

Gap analysis

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) guidance on the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment states that a gap analysis should be conducted in relation to the following:

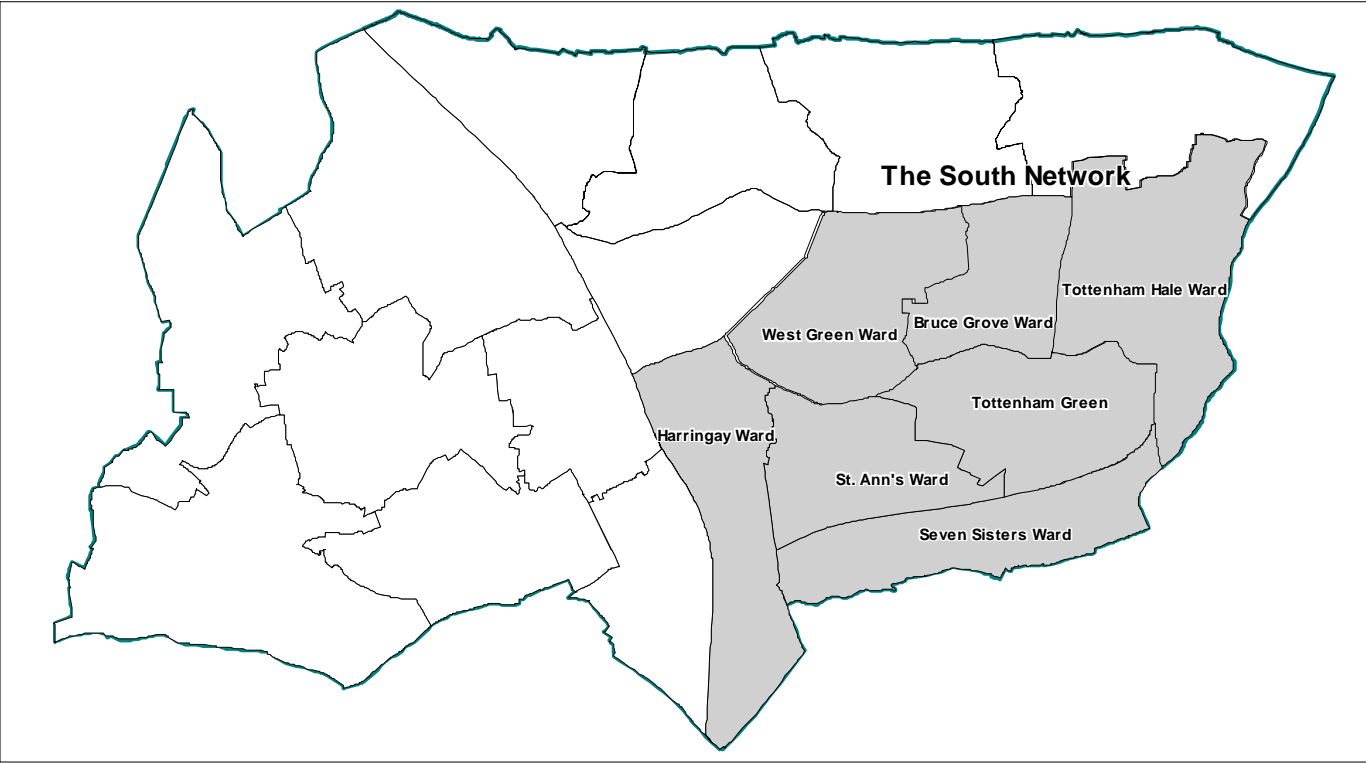
- geographical;
- types of childcare available;
- ages for which childcare is available;
- affordability;
- opening times;
- needs of children with a special educational need or disability;
- needs of families wishing to remain in work or seeking employment.

Geographical gaps

The information within this analysis provides a summary of the key issues in relation to childcare at a ward level. It highlights gaps in specific needs, times / flexibility, age, type and income. Please note that where descriptions of high and low are used, this is relative for comparisons within Haringey.

The South Network

Figure 106: the wards in the South Network area.



Tottenham Green

Tottenham Green is one of the highest deprived areas nationally, with very high income deprivation and low average household income.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

Tottenham Green has one of the highest number of children per place ratio. However there is a total of 16% vacancies in the ward. Childminders have 40% vacancies and 20% in the PVI sector

There is a high take up of free childcare places and a high use of family and friends to accommodate childcare needs. However the data indicates that parents/carers in this ward would prefer to use more formal childcare if possible. The cost of childcare in Tottenham Green are mid range for Haringey, however parents in this ward were the most likely to say they could not afford to pay any more and indicated that their childcare costs are too high. The data suggests that parents are aware and using tax credits to subsidise their costs, however affordability is an issue.

- possible over provision of childminder places;
- affordability of childcare is an issue in Tottenham Green.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

There appears to be demand for breakfast places, however there are a number of vacancies concentrated predominately in one location.

- admissions criteria, location of places, a hub school arrangement or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand.

There appears to be a shortage of after school places in Tottenham Green, as parents have indicated that they would like to use this facility and there are no vacancies in this ward.

- increase the number of after school places;
- admissions criteria, location of places, a hub school arrangement or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand.

It would be necessary to carry out further investigation of the actual demand for breakfast and after school club places before any additional provision is provided.

