

**Dudley MBC  
Childcare Strategy Team**

**Position Statement  
2014 – 15**

**Early Education Places for  
Two, three and four year olds**

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## 1.0 Introduction

1.1 Evidence shows that good quality early years provision gives children a better start and leads to improved outcomes and life chances as they move through their school years and beyond.

The Government's announcement in 2011 to introduce a targeted statutory free Early Learning Entitlement for 2 year olds from September 2013 in the first phase; supporting 20% of eligible children and then from September 2014 supporting 40% of eligible children in the second phase, will enhance the current universal funded offer for 3 and 4 year olds by supporting smooth transitions in to this universal entitlement. The free Early Learning entitlement will also provide eligible 2 year old children with good foundations for starting school and supporting school readiness by developing their communication and social skills and to reach their full potential.

1.2 Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (DMBC) is committed to the implementation and delivery of Early Learning for 2 year olds, known as 'Time for Two's' and recognises that if we wish to improve and sustain good outcomes for our youngest children then we must targeted and promote the entitlement to eligible families transparently and in partnership with key identified professionals in the borough.

The key priorities for DMBC to support the development of the free entitlement for 2 year olds to meet DfE identified targets are as follows –

### Priorities

- Continued professional partnership with Children's Centres, Health Visitors, Schools, Social Care, Family Nurse Partnership and Family Intervention Project
- Embed 'Time for Two's' into key strategic Local Authority plans to support school readiness
- Continue to identify and support families to confirm their eligibility to receive 'Time for Two's' funding through accessible routes
- Demonstrate access to high quality care and education in a wide range of flexible early education and childcare provisions, including childminders to achieve better and sustained outcomes for children
- Continue to support the expansion and creation of new good quality 'Time for Two's' places in geographical areas of the Borough where sufficiency 'gaps' have been identified through the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment.
- Consider the development of 2yr old places in maintained schools as pilot
- Support and develop new and existing providers to expand and create additional Time for Two's' places, in the identified priority areas.
- Implementation of the Communication and Marketing Plan proactively promoting 'Time for Two's' entitlement to eligible families and offer families greater flexibility to pursue training that might reasonably lead to employment or employment opportunities

### Challenges

- Ensuring a sufficient number of good quality 'Time for Two's' places are available in the appropriate geographical areas to meet demand and give parents choice and flexibility
- Identifying and supporting remaining 20% of eligible less advantaged families to ensure **945 children** access the offer of 15 hours of free early learning from **April 2014** or sooner to meet DfE targets
- Identifying and supporting 40% of eligible less advantaged families to ensure **1,755 children** access the offer of 15 hours of free early learning from **September 2014** or

- sooner to meet DfE targets
- Continue to prioritise the capital funding available to secure new funded two year old places in the areas of the borough where the highest and most significant shortfall of 'Time for Two's places have been identified

1.3 The Childcare Strategy and the Early Years Foundation Stage Teams are accountable and responsible within Dudley MBC for delivering the Childcare Act 2006 and Education Act 2011 statutory duties listed below.

### **Childcare Act 2006 – Statutory Duties**

1.4 **Section 11** places a duty on Local Authorities to assess the sufficiency of childcare provision in their area. A core element of this duty is to complete a Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) which enables any sufficiency gaps in provision to be identified. The CSA known as the Dudley Community Childcare Plan is produced annually, agreed by elected members and made available to the public.

1.5 **Section 6** places a duty on Local Authorities to secure, as far as is reasonably practicable, sufficient childcare for children aged 0 - 14 or up to 19 years old where young people have an additional need or disability, to meet the needs of working parents and carers, or those that are studying or training within the area.

1.6 **Section 7** places a duty on Local Authorities to secure sufficient provision of Early Education places for 3, and 4 year olds. This is a universal offer for all 3 and 4 year olds to receive 15 hours per week usually over 38 weeks.

### **Education Act 2011 – Statutory Duties**

1.7 **Section 1** places a duty on Local Authorities to secure sufficient Early Learning places for eligible 2 year olds and became statutory under the Childcare Act 2006 section 7 from September 2013. The entitlement is for 15 hours per week usually over 38 weeks a year for less advantaged two year olds where families meet the identified economic eligibility criteria aligned to that used for free schools meals.

