	40	-
Totals	3	52	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 4.83.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one full day care provided has deregistered with the loss of 34 places.

Aberdare East 4 LSOA is due to become a Flying Start area from April 2015. At the time of writing, current providers in the immediate vicinity have been invited to submit expressions of interest to deliver this provision.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 1 enquiry for childcare provision from the Cwm Clydach ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	1
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	-
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 72.3% of 16-64 year olds in the Aberdare East ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 3.9% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There are four English medium primary schools (one of which is a Roman Catholic faith school and one is a Church in Wales faith school) in the Aberdare East ward with a total of 104 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one welsh medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, with 21 children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 12 responses were received from this ward, although none stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

Planning has been approved for 10 x 1 bedroom social housing apartments, plus 1 x 4 bedroom house and 1 x 2 bedroom bungalow to be built on the site of the old YGG Aberdar. The development is within half a mile of Aberdare Church in Wales Primary School and within one mile of Caradog Primary School and St Margaret's Roman Catholic Primary School. Achieving planning permission does not mean that building work will start imminently so determining the impact on childcare needs is difficult to calculate. Impact on childcare needs in this case may be limited as the majority of units on this site will be single bedroom and not suitable for family use.

Summary

Further investigation of childcare needs is required in this ward, as the analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is a **high demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This analysis suggests that an additional 27 childcare places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

4.20 Aberdare West / Llwydcoed

Population

Aberdare West / Llwydcoed has a population of 9232 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 280 are aged 2 years and under
- 194 are 3-4 years
- 284 are 5-7 years
- 271 are 8-10 years
- 447 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 1476 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Aberdare West / Llwydcoed ward or 16% of the total population. This ward has the highest population throughout RCT of young people aged 11-17 years.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	6	27	-
Full Day Care	2	99	-
Out of school Care	3	16	32
Totals	11	142	32

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 11.79.

Three providers in this ward have been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one childminder has voluntarily suspended their registration with CSSIW.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 12 enquiries for childcare provision from the Aberdare West / Llwydcoed ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	5
Day Nursery	2
Playgroup	2
Cylch Meithrin	1
After School Club	1
Holiday Playscheme	1
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 72.9% of 16-64 year olds in the Aberdare West / Llwydcoed ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 3.7% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There are three English medium primary schools and one Welsh medium primary school in the Aberdare West / Llwydcoed ward with a total of 164 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 9 responses were received from this ward, with 1 stating lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that there is sufficient childcare provision and possibly an oversupply, leading to possible sustainability issues for the settings. This analysis suggests that there is an oversupply of 64 childcare places. However, there are two day nurseries in this ward so it is reasonable to presume that the children attending these settings are from a wide geographical area. Therefore this may distort the analysis for this ward. Further development work is required to identify if there are any holiday care needs for older age children, particularly for 11-14 year olds.

4.21 Cwmbach

Population

Cwmbach has a population of 4663 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 181 are aged 2 years and under
- 142 are 3-4 years
- 178 are 5-7 years
- 166 are 8-10 years
- 203 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 870 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Cwmbach ward or 19% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	3	18	-
Full Day Care	1	40	-
Totals	4	58	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 6.67.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one new childminder has registered with CSSIW, offering 6 places.

Cwmbach 2 LSOA is due to become a Flying Start area from April 2015. A current full day care provider is likely to deliver this provision.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received no enquiries for childcare or play provision from the Cwmbach ward in the period September – December 2014.

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 69.0% of 16-64 year olds in the Cwmbach ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 5.6% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Cwmbach 2 is ranked 11th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 81st in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There are two English medium primary schools (one of which is a Church in Wales faith school) in the Cwmbach ward with a total of 50 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 3 responses were received from this ward, with 1 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

Further investigation of childcare needs is required in this ward, as the analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is a **high demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward, although this analysis suggests that only an additional 2 childcare places are required. This does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

4.22 Hirwaun

Population

Hirwaun has a population of 4272 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 162 are aged 2 years and under
- 127 are 3-4 years
- 165 are 5-7 years
- 135 are 8-10 years
- 181 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 770 children and young people aged 0-14 year olds in the Hirwaun ward or 18% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	2	12	-
Totals	2	12	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 1.56.

Three providers in this ward have been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds in this ward is delivered by childminders.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, two childminders have voluntarily suspended their registration with CSSIW.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received no enquiries for childcare or play provision from the Hirwaun ward in the period September – December 2014.

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 69.6% of 16-64 year olds in the Hirwaun ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.3% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also slightly higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Hirwaun 3 is ranked 26th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 185th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school in the Hirwaun ward with 25 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*). There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 3 responses were received from this ward, with 2 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

Hirwaun is one of the wards identified in **Table 7** and the analysis in **Appendix 1** suggests that there is a **high demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. It will therefore require further investigation of childcare needs. The analysis suggests that an additional 45 places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

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4.23 Mountain Ash East

Population

Mountain Ash East has a population of 2875 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 92 are aged 2 years and under
- 65 are 3-4 years
- 101 are 5-7 years
- 104 are 8-10 years
- 105 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 467 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Mountain Ash East ward or 16% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Full Day Care	2	69	-
Totals	2	69	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 14.78.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 4 enquiries for childcare provision from the Mountain Ash East ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	-
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	1
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	1
Holiday Playscheme	1
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	1

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 72.9% of 16-64 year olds in the Mountain Ash East ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.1% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is the same as the RCT average.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school in the Mountain Ash East ward with 20 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one welsh medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, with 20 children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 4 responses were received from this ward, although none stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **high demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that the childcare market is most likely functioning and no further intervention is necessary at this time. This analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 34 childcare places. This will be kept under review.