Tottenham Hale

Tottenham Hale is an area of high deprivation with the super output areas ranging between 11%-21% most deprived nationally. There is very high income deprivation and the third lowest average household income in Haringey. Tottenham Hale has one of the highest under 16 populations and the lowest child to place ratios.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

Tottenham Hale has the most under 5's places in Haringey. There is 42% vacancy rate in the PVI sector and 27% across all settings. There is a high take up of full-time and part-time nursery places. Affordability is an issue, but not necessarily a barrier as a number of parents appear to be accessing working tax credits.

- too much 3-4 year old provision;
- a preference in using maintained places over PVI places.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

There appears to be demand for breakfast club places, however there are a number of vacancies concentrated predominately in one location.

- admissions criteria, location of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand.

The data shows that supply for after school provision is meeting demand. A number of respondents indicated that they would like to access after school provision.

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of after school care facilities;
- admissions criteria, location of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand.

Bruce Grove

Bruce Grove is the smallest ward in Haringey and although there appears to be a lack of childcare facilities based in the ward, there is easy access to facilities in Tottenham Hale, Tottenham Green and West Green wards. Bruce Grove is an area of high deprivation with half of the super output areas ranging between 1%-5% and the other half between 11%-21% most deprived nationally. There is a large range (29% - 88%) of children living in households that are income deprived. Bruce Grove has the highest average income out of all its geographical neighbours.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

There is 47% vacancy rate within the childminder sector and low demand for this type of childcare indicating that there could be too many childminder places. There is only one PVI located in this ward and has 36% vacancies with the majority of vacancies in the 3-4 year old age group. With its location in the south east of the ward there is direct competition with providers in Tottenham Hale. Affordability is an issue, however possibly not a barrier as a number of parents appear to be accessing working tax credits.

- too much 3-4 year old provision;
- possible over provision of childminder places.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

There is only one provider of breakfast clubs in Bruce Grove, which is full. Respondents indicated that there is unfilled demand for additional breakfast club provision for parents in this ward.

- expand the breakfast club provision at Bruce Grove School;
- explore the possibility of an arrangement with Mulberry Primary school to address unmet demand.

There appears to be demand for after school provision, however there are no providers in Bruce Grove ward. The nearest providers with vacancies are either Right Track after school club operating out of Coleraine Park primary school in Tottenham Hale or Tower Gardens Play Centre in White Hart Lane.

- e-marketing campaign to increase awareness of after school club facilities;
- admissions criteria, location of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand.

It would be necessary to carry out further investigation of the actual demand for breakfast and after school club places before any additional provision is provided.

West Green

West Green has areas of high deprivation, especially around the Broadwater Farm Estate, with super output areas ranging between 11%-41% most deprived nationally. Children living in households that are income deprived range between 29%-64%. The average household income is mid range for Haringey and there are large number of under 16's in this ward. West Green ward is split in half by Lordship Recreational Ground and Downhills Park which can act as a geographical barrier when trying to access childcare.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

There are large numbers of 3-4 year old places in this ward. All four schools have nurseries offering part time places and one school offers free full-time places. All the school provision is full. On Broadwater Farm Estate there is a large concentration of childcare places run by different providers. The Children's Centre currently has vacancies for 3-4 year olds.

There are two PVI settings in West Green offering part-time places with 13% vacancies across both. There is a 32% vacancy rate within the childminder sector. There is low demand for these types of childcare indicating that demand is currently satisfied.

Parents in West Green are faced with the forth highest average childcare cost in Haringey, indicating that affordability of childcare is an issue.

- too much 3-4 year old provision possibly on Broadwater Farm Estate;
- affordability of childcare is an issue.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

There appears to be demand for breakfast club places, however there are a number of vacancies concentrated in two locations, one in the north the other in the south of the ward – on the east side of the parks.

- admissions criteria, location of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand.

The data shows that there is demand for after school provision in West Green. There is only one after school club provider located on Broadwater Farm Estate and they have vacancies.

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of after school care facilities;
- admissions criteria, location of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand.

It would be necessary to carry out further investigation of the actual demand for breakfast and after school club places before any additional provision is provided.

St Ann's

St Ann's is an area of high deprivation with two thirds of the super output areas ranging between 11%-31% and the other one third between 5%-11% most deprived nationally. There is very high income deprivation, with the average household income being mid range for Haringey and a high number of under 16's in this ward.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

Respondents in this ward were the most likely to use family or friends for their childcare needs. There is a 70% vacancy rate within the childminder sector and low demand for this type of childcare indicating that there could be too many childminder places. Childminders in St Ann's all seem to be clustered around the border of Tottenham Green Ward, creating additional competition for children within a small area. The vacancy rate for the PVI and maintained sectors is low with respondents indicating a limited demand for additional under 5 places. This would suggest that supply is currently meeting demand. Affordability is an issue, and possibly a barrier in accessing childcare.

- possible over provision of childminder places;
- affordability of childcare is an issue in St Ann's.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

There are a number of breakfast club vacancies concentrated predominately in one provider. There are a high percentage of parents already accessing breakfast club provision and appears to be little demand for expanding that provision.

- admissions criteria, location/rationalisation of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address large vacancy numbers.