### **The Time for Two's offer:**

- 15 hours per week for 38 weeks or 570 hours per annum; Or,
- if stretched, a maximum of 12hrs a week over 47 weeks.
- To be taken from the term **after** the child's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.
- Places can be taken flexibly, in the following ways:
  - Between the hours of 7.00am – 7.00pm
  - No more than 10hrs in one day
  - Not less than 2hrs in one day
  - The full 15hrs in no fewer than 2 days
- The parent of the child is required to be a benefit recipient and meet the Free School Meal (FSM) criteria to be eligible for a Time for Two's place; from September 2014 this will also include low income working families.
- Places can **only** be taken with a provider rated 'Good' or better by Ofsted

## **Time for Two's Criteria: Phase 1 and phase 2 eligibility**

From September 2013 (phase 1) 'Time for Two's' is offered to (20%) of less advantaged two year olds in Dudley. Department for Education (DfE) indicative numbers show that potentially **732** children are eligible to access a free place, eligibility is based on:

- Families meeting the economic eligibility criteria for free school meals
- The two year old being looked after by DMBC
- Children with Child Protection or Child in Need Plans
- Children with high-level special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)\*

From September 2014 (phase 2), Time for Two's will be offered to (40%) of less advantaged two year olds in Dudley and DfE indicative numbers show that potentially **1755** children will be eligible for a free place, the proposed eligibility will be based on:

- Families meeting the economic eligibility criteria for free school meals
- Families claiming non working or low income benefits or Working Tax Credit (WTC) with family income less than £16,190
- The two year old is a 'looked after child' by Dudley Council
- Children that have left DMBC Local Authority care through adoption orders, residence orders, or special guardianship. This would align with other Government policies, such as the new School Admissions Code, and ensure that children who have been in Local Authority care are supported to have the best possible start in life
- Children with high-level special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)\* and in receipt of Disability Living Allowance in their own right.

\* It is recognised nationally that very few children aged 2yrs will have received a statement of special educational needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan, so therefore, any children who are identified by Dudley Specialist Early Years Service as having significant needs, are offered Time for Two places.

## **Communication and marketing of Time for Two's**

1.8 A wide range of marketing and promotional materials is being developed to support the key priorities underpinned by Dudley MBC to promote the development of Time for Two's. This includes:

- Working directly with Children's Centres, Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) day care providers and targeted parents to increase awareness and take up of Time for Two's
- Cascading information to Children's Services colleagues who have strategic oversight of key priorities within the Directorate Strategic Plan including health leads and health visitors.
- Working in partnership with Job Centre Plus to promote 'Time for Two's' and support their clients to consider childminding as an employment option
- Increasing PVI providers' awareness and commitment to promote and deliver 'Time for Two's'
- Attending Directorate Senior Leadership meetings, Primary Heads briefings, School Budget meetings, and one to one contact with other directorate strategic leads to promote 'Time for Two's',
- Cascading information regularly to Children's Centre Managers and their multi-disciplinary teams including family support workers
- Engaging with Voluntary and Community groups to increase their awareness and improve take-up of Time for Two's.

- Pro-actively promoting all providers judged 'Good' to 'Outstanding' who can deliver 'Time for Two's' places, which provides parents and carers maximum choice when selecting a suitable daycare provider via Dudley Family Information Service.

1.9 The Communication and Marketing Plan focuses on raising professional and targeted public awareness of 'Time for Two's'. The plan clearly sets out the actions to be taken by DMBC to develop good working relationships with internal and external professional networks and the public to support its delivery of the Local Authority's statutory Information Duties with regard to the free early learning entitlement for 2yr olds, and the free early education entitlement for 3 and 4yr olds.

## **2.0 Position Statement for 2, 3 and 4 Year Olds**

2.1 Local Authorities under section 7 of the Childcare Act 2006 have the responsibility to 'manage the market' locally for the sufficiency of early years and childcare places, and now in particular with regard to the changing market i.e. supply and demand for new funded places for eligible 2 year old children.

Therefore the Local Authority has the role of 'market facilitator' in order to develop, incentivise and support childcare providers to consider the creation of new funded places or expansion of their existing provision, whilst considering the impact on their own long term business sustainability.