4.24 Mountain Ash West

Population

Mountain Ash West has a population of 4448 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 137 are aged 2 years and under
- 112 are 3-4 years
- 166 are 5-7 years
- 137 are 8-10 years
- 172 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 724 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Mountain Ash West ward or 16% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	5	-
Out of school Care	1	-	16
Sessional Care	1	20	-
Totals	3	25	16

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 5.66.

One English medium sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 13 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 4 enquiries for childcare provision from the Mountain Ash West ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	1
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	-
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	1
Holiday Playscheme	1
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	1

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 64.3% of 16-64 year olds in the Mountain Ash West ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 6.1% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Mountain Ash West 2 is ranked 14th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 94th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There are three English medium primary schools (one of which is a Roman Catholic faith school) in the Mountain Ash West ward with a total of 47 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 7 responses were received from this ward, although none stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This suggests that it is unlikely for the market to develop additional childcare and intervention may be required to stimulate demand. The analysis indicates that an additional 7 places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed. Further investigation may be required.

4.25 Penrhiwceiber

Population

Penrhiwceiber has a population of 5823 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 213 are aged 2 years and under
- 162 are 3-4 years
- 235 are 5-7 years
- 219 are 8-10 years
- 276 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 1105 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Penrhiwceiber ward or 19% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	2	6	-
Full Day Care	1	19	-
Sessional Care	2	26	-
Totals	5	51	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 4.62.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

Two sessional care providers are currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds, one offering English medium and one offering welsh and bilingual sessions. A total of 40 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received 1 enquiry for childcare provision from the Penrhiwceiber ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	-
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	-
Cylch Meithrin	1
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-

Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 64.6% of 16-64 year olds in the Penrhiwceiber ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 7.4% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Penrhiwceiber 1 is ranked 3rd most deprived LSOA in RCT and 13th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There four English medium primary schools in the Penrhiwceiber ward with a total of 69 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 11 responses were received from this ward, with 1 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This suggests that it is unlikely for the market to develop additional childcare and intervention may be required to stimulate demand. The analysis indicates that an additional 24 places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed. Further investigation may be required.

4.26 Penywaun

Population

Penywaun has a population of 3101 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 137 are aged 2 years and under
- 98 are 3-4 years
- 152 are 5-7 years
- 128 are 8-10 years
- 155 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 670 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Penywaun ward or 22% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Crèche	1	9	-
Out of school Care	1	9	-
Sessional Care	1	24	-
Totals	3	42	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 6.27.

One English medium sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 50 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one new sessional care provider has registered with CSSIW, offering 24 places. This is a Flying Start setting.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 6 enquiries for childcare provision from the Penywaun ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	2
Day Nursery	2
Playgroup	1
Cylch Meithrin	1
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 57.1% of 16-64 year olds in the Penywaun ward are economically active. This is lower than the RCT average of 63.2%. 8.9% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Penywaun 1 is ranked 13th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 91st in Wales, whilst Penywaun 2 is ranked 2nd in RCT and 7th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one primary school in the Penywaun ward with 27 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 2 responses were received from this ward, with 1 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

Penywaun is one of the wards identified in **Table 7**, although the analysis in **Appendix 1** suggests that there is a **low demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This analysis suggests that it is unlikely for the market to develop additional childcare and intervention may be required to stimulate demand, although the inclusion of this ward in **Table 7** suggests that further investigation is needed. The analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 3 places, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

4.27 Rhigos

Population

Rhigos has a population of 1743 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 43 are aged 2 years and under
- 32 are 3-4 years
- 44 are 5-7 years
- 58 are 8-10 years
- 81 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 258 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Rhigos ward or 15% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	6	-
Sessional Care	1	16	-
Totals	2	22	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 8.53.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received no enquiries for childcare or play provision from the Cwm Clydach ward in the period September – December 2014.

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 68.3% of 16-64 year olds in the Rhigos ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.1% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is the same as the RCT average.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school and one Dual language primary school in the Rhigos ward with a total of 36 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 1 response was received from this ward which didn't state that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is a **high demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward, although this analysis suggests that there is an oversupply of 4 childcare places. This will require further investigation.

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4.28 Beddau

Population

Beddau has a population of 4224 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 165 are aged 2 years and under
- 112 are 3-4 years
- 159 are 5-7 years
- 123 are 8-10 years
- 162 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 721 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Beddau ward or 17% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	6	29	-
Full Day Care	1	36	-
Out of school Care	1	52	-
Sessional Care	2	48	-
Totals	10	165	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 22.88.

