

# Working Families Early Education and Childcare Entitlement Sufficiency Assessment and Outcome

Under 2's Working Families Entitlement September 2024

**How we determine whether there is sufficient existing childcare in Bradford to meet the increase in demand from September 2024.**

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## Terminology

**Group-based Providers** – Early education and childcare providers registered with Ofsted or the Independent School Inspectorate and operating on non-domestic premises. This includes Day Nurseries, Pre-school Playgroups, Childcare on Domestic premises providers, Independent School Nurseries, Schools with nursery classes and Nursery Schools.

**Childminders** – Early education and childcare providers registered with Ofsted or a childminding agency, they work in their own home, either alone or with assistants or with another childminder.

### 1. Introduction

From September 2024 the 15 hours of funded childcare for working families entitlement offer will be expanded to include children from the age of 9 months. In order for the council to ensure that there are sufficient places for eligible children, we must collect and analyse supply and demand data for the under 2s childcare sector in order to develop a robust and accurate sufficiency assessment and outcome.

The following section outlines the data and methodology used to determine the sufficiency outcome.

### 2. Data

#### a. Supply of places

Supply data used in this analysis is a combination of information sourced from surveys sent to childcare providers and data held internally on the council's education information manage system Capita. Supply data is held in the form of maximum capacity, the maximum number of children a childcare provider can provide childcare to considering physical capacity and staff-to-child ratios.

The table below shows the combined maximum capacity of providers within their respective ward:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
Baildon	27
Bingley	64
Bingley Rural	40
Bolton and Undercliffe	48
Bowling and Barkerend	49
Bradford Moor	60
City	78
Clayton and Fairweather Green	45
Craven	72
Eccleshill	71
Great Horton	12
Heaton	59
Idle and Thackley	116
Ilkley	21
Keighley Central	24
Keighley East	13
Keighley West	22
Little Horton	12
Manningham	42
Queensbury	33
Royds	51
Shipley	108
Thornton and Allerton	35
Toller	31
Tong	41
Wharfedale	90
Wibsey	58
Windhill and Wrose	10
Worth Valley	0
Wyke	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>1377</b>

## b. Demand for places

In order to assess demand for under twos childcare in Bradford, we used the existing number of children taking up the two year old working families entitlement as a predictor. We applied the percentage of two year old children who take up the working families entitlement to the 1 year old population to give us our estimate of the number of 1 year old children who will take up the new entitlement. This estimate will flag any areas where we see a particularly high demand, which, in conjunction with other data, aids us to make our sufficiency assessment for that ward. Please see the table below:

Ward	Predicted 1YO takeup
Idle and Thackley	75
Craven	72
Shipley	67
Windhill and Wrose	63
Bingley Rural	61
Bingley	60
Queensbury	57
Keighley East	57
Eccleshill	53
Thornton and Allerton	53
Worth Valley	47
Baildon	47
Wyke	44
Wharfedale	42
Keighley West	39
Bolton and Undercliffe	39
Clayton and Fairweather Green	38
Heaton	33
Ilkley	32
Royds	32
Tong	31
Wibsey	30
Great Horton	24
Toller	23
Bowling and Barkerend	22
Keighley Central	19
Manningham	15
City	11
Bradford Moor	8
Little Horton	8

*Based on claimed 2 year old working families' 15 hr codes as of 03/06/2024*

**It is important when viewing this demand data** to understand that projected one year old take up does not mean that they are all new children to the childcare market. The number of one year olds taking up the new entitlement will include children who already are accessing paid-for childcare. However, from September 2024 a portion of these one year olds will be eligible for the working families' entitlement, therefore not increasing the demand for additional childcare. Additionally, the one year old cohort has been used due to parameters on our data not allowing for differentiation of age in months. Therefore, these figures are not entirely representative of the eligible population to the new working families entitlement as we have not included the 9 to 11 month cohort.