The creation, sufficiency and sustainability of free early learning and education places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds across the Borough are key strategic priorities for the Local Authority. DMBC will continue to work in partnership with existing and new childcare providers to assess ongoing local need for the free entitlement places and individual provider's potential to deliver this.

2.2 This Position Statement clearly sets out following key areas:

- The places available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds Borough wide
- Assessment and identification of the known supply for places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds available Borough wide
- Assessment and current take up of early year's provision and the expected demand for 2,3 and 4 year old places
- Assessment of need, if required, for increasing the number of places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds within specific locations of the Borough

2.3 The position statement is a strategic tool incorporating key intelligence that will support early years and childcare providers to:

- Make pro-active business and investment decisions to create more 2 year old places in particular
- Respond to opportunities around potential revenue and capital funding; and
- Prevent providers from wasting valuable resources and time on poorly planned expansions

2.4 The target audience for the position statement are a range of stakeholders, as well as new and existing early years and childcare providers including:

- Existing private, voluntary and independent early years and childcare providers
- Early years and childcare providers and organisations not currently active in the Dudley Borough
- People interested in local business development in the Dudley Borough
- As necessary, maintained nursery schools and classes.

The Childcare Strategy Team will proactively work with all key partners to assist in the planning, facilitating, commissioning and provision of the necessary services to address the changing market needs for early learning and early education places within the Borough.

## 3.0 Forecasting Methodology

3.1 The Childcare Strategy Manager is a member of the Strategic Place Planning Board of the Directorate of Children's Services which considers and forward plans for funded early year's places through to secondary school places and this process allows DMBC to better predict the impact of surplus or negative capacity at any age group on all other groups. Specifically however, the methodology for 2 year old funded places cannot be aligned to that used for 3 and 4 year olds due to it not being a universal offer and having a very specific eligibility criteria based on the families income and needs of the child.

With Children's Services Accountancy Team a funding formula for 2, 3 and 4 year old funded childcare places has been developed, known as the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) this is to ensure consistency of approach and fairness for all early education providers across all sectors.

3.2 For the purpose of analysing the potential shortfall of 2, 3 and 4 year old funded places across the Borough within this strategy the following information is considered:

- Dudley Health - Live birth data
- The Early Years Census 2013 and 2014
- The School Census 2013 and 2014
- Population data (Office of National Statistics (ONS) Mid-year 2012 and 2013 data)
- CIPFA annual return 2013 (take up of early education funded places for 2,3 and 4yr olds)
- DWP data for potentially eligible 2 year olds received from the DfE
- Funded hours used for 2, 3 and 4 year olds in Spring 2013 and Summer 2013 across all sectors

By looking at the current indicative take-up of 2 year old places and using DWP and ONS data to narrow down to a ward level we have been able to compare places 'available' against potential 'needed' places to a ward level in order to identify where there is likely to be a need to create new funded places within the Borough. For 3 and 4 year old population data, the current take-up and supply have been used to give baseline knowledge of what surplus capacity is available within the Borough.

3.3 There are a number of considerations in using this methodology, most importantly:

- Take-up of 2 year old places is unlikely to be 100%. A recent survey by DfE indicated only 70 – 80% of eligible families would take up a place. However, within Dudley currently take up of places is around 40%.
- Ofsted registered places for under 5's are relatively 'flexible', for example; if a provider has indicated in Spring 2014 they provided 100 hours for under 2's, 100 hours for 2 year olds and 200 hours for 3 and 4 year olds then potentially they could have 400 hours available for 2 year olds. Some private, voluntary and independent providers will operate rooms for different age groups and have set places/hours available for that age group, but others may have the ability to be flexible with the hours they make available at any one time, to a particular age group. Although, this delivery method would depend upon the availability of staff within the setting in order to maintain the appropriate staff : child ratios.

However, the figures shown for places and hours needed may not be entirely accurate for the reasons stated in 3.3 so when using these figures an element of caution will be used when making decisions on expanding or creating new provision.