The data indicates that there is an over provision of after schools clubs in St Ann's. Across all the providers there is a 30% vacancy rate and currently little additional demand which would fill these surplus places.

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of after school care facilities;
- admissions criteria, location/rationalisation of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address large vacancy numbers;
- work with schools in Tottenham Green, where demand out strips supply of places.

Seven Sisters

Seven Sisters is an area of high deprivation with three quarters of the super output areas ranging between 5%-11% and the other one quarter between 21%-41% most deprived nationally. There is very high income deprivation, with the average house hold income being mid range for Haringey. Seven Sisters has the third highest number under 16's in Haringey.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

Seven Sisters has the highest number of maintained nursery places in Haringey. There are 100 free nursery places located at the three community schools. The take up of both part-time and full-time provision across both the maintained and PVI sectors is high and there are no vacancies. There is a 40% vacancy rate within the childminder sector and low demand for this type of childcare indicating that there could be too many childminder places. The under 2's centre in Triangle Children, Young People & Community Centre is not currently open. There appears to be relatively low demand for additional childcare provision for 3-4 year olds. However some respondents indicated that they would like extended opening times at there current childcare provision to incorporating times between 8am – 6pm.

- investigate whether there is demand to warrant it opening the under 2's childcare provision at the Triangle;
- investigate whether there is a need for additional 8am – 6pm childcare provision as the schools only offer 9am - 3.30pm;
- possible over provision of childminder places.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

All four schools have breakfast club provision; there are a number of vacancies concentrated in two providers. There are a high percentage of parents already accessing breakfast club provision and appears to be little demand for expanding that provision.

- admissions criteria, location/rationalisation of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address large vacancy numbers.

The data suggests that there is demand for after school provision, however two providers currently have vacancies.

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of after school care facilities;
- admissions criteria, location of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand and filling current surplus places.

Harringay

Harringay ward is the least deprived ward in the south network area, however there is still a high level of deprivation when compared to the national averages. There is high income deprivation; however the average household income is the highest in the South Network area. Harringay ward has the lowest number of children in the South Network area.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

There is a 55% vacancy rate within the childminder sector and low demand for this type of childcare indicating that there could be too many childminder places. Within the PVI sector there are 25% vacancies with the majority of vacancies in the 3-4 year old age group. Some respondents have indicated that they would like extended opening times at their current childcare provision to incorporating times between 8am – 6pm. Currently only two providers open between 8am -6pm. Affordability is an issue in Harringay ward as childcare costs are the highest in the South Network area.

- investigate whether there is a need for additional 8am – 6pm childcare provision;
- possible over provision of childminder places;
- affordability of childcare is an issue in Harringay.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

Both schools in Harringay ward provide breakfast club provision. There is a high percentage of parents already accessing this provision and there appears to be little demand for expansion.

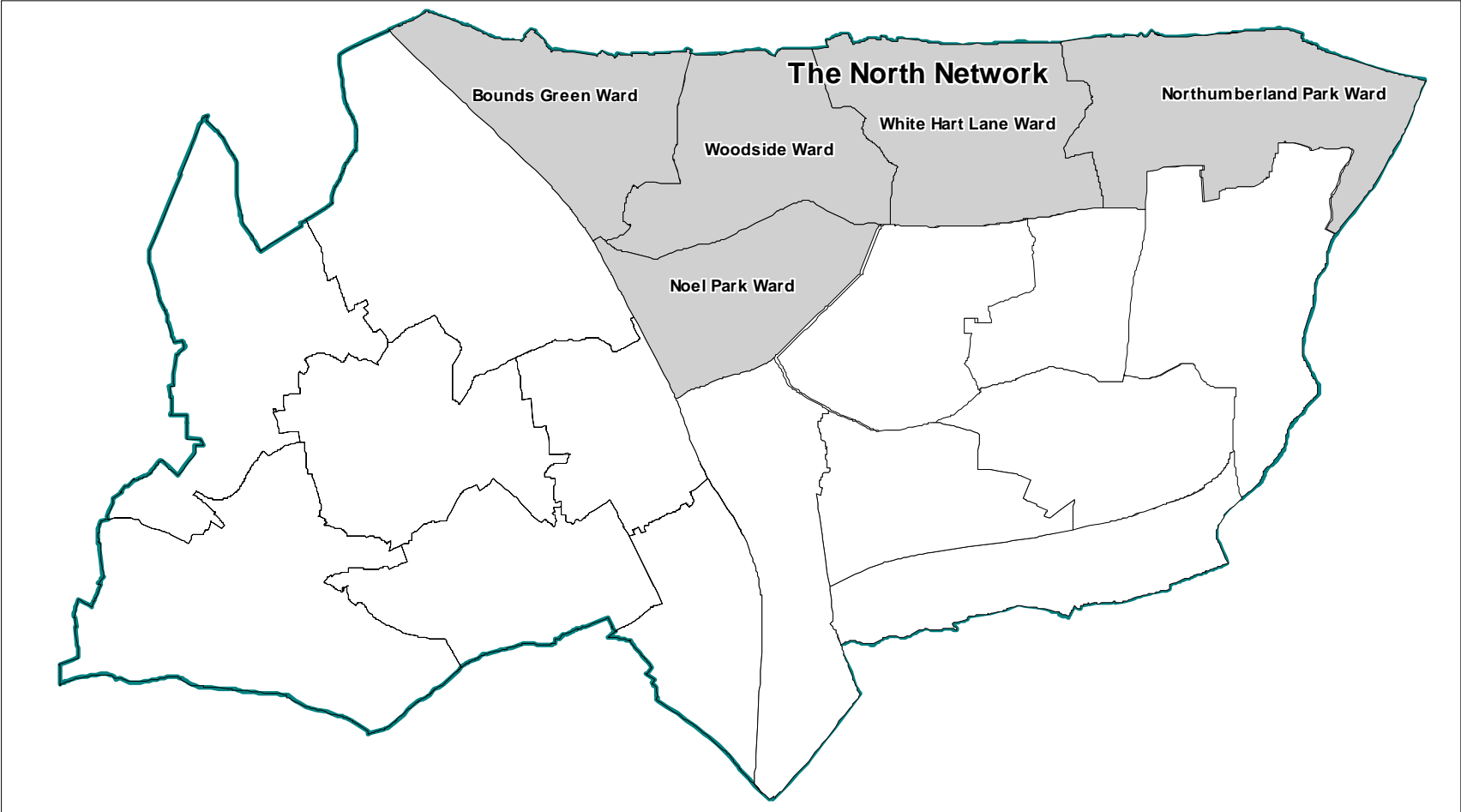
There appears to be a shortage of after school places, as parents have indicated that they would like to use this facility and there are no vacancies in this ward.

