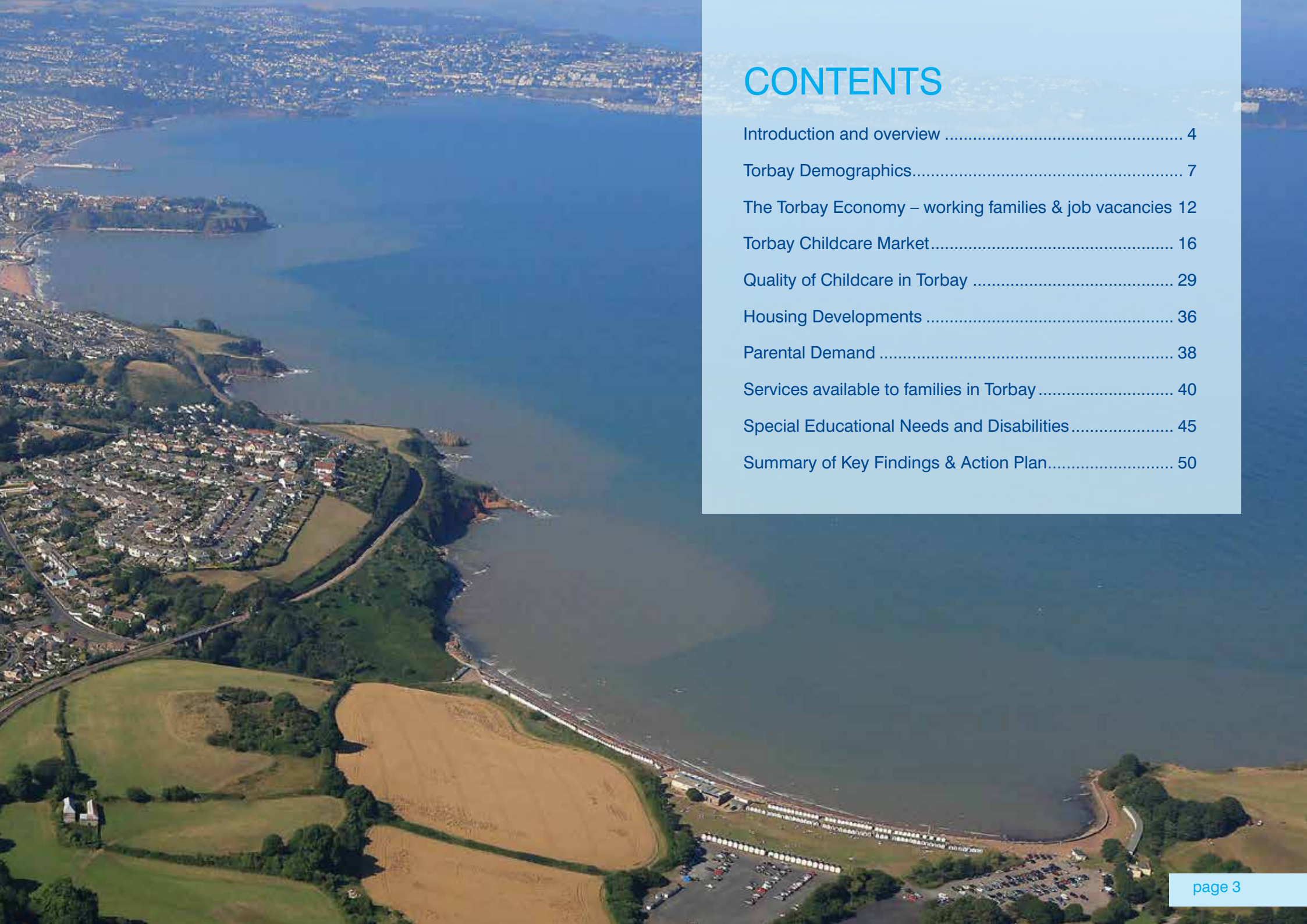


Torbay Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

September 2018





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INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

The Childcare Act 2006 places duties on all local authorities to secure sufficient childcare, so far as is reasonably practicable for working parents, or parents who are studying or training for employment, for children aged 0-14 (or up to 18 for disabled children). As part of these duties, Torbay Council is required to report annually to elected Council Members on how this duty is being met and to make this report available and accessible for parents.

This document summarises key priorities for Torbay, an overview of the local childcare market and local changes to the supply and demand of childcare in the Torbay area.

The 30 hours childcare initiative for working parents was implemented in September 2017 and has had a significant impact on the childcare market both in the first year and entering the second year of implementation. Both supply and demand have increased where some families have doubled the amount of childcare hours they are entitled to. The Childcare Sufficiency Report 2018 is particularly important given the significant changes that have taken place in recent years to Government policy. This includes the ongoing expansion of Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) for disadvantaged 2 year olds and the extended entitlement (30 hours) for working parents of 3 and 4 year olds and the increased pressure this places on providers to deliver more free and funded childcare.

Results show the population of children in Torbay is increasing. The average increase across Torbay is just under 10%, however some areas have seen a significant increase, especially certain wards within Paignton and Torquay. Future significant housing developments and population forecasts indicate a continuing growing demand for childcare, particularly in the Shiphay (Torquay) and White Rock (Paignton) areas which are experiencing significant growth now and in the future. The impact of welfare reform and pressure on parents to go back to work, particularly in more deprived areas, is likely to lead to changes in demand for childcare to meet the needs of parents.

Geography

This assessment is required to analyse the childcare market at a Local Authority and sub-locality level. Torbay is a small Local Authority therefore the sub-locality areas used in this assessment are the administrative wards. Torbay has a relatively small number of childcare providers, so analysing patterns of supply and demand at ward level allows more meaningful conclusions than had the geography identified been any smaller. An outline of ward boundaries is shown in the map to the side. Where data is not analysed at ward level, a town level analysis is conducted (Torquay, Paignton and Brixham).

Figure 1: Torbay Ward Boundaries

Torquay

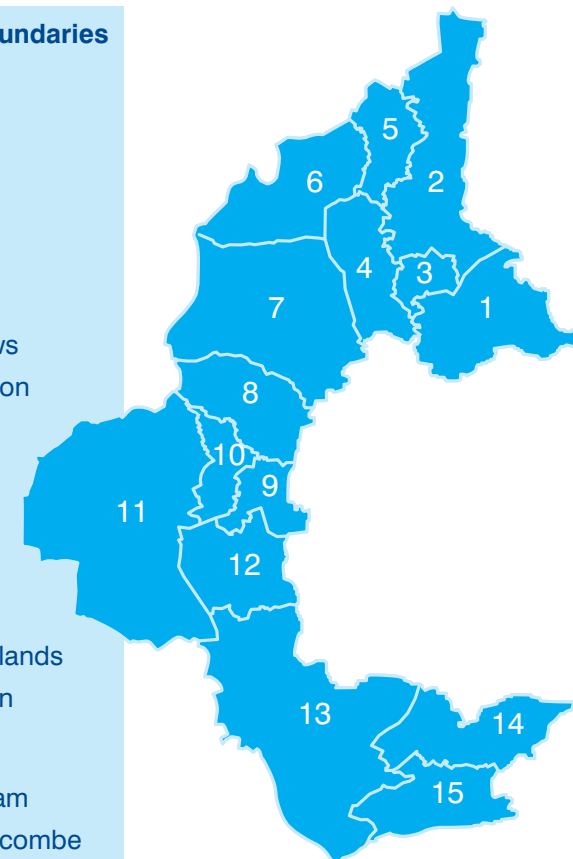
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Brixham