Four providers in this ward have been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

One English medium sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 19 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one childminder has deregistered with the loss of 6 places, whilst a new childminder has registered offering 3 spaces.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 18 enquiries for childcare provision from the Beddau ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	6
Day Nursery	2
Playgroup	4
Cylch Meithrin	1
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	3

Holiday Club	2
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 79.6% of 16-64 year olds in the Beddau ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 2.8% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school and one Welsh medium primary school in the Beddau ward with a total of 73 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one English medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, with 10 children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 7 responses were received from this ward, with 2 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

Planning has been approved for the development of land off Llantrisant Road, Beddau for 142 dwellings. This development is within half a mile of Gwaunmeisgyn Primary School and one mile of Llwynocrwn Primary School and YGG Castellau. It is understood that this development is already under way and is for a mixture of two, three and four bedroom houses and apartments. This development is likely to have an impact on childcare needs in the area and will need further exploration to determine the extent of this need.

Planning has also been approved for 39 social housing dwellings off Castellau Road in Beddau, opposite YGG Castellau and within half a mile of Llwynocrwn Primary School. This is for a mixture of two, three and four bedroom house and flats. Achieving planning permission does not mean that building work will start imminently so determining the impact on childcare needs is difficult to calculate. This development is likely to have some impact on childcare needs in the area when building works are completed.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **high demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that the childcare market is most likely functioning and no further intervention is necessary at this time. This analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 98 childcare places. However, the housing developments listed above may have an effect on this analysis and so this will need to be monitored over the next twelve months.

4.29 Brynna

Population

Brynna has a population of 4138 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 182 are aged 2 years and under
- 103 are 3-4 years
- 146 are 5-7 years
- 172 are 8-10 years
- 162 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 765 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Brynna ward or 18% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	11	60	-
Out of school Care	2	22	16
Sessional Care	1	32	-
Totals	14	114	16

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 16.99.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one open access play provider has voluntarily suspended their registration with CSSIW.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 1 enquiry for childcare provision from the Brynna ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	1
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	-
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 79.0% of 16-64 year olds in the Brynna ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 3.6% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school and one Dual language primary school in the Brynna ward with a total of 98 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 16 responses were received from this ward, with 6 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **high demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that the childcare market is most likely functioning and no further intervention is necessary at this time. This analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 63 childcare places. This will be kept under review.

4.30 Church Village

Population

Church Village has a population of 5156 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 240 are aged 2 years and under
- 174 are 3-4 years
- 298 are 5-7 years
- 260 are 8-10 years
- 292 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 1264 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Church Village ward or 25% of the total population. This is the highest percentage of 0-14 year olds in RCT.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	12	71	-
Full Day Care	1	60	-
Out of school Care	1	30	-
Sessional Care	2	50	-
Totals	16	211	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 16.69.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

One sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds, offering Welsh medium and bilingual sessions. 30 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one open access play provider has voluntarily suspended their registration with CSSIW.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 9 enquiries for childcare provision from the Church Village ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	3
Day Nursery	2
Playgroup	3
Cylch Meithrin	1

After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 80.5% of 16-64 year olds in the Church Village ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 3.4% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school and one Welsh medium primary school in the Church Village ward with a total of 79 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are two Welsh medium and one English medium Registered Education Providers in this ward, with 43 children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 16 responses were received from this ward, with 3 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

In 2014, planning was approved for 276 houses off Station Road. This development is within close access to the A473 Church Village bypass and within half a mile of YGG Gartholwg and Llanitud Faerdref Primary School. Building work on this development has already commenced and is likely to have an impact on the childcare needs within this ward, as the majority of dwellings are three and four bedroom family houses.

Planning was also approved in 2014 for 50 dwellings off Maes yr Eglwys, close to YGG Gartholwg and Llanitud Faerdref Primary School. This development will consist of mainly four bedroom houses and so is likely to have an impact on childcare needs in the area.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **high demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that the childcare market is most likely functioning and no further intervention is necessary at this time. This analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 93 childcare places. However, the housing developments listed above may have an effect on this analysis and so this will need to be monitored over the next twelve months.

4.31 Cilfynydd

Population

Cilfynydd has a population of 2842 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 128 are aged 2 years and under
- 87 are 3-4 years
- 110 are 5-7 years
- 95 are 8-10 years
- 129 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 549 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Cilfynydd ward or 19% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Sessional Care	1	-	16
Totals	1	0	16

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 2.91.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one childminder has voluntarily suspended their registration with CSSIW.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 6 enquiries for childcare provision from the Cilfynydd ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	3
Day Nursery	1
Playgroup	1
Cylch Meithrin	1
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 76.8% of 16-64 year olds in the Cilfynydd ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.2% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is slightly higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school and one Welsh medium primary school in the Cilfynydd ward with a total of 66 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 4 responses were received from this ward, with 2 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

Cilfynydd is one of the wards identified in **Table 7** and the analysis in **Appendix 1** suggests that there is a **high demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. It will therefore require further investigation of childcare needs. The analysis suggests that an additional 30 places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

4.32 Gilfach Goch

Population

Gilfach Goch has a population of 3428 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 112 are aged 2 years and under
- 73 are 3-4 years
- 118 are 5-7 years
- 121 are 8-10 years
- 159 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 583 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Gilfach Goch ward or 17% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	3	14	-
Sessional Care	2	36	-
Totals	5	50	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 8.58.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

One English medium sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 31 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received no enquiries for childcare or play provision from the Cwm Clydach ward in the period September – December 2014.