- increase the number of after school places.

It would be necessary to carry out further investigation of the actual demand for after school club places before any additional provision is provided.

The North Network.

Figure 107: the wards in the North Network area.



Northumberland Park

Northumberland Park ward is the most deprived ward in Haringey. There is very high income deprivation, with the lowest average household income and the highest number of under 16's in Haringey.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

There is a very low vacancy rate in the PVI and maintained sectors (between 5%-8%). There is additional demand for both part-time and full-time provision; however there are a number of settings in Tottenham Hale ward, close to the boundary, which do have vacancies and are easily accessible from Northumberland Park. There is a 55% vacancy rate within the childminder sector and low demand for this type of childcare. Childminders in Northumberland Park appear to be clustered around the borders of Tottenham Hall and White Hart Lane wards, creating additional competition for children within those areas. Childcare costs in Northumberland Park are some of the lowest in Haringey, however due to the high levels of deprivation affordability is a barrier in accessing childcare.

- affordability of childcare is an issue in Northumberland Park;
- possible over provision of childminder places.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

There are two schools in Northumberland Park ward providing breakfast club provision. There are a high percentage of parents already accessing this provision and there appears to be some demand for expanding that provision, potentially from respondents whose children do not attend those schools providing breakfast clubs.

- admissions criteria, location of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address large vacancy numbers and fulfil unmet demand.

Respondents have indicated that they would like more flexible and affordable after school provision, where by they do not have to pay a fixed weekly rate, but rather on a day by day basis. Across all the providers there is a 28% vacancy rate and currently little additional demand which would fill these surplus places. However in the club that offers flexible arrangements like those mentioned above, there are no vacancies.

- investigate the feasibility of flexible after school childcare arrangements.

White Hart Lane

White Hart Lane is an area of high deprivation with two thirds of the super output areas ranging between 5%-11% and the other one third between 11%-21% most deprived nationally. There is very high income deprivation, with the average household income being the second lowest in Haringey.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

Vacancy rates across all childcare settings are in excess of 25%. The majority of vacancies are within the 3-4 year old provision. 23% of respondents living in White Hart Lane regularly used both part-time and full-time provision. There is additional demand for both part-time and full-time provision, however affordability is the main barrier in accessing childcare provision.

- possibly too much 3-4 year old provision;
- affordability of childcare is an issue.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

Both schools provide breakfast clubs and are currently full. Respondents indicated that there is unfilled demand for additional breakfast club provision.

- expand the breakfast club provision;
- location of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand.

The data suggests that there is demand for after school provision in White Hart Lane, however, there is currently a 46% vacancy rate across all the providers.

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of after school care facilities;
- admissions criteria, location/rationalisation of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand and filling current surplus places;
- affordability of childcare/after school clubs is an issue.

It would be necessary to carry out further investigation of the actual demand for after school club places before any additional provision is provided.

Noel Park

Noel Park is an area of high deprivation with the super output areas ranging between 5%-31% most deprived nationally. Residents in Noel Park become more affluent closer towards the Kings Cross railway line. Children living in households that are income deprived range from 41% to 74%. Noel Park ward has the lowest number of children in the North Network area.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

There is a 63% vacancy rate within the childminder sector; however there is a high demand by respondents to access this type of childcare. There is a high use / take up of part-time nursery, preschool and playgroup places, however there is low demand for any additional part-time places. Noel Park primary currently has 48% vacancies in their nursery and only offers part-time places. The data suggests that there is possibly too much part-time provision. All the settings offering full-time places are full. Respondents indicated that there is demand for additional full-time provision in Noel Park.

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of 0-19 services in this area especially childminders;
- increase the number of full-time places – possibly by changing some of the part-time places at Noel Park Primary into full-time places;
- there is demand for under 2's provision.