3.4 Work is continually ongoing in assessing sufficiency of 2, 3 and 4-year-old funded places, the 2014 -2017 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment has been completed, and the community childcare plans for each township are being updated in readiness for September. The January 2014 Early Years Census gave us a good baseline and 'snapshot' of numbers of funded places occupied by 2, 3 and 4-year-olds across the borough. This includes providers ensuring that all parents complete parent/carer contracts for those children accessing 'Time for Two's' places in the same way as is required for parents accessing 3 & 4 year old funded places, and are completed termly. The team will monitor take up within PVI provision to assess trends and obtain very specific information on the 2, 3 and 4 year old funded hours providers are likely to have each term, and also make use of the ECS checker Early Years and Free School Meals data and DWP data to compare areas of need within Dudley.

### **Key Points**

- The Childcare Strategy Team will continue to monitor all wards and the take up of Time for Two's places comparing actual take up, against available places, children eligible for the offer and demographic data to assess pressure areas to ensure the most effective use of the trajectory funding currently available.
- The DWP data evidenced 732 two year old funded places would be needed for potential eligible 2 year olds to access from September 2013.
- The DWP data indicated that from September 2014, 1755 places would be needed
- To address any potential shortfall of funded places for 2 year olds, Dudley MBC will offer through Trajectory Funding in the financial year 2013-2014 and 2014 - 2015 to support the expansion and creation of new two year old funded places in identified priority areas.
- Monitoring of take up of funded 3 and 4-year-old places will continue on a termly basis, across wards via the EEF headcount.

## **4.0 Demographic Data for Two Year Olds**

Live Birth Data from January 2011 to December 2012 by term (Dudley Health) and Interim data for January – August 2013.

The live birth data below shows the number of children who are in the age range for 'Time for Two' places from April 2013 until March 2014 and from April 2014 to March 2015.

Children qualify for a 'Time for Two' place in the term after their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

Of the number of children in the age range for April 2013 to March 2014, 20% are eligible for Time for Two places. From April 2014 – July 2014 an additional number of 2yr olds are within the 20% criteria. Of the number of children in the age range from September 2014 to March 2015 40% become eligible for Time for Two's. However, there is capacity to deliver the 40% criteria earlier and the LA can use the allocated revenue funding if necessary to support these places from April 2014.

### **Findings of 2011 Data (Dudley Health)**

The total number of births in 2011 was 3666

The highest number of births for 2011 took place during September to December months (1270) those who qualify for a Time for Two place will be eligible for the Spring Term (January 2014).

Three out of the twenty four wards had 100 or more births during April to August of 2011; Brierley Hill (104) Castle & Priory (103) and St Thomas's (106); these children qualified for a place from September 2013.

Over the year the highest numbers of births were in St Thomas's (274), Brierley Hill (240) and Netherton, Woodside & St Andrews (220).

The lowest numbers of births were in Norton (71), Kingswinford North & Wall Heath (81) and Kingswinford South (92).

### **Findings of 2012 Data (Dudley Health)**

The total number of births in 2012 was 3858

The highest number of births for 2012 took place during April to August months (1582) those children who qualify for a Time for Two place will be eligible from Autumn Term September 2014

Two of the twenty four wards had 100 or more births during April to August of 2012; Brierley Hill (106) and St Thomas's (107)

Over the year the highest number of births were in Brierley Hill (249), Castle & Priory (228), Lye & Stourbridge North (200) and St Thomas's (267)

The lowest numbers of births for 2012 were in Kingswinford North & Wall Heath (81), Kingswinford South (88), Norton (95), Pedmore & Stourbridge East (97) and Sedgley (90).

### **Findings of 2013 Data (Dudley Health)**

The total number of births in 2013 is 3,736

The highest number of births for 2013 took place during April – August months (1602), following the trend of the previous two years. Those children who qualify for a Time for Two place, will be eligible from Autumn Term September 2015.

Only one ward St Thomas's (130) has recorded a high number of births during April – December 2013, these children will qualify for a Time for Two place from September 2015.

The next highest numbers of births were in Brierley Hill (98), Castle & Priory (93) and Netherton, Woodside and St Andrews (92).

Over the year the highest numbers of births were in St Thomas's (292), Castle & Priory (232) and Brierley Hill (292).

The lowest numbers of births were in Kingswinford North & Wall Heath (17) and Sedgley (19).

See 'Live Birth' data tables below.