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 65.2% of 16-64 year olds in the Gilfach Goch ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 6.4% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Gilfach Goch 2 is ranked 10th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 73rd in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school in the Gilfach Goch ward with 24 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, there were no responses received from this ward.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that there is sufficient childcare provision and possibly an oversupply, leading to possible sustainability issues for the settings. This analysis suggests that there is an oversupply of 11 childcare places. This will be kept under review.

4.33 Glyncoch

Population

Glyncoch has a population of 2909 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 133 are aged 2 years and under
- 88 are 3-4 years
- 97 are 5-7 years
- 88 are 8-10 years
- 136 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 542 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Glyncoch ward or 19% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Sessional Care	1	24	-
Totals	1	24	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 4.43.

One sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds, offering Welsh medium and bilingual sessions. 32 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

The Flying Start provider has changed in this ward in the last 12 months, registering with CSSIW for 24 places. One childminder has also voluntarily suspended their registration with CSSIW.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 8 enquiries for childcare provision from the Glyncoch ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	1
Day Nursery	1
Playgroup	2
Cylch Meithrin	2
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	1
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 67.4% of 16-64 year olds in the Glyncoch ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 6.4% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Glyncoch 1 is ranked 5th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 27th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There are two English medium primary schools in the Glyncoch ward with a total of 47 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 2 responses were received from this ward, although none stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

Glyncoch is one of the wards identified in **Table 7**, although the analysis in **Appendix 1** suggests that there is a **low demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This analysis suggests that it is unlikely for the market to develop additional childcare and intervention may be required to stimulate demand, although the inclusion of this ward in **Table 7** suggests that further investigation is needed. The analysis indicates that an additional 15 places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

4.34 Graig

Population

Graig has a population of 2510 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 109 are aged 2 years and under
- 80 are 3-4 years
- 94 are 5-7 years
- 76 are 8-10 years
- 89 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 448 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Graig ward or 18% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	4	-
Sessional Care	1	26	-
Totals	2	30	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 6.70.

Changes in childcare supply

The Flying Start provision currently located in Pontypridd Town ward is due to move to new premises within Graig ward during 2015.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 1 enquiry for childcare provision from the Graig ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	1
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	-
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 71.8% of 16-64 year olds in the Graig ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.6% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There are no primary schools situated in the Graig ward. Most children attend schools in the Rhondda and Pontypridd Town wards.

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 5 responses were received from this ward, with 1 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

In 2014, planning was approved for 10 x 1 bedroom apartments to be built on the site of the former Graig y Wion Primary School. This development is within half a mile of Maesycoed Primary School and YGG Evan James. Achieving planning permission does not mean that building work will start imminently so determining the impact on childcare needs is difficult to calculate. This development is unlikely to have an impact on childcare needs as they are single bedroom units not suitable for family use.

Summary

Further investigation of childcare needs is required in this ward, as the analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is a **high demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This analysis suggests that an additional 5 childcare places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

4.35 Hawthorn

Population

Hawthorn has a population of 3669 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 145 are aged 2 years and under
- 69 are 3-4 years
- 96 are 5-7 years
- 110 are 8-10 years
- 139 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 559 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Hawthorn ward or 15% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	6	-
Full Day Care	1	46	-
Totals	2	52	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 9.30.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 2 enquiries for childcare provision from the Hawthorn ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	1
Day Nursery	1
Playgroup	-
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 73.4% of 16-64 year olds in the Hawthorn ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 3.9% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school in the Hawthorn ward with 30 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 5 responses were received from this ward, although none stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

In 2014, planning was approved for the redevelopment of a site to provide 53 two, three and four bedroom dwellings as well as 4 x 1 bedroom apartments. The development is half a mile of Hawthorn Primary School and just over half a mile away from Heol y Celyn Primary School. Achieving planning permission does not mean that building work will start imminently so determining the impact on childcare needs is difficult to calculate. When built, this development is likely to have an impact on childcare needs as they are likely to be for family use.

In 2014, planning was also approved for 19 social housing dwellings on land adjacent to Dyffryn Road, Rhydyfelin (see details in the Rhydyfelin Central / Ilan analysis). This development is just over half a mile from Hawthorn Primary School and within half a mile of Heol y Celyn Primary School. This development may have some impact on childcare needs in the area.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **high demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that the childcare market is most likely functioning and no further intervention is necessary at this time. This analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 12 childcare places. However, the housing developments listed above may have an effect on this analysis and so this will need to be maintained over the next twelve months.