It would be necessary to carry out further investigation of the actual demand for further under 2 or full-time places before any additional provision is provided.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

There is only one provider of breakfast clubs in Noel Park, which has vacancies. Respondents indicated that there is a high unfilled demand for additional breakfast club provision in this ward.

- admissions criteria, location/rationalisation of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand and filling current surplus places.

The data suggests that there is demand for after school provision in Noel Park, however, there is currently a 35% vacancy rate across all the providers.

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of after school care facilities;
- admissions criteria, location/rationalisation of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand and filling current surplus places – potentially with schools in Woodside ward;
- affordability of childcare/after school clubs is an issue.

Woodside

Woodside is an area of high deprivation ranging from 5% to 41% most deprived nationally. Children living in households that are income deprived range from 29% to 76%. The average household income is mid range for Haringey.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

There is a very low vacancy rate in the maintained sector; respondents indicated that there was no further demand for any additional provision. This possibly shows that supply is currently meeting demand. There is 46% vacancy rate within the childminder sector and low demand for this type of childcare indicating that there could be too many childminder places.

- possible over provision of childminder places.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

There appears to be demand for breakfast club places, however there are a large number of vacancies concentrated predominately in one location.

- admissions criteria, location/rationalisation of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand and filling current surplus places – potentially with schools in Bounds Green ward.

There appears to be demand for after school provision, however there are no providers in Woodside ward. The nearest providers with vacancies are the after school clubs operating out of Alexandra and Noel Park Play Centres in Noel Park.

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of after school club facilities;
- admissions criteria, location of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand, potentially with providers in Noel Park ward.

It would be necessary to carry out further investigation of the actual demand for breakfast and after school club places before any new arrangements were put into place.

Bounds Green

Bounds Green is an area of high deprivation ranging from 5% to 41% most deprived super output areas nationally. Children living in households that are income deprived range from 29% to 64%. The average household income is the highest in the North Network and the second highest for all the wards in the east of the borough.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

The supply of part-time places is meeting current demand as respondents indicated that there was a very limited amount of additional demand for part-time places. Respondents indicated that there was demand for additional full-time places. With the location of Bounds Green Children's Centre close to the Bounds Green Tube Station, this could potentially attract parents if the centre offered 8am-6pm provision. Bowes Park Nursery with its close proximity to both the tube and over ground stations is full. There is potential for take up of these places not only from residences in Bounds Green but also Alexandra ward in the roads between Alexandra Palace, Bounds Green Road and Rhodes Avenue. There is 64% vacancy rate within the childminder sector and very low demand for this type of childcare indicating that there could be too many childminder places.

Respondents indicated that their childcare costs were unreasonable. This could be attributed to the fact that there is only one provider in the north of Bounds Green offering full-time places.

- possible over provision of childminder places;
- investigate whether there is a need for additional 8am – 6pm childcare provision.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

Breakfast club provision in Bounds Green is full and respondents indicated that there was no further demand for additional provision. However a closer examination should be conducted around the southern end of the ward as there is no provision here. If, after investigation, there is demand for breakfast club facilities, then a possible arrangement with Earlham primary school could be established.

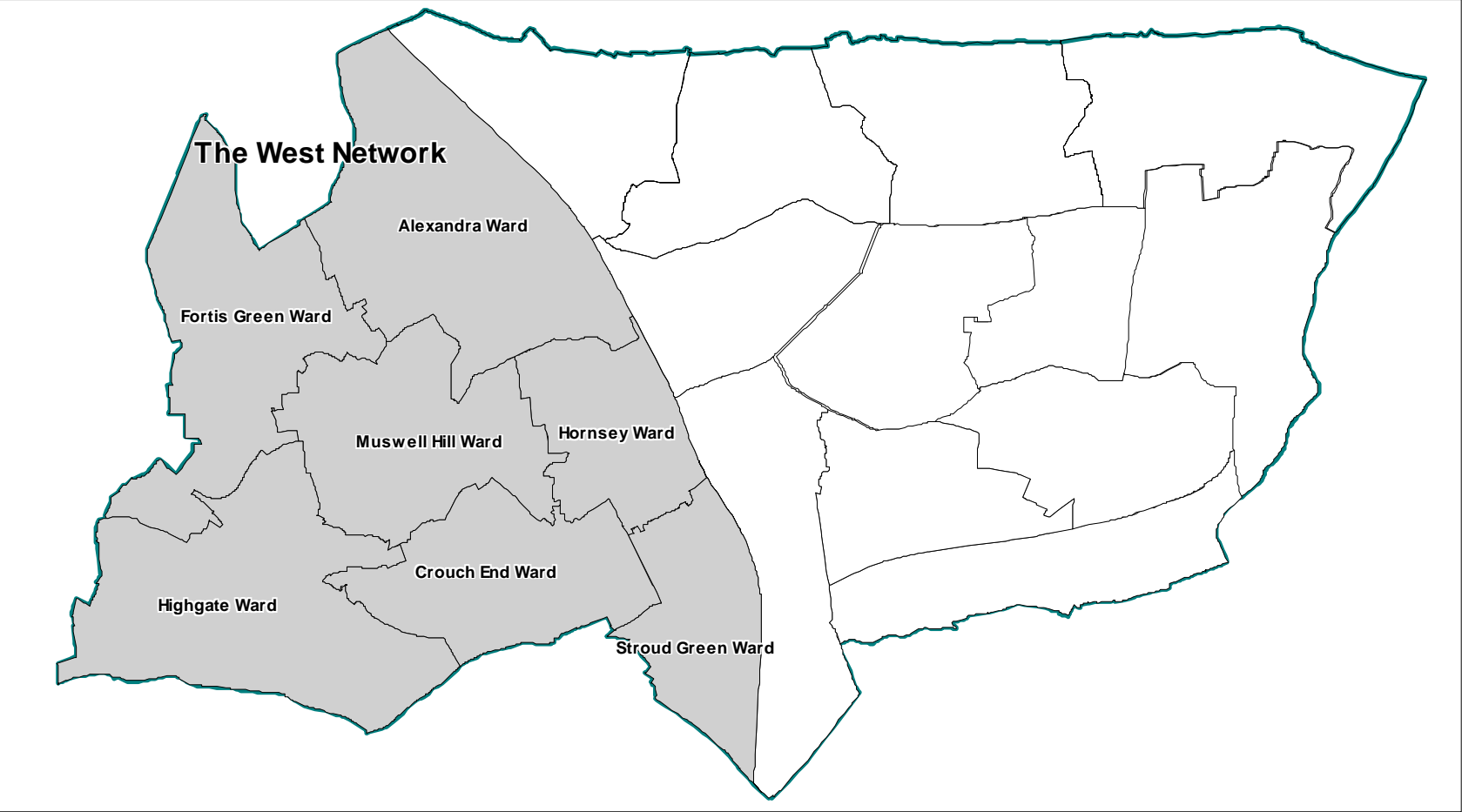
- investigate whether there is a need for breakfast club provision in the southern end of Bounds Green ward.