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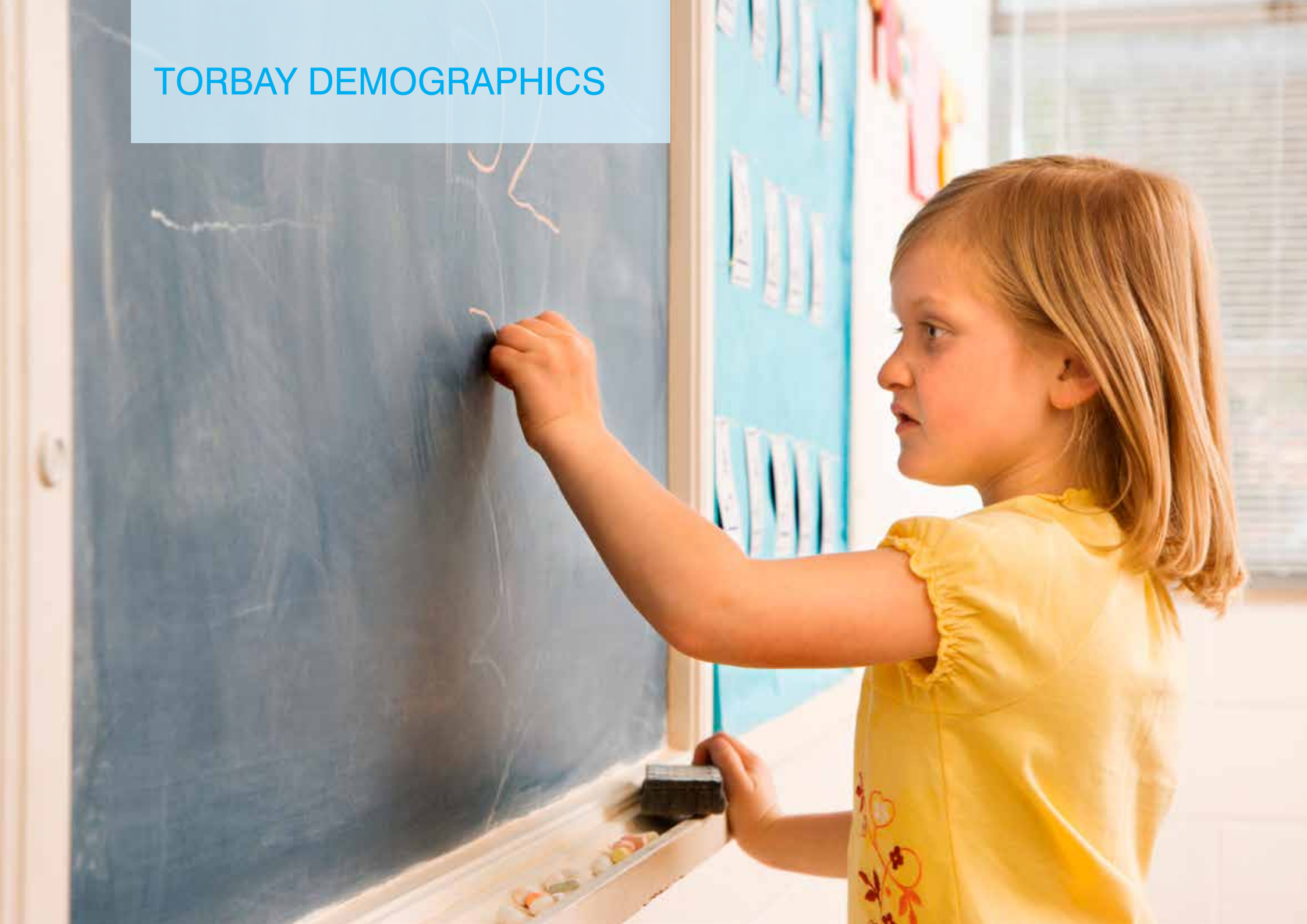
Torbay Local Intelligence

It is important to note that as a small Local Authority, the residents of Torbay who need it tend to have a thorough knowledge of the childcare market in the area and make judgements based on first, second or even third hand experiences of providers.

In addition to this, there is a significant trend for parents who would rather wait for a place at their preferred provider or location (e.g. a nursery on site or close to their preferred school) than find an alternative provider or location. This results in many children not starting their early education until sometimes 2 or 3 terms after they become entitled – especially prevalent in the 2 year old entitlement. Torbay has a significant number of economically inactive parents of which more than 50% have actively taken the decision to stay at home for the purposes of caring for their home or family.

This has resulted in a difficulty in managing demand. Some providers have low occupancy and advertised vacancies are difficult to fill, whereas some providers have extensive waiting lists and are already full for their September 2018 intake at March 2018.

TORBAY DEMOGRAPHICS



This is calculated using the 2011 census data and 2016 mid-year population estimates (these are the most recent figures available).

Torbay Population by town

	2011		2016		Total pop	0-4 pop
	Total pop	0-4 pop	Total pop	0-4 pop	%inc/dec	%inc/dec
Brixham	16,693	712	16,730	744	0.2%	4.5%
Paignton	49,021	2267	50,504	2,665	3.0%	17.6%
Torquay	65245	3711	66,649	3,941	2.2%	6.2%
TOTAL	130,959	6,690	133,883	7,350	2.2%	9.9%

These figures demonstrate a significant growth in the population of 0-4 year olds within Torbay since the last census in 2011. This growth will directly affect the number of childcare places required.

Torbay population by ward

Ward	2011		2016		Total pop	0-4 pop
	Total pop	0-4 pop	Total pop	0-4 pop	%inc/dec	%inc/dec
Berry Head-with-Furzeham	9331	371	9281	379	-1%	2.2%
Blatchcombe	10477	674	11287	789	8%	17.1%
Churston-with-Galmpton	6657	166	6741	210	1%	26.5%
Clifton-with-Maidenway	7133	380	7240	475	2%	25.0%
Cockington-with-Chelston	10636	584	10787	597	1%	2.2%
Ellacombe	7275	486	7375	563	1%	15.8%
Goodrington-with-Roselands	6910	247	7005	286	1%	15.8%
Preston	10194	467	10341	519	1%	11.1%
Roundham-with-Hyde	7650	333	7890	386	3%	15.9%
Shiphay-with-the-Willows	9525	706	10252	751	8%	6.4%
St Marychurch	11262	580	11544	543	3%	-6.4%
St Mary's-with-Summercombe	7362	341	7449	365	1%	7.0%
Tormohun	11592	670	11787	768	2%	14.6%
Watcombe	7178	421	7212	454	0%	7.8%
Wellswood	7777	264	7692	265	-1%	0.4%
TOTAL	130959	6,690	133,883	7,350	2%	9.9%

There are particularly significant increases in the 0-4 population in 8 wards (more than half of the wards), where the increase is more than 10%.

These considerable increases will have an evident impact on the sufficiency at local authority, town and ward level.

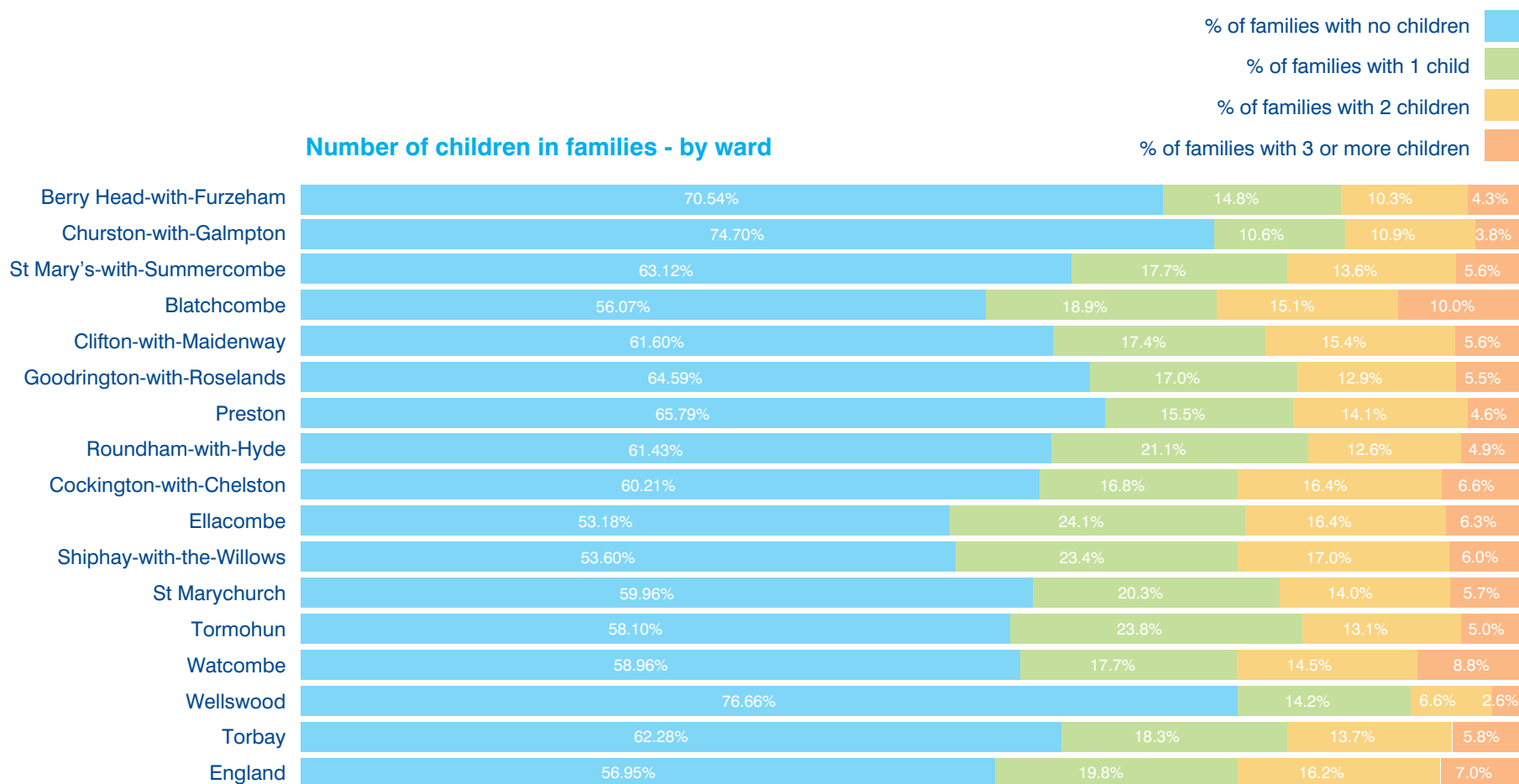
The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2014/5 has identified the following key issues affecting children in the Torbay area:

Key Issue	Context	Why it's an issue
Child poverty	Around 1 in 4 of children (23.6%) in Torbay live in relative poverty compared to around 1 in 5 (20.1%) across England.	Children living in poverty tend to experience poorer outcomes.
Childhood obesity	24.4% of children aged 4-5 are considered to have excess weight, this is compared to 22.2% in England. Children in Torbay have higher levels of long term health problems or disability.	Obese children are more likely to be absent from school due to illness and experience health related limitations and self-esteem issues. This has a direct impact on outcomes for children.
Children looked after	Torbay has amongst the highest rates of children looked after in England. The rate and number have been increasing in recent years with a particularly significant increase from 2017 to 2018.	Generally children in care continue to have poorer outcomes than the wider population.
Maternal behaviours	Just under a third of pregnant women in Torbay are measured as overweight or obese at their 12 week booking. 1 in 5 women in Torbay smoke during their pregnancy.	Positive maternal health is crucial for healthy development in the womb. The choices pregnant women make are crucial to the healthy development of the foetus.
School readiness and outcomes	There is a significant gap in early year's foundation stage between those eligible for free school meals and non-free school meal pupils. This gap continues to exist across the education pathway.	Generally, children who start school without developing vital readiness, tend to experience poorer outcomes.

The table above, taken from the Local Authority's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2018-20 shows that children in Torbay do not all receive a good start in life. Torbay has high levels of deprivation and a quarter of all children live in poverty. These issues continue as the child develops and grows which can lead to poorer outcomes in education. This has been proven to affect the child right through into adulthood, leading to poor achievement, worklessness or health problems.

Research has evidenced that high quality early education can have a positive effect on the educational, cognitive, behavioural and social outcomes of children in the short and long term. Therefore, it is important that those children who are living in poverty have access to good early years education and that there are sufficient places available to meet the demand.

The table below shows the number of families in Torbay and the number of dependent children in each:

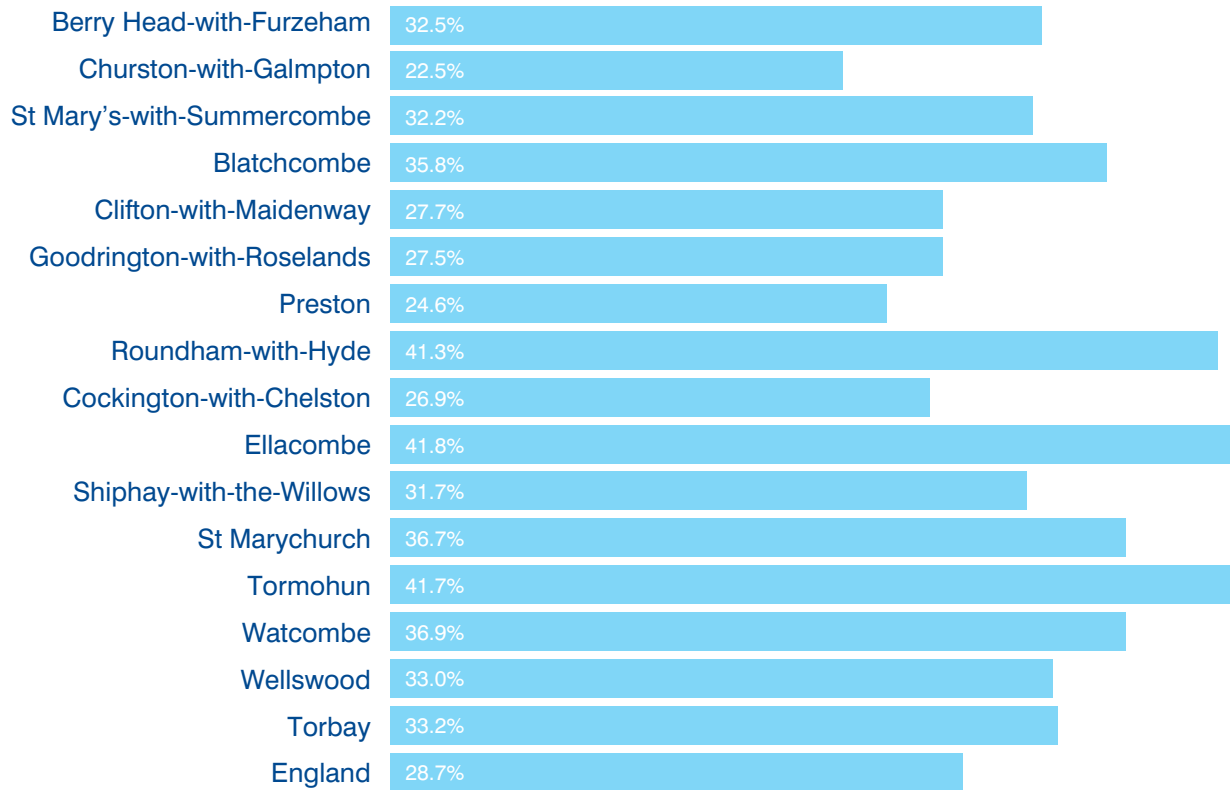


(source: Nomis)

This chart provides an overview of the family dynamics in Torbay. It demonstrates that in all areas of Torbay over half of the families have no children. This is likely to be due to the large numbers of older residents in Torbay (according to the JSNA there are over 44,000 residents over the age of 65 – 33% of the total population).

Blatchcombe shows a very high number of families with 3 or more children, closely followed by Watcombe. This could be linked to the type of housing available in these wards where, according to local authority records, a high percentage of properties are larger houses which accommodate larger families. According to research by the Public Health team, 30.2% of children in these wards live in poverty.

The chart below outlines the number of lone parent families in Torbay, broken down to ward level:



The chart above shows that there are a particularly large number of lone parent families in Roundham-with-Hyde, Ellacombe and Tormohun. These wards are areas with high levels of deprivation, with many ward areas being in the top 10% most deprived. These are also wards which have a higher percentage of jobseekers allowance claimants (see table on page 14) with those 3 wards having the highest percentage of adults claiming compared with the Torbay average. The statistics above also demonstrate that Torbay overall has a higher average number of lone parent families (33.2%) than the national average (28.7%).

THE TORBAY ECONOMY – WORKING FAMILIES AND JOB VACANCIES



The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2018-20 has identified the following key issues affecting the economy of Torbay:

Key Issue	Context	Why it's an issue?
Ageing Population	The number of people aged over 85 is expected to increase by around 56% over the next decade.	As we age our chance of developing different long term conditions increases. The impact of this could include increased demand on the health and care support.
Care and support	There are significantly higher levels of unpaid carers in the South Devon and Torbay population, many providing more than 50 hours care a week, and many in poor health themselves.	As the population ages, and people with disability and serious illness live longer, they are more likely to live at home. Going forward, we might expect community based care to rely increasingly on family and community members as carers.
Housing	Housing availability, quality, condition, suitability and affordability are an issue across South Devon and Torbay. 45% of Torbay residents are living in the most deprived quintile for indoor deprivation.	There are a range of health related conditions associated with housing in poor conditions.
Local economy	Whilst acknowledging that progress has been made, in 2011, Torbay's economic productivity, as measured through Gross Value Added, was amongst the poorest performing in the UK, at around 60% of the UK average.	Being in good employment is protective of health, whilst being unemployed contributes to poorer health and wellbeing. A poor performing economy has an impact on poverty and on health outcomes for the population.
Health	68% of adults in Torbay are overweight or obese. 14% of the Torbay population smoke. High levels of alcohol related hospital admissions in Torbay.	People with a long term condition are the most frequent users of health care services. With an ageing population, we might expect the number of people with a long term condition to increase.
Poverty	South Devon and Torbay has amongst the highest proportion of households in England identified as being on the edge of poverty, around 29% (45,000 households).	Households across South Devon and Torbay are less likely to be financially resilient to increasing prices. Being on the edge of poverty makes households more susceptible to debt and financial difficulties.

The information demonstrates that there are some factors affecting the Torbay economy which cannot be controlled; for example the large population of residents aged over 65. This impacts on the workforce availability as well as the demands of the workforce in Torbay. For example, there will be fewer adults of working age and also there will be a greater demand for people with caring abilities (nursing homes, home helps etc). Therefore, although the population is ageing in Torbay, it may also provide an opportunity for more jobs for those who are unemployed.