4.36 Llanharan

Population

Llanharan has a population of 3529 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 163 are aged 2 years and under
- 118 are 3-4 years
- 152 are 5-7 years
- 139 are 8-10 years
- 184 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 756 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Llanharan ward or 21% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	2	10	-
Crèche	1	10	-
Full Day Care	2	93	-
Out of school Care	2	24	16
Totals	7	137	16

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 20.24.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 5 enquiries for childcare provision from the Llanharan ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	2
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	1
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	1
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	1

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 77.7% of 16-64 year olds in the Llanharan ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.7% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school in the Llanharan ward with 22 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 7 responses were received from this ward, with 1 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **high demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that the childcare market is most likely functioning and no further intervention is necessary at this time. This analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 86 childcare places. This will be kept under review.

4.37 Llanharry

Population

Llanharry has a population of 3666 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 179 are aged 2 years and under
- 122 are 3-4 years
- 152 are 5-7 years
- 150 are 8-10 years
- 171 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 774 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Llanharry ward or 21% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	5	23	-
Full Day Care	1	45	-
Out of school Care	2	-	32
Sessional Care	2	-	32
Totals	10	68	64

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 17.05.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

One sessional care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds, offering Welsh medium and bilingual sessions. 21 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 1 enquiry for childcare provision from the Llanharry ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	1
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	-
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	-

Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 77.8% of 16-64 year olds in the Llanharry ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.0% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is slightly lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school and one Welsh medium middle school in the Llanharry ward with a total of 48 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 4 responses were received from this ward, with all stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **high demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that the childcare market is most likely functioning and no further intervention is necessary at this time. This analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 65 childcare places. This will be kept under review.

4.38 Llantrisant Town

Population

Llantrisant Town has a population of 4953 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 195 are aged 2 years and under
- 119 are 3-4 years
- 214 are 5-7 years
- 172 are 8-10 years
- 205 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 905 children and young people aged 0-14 year olds in the Llantrisant Town ward or 18% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	4	22	-
Full Day Care	2	152	-
Out of school Care	2	40	16
Totals	8	214	16

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 25.41.

Two providers in this ward have been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one childminder has voluntarily suspended their registration with CSSIW.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 9 enquiries for childcare provision from the Llantrisant Town ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	4
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	3
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	1
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	1

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 80.8% of 16-64 year olds in the Llantrisant Town ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 2.3% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There are two English medium primary schools in the Llantrisant Town ward with a total of 52 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one English medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, with 13 children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 18 responses were received from this ward, with 4 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

In 2014, planning was approved for 7 x 2 bedroom apartments and 2 x 2 bedroom houses to be built on the site of the former YGG Llantrisant. This development is within half a mile of Llantrisant Primary School and within one mile of Penygawsi Primary School. Achieving planning permission does not mean that building work will start imminently so determining the impact on childcare needs is difficult to calculate. This development is unlikely to have an impact on childcare needs as they are apartments and not necessarily suitable for family use.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **high demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that the childcare market is most likely functioning and no further intervention is necessary at this time. This analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 151 childcare places. However, there are two day nurseries in this ward so it is reasonable to presume that the children attending these settings are from a wide geographical area. Therefore this may distort the analysis for this ward.

4.39 Llantwit Fardre

Population

Llantwit Fardre has a population of 6123 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 218 are aged 2 years and under
- 145 are 3-4 years
- 211 are 5-7 years
- 215 are 8-10 years
- 279 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 1068 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Llantwit Fardre ward or 17% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	10	58	-
Sessional Care	2	82	-
Totals	12	140	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 13.11.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one open access play provider has voluntarily suspended their registration with CSSIW.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 4 enquiries for childcare provision from the Llantwit Fardre ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	2
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	2
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 80.6% of 16-64 year olds in the Llantwit Fardre ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 3.0% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school in the Llantwit Fardre ward with 57 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one Welsh medium and one English medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, with a total of 20 children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 12 responses were received from this ward, with 4 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

In 2014, planning was approved for 276 houses off Station Road within the Church Village ward (see details in the Church Village analysis). This development is likely to have an impact on the childcare and educational demands within Llantwit Fardre ward as it is within two miles of Maesybryn Primary School.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **high demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that the childcare market is most likely functioning and no further intervention is necessary at this time. This analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 42 childcare places. However, the housing developments listed above may have an effect on this analysis and so this will need to be monitored over the next twelve months.

4.40 Pontyclun

Population

Pontyclun has a population of 8320 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 313 are aged 2 years and under
- 241 are 3-4 years
- 359 are 5-7 years
- 332 are 8-10 years
- 380 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 1625 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Pontyclun ward or 20% of the total population. This ward has the highest population throughout RCT of children from birth to 10 years of age.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	9	52	-
Out of school Care	2	-	32
Sessional Care	3	80	16
Totals	14	132	48

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 11.08.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one childminder has voluntarily suspended their registration with CSSIW.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 13 enquiries for childcare provision from the Pontyclun ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	6
Day Nursery	2
Playgroup	2
Cylch Meithrin	1
After School Club	1
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	1

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 82.2% of 16-64 year olds in the Pontyclun ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 3.0% of those who

are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school and one Welsh medium primary school in the Pontyclun ward with a total of 102 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one English medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, with 27 children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 24 responses were received from this ward, with 11 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **high demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that the childcare market is most likely functioning and no further intervention is necessary at this time. This analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 35 childcare places. However, because this ward has the highest population of 0-10 year olds in the whole of RCT, further development will need to be undertaken to ensure that all childcare needs are being met.