The data suggests that there is demand for after school provision in Bounds Green, however, there is currently a 25% vacancy rate across all the providers.

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of after school care facilities;
- admissions criteria, location/rationalisation of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand and filling current surplus places – potentially with schools in Noel Park ward.

The West Network.

Figure 108: the wards in the West Network area.



Alexandra

Alexandra is one of the lowest deprived wards in Haringey, with low income deprivation and high average household income.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

Respondents in this ward were the most likely to use a Nanny for their childcare needs. There is a very low vacancy rate in the maintained and PVI sectors, respondents indicated that there was very little demand for any additional full-time provision. If additional capacity is supplied by Bounds Green Children's Centre than this could satisfy demand. There is a high demand (highest in Haringey) for additional part-time provision, indicating a potential under supply of places. There is 33% vacancy rate within the childminder sector and high demand for this type of childcare.

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of 0-19 services in this area – especially childminders;
- investigate whether there is a need for additional part-time childcare provision.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

There appears to be demand for breakfast club places, but there is no provision in Alexandra ward.

- location of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand between schools in either Bounds Green or Muswell Hill wards.

There appears to be a shortage of after school places in Alexandra, as parents have indicated that they would like to use this facility and there are no vacancies in this ward.

- increase the number of after school places;
- admissions criteria, location/rationalisation of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand– potentially between providers in either Bounds Green or Muswell Hill wards.

It would be necessary to carry out further investigation of the actual demand for breakfast and after school club places before any new arrangements were put into place.

Fortis Green

Fortis Green is a ward characterised by areas of deprivation and areas of high affluence. Children living in families that are income deprived range from 17% to 41%. The average household income for Fortis Green is the second lowest in the west network.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

The majority of all childcare settings in Fortis Green are full. The majority of vacancies are located in the private pre-school sector. Respondents in this ward were the most likely to use a pre-school or playgroups for their childcare needs, and this is the area that has the highest unmet demand.

- investigate whether there is a need for additional pre-school or playgroups childcare provision.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

There appears to be demand for breakfast club places, however the two schools providing this facility have vacancies.

- admissions criteria, location/rationalisation of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand and filling current surplus places – potentially with other schools in Fortis Green ward.

The data shows that supply for after school provision is meeting demand. Demand for additional after school provision is limited.

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of after school care facilities;
- admissions criteria, location of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand.

Muswell Hill

Muswell Hill is a ward characterised by areas of deprivation and areas of high affluence. Children living in households that are income deprived is low and the average household income is high.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

The majority of all childcare settings in Muswell Hill are full. The majority of vacancies are located in the PVI sector. Respondents indicated that they regularly used full-time, part-time, pre-school or playgroups childcare provision, this is also where the majority of unmet demand is.

- investigate whether there is a need for additional full-time, part-time, pre-school or playgroup childcare provision.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

There appears to be a low demand for breakfast club places, with the one school providing this facility having 50% vacancies.

- admissions criteria, location/rationalisation of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand and filling current surplus places – potentially with other schools in Muswell Hill or Alexandra ward.

There is low demand for after school provision in Muswell Hill. There is a 45% vacancy rate so parents wishing to access this service currently are.

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of after school care facilities;
- admissions criteria, location/rationalisation of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand and filling current surplus places – potentially with the other school in Alexandra ward.