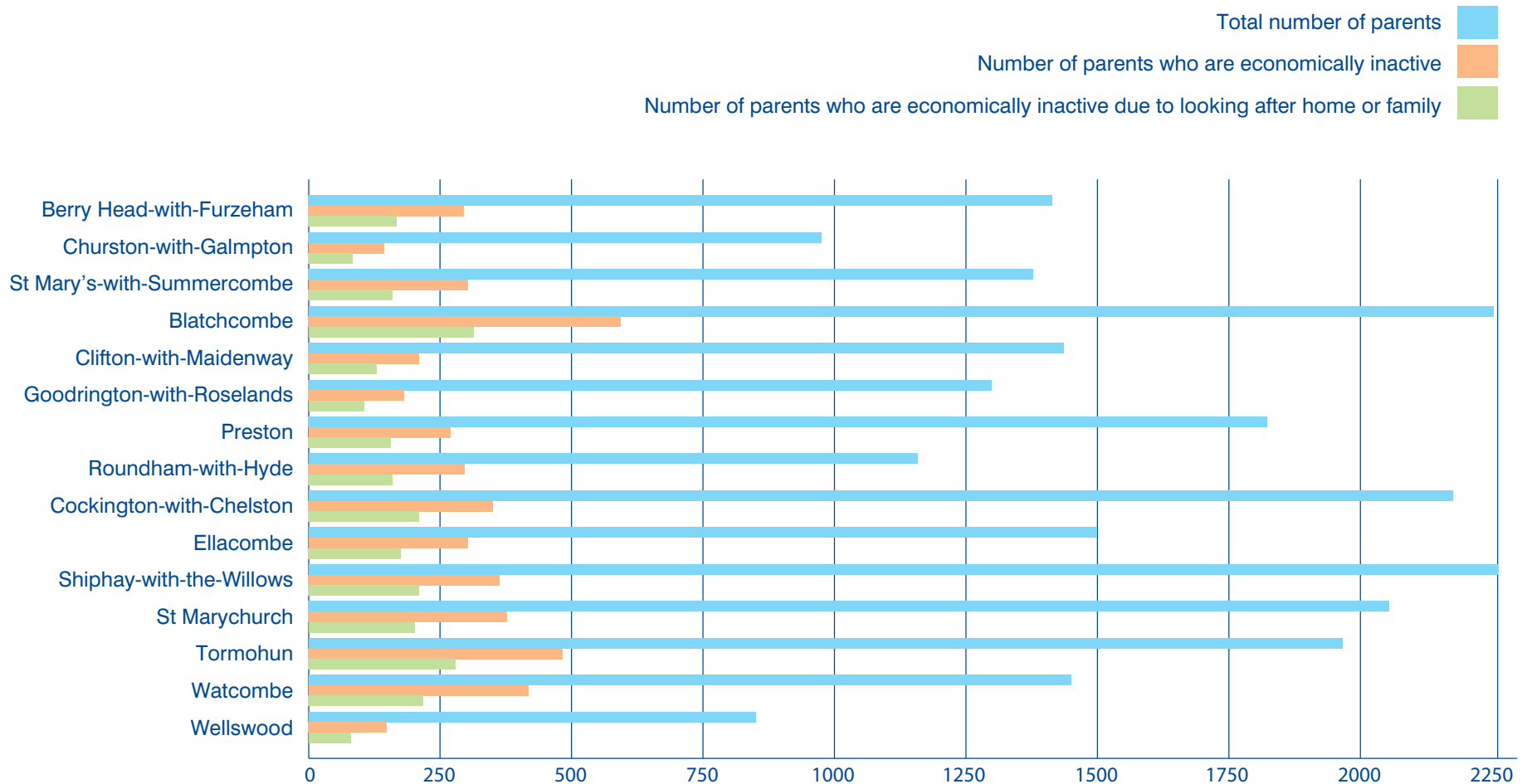
The table below shows the number of jobseekers allowance and universal credit claimants, broken down to ward level:

Ward / Area	No of JSA/UC claimants January 2014	No of JSA/UC claimants January 2015	No of JSA/UC claimants January 2016	No of JSA/UC claimants January 2017	No of JSA/UC claimants January 2018	2014-2016 average claimants	16-64 population	% of JSA/UC claimants of the 16-64 population
Berry Head-with-Furzeham	140	95	75	85	90	83	4,844	1.7%
Blatchcombe	220	140	115	125	140	127	6,639	1.9%
Churston-with-Galmpton	45	30	30	30	25	28	3,341	0.8%
Clifton-with-Maidenway	120	70	70	55	55	60	4,142	1.4%
Cockington-with-Chelston	180	120	95	100	85	93	6,198	1.5%
Ellacombe	290	215	185	155	175	172	4,676	3.7%
Goodrington-with-Roselands	80	40	45	40	40	42	3,921	1.1%
Preston	130	85	80	75	90	82	5,532	1.5%
Roundham-with-Hyde	325	225	200	190	200	197	4,732	4.2%
Shiphay-with-the-Willows	105	70	80	65	60	68	6,280	1.1%
St Marychurch	205	135	105	115	120	113	6,402	1.8%
St Mary's-with-Summercombe	90	70	60	50	75	62	4,068	1.5%
Tormohun	595	385	320	340	375	345	7,721	4.5%
Watcombe	160	110	115	80	95	97	4,108	2.4%
Wellswood	170	115	115	110	100	108	4,028	2.7%
Torbay	2,835	1,900	1,695	1,615	1,735	1,682	76,632	2.2%
England	1,004,480	687,110	612,855	618,830	677,225	636,303	34,856,126	1.8%

(source: Nomis)

There are 3 wards with high numbers of jobseekers allowance claimants (over 3.5%); Ellacombe, Roundham-with-Hyde and Tormohun. These 3 wards also have high numbers of lone parents and the highest number of job vacancies. These 3 wards have seen a reduction in JSA/UC claimants, with Ellacombe reducing by 1.2%, Roundham-with-Hyde reducing by 1% and Tormohun reducing by 1.1%. The overall number of JSA/UC claimants in Torbay has dropped by 0.4%.

Number of economically inactive parents - by ward



This chart demonstrates that in each ward there are a number of parents who have made an active decision to stay at home for varying reasons (the green bar), usually for childcare or to take care of the household. These numbers will not necessarily affect the number of 30 hour childcare places required in Torbay at the present time as these have taken an active decision to remain at home and this is unlikely to change significantly. The statistics which are likely to have the most notable impact on the childcare sufficiency in Torbay are the numbers of economically inactive (the red bar). These are the parents who the government are targeting to return to work. Watcombe and Blatchcombe have a particularly high number of workless parents, with over 29% and 26% respectively being inactive. Similarly, Tormohun has 24% of its parents economically inactive. These wards will need particular attention during ongoing planning for the 30 hours childcare. These wards are also in areas of high deprivation, with some parts being in the top 10% of deprivation.

TORBAY CHILDCARE MARKET



As at January 2017 there are the following Early Years and Childcare Providers:

Type of Provider	Number of Providers	Potential Places
Full Day Care	20	934
Sessional Pre-schools	12	384
Maintained Schools and Academies with Nursery Classes	18	598
Nursery Units of Independent Schools	1	66
Childminders	82	246
TOTAL	133	2,228

*Potential places indicates the number of children a provider can take at any one time and is based on a provider 'moment in time' survey.

Current supply of childcare (0-4) in Torbay

Private, Voluntary and Independent Childcare Providers spaces – by town (day nurseries and pre-schools)

Town	No. of children aged 0-4	Childcare places (0-4) available at a Private Nursery	Childcare places per 100 children	Average Occupancy Level (%)
Brixham	744	49	7	70.5%
Paignton	2,665	507	19	77.8%
Torquay	3,941	828	21	82.0%
TOTAL	7,350	1384	18.8	79.8%

School Nursery Class spaces – by town

Town	No. of children aged 0-4	Childcare places (0-4) available at a School Nursery	Childcare places per 100 children	Average Occupancy Level (%)
Brixham	744	96	13	94.2%
Paignton	2,665	229	9	88.6%
Torquay	3,941	273	7	96.4%
TOTAL	7,350	598	8	93.4%

Childminder (CM) spaces - by town

(It is important to note that this is an estimate only as childminder spaces vary widely according to their own preferences surrounding ratios, children's individual requirements for care, working hours and working days. The childminding market is also very changeable with many new start-ups and close downs throughout the year)

Town	No. of children aged 0-4	Childcare places (0-4) available at a Childminder	Childcare places per 100 children	Average Occupancy Level (%)
Brixham	744	48	6	70.1%
Paignton	2,665	111	4	72.2%
Torquay	3,941	87	2	81.1%
TOTAL	7,350	246	3	75.4%