4.41 Pontypridd Town

Population

Pontypridd Town has a population of 2790 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 71 are aged 2 years and under
- 45 are 3-4 years
- 82 are 5-7 years
- 93 are 8-10 years
- 105 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 396 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Pontypridd Town ward or 14% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	5	52	-
Full Day Care	1	44	-
Sessional Care	2	32	-
Totals	8	128	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 32.32.

Two providers in this ward have been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

One English medium full day care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 17 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

The Flying Start provision is due to move to new premises in Graig ward during 2015.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 13 enquiries for childcare provision from the Pontypridd Town ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	3
Day Nursery	3
Playgroup	3
Cylch Meithrin	2
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	1
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 76.4% of 16-64 year olds in the Pontypridd Town ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 2.7% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school in the Pontypridd Town ward with 12 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 2 responses were received from this ward, with both stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

In 2014, planning was approved for 2 x 1 bedroom, 14 x 2 bedroom and 1 x 3 bedroom apartments to be built on the site of the old Coed y Lan Comprehensive School. The impact of this development on childcare needs may be limited as these are not necessarily being marketed as family units.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **high demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that the childcare market is most likely functioning and no further intervention is necessary at this time. This analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 97 childcare places. This will be kept under review.

4.42 Rhondda

Population

Rhondda has a population of 4645 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 158 are aged 2 years and under
- 109 are 3-4 years
- 151 are 5-7 years
- 155 are 8-10 years
- 213 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 786 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Rhondda ward or 17% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	7	38	-
Out of school Care	2	24	16
Totals	9	62	16

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 9.92.

Two providers in this ward have been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 1 enquiry for childcare provision from the Rhondda ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	1
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	-
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 77.3% of 16-64 year olds in the Rhondda ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.7% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There are two English medium primary schools and one Welsh medium primary school in the Rhondda ward with a total of 99 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 4 responses were received from this ward, with all stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **high demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that the childcare market is most likely functioning and no further intervention is necessary at this time. This analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 18 childcare places. This will be kept under review.

4.43 Rhydyfelin Central / Ilan

Population

Rhydyfelin Central / Ilan has a population of 4493 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 194 are aged 2 years and under
- 111 are 3-4 years
- 183 are 5-7 years
- 161 are 8-10 years
- 236 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 885 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Rhydyfelin Central / Ilan ward or 20% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	4	-
Full Day Care	1	40	-
Out of school Care	1	32	-
Sessional Care	1	20	-
Totals	4	96	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 10.85.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

One English medium full day care provider and one sessional care provider, offering Welsh medium and bilingual sessions, are currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. A total of 56 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 19 enquiries for childcare provision from the Rhydyfelin Central / Ilan ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	2
Day Nursery	4
Playgroup	5

Cylch Meithrin	4
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	1
Holiday Club	1
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 62.5% of 16-64 year olds in the Rhydyfelin Central / Ilan ward are economically active. This is lower than the RCT average of 63.2%. 7.0% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Rhydyfelin Central / Ilan 2 is ranked 4th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 17th in Wales, whilst Rhydyfelin Central / Ilan 3 is ranked 24th in RCT and 179th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one Dual language primary school in the Rhydyfelin Central / Ilan ward with 56 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one welsh medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, with 10 children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 6 responses were received from this ward, although none stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

In 2014, planning was approved for 19 social housing dwellings on land adjacent to Dyffryn Road, Rhydyfelin. This development is within half a mile of Heol y Celyn Primary School. The development is for a mixture of two bedroom houses/apartments as well as 1 x 3 bedroom house and 1 x 4 bedroom house. Achieving planning permission does not mean that building work will start imminently so determining the impact on childcare needs is difficult to calculate. When building works are completed, this development may have some impact on childcare needs in the area.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that there is sufficient childcare provision and possibly an oversupply, leading to possible sustainability issues for the settings. This analysis suggests that there is an oversupply of 39 childcare places. This will be kept under review.

4.44 Taffs Well

Population

Taffs Well has a population of 3740 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 155 are aged 2 years and under
- 89 are 3-4 years
- 107 are 5-7 years
- 80 are 8-10 years
- 126 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 557 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Taffs Well ward or 15% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	2	10	-
Full Day Care	1	60	-
Sessional Care	1	24	-
Totals	4	94	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 16.88.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one new childminder has registered with CSSIW, offering 6 places.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received no enquiries for childcare provision from the Taffs Well ward in the period September – December 2014.

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 81.1% of 16-64 year olds in the Taffs Well ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 2.5% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school in the Taffs Well ward with 37 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 2 responses were received from this ward, with 1 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **high demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that the childcare market is most likely functioning and no further intervention is necessary at this time. This analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 44 childcare places. However, the Full Day Care provider is located on the Coleg y Cymoedd Further Education campus so it is reasonable to presume that the children attending this setting are from a wide geographical area. Therefore this may distort the analysis for this ward.