**Live Births 2011**

**LIVE BIRTHS DURING YEAR 2011 - BY TERMS**

Source : Dudley Health

WARD NAME	Summer Term (TfT April 13)				Autumn Term (TfT September 2013)						Spring Term (TfT January 2014)				Overall Total	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Total
Amblecote	10	10	7	27	13	8	15	8	13	57	8	11	21	13	53	137
Belle Vale	12	17	16	45	12	17	8	15	10	62	15	15	25	15	70	177
Brierley Hill	29	16	22	67	23	18	27	17	19	104	17	17	19	16	69	240
Brockmoor And Pensnett	10	17	22	49	15	6	21	19	12	73	20	17	17	16	70	192
Castle & Priory	19	11	15	45	23	20	27	14	19	103	18	13	16	26	73	221
Coseley East	16	11	11	38	6	11	10	24	11	62	14	10	12	11	47	147
Cradley & Wollescote	19	9	14	42	11	14	17	22	20	84	16	19	16	20	71	197
Gornal	15	11	15	41	7	12	13	7	12	51	15	19	14	14	62	154
Halesowen North	17	7	8	32	10	5	16	16	9	56	10	12	12	16	50	138
Halesowen South	10	6	5	21	4	5	5	3	8	25	5	13	8	13	39	85
Hayley Green & Cradley South	10	11	5	26	9	14	11	13	12	59	8	9	10	8	35	120
Kingswinford North & Wall Heath	5	7	6	18	6	3	7	7	9	32	9	6	11	5	31	81
Kingswinford South	12	7	11	30	9	8	5	6	8	36	3	2	9	12	26	92
Lye & Stourbridge North	12	15	13	40	10	10	14	12	17	63	16	17	14	19	66	169
Netherton, Woodside & St Andrews	19	18	15	52	23	20	15	17	16	91	21	22	17	17	77	220
Norton	6	5	10	21	2	6	6	5	3	22	1	9	8	10	28	71
Pedmore & Stourbridge East	9	10	11	30	7	12	11	9	13	52	9	2	7	5	23	105
Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood	14	16	17	47	10	15	7	18	17	67	15	13	8	14	50	164
Sedgley	8	5	5	18	4	7	13	9	7	40	11	17	9	3	40	98
St James's	11	13	14	38	17	19	20	19	12	87	15	19	13	14	61	186
St Thomas's	27	20	27	74	23	21	23	15	24	106	17	32	24	21	94	274
Upper Gornal & Woodsetton	10	7	16	33	11	13	17	9	11	61	11	14	4	18	47	141
Wollaston & Stourbridge Town	17	9	9	35	12	11	5	15	12	55	10	22	10	8	50	140
Wordsley	8	10	9	27	6	14	10	16	6	52	7	7	12	12	38	117
<b>DUDLEY TOTAL</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>3666</b>