Total 0-4 spaces (PVI, School and CM) – by town

Town	No. of children aged 0-4	Childcare places (0-4) available at PVI/School/Childminder	Childcare places per 100 children	Average Occupancy Level (%)
Brixham	744	193	26	74.6%
Paignton	2,665	847	32	76.4%
Torquay	3,941	1,188	30	84.2%
TOTAL	7,350	2,228	30	79.9%

Supply and demand for childcare for children aged 0-4 in Torbay by ward

Ward	No. of children aged 0-4	Childcare places (0-4) available at PVI	Childcare places (0-4) available in School	Childcare places (0-4) available at Childminder	Total Childcare (0-4) places available	Childcare places per 100 children	Occupancy Level (%)
Berry Head-with-Furzeham	379	29	52	24	105	28	73.4%
Blatchcombe	789	139	45	25	209	26	73.5%
Churston-with-Galmpton	210	51	40	18	109	52	91.5%
Clifton-with-Maidenway	475	0	26	22	48	10	71.3%
Cockington-with-Chelston	597	130	49	16	195	33	90.7%
Ellacombe	563	60	20	11	91	16	91.2%
Goodrington-with-Roselands	286	111	0	22	133	47	66.8%
Preston	519	80	0	13	93	18	71.8%
Roundham-with-Hyde	386	126	118	11	255	66	87.1%
Shiphay-with-the-Willows	751	288	76	6	370	49	91.8%
St Marychurch	543	257	50	21	328	60	71.5%
St Mary's-with-Summercombe	365	20	44	24	88	24	75.9%
Tormohun	768	20	26	22	68	9	78.3%
Watcombe	454	37	26	11	74	16	95.8%
Wellswood	265	36	26	0	62	23	86.8%
TOTAL	7,350	1384	598	246	2228	30	81.2%

All year round childcare analysis

Childcare supply and demand for children aged 0-4 for all year round places (AYR) in Torbay by town

This data is based on AYR places offered by day nurseries and AYR childminders.

Town	No. of children aged 0-4	AYR places available (0-4)	AYR places per 100 children	AYR Occupancy Level (%)
Brixham	744	38	5	79.1%
Paignton	2,665	392	15	74.4%
Torquay	3,941	680	17	77.4%
TOTAL	7,350	1,110	15	76.5%

Childcare supply and demand for children aged 0-4 for all year round places (AYR) in Torbay by ward

Ward	No. of children aged 0-4	AYR places available (0-4)	AYR places per 100 children	AYR Occupancy Level (%)
Berry Head-with-Furzeham	379	32	8	78.3%
Blatchcombe	789	117	15	74.6%
Churston-with-Galmpton	210	49	23	86.9%
Clifton-with-Maidenway	475	3	1	66.7%
Cockington-with-Chelston	597	40	7	99.8%
Ellacombe	563	60	11	83.5%
Goodrington-with-Roselands	286	94	33	65.2%
Preston	519	3	1	96.7%
Roundham-with-Hyde	386	126	33	66.8%
Shiphay-with-the-Willows	751	297	40	88.9%
St Marychurch	543	214	39	62.5%
St Mary's-with-Summercombe	365	66	18	80.0%
Tormohun	768	32	4	61.9%
Watcombe	454	37	8	92.7%
Wellswood	265	0	0	-
TOTAL	7,350	1,110	15	76.5%

Childcare supply and demand for children aged 0-4 for Term Time Only places (TTO) in Torbay by town.

This includes school nursery classes, pre-schools and childminders.

Town	No. of children aged 0-4	TTO places available (0-4)	TTO places per 100 children	TTO Occupancy Level (%)
Brixham	744	155	21	73.1%
Paignton	2,665	455	17	77.6%
Torquay	3,941	508	13	89.1%
TOTAL	7,350	1,118	15	81.8%

Childcare supply and demand for children aged 0-4 for Term Time Only places (TTO) in Torbay by ward

Ward	No. of children aged 0-4	TTO places available (0-4)	TTO places per 100 children	TTO Occupancy Level (%)
Berry Head-with-Furzeham	379	72	19	71.8%
Blatchcombe	789	85	11	72.9%
Churston-with-Galmpton	210	61	29	96.1%
Clifton-with-Maidenway	475	46	10	72.2%
Cockington-with-Chelston	597	160	27	86.1%
Ellacombe	563	33	6	95.1%
Goodrington-with-Roselands	286	40	14	68.4%
Preston	519	94	18	65.6%
Roundham-with-Hyde	386	125	32	97.3%
Shiphay-with-the-Willows	751	73	10	96.6%
St Marychurch	543	111	20	79.2%
St Mary's-with-Summercombe	365	78	21	74.5%
Tormohun	768	39	5	94.6%
Watcombe	454	36	8	96.9%
Wellswood	265	65	25	86.8%
TOTAL	7,350	1118	15	81.8%

2 year old funding entitlement

From the term after their second birthday some children are eligible for 15 hours free childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year (or an equivalent amount). The Local Authority has a duty to ensure that all children who want to take up this entitlement are able to do so.

This scheme became a statutory requirement from September 2014. Since this date the Department of Education (DfE) have estimated that 576 children in Torbay live in families who are eligible for a place on this scheme based on their financial circumstances.

Childcare supply and demand for free entitlement places (2 year olds) in Torbay by town

(Places available include private providers, schools offering 2YO places and childminders)

Town	2YO Population (estimate 2016)	No. of children potentially eligible for 2YO funding	% of 2YO population potentially eligible for funding
Brixham	140	49	35.0%
Paignton	530	195	36.8%
Torquay	781	332	42.5%
TOTAL	1,451	576	39.7%

(Source - ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates 2016)

Ward	2YO Population (estimate 2016)	No. of families potentially eligible for 2YO funding	% of 2YO population potentially eligible for funding
Berry Head-with-Furzeham	68	23	33.8%
Blatchcombe	159	69	43.4%
Churston-with-Galmpton	41	6	14.6%
Clifton-with-Maidenway	100	27	27.0%
Cockington-with-Chelston	126	30	23.8%
Ellacombe	107	59	55.1%
Goodrington-with-Roselands	50	23	46.0%
Preston	111	22	19.8%
Roundham-with-Hyde	69	49	71.0%
Shiphay-with-the-Willows	145	46	31.7%

St Marychurch	113	34	30.1%
St Mary's-with-Summercombe	72	25	34.7%
Tormohun	150	86	57.3%
Watcombe	89	57	64.0%
Wellswood	51	20	39.2%
TOTAL	1,451	576	39.7%

(Source - ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates 2016)

3 & 4 year old Universal Entitlement (15 hours)

From the term after their third birthday all children are eligible for 15 hours free childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year. The Local Authority has a duty to ensure that all children who want to take up this entitlement are able to do this.

Town	Approx no. of eligible 3+4YO
Brixham	325
Paignton	1,126
Torquay	1,598
TOTAL	3,049

(Source - ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates 2016)

3 & 4 year old Universal Entitlement (30 hours)

The entitlement to 30 hours funded childcare for working families is now in the second year of implementation. Upon entering the second year it remains a priority to ensure that there are enough, high quality places available for parents who need them. In the first year of implementation, Torbay did not receive any formal complaints from parents who were unable to access a childcare place.

Town	Approx no. of eligible 3+4YO
Brixham	524
Paignton	351
Torquay	78
TOTAL	953

*source – Torbay 2018 summer headcount data

Some consideration needs to be given to the number of children entitled to 2 year old funding who become entitled to 3 year old funding when they turn 3 years old.

Total number of funded 2YOs in autumn 2017 who became 3YO funded in spring 2018	Number of funded 2YOs in autumn 2017 who became entitled to 30 hours in spring 2018	% of funded 2YOs who became 30 hours funded in spring 2018
134	45	34%

Total number of funded 2YOs in spring 2018 who became 3YO funded in summer 2018	Number of funded 2YOs in spring 2018 who became entitled to 30 hours in summer 2018	% of funded 2YOs who became 30 hours funded in summer 2018
177	30	17%

Since the implementation of the 30 hours extended entitlement, the majority of providers do not allocate places for specific age ranges. Therefore it is necessary to look at the places available overall compared to the number of children (2, 3 and 4 year olds) who will be entitled to a funded place.

Town	No. of children potentially eligible for 2YO funding	Approx no. of eligible 3+4YO UNIVERSAL	Approx no. of eligible 3+4YO EXTENDED	TOTAL number of 15 hour places required	Number of places available	Number of places per 100 children	Average Occupancy Level %
Brixham	49	325	524	374	386	43	74.6%

Paignton	195	1,126	351	1,321	1,694	101	76.4%
Torquay	332	1,598	78	1,930	2,376	118	84.2%
TOTAL	576	3,049	953	3,625	4,456	97	79.9%

The table above allows analysis of the number of individual 15 hour places required. One funded 2 year old will take one 15 hours place, a universal 3 year old will take 1 funded place and an extended child will take another 15 hour place. For this purpose, the number of available places per day has been multiplied by 2, on the assumption that one place in a childcare provider would be able to accommodate 2 children across a week. The numbers of children entitled to 30 hours is based on estimates using the summer term data which is the busiest term of the academic year.