Hornsey

Hornsey is the most deprived ward in the west of Haringey. Hornsey has the highest percentage of children living in households that are income deprived and the lowest average household income in the west. Hornsey has the highest under 16 population in the west.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

There is a 38% vacancy rate within the childminder sector and low demand for this type of childcare indicating that there could be too many childminder places. Childminders in Hornsey seem to be clustering in two areas, creating additional competition for children. Hornsey has a high number of maintained and PVI settings which have 15% and 19% vacancy rates respectively. The low vacancy rate and low indications of additional demand for places suggests that supply is currently meeting demand.

A new PVI setting is opening in the beginning of March catering for children aged 0-4 offering wrap-around care. Campsbourne Children's Centre will also open in March 2008 providing 12 wrap-around places for 2-3 year olds and 12 wrap-around places for 3-4 year olds.

- potentially too much 8am – 6pm childcare provision in Hornsey;
- potentially too much 3-4 year old provision;
- affordability of childcare is an issue in Hornsey;
- possible over provision of childminder places.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

There are a number of breakfast club vacancies concentrated predominately in one provider. There are a high percentage of parents already accessing breakfast club provision and there appears to be little demand for expanding current provision. There are some schools which currently don't have access to this facility so potentially this is where the demand is concentrated.

- admissions criteria, location/rationalisation of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address large vacancy numbers.

There is a relatively low vacancy rate in after school provision so parents wishing to access this service currently are. There is low additional demand for after school provision in Hornsey

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of after school care facilities;
- admissions criteria, location/rationalisation of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand and filling current surplus places.

Stroud Green

Stroud Green has areas of deprivation ranging from 11% to 51% most deprived super output areas nationally. Children living in households that are income deprived range from 17% to 64%. The average household income is the fifth highest for all the wards in Haringey.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

There is a 64% vacancy rate within the childminder sector and low demand for this type of childcare indicating that there could be too many childminder places. Childminders in Stroud Green seem to be clustering around the southern end by Finsbury Park, creating additional competition for children. Stroud Green has a high number of maintained settings which have a 10% vacancy rate across them. The PVI sector has 41% vacancies; there is easy access to Crouch End so potentially vacancies could be filled by residents there, as all settings in that area are full. A high percentage of respondents indicated that they already accessed both full and part-time provision. Respondents indicated that there was low demand for additional places suggesting that supply is currently meeting demand.

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of 0-19 services in this area and Crouch End– especially in the PVI sector;
- possible over provision of childminder places.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

One school provides a breakfast club in Stroud Green which is currently full. Respondents indicated that there is unfilled demand for additional breakfast club provision in this ward.

- expand the breakfast club provision;
- location of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand.

All the schools in Stroud Green have access to after school provision. The provision based around St Aidan's and Stroud Green schools are well used as there are limited vacancies. The provision near Western Park has over 50% vacancies. There is a very low demand for additional provision by respondents. Stroud Green is well catered for in after school provision when the maintained and PVI sectors are review in conjunction with each other.

- admissions criteria, location/rationalisation of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to fill current surplus places.

It would be necessary to carry out further investigation of the actual demand for breakfast and after school club places before any new arrangements were put into place.

Crouch End

Crouch End is a ward characterised by areas of deprivation and areas of high affluence. Children living in families that are income deprived range from 5% to 41%. The average household income is the highest in Haringey.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

The majority of all childcare setting in Crouch End are full. The majority of vacancies are located in the childminder sector. Respondents indicated that they regularly used full-time, part-time and pre-school /playgroup childcare provision. Childcare costs in Crouch End are the highest in Haringey and this was reflected by respondent's comments which noted that there was a limited choice of childcare, and costs were high. The use of nannies was the third highest in Haringey.

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of 0-19 services in Stroud Green and Hornsey wards. This should increase the awareness of childcare available to Crouch End residents.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

There is one provider of breakfast club facilities in Crouch End, catering for one school, which is currently full. Respondents indicated that there is unfilled demand for additional breakfast club provision in this ward.

- expand the breakfast club provision;
- location of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand.

There is one provider of after school club facilities in Crouch End, catering for one school, which is currently full. Respondents indicated that there is unfilled demand for additional after school club provision in this ward.

- expand the after school club provision;
- location of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand.

It would be necessary to carry out further investigation of the actual demand for breakfast and after school club places before any new arrangements were put into place.

Highgate

Highgate is a ward characterised by areas of deprivation and areas of high affluence. Children living in families that are income deprived range from 5% to 29%. The average household income is the second highest in Haringey.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or under

The majority of all childcare setting in Highgate are full. The majority of childcare available in Highgate is in the private sector. Respondents indicated that they regularly used part-time and pre-school /playgroup childcare provision. There is a very limited amount of wrap around care available in Highgate. Childcare costs in Highgate are the second highest in Haringey and this was reflected by respondent's comments which noted that there was a limited choice of childcare and costs were high. The use of nannies was the second highest in Haringey.

- investigate whether there is additional need for 8am – 6pm childcare provision.

Childcare gaps for children aged 5 or over

Both schools provide breakfast clubs which are currently full. Respondents indicated that there is unfilled demand for additional breakfast club provision in this ward.

- expand the breakfast club provision;
- location of places, a hub school arrangement or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand.

There is one provider of after school club facility in Highgate, catering for one school, which currently has vacancies. Respondents indicated that there is unfilled demand for additional after school club provision in this ward.

- a marketing campaign to increase awareness of after school care facilities;
- admissions criteria, location of places, a hub school or better partnership arrangements could be looked at to address unmet demand and filling current surplus places.