### **c. Vacancies for places**

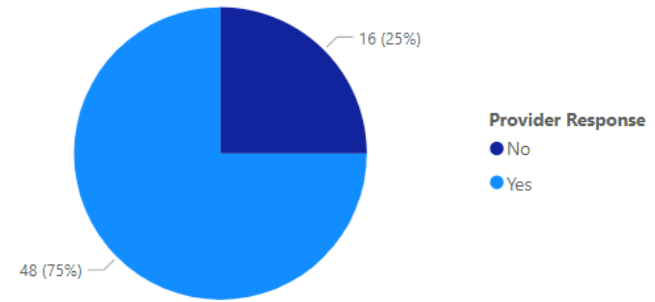
In order to establish unmet demand and highlight areas where demand may exceed supply, we collected vacancy data from providers through a survey. The survey asked the below questions.

- i. Please select your Setting's name from the drop down below.**
- ii. Do you offer any places for children under the age of 2?**
- iii. What is your maximum capacity for children under the age of 2?**
- iv. Do you have any vacancies for children under the age of 2?**
- v. How many vacancies for children under the age of 2 do you have?**
- vi. What type of vacancies are available?**
- vii. Do you receive enquiries for under 2s early education and childcare from parents which you are having to turn away?**
- viii. Would you consider expanding your provision to increase the number of places you offer?**
- ix. If there was demand in your local area for early years and childcare places for children aged under 2 years, would you offer places for children under 2 years?**

Below you will find an outline of the data from these responses.

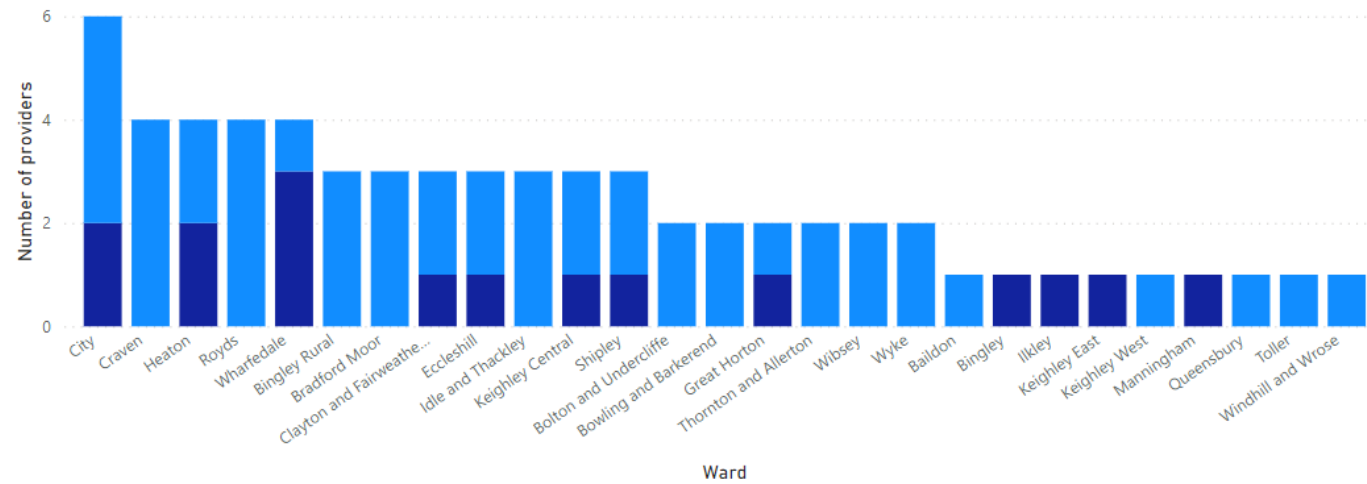
For group-based providers, 64 providers responding to the survey offer childcare for children under the age of two. Of the 64 providers, 16 have no vacancies and 48 have vacancies, a 25% and 75% split, respectively.