It is therefore evident that Torbay has sufficient childcare places to accommodate the need in the area and given the occupancy levels, there is also some room to accommodate increased demand. More detailed recommendations can be found within the summary and action plan.

Access to Wraparound and holiday childcare for working parents

Many parents need wraparound and holiday childcare for school age children to enable them to be able to work. Wraparound childcare is defined as childcare before school (usually from 8am) and after school (usually from school finish time to 5 or 6 o'clock).

The wraparound care places available in Torbay are outlined below:

Before School

Type of Provider	Number of Providers	Potential Places in BEFORE school care (each day)	Current Occupancy (%)
School	28	1166	57.6%
Private Providers	8	185	53.9%
Childminders	33	100	41.5%
TOTAL	69	1,451	48.1%

After School

Type of Provider	Number of Providers	Potential Places in AFTER school care (each day)	Current Occupancy (%)
School	23	818	56.7%
Private Providers	9	189	64.9%
Childminders	42	142	48.8%
TOTAL	74	1,149	53.2%

Across Torbay 28 out of 30 primary schools offer before school care and 23 offer after school care (2 schools have private providers on site who offer this care). This enables working parents to access wraparound care with relative ease. The information above shows that there is sufficient space in before and after school care offered to meet the needs of working parents. Torbay does not currently have any known issues surrounding the sufficiency of wraparound care for school aged children.

Holiday Childcare

Type of Provider	Number of Providers offering a holiday childcare scheme
School	2
Private Providers	11
Childminders	41
TOTAL	54

54 providers in Torbay offer some form of holiday childcare for children of all ages.

The type of childcare available varies significantly from provider to provider. For example a school may commission an external company to deliver holiday clubs for children aged 5-11 years old, whereas a childminder might offer one or two places depending on their ratios for each day.

The parent consultation asked several questions in relation to holiday childcare and there are some clear themes generated from the responses, a summary of which can be found below:

“Lack of suitable holiday provision for their age group”

“I can’t use the holiday clubs locally because the costs mean it’s not worth working”

“Holiday clubs are expensive and do not cater for the ages or hours needed”

“Finding places where she will know somebody or run activities that she will enjoy which is also affordable is difficult.”

“I am trying to find Holiday options right now and cannot find anything that will suit all 4 children as they are aged between 2 and 6. Every holiday I have to stop working which is also why I am self employed. However, for this summer holiday I cannot do that I have to find a solution.”

“Nowhere advertises for holiday care and the schools are shut so don’t provide any extra services in School holidays”

“Difficult to find suitable holiday clubs or childcare just for during the school holidays”

“I rely on family members, grandparents & older siblings”

“limited availability, expensive, times not ideal, activities uninspiring”

“We’re very fortunate to have grandparents who can help, when they can’t we have to take time off work as there is no other way.”

“Holiday childcare is fairly difficult due to cost and availability, mainly availability.”

There are 3 common themes running through the responses from parents; availability, affordability and quality. It is evident that there is not sufficient holiday childcare for children in Torbay and this is addressed in the action plan at the end of this document.

Migration in Torbay for Childcare

The table below shows migration across Torbay for childcare; i.e. the percentage of children who attend a setting in their home ward, who travel within their home town to a setting and who travel outside their home town to a setting. This information is valuable when considering Torbay childcare sufficiency as a whole and at town level.

WARD	% of children attending a setting in their residential ward	% of children attending a setting within their residential town	% children travelling to setting in a different town
Berry Head with Furzeham	20%	36%	44%
Blatchcombe	37%	53%	10%
Churston with Galmpton	59%	34%	7%
Clifton with Maidenway	4%	83%	13%
Cockington with Chelston	74%	25%	2%
Ellacombe	28%	69%	3%
Goodrington with Roselands	43%	54%	3%
Preston	42%	42%	16%
Roundham with Hyde	57%	37%	6%
Shiphay with the Willows	50%	45%	5%
St Marychurch	68%	27%	4%
St Mary's with Summercombe	58%	8%	35%
Tormohun	9%	85%	6%
Watcombe	2%	98%	0%
Wellswood	31%	69%	0%

The above information is also set out in towns below:

TOWN	% of children attending a setting in their residential ward	% of children attending a setting within their residential town	% children travelling to setting in a different town
Brixham	39%	22%	39%
Paignton	39%	51%	10%
Torquay	40%	57%	3%

Cost of childcare across England

	Nursery for under 2s for 25 hours	Childminder for under 2s for 25 hours	Nursery for 2+ year olds for 25 hours	Childminder for 2+ year olds for 25 hours
Inner London	£183.56	£174.47	£155.14	£154.11
Outer London	£145.44	£134.03	£135.71	£135.36
South East	£141.70	£131.16	£121.82	£120.12
South West	£116.36	£119.22	£108.18	£107.35
East Midlands	£109.61	£109.53	£94.36	£94.35
East of England	£122.20	£122.13	£106.41	£104.28
North East	£122.30	£118.11	£106.20	£106.02
Yorkshire and Humber	£105.30	£103.37	£96.16	£95.78
North West	£101.83	£101.19	£88.98	£90.89
West Midlands	£108.52	£106.41	£98.72	£97.09
Scotland	£109.68	£108.60	£114.33	£112.75
Wales	£116.18	£116.02	£100.22	£100.38
England	£124.73	£120.66	£110.61	£109.95
Britain	£122.46	£119.47	£107.41	£109.44
TORBAY	£114.00	£105.50	£114.00	£105.50

Source: Childcare Survey 2017 – Family and Childcare Trust

This information demonstrates that the cost of childcare across Torbay is reasonable compared with regional and national averages.