It would be necessary to carry out further investigation of the actual demand for breakfast and after school club places before any new arrangements were put into place.

Gaps in the types of childcare available

The following gaps in the type of childcare available were highlighted in the consultation with stakeholders:

Parent/ carers wished to use more before and after school clubs.

Parent/carers highlighted the need for more flexible childcare provision. For example, to cover times for job interviews or training courses or in emergency situations. Childcare providers have also noted an increasing demand by parents for flexible arrangements. Childcare providers have found this hard to respond to due to cost implications.

In the focus groups culturally sensitive provision was highlighted. Comments included language barriers and the ethnic profile of the provision should better reflect the local community. Also it was discussed how childcare information should be more accessible in community languages with better marketing.

Childcare provision during school holidays was highlighted as a major gap by all respondents across Haringey. Currently parent/carers find it very difficult to find childcare for the entire Easter and summer holidays, to cover the working week. Parents/carers stated that the opening times of holiday provision does not reflect wrap around care, so are not finding the hours suitable to enable them to continue working full-time.

The ages for which childcare is available

Data on the supply of childcare places in Haringey suggests that the number of children per place for under 5s in Haringey is better than the national average. In Haringey there are 3.1 children for every childcare place (childminder, PVI and maintained provision), compared to 4.2 nationally.

However, parent/carers from both the focus groups and questionnaires have indicated that they have experienced problems in accessing childcare for very young children.

Parent/ carers wished to use more before and after school clubs.

Respondents with children aged under 3 found it difficult to find suitable and affordable childcare places.

Respondents with children aged 4-5 were more likely to have stated that affordability was a barrier in accessing childcare.

In some wards of Haringey there appears to be an over provision of 4-5 year old places, creating competition between providers in a market that is potentially already saturated with places.

For 11-14 year olds there was no evidence of any gaps.

Affordability

Responses from parent/carers suggest that 20% of respondents were accessing working tax credits to supplement their childcare costs.

Where respondents were paying for childcare the average weekly cost was £119 or a median average of £85. Data on the supply of childcare in Haringey shows that the average PVI & maintain group settings cost per week are £185 for under 2s, £162 for under 3s and £103 for under 5s. This compares to outer London average cost for under 2s of £202 and over 2s of £186. This data suggests that parent/carers are experiencing affordability pressures similar to other outer London authorities.

Information on the weekly childminder costs suggests that costs in Haringey are significantly higher than the outer London and national average. The average Haringey weekly cost was £196 compared to the inner London average of £184 and the national average of £144.

Information on the costs for out of school club provision for Haringey children over the age of 5 suggests that Haringey's average of £40 is below the outer London of £47 and national average of £43.

The data suggests that there is not a marked affordability gap overall in Haringey, however data should be analysed on a ward by ward basis due to the large difference in deprivation found between them. Affordable childcare in the east of Haringey is a significant barrier in accessing provision, however in the west of Haringey affordability is an issue but not a significant barrier.

Childcare specialists in Haringey commented that affordability of childcare for younger parents/carers was an issue as they may be attending training courses that could lead to employment however they can not afford the childcare to cover the times they need to be at the course.

Cost was highlighted as a barrier in accessing childcare in both the focus groups and questionnaire responses. Focus groups comments included lack of financial support and flexibility in payment options i.e. just paying for what you use.

Opening times

Some parent/carers who were using full-time school nurseries noted that they would like the nursery to provide wrap around care/ widen the opening hours to enable them to work full-time.

From the geographical analysis five wards need further investigation to establish whether there are gaps in 8am - 6pm care. These are Seven Sisters, Haringay, Noel Park, Bounds Green and Highgate wards.

Again, childcare provision during school holidays was highlighted as a major gap by all respondents across Haringey.

No specific times were identified as gaps by the analysis. However, parent/carers did state that they would like access to either breakfast or after school clubs typically at schools where this provision could not be accessed.

Childcare specialists in Haringey commented that there was a gap in childcare provision to cater for parents that work shifts or weekends.

For 11-14 year olds there was no evidence of any gaps.

Needs of children with either a special educational need or disability

There is a gap / lack of childcare provision for parent/carers of children with either special educational needs or disabilities. Principally childcare settings do not have enough places or staff appropriately trained that can deal with children who require one to one supervision or have complicated needs. Where children go to special schools parents/carers are reliant on extended provision provided, due to the specialist support that can be provided and associated transport. Parent/carers would like to see extended provision expanded so that all schools/facilities have breakfast and after school clubs that are able to cater for children with either special educational needs or disabilities. Holiday childcare provision is very difficult to secure and often it will only cover one or two weeks.

Parent/ carers who have a child with either special educational needs or disabilities and other children in mainstream settings find it very difficult to find childcare that can cater for all their children, often resulting in a difficult juggling exercise for these families. There is a lack of under 5 settings able to accommodate children with either special educational needs or disabilities. Those settings offering provision are heavily oversubscribed and have very long waiting lists. Lack of respite provision or emergency childcare was also highlighted as a gap.

From the focus group respondents stated the difficulties in working full-time and trying to secure the appropriate childcare. In many cases parents are unable to work due to the problems they have in securing appropriate childcare that can cater for their child's needs.