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4.45 Talbot Green

Population

Talbot Green has a population of 2799 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 75 are aged 2 years and under
- 56 are 3-4 years
- 95 are 5-7 years
- 83 are 8-10 years
- 109 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 418 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Talbot Green ward or 15% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	6	-
Full Day Care	1	43	-
Out of school Care	1	40	-
Sessional Care	1	28	-
Totals	4	117	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 27.99.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 8 enquiries for childcare provision from the Talbot Green ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	3
Day Nursery	1
Playgroup	2
Cylch Meithrin	1
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	1
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 74.6% of 16-64 year olds in the Talbot Green ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 3.1% of those who

are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school in the Talbot Green ward with 30 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one English medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, with 11 children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 6 responses were received from this ward, although none stated that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **high demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that the childcare market is most likely functioning and no further intervention is necessary at this time. This analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 88 childcare places. However, there is a day nursery in this ward so it is reasonable to presume that the children attending these settings are from a wide geographical area. Therefore this may distort the analysis for this ward.

4.46 Tonteg

Population

Tonteg has a population of 4005 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 106 are aged 2 years and under
- 53 are 3-4 years
- 108 are 5-7 years
- 117 are 8-10 years
- 145 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 529 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Tonteg ward or 13% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	3	17	-
Out of school Care	1	-	16
Totals	4	17	16

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 6.24.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one open access play provider has voluntarily suspended their registration with CSSIW. One day nursery has also deregistered losing 12 places.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 2 enquiries for childcare provision from the Tonteg ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	2
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	-
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 74.4% of 16-64 year olds in the Tonteg ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 3.3% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school in the Tonteg ward with 53 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 3 responses were received from this ward, with 2 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

In 2014, planning was approved for 276 houses off Station Road within the Church Village ward and 50 dwellings off Maes yr Eglwys (see details in the Church Village analysis). These developments are likely to have an impact on the childcare and educational demands within Tonteg ward as both are within 1½ miles of Gwauncelyn Primary School.

Summary

Tonteg is one of the wards identified in **Table 7** and the analysis in **Appendix 1** suggests that there is a **high demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. It will therefore require further investigation of childcare needs, although the analysis suggests that only an additional 3 childcare places are required. This does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

4.47 Tonyrefail East

Population

Tonyrefail East has a population of 5945 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 240 are aged 2 years and under
- 136 are 3-4 years
- 215 are 5-7 years
- 196 are 8-10 years
- 276 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 1063 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Tonyrefail East ward or 18% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	6	-
Full Day Care	1	19	-
Out of school Care	2	42	-
Sessional Care	1	32	-
Totals	5	99	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 9.31.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

One English medium full day care provider is currently delivering Flying Start provision for eligible 2-3 year olds. 28 children are currently registered to receive this provision.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one new out of school care provider has registered with CSSIW, offering 26 places.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 1 enquiry for childcare provision from the Tonyrefail East ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	1
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	-
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-

Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 69.9% of 16-64 year olds in the Tonyrefail East ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.8% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Tonyrefail East 3 is ranked 8th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 65th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There are three English medium primary schools and one Welsh medium primary school in the Tonyrefail East ward with a total of 142 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one English medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, although they do not have any children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 6 responses were received from this ward, with 4 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that there is sufficient childcare provision and possibly an oversupply, leading to possible sustainability issues for the settings. This analysis suggests that there is an oversupply of 22 childcare places. This will be kept under review.

4.48 Tonyrefail West

Population

Tonyrefail West has a population of 6468 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 227 are aged 2 years and under
- 159 are 3-4 years
- 270 are 5-7 years
- 270 are 8-10 years
- 347 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 1273 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Tonyrefail West ward or 20% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	3	14	-
Sessional Care	1	24	-
Totals	4	38	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 2.99.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, three childminders have voluntarily suspended their registration with CSSIW.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 6 enquiries for childcare provision from the Tonyrefail West ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	3
Day Nursery	1
Playgroup	1
Cylch Meithrin	1
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 72.1% of 16-64 year olds in the Tonyrefail West ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.5% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is slightly higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Tonyrefail West 3 is ranked 27th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 190th in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school in the Tonyrefail West ward with 46 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one welsh medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, with 5 children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 12 responses were received from this ward, with 11 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

Tonyrefail West is one of the wards identified in **Table 7** and the analysis in **Appendix 1** suggests that there is a **high demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. It will therefore require further investigation of childcare needs. The analysis suggests that an additional 64 places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

4.49 Trallwng

Population

Trallwng has a population of 3755 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 130 are aged 2 years and under
- 97 are 3-4 years
- 126 are 5-7 years
- 113 are 8-10 years
- 135 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 601 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Trallwng ward or 16% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	2	10	-
Out of school Care	1	24	-
Totals	3	34	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 5.66.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 8 enquiries for childcare provision from the Trallwng ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	2
Day Nursery	2
Playgroup	1
Cylch Meithrin	-
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	2
Holiday Club	1
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 76.5% of 16-64 year olds in the Trallwng ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 3.4% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school and one English medium infant school in the Trallwng ward with a total of 62 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 6 responses were received from this ward, with 1 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

Trallwng is one of the wards identified in **Table 7** and the analysis in **Appendix 1** suggests that there is a **high demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. It will therefore require further investigation of childcare needs. The analysis suggests that an additional 13 childcare places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

4.50 Treforest

Population

Treforest has a population of 5104 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 82 are aged 2 years and under
- 46 are 3-4 years
- 72 are 5-7 years
- 61 are 8-10 years
- 118 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 379 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Treforest ward or 7% of the total population. This is the lowest percentage of 0-14 year olds in RCT.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Full Day Care	1	70	-
Out of school Care	1	-	16
Sessional Care	1	16	-
Totals	3	86	16

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 26.91.