Vacancy by Provider Response



Number of providers by Ward and Vacancy response

Vacancy response ● No ● Yes

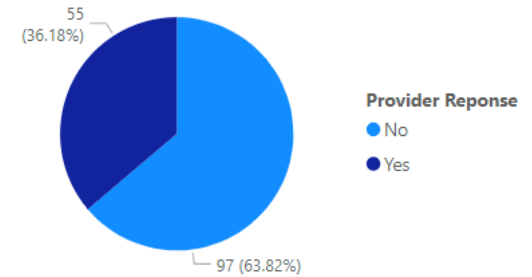


**64**  
Number of group-based providers

*Group-based providers response when asked if they have vacancies for under 2s. Snapshot from 17/06/2024*

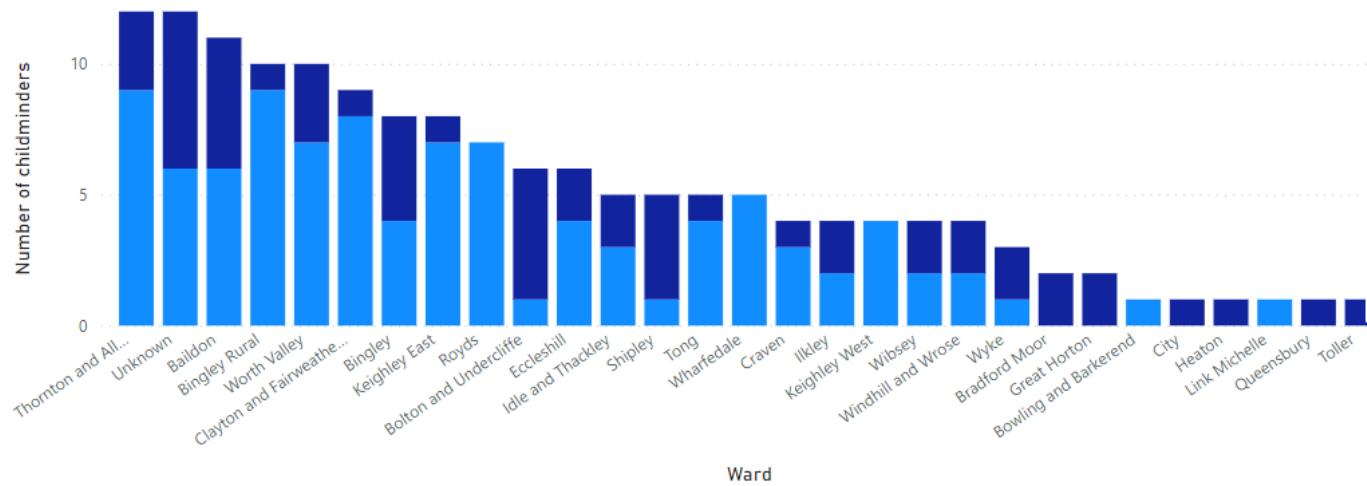
For childminders, 152 providers responding to the survey offer childcare for children under the age of two. Of the 152 providers, 97 have no vacancies and 55 have vacancies, a 63.82% and 36.18% split, respectively.

Vacancy by Provider Reponse



Number of childminders by Ward and Vacancy response

Vacancy response ● No ● Yes



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Number of childminders

*Childminders response when asked if they have vacancies for under 2s. Snapshot from 17/06/2024*

Below you can see the number of vacancies reported by ward for group-based providers.