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Amblecote	14	14	14	<b>42</b>	8	13	15	9	19	<b>64</b>	11	18	16	11	<b>56</b>	162
Belle Vale	13	18	7	<b>38</b>	11	22	9	16	12	<b>70</b>	13	13	17	24	<b>67</b>	175
Brierley Hill	21	25	20	<b>66</b>	28	16	21	21	20	<b>106</b>	12	24	20	21	<b>77</b>	249
Brockmoor And Pensnett	15	20	9	<b>44</b>	13	13	15	16	19	<b>76</b>	15	15	12	11	<b>53</b>	173
Castle & Priory	12	23	20	<b>55</b>	13	17	17	23	15	<b>85</b>	21	23	28	16	<b>88</b>	228
Coseley East	16	12	16	<b>44</b>	18	12	14	17	8	<b>69</b>	16	10	15	9	<b>50</b>	163
Cradley & Wollescote	16	23	25	<b>64</b>	13	24	9	13	18	<b>77</b>	15	17	16	18	<b>66</b>	207
Gornal	13	9	12	<b>34</b>	12	14	14	15	20	<b>75</b>	15	20	15	8	<b>58</b>	167
Halesowen North	14	10	16	<b>40</b>	9	9	14	9	13	<b>54</b>	6	19	13	12	<b>50</b>	144
Halesowen South	8	10	10	<b>28</b>	10	6	5	9	11	<b>41</b>	10	8	7	9	<b>34</b>	103
Hayley Green & Cradley South	7	6	6	<b>19</b>	19	14	13	16	10	<b>72</b>	5	10	8	15	<b>38</b>	129
Kingswinford North & Wall Heath	7	3	5	<b>15</b>	4	15	8	11	7	<b>45</b>	6	5	3	7	<b>21</b>	81
Kingswinford South	10	9	7	<b>26</b>	6	8	4	15	5	<b>38</b>	6	6	5	7	<b>24</b>	88
Lye & Stourbridge North	13	17	12	<b>42</b>	18	18	18	18	18	<b>90</b>	15	20	17	16	<b>68</b>	200
Netherton, Woodside & St Andrews	17	13	8	<b>38</b>	12	15	14	12	10	<b>63</b>	15	21	25	14	<b>75</b>	176
Norton	12	4	11	<b>27</b>	7	5	8	12	9	<b>41</b>	6	5	4	12	<b>27</b>	95
Pedmore & Stourbridge East	13	11	4	<b>28</b>	4	9	10	3	6	<b>32</b>	15	11	9	2	<b>37</b>	97
Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood	18	12	13	<b>43</b>	13	8	15	17	23	<b>76</b>	18	22	21	16	<b>77</b>	196
Sedgley	11	10	8	<b>29</b>	8	7	3	9	8	<b>35</b>	2	12	7	5	<b>26</b>	90
St James's	19	13	19	<b>51</b>	14	14	16	16	14	<b>74</b>	17	19	18	11	<b>65</b>	190
St Thomas's	27	13	28	<b>68</b>	22	22	14	26	23	<b>107</b>	25	23	17	27	<b>92</b>	267
Upper Gornal & Woodsetton	15	11	12	<b>38</b>	13	17	12	16	18	<b>76</b>	25	14	13	12	<b>64</b>	178
Wollaston & Stourbridge Town	15	11	10	<b>36</b>	11	9	10	9	16	<b>55</b>	17	13	16	9	<b>55</b>	146
Wordsley	15	9	18	<b>42</b>	18	8	18	11	6	<b>61</b>	19	13	12	7	<b>51</b>	154
<b>DUDLEY TOTAL</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>1582</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>1319</b>	<b>3858</b>

**Live Births 2013**

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Belle Vale	15	12	11	<b>38</b>	17	18	14	19	15	<b>83</b>	15	13	15	12	<b>55</b>	176
Brierley Hill	20	19	12	<b>51</b>	12	25	21	22	18	<b>98</b>	23	29	16	12	<b>80</b>	229
Brockmoor And Pensnett	18	14	12	<b>44</b>	15	19	14	15	12	<b>75</b>	20	15	13	20	<b>68</b>	187
Castle & Priory	16	21	23	<b>60</b>	12	20	9	23	22	<b>86</b>	28	25	19	21	<b>93</b>	239
Coseley East	14	5	11	<b>30</b>	16	20	16	13	14	<b>79</b>	10	15	8	12	<b>45</b>	154
Cradley & Wollescote	12	15	9	<b>36</b>	14	18	20	14	21	<b>87</b>	12	15	19	18	<b>64</b>	187
Gornal	10	14	12	<b>36</b>	12	9	16	11	10	<b>58</b>	12	15	5	14	<b>46</b>	140
Halesowen North	15	12	15	<b>42</b>	7	10	11	9	15	<b>52</b>	9	11	20	14	<b>54</b>	148
Halesowen South	1	11	9	<b>21</b>	11	4	8	7	5	<b>35</b>	6	11	7	7	<b>31</b>	87
Hayley Green & Cradley South	14	8	11	<b>33</b>	9	12	7	5	8	<b>41</b>	11	10	13	11	<b>45</b>	119
Kingswinford North & Wall Heath	8	3	6	<b>17</b>	8	7	6	9	8	<b>38</b>	5	6	7	12	<b>30</b>	85
Kingswinford South	9	4	10	<b>23</b>	8	9	8	10	14	<b>49</b>	8	8	9	3	<b>28</b>	100
Lye & Stourbridge North	17	12	14	<b>43</b>	17	7	10	16	15	<b>65</b>	22	16	16	10	<b>64</b>	172
Netherton, Woodside & St Andrews	16	16	22	<b>54</b>	22	17	15	13	25	<b>92</b>	15	18	19	14	<b>66</b>	212
Norton	11	6	8	<b>25</b>	15	15	9	11	7	<b>57</b>	5	7	5	6	<b>23</b>	105
Pedmore & Stourbridge East	8	5	6	<b>19</b>	14	10	7	8	12	<b>51</b>	13	13	11	12	<b>49</b>	119
Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood	17	13	12	<b>42</b>	18	11	11	12	17	<b>69</b>	18	11	18	16	<b>63</b>	174
Sedgley	4	9	6	<b>19</b>	6	3	10	8	9	<b>36</b>	11	5	8	9	<b>33</b>	88
St James's	11	11	11	<b>33</b>	12	19	16	17	11	<b>75</b>	20	15	14	8	<b>57</b>	165
St Thomas's	27	23	18	<b>68</b>	19	31	19	32	29	<b>130</b>	24	20	30	20	<b>94</b>	292
Upper Gornal & Woodsetton	15	7	13	<b>35</b>	7	11	8	19	17	<b>62</b>	13	11	12	15	<b>51</b>	148
Wollaston & Stourbridge Town	11	10	7	<b>28</b>	7	8	10	15	14	<b>54</b>	6	15	5	9	<b>35</b>	117
Wordsley	11	8	8	<b>27</b>	11	12	9	8	12	<b>52</b>	13	13	13	11	<b>50</b>	129
<b>DUDLEY TOTAL</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>1602</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>1277</b>	<b>3736</b>