QUALITY OF CHILDCARE IN TORBAY

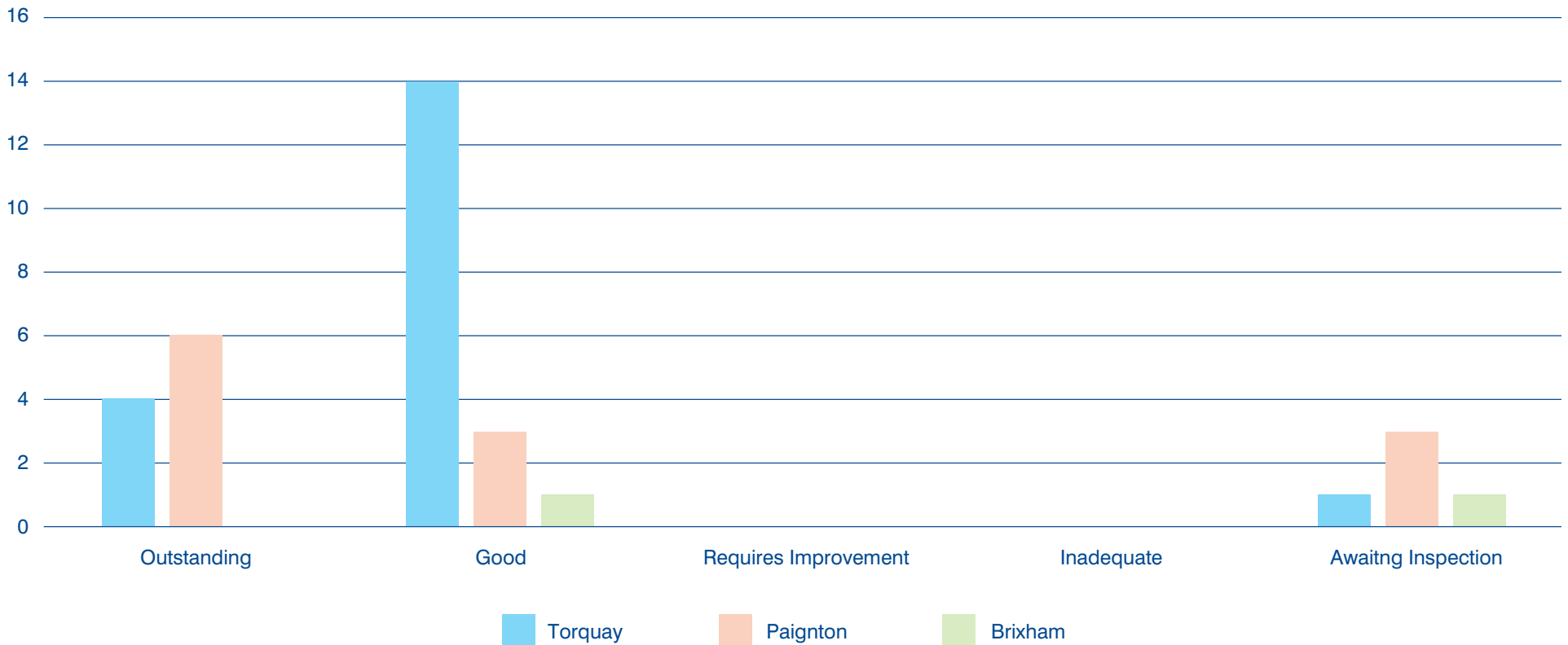


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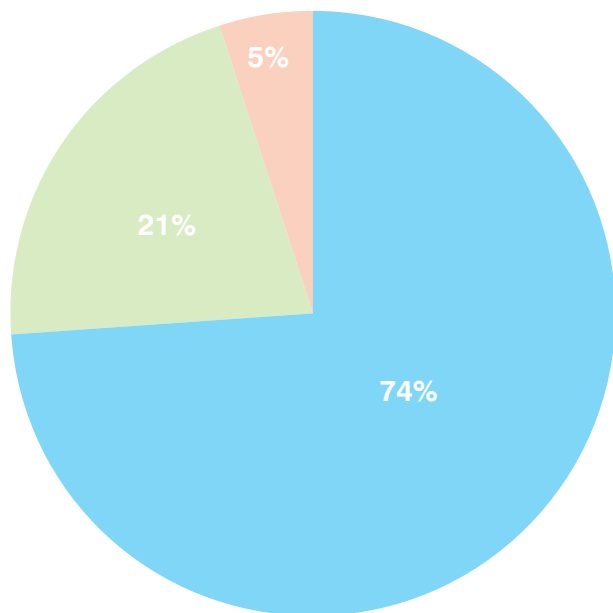
OFSTED Grade	Torquay Nurseries		Paignton Nurseries		Brixham Nurseries	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Outstanding	4	21%	6	50%	0	0%
Good	14	74%	3	25%	1	50%
Requires Improvement	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Inadequate	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Awaiting Inspection	1	5%	3	25%	1	50%

In Torbay all providers are Ofsted rated 'Outstanding' or 'Good'. This means that the children in Torbay receive their early education in a high quality setting. There are a small number of settings who are awaiting their inspection.

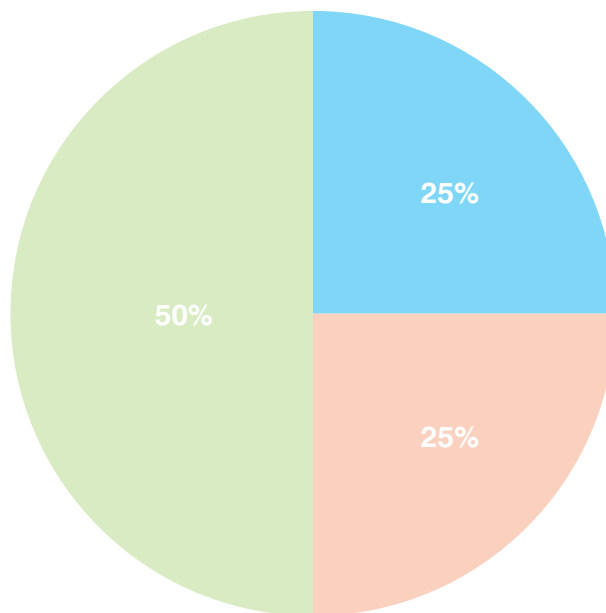
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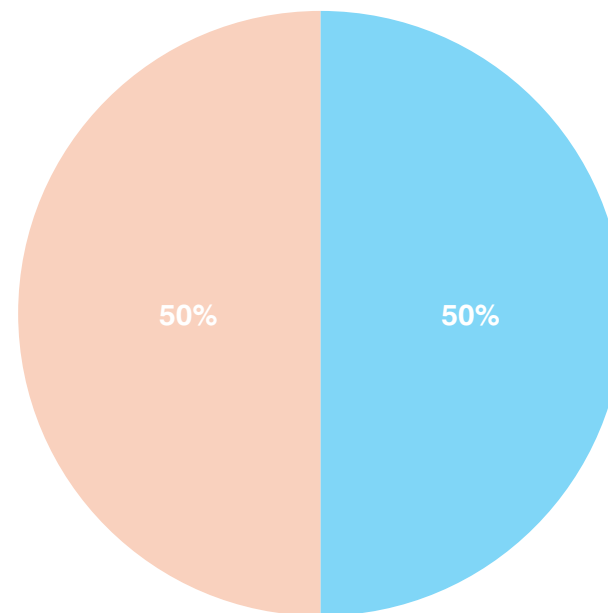
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Paignton Nurseries Ofsted Grades



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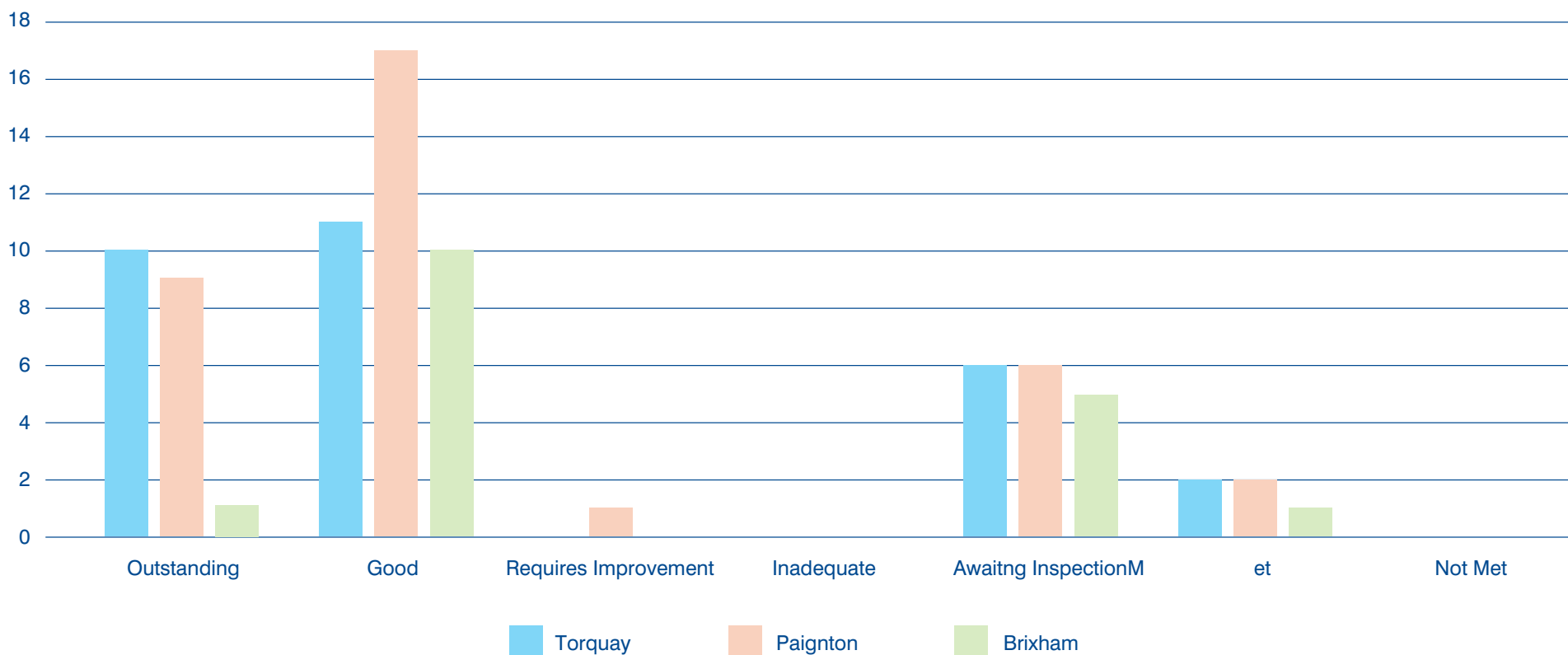
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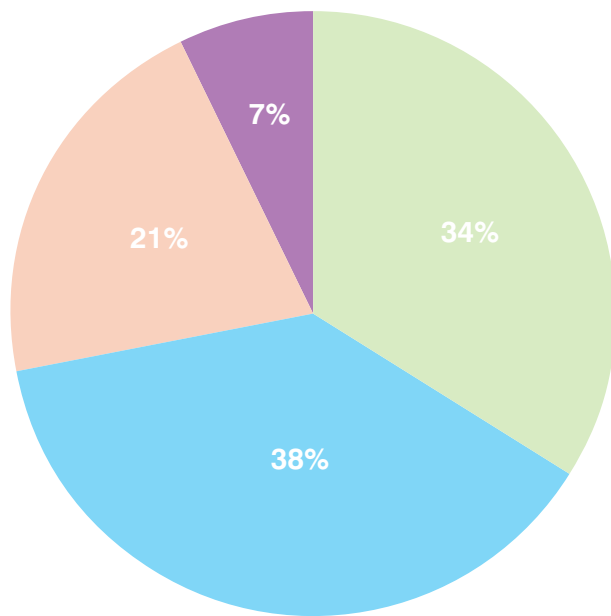
OFSTED Grade	Torquay CMs		Paignton CMs		Brixham CMs	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Outstanding	10	34%	9	26%	1	6%
Good	11	38%	17	49%	10	59%
Requires Improvement	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%
Inadequate	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Awaiting Inspection	6	21%	6	17%	5	29%
Met	2	7%	2	6%	1	6%
Not met	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

The largest proportion of childminders in Torbay are Ofsted graded 'Outstanding' or 'Good'. There is 1 childminder within Torbay who is Ofsted graded as 'Requires Improvement' and is receiving support. There are a large number of newly registered childminders following a recruitment drive to encourage new childminders to start up, therefore these childminders are awaiting their Ofsted inspection.