Ward	Type of Vacancy	Number of vacancies for Under 2s
Baildon	Full-time	8
Bingley	Any type	0
Bingley Rural	Full-time	10
	Part-time	2
Bolton and Undercliffe	Part-time	26
Bowling and Barkerend	Full-time	36
Bradford Moor	Full-time	35
City	Full-time	21
	Part-time	10
Clayton and Fairweather Green	Full-time	18
	Part-time	10
Craven	Full-time	13
	Part-time	34
Eccleshill	Part-time	10
Great Horton	Part-time	9
Heaton	Full-time	5
	Part-time	10
Idle and Thackley	Full-time	16
	Part-time	5
Ilkley	Any type	0
Keighley Central	Full-time	5
	Part-time	6
Keighley East	Any type	0
Keighley West	Part-time	2
Little Horton	Any type	0
Manningham	Any type	0
Queensbury	Full-time	18
Royds	Full-time	15
	Part-time	18
Shipley	Full-time	10
	Part-time	30
Thornton and Allerton	Full-time	8
	Part-time	9
Toller	Full-time	10
Tong	Any type	0
Wharfedale	Part-time	4
Wibsey	Full-time	5
	Part-time	20
Windhill and Wrose	Full-time	5
Worth Valley	Any type	0
Wyke	Full-time	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>Full-time</b>	<b>249</b>
	<b>Part-time</b>	<b>205</b>

Snapshot from 17/06/2024

Below you can see the number of vacancies by ward across the Bradford district for childminders.

Ward	Type of Vacancy	Number of vacancies for Under 2s
Baildon	Part-time	8
Bingley	Full-time	3
	Part-time	2
Bingley Rural	Full-time	2
Bolton and Undercliffe	Full-time	8
	Part-time	2
Bowling and Barkerend	Any type	0
Bradford Moor	Full-time	4
City	Part-time	2
Clayton and Fairweather Green	Part-time	1
Craven	Full-time	1
Eccleshill	Full-time	2
	Part-time	1
Great Horton	Full-time	3
Heaton	Full-time	3
Idle and Thackley	Full-time	3
	Part-time	1
Ilkley	Part-time	2
Keighley Central	Any type	0
Keighley East	Part-time	1
Keighley West	Any type	0
Little Horton	Any type	0
Manningham	Any type	0
Queensbury	Part-time	3
Royds	Any type	0
Shipley	Part-time	6
Thornton and Allerton	Full-time	5
	Part-time	2
Toller	Full-time	2
Tong	Part-time	1
Wharfedale	Any type	0
Wibsey	Full-time	3
	Part-time	6
Windhill and Wrose	Full-time	3
Worth Valley	Full-time	3
	Part-time	1
Wyke	Full-time	4
	Part-time	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>Full-time</b>	<b>52</b>
	<b>Part-time</b>	<b>47</b>

Snapshot from 17/06/2024

### 3. Sufficiency Outcome



Data analysis has been carried out using all the data outlined in Section 2.

From this analysis, we have identified seven wards where there was a potential shortfall in early year education and childcare places. These wards are Baildon, Bingley, Idle and Thackley, Ilkley, Keighley East, Wharfedale and Worth Valley. Three of the wards, Keighley East, Wharfedale and Worth Valley, were also flagged as areas of concern for the rollout of the working families childcare entitlement for two year olds. On the 7 wards where potential shortfall was identified, more detailed analysis was performed so that we could come to a robust, accurate sufficiency outcome.

The result of this detailed analysis is that there is sufficient childcare for September 2024. However, there is evidence to show, with the introduction of 30 hours for working families, that there will be shortfall of places in the aforementioned wards and will require place creation.

#### **4. Next Steps**

- We will continue to monitor both the 0-4 childcare sector following the rollout of the 15 hours of funded childcare for working families with a child aged 0-23 months in September 2024.
- In September 2025 the working families entitlement will be expanded so that working families with a child aged 9 months to school-age are entitled to 30 hours of funded childcare a week. The following work will be carried out in preparation for this:
  - The Two year old vacancy will be sent out to providers so that we can continue to accurately monitor the two year old care sector.
  - The take up of 15 hours for 9 months to 2 years old children will be used to predict demand for 30 hours in September 2025.
  - Various other surveys will be sent to providers so that we may get the clearest picture of the childcare sector when making sufficiency decisions.
  - We will hold webinars to keep providers updated on our sufficiency assessments and any communication from the Department for Education.
  - We will be reaching out to providers in priority wards to explore potential development to meet demand.

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