## **5.0 Supply and Demand for Early Learning places for 2-year-olds (Time for Two's)**

### **Demand:**

#### **Number of Children Eligible for Time for Two's in Phase 1 or meeting 20% criteria in 2013/14 and those meeting the Phase 2 criteria or 40% criteria in 2014/15.**

In 2011 there were 3666 births; of these the 20% most disadvantaged are eligible for Time for Two's, which equates to approximately 732 children, which matched the original Department for Education (DfE) place target for Dudley for September 2013 – March 2014.

However, DfE have now advised of an additional new place target from April 14 – July 14 of 945 children in Phase 1 or those meeting 20% criteria. In addition, from September 2014 - March 2015, Dudley is asked to target 1755 children in Phase 2 or those meeting the 40% criteria.

### **Supply:**

The supply of places for 2 year olds will be met predominantly by the Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) early years and childcare sector within day nurseries, pre-schools and with childminders. Consideration will be given to 2-year-old places in maintained nurseries under a pilot project.

#### **Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF)**

Since 2010 all local authorities have been required to develop an early years single funding formula for their early education funding for 3 and 4-year-olds; Dudley was an early adopter of the EYSFF and has had a formula in place since 2009. Since April 2013 local authorities have been required to have a formula in place for their 2-year-olds.

The current hourly rate for 2-year-olds is £4.50 per hour which is above the current borough average for a 2-year-old place by 50pence or 12.5%. This gives each provider an additional £285 per child, per annum above the average rate for 2 – 3-year-olds, for those children accessing a Time for Two place.

In 2013 and in 2014 DfE has provided Dudley with £4.89 per hour. However, in order to preserve the integrity of the Dudley offer it has been agreed that the 39pence per child be retained and reallocated to ensure family support and early intervention remain central to the Dudley offer as this is having the biggest impact on sustainable outcomes for those children accessing Time for Two places.

## **6.0 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) 2014 - 2017:**

The Childcare Strategy Team have undertaken the statutory three yearly Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, which was completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.



Wards	No. of 2 year olds as at July 2014 from Live birth lists	Potential number of 2yr old places available in provision	Number of families eligible (DWP list) July 2014
Castle & Priory	85	763	130
Netherton, Woodside & St Andrews	63		182
Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood	76		54
St James's	74		
St Thomas's	107		111
Coseley East	69	499	72
Gornal	75		47
Sedgley	35		49
Upper Gornal & Woodsetton	76		
Brierley Hill	106	804	108
Brockmoor And Pensnett	76		90
Kingswinford North & Wall Heath	45		33
Kingswinford South	38		
Wordsley	61		19
Belle Vale	70	976	
Cradley & Wollescote	77		92
Halesowen North	54		43
Halesowen South	41		58
Hayley Green & Cradley South	72		34
Amblecote	64	900	32
Lye & Stourbridge North	90		83
Norton	41		
Pedmore & Stourbridge East	32		
Wollaston & Stourbridge Town	55		61
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1582</b>	<b>3942</b>	<b>1298</b>