One provider in this ward has been approved to offer care for children with additional physical and learning needs during school holiday periods as part of the Holiday Fun Time programme.

Changes in childcare supply

In the last twelve months, one sessional care provider has moved premises and re-registered their new premises offering 16 places.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 17 enquiries for childcare provision from the Treforest ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	3
Day Nursery	2
Playgroup	2
Cylch Meithrin	2
After School Club	2
Holiday Playscheme	1
Holiday Club	2
Breakfast Club	1

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 52.4% of 16-64 year olds in the Treforest ward are economically active. This is lower than the RCT average of 63.2%. 1.9% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also lower than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There are two English medium primary schools (one of which is a Roman Catholic faith school) in the Treforest ward with a total of 60 children currently enrolled in the nursery classes (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one English medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, although they do not have any children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 1 response was received from this ward, which didn't state that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **high demand** and **high supply** of childcare in this ward, suggesting that the childcare market is most likely functioning and no further intervention is necessary at this time. This analysis indicates that there is an oversupply of 72 childcare places. However, the full day care provider in this ward is located on the University of South Wales campus and therefore offers care to staff and students from a large geographical area. Likewise, the out of school care provider is located within a Roman Catholic faith primary school and so, again the children attending this provision come from a large catchment area. Therefore this may distort the analysis for this ward.

4.51 Tyn-y-nant

Population

Tyn-y-nant has a population of 3507 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 138 are aged 2 years and under
- 109 are 3-4 years
- 128 are 5-7 years
- 136 are 8-10 years
- 200 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 711 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Tyn-y-nant ward or 20% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	4	21	-
Totals	4	21	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 2.95.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received no enquiries for childcare provision from the Tyn-y-nant ward in the period September – December 2014.

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 72.6% of 16-64 year olds in the Tyn-y-nant ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 5.8% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

This ward has one LSOA in the top 10% most deprived in Wales. Tyn-y-nant 3 is ranked 19th most deprived LSOA in RCT and 131st in Wales.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school in the Tyn-y-nant ward with 37 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There are no Registered Education Providers in this ward.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 7 responses were received from this ward, with 1 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

The analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is **low demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This suggests that it is unlikely for the market to develop additional childcare and intervention may be required to stimulate demand. The analysis indicates that an additional 32 places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed. Further investigation may be required.

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4.52 Ynysybwl

Population

Ynysybwl has a population of 4670 (*ONS mid-2013 population estimates*) of which:

- 166 are aged 2 years and under
- 122 are 3-4 years
- 168 are 5-7 years
- 157 are 8-10 years
- 254 are 11-14 years

There are therefore 867 children and young people aged 0-14 years in the Ynysybwl ward or 19% of the total population.

Childcare supply

The current childcare provision in this ward is as follows:

Category	Number of settings	Number of registered places	Number of unregistered places
Childminder	1	5	-
Sessional Care	1	24	-
Totals	2	29	0

Using the formula in Appendix 1, the number of childcare places available in the ward per 100 children equates to 3.34.

Changes in childcare supply

During the last year, there have been no known changes to the childcare supply in this ward.

FIS enquiries

The Family Information Service received a total of 2 enquiries for childcare provision from the Ynysybwl ward in the period September – December 2014. The types of enquiries received, according to FIS categories, were:

Category	Number of enquiries
Childminder	-
Day Nursery	-
Playgroup	1
Cylch Meithrin	1
After School Club	-
Holiday Playscheme	-
Holiday Club	-
Breakfast Club	-

Economic Activity

According to the 2011 Census, 74.9% of 16-64 year olds in the Ynysybwl ward are economically active. This is higher than the RCT average of 63.2%. 4.8% of those who are economically inactive are classed as looking after home or family. This is also higher than the RCT average of 4.1%.

Three year old nursery provision

There is one English medium primary school in the Ynysybwl ward with 22 children currently enrolled in the nursery class (*pre nursery and nursery, as at December 2014*).

There is one welsh medium Registered Education Provider in this ward, with 14 children currently funded to receive 3 year old nursery education.

In the public consultation on the proposed changes to nursery education, 6 responses were received from this ward, with 1 stating that lack of childcare would be issue.

Other developments

There have been no full planning applications for housing developments over 10 units approved during 2014.

Summary

Further investigation of childcare needs is required in this ward, as the analysis in **Appendix 1** shows that there is a **high demand** and **low supply** of childcare in this ward. This analysis suggests that an additional 39 childcare places are required, although this does not tell us what type or for what age range these are needed.