## 7.0 Early Education for 3 and 4-year-olds

### The offer for 3 and 4-year-olds:

- 15 hours per week for 38 weeks or 570 hours per annum, or if stretched a maximum of 12hrs a week over 47 weeks.
- To be taken from the term after the child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.
- Places can be taken flexibly, in the following ways:
  - Between the hours of 7.00am – 7.00pm
  - No more than 10hrs in one day
  - Not less than 2hrs in one day
  - The full 15hrs in no fewer than 2 days
- Places can be taken with a provider rated Requires Improvement, Good or better by Ofsted

### DfE – Early Years benchmarking data:

Each year, typically in or around March, DfE publishes data about 'Provision for children under 5 years of age in England' in the Early Years benchmarking data, which pulls together information from the Early Years Census and the School Census. The main focus of the data is the number and percentage of children benefitting from some free early education as well as information on hours of free early education received. The data also includes information about the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) and workforce qualification data.

### The Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP)

Results for Dudley show that as at January 2012 60% of children at age 5 years were achieving a good level of development and rapidly closing in on the national average of 64%. However, a new profile was introduced in September 2012 which is substantially different from the previous profile. Figures for 2013 are therefore not comparable with earlier years. As at January 2013 51% of children were achieving a good level of development just 15 under the new national average.

In addition, in 2014 DfE introduced new data tables which identify number and percentage of PVI providers with staff with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and Early Years Professional Status (EYPS) in their setting and those who work directly with three and four-year-old children by category of provider and local authority, and;

The number of three and four-year-old children benefitting from some free early education in PVI provision and maintained nurseries, by Ofsted inspection rating and local authority.

### Total No of all 3 and 4-year-olds benefitting from funded early education places January 2013

Places	Private & Voluntary	Independent	Maintained	Total
Number	2,733	28	4,870	7,390

**Percentage of 3 and 4-year-olds benefitting from early education places 2009 - 2013**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>National average 3yr olds</b>	92%	91%	92%	93%	94%
Dudley % 3yr olds	93%	93%	92%	94%	94%
<b>National average 4yr olds</b>	96%	97%	96%	97%	98%
Dudley % 4yr olds	97%	98%	96%	97%	99%
<b>National average 3 &amp; 4yr olds</b>	96%	94%	94%	96%	96%
Dudley % 3 & 4yr olds	96%	96%	94%	96%	96%

**Total No and percentage of PVI providers with staff with QTS/EYPS and those QTS/EYPS who work directly with 3 & 4-year-olds January 2013**

<b>Providers</b>	<b>Private &amp; voluntary</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Dudley providers</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>With QTS/EYPS</b>	<b>30 (36%)</b>	<b>1 (100%)</b>	<b>31 (36%)</b>
<b>With QTS/EYPS working directly with 3 &amp; 4 yr olds</b>	<b>27 (32%)</b>	<b>0 (0%)</b>	<b>27 (32%)</b>

**Annual Ofsted outcomes from Dudley provider inspection as at March 2014**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Requires Improvement</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>
<b>Number of Providers</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Percentage of providers</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>1%</b>

## 8.0 Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF)

Since 2010 all local authorities have been required to develop an early years single funding formula for their early education funding for 3 and 4-year-olds; Dudley was an early adopter of the EYSFF and has had a formula in place since 2009.

### Current hourly rates 2011 to date and from April 2014 for 3 and 4-year-olds

Provider type	Current	from April 2014
Maintained nursery school	£3.48	£3.55
Maintained nursery classes	£8.02	£8.02
Day nurseries/Pre-schools	£3.43	£3.50
Childminders	£3.57	£3.63

The most recent survey (Jan 2013) indicated that providers average hourly rate for 3 and 4-year-olds have increased and are now significantly above the current Dudley rate by around 10% (£3.77). A review of the current rate of funding was carried out before School Forum set the annual budget share in February 2014.

All providers also receive a 10pence deprivation rate per child, per annum, for those children living in the most disadvantaged postcode areas; this is paid as a lump sum to the provider in the spring term. Maintained nurseries also receive this funding annually.