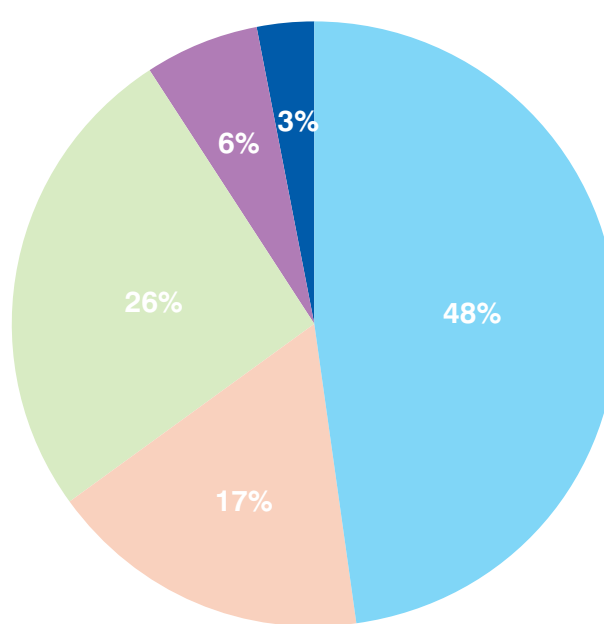
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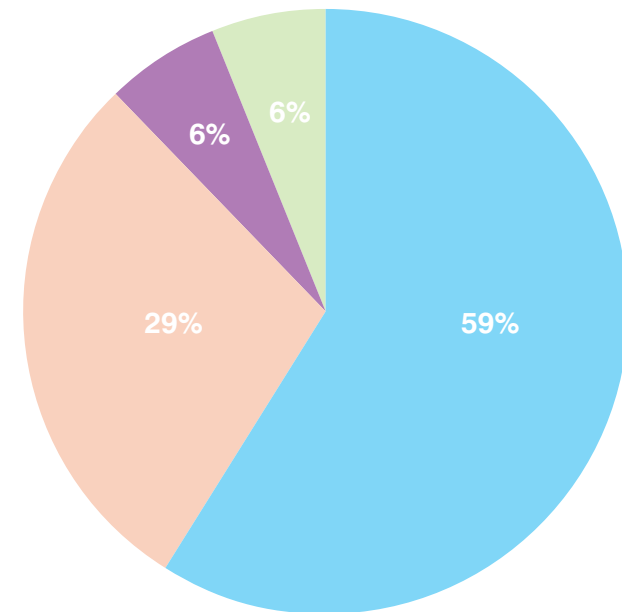
Torquay Childminders Ofsted Grades



Paignton Childminders Ofsted Grades



Brixham Childminders Ofsted Grades



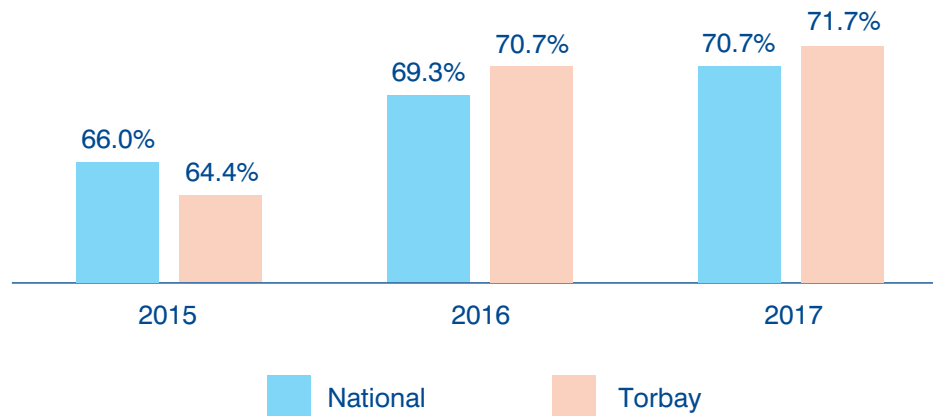
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Data on Children achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD)

Children are defined as having reached a good level of development at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) in the Reception year, if they have achieved at least the expected level for the Early Learning Goals (ELGs) in the prime areas of learning (personal, social and emotional development; physical development; and communication and language) and the specific areas of mathematics and literacy.

The chart below indicates the percentage of children in Torbay and nationally achieving a good level of development (GLD) at the end of their Reception year:

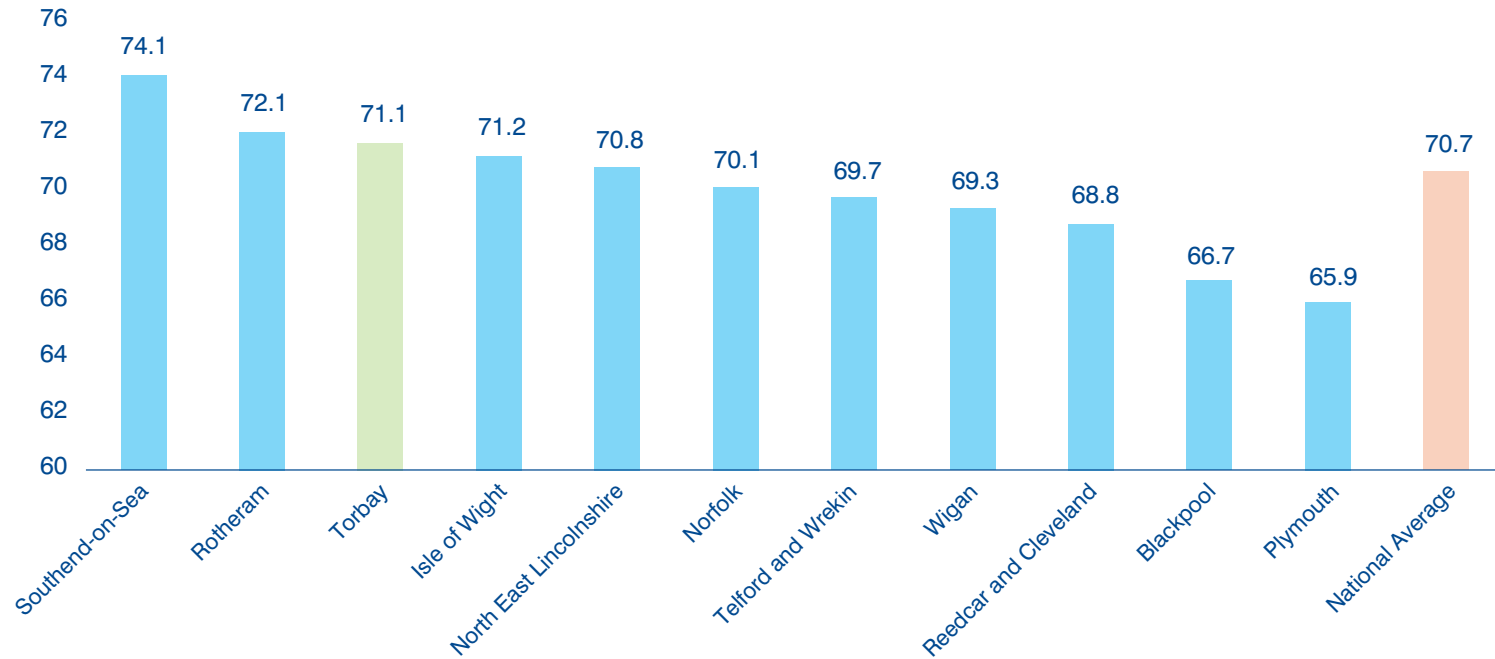
GLD Data at the end of Reception



At a local level, 71.7 % of children achieved a good level of development at the end of Reception in 2017; demonstrating a continued upward trend across Torbay, now scoring above national average.

The chart below shows Torbay's performance of GLD achievement in comparison with statistical neighbours:

Percentage of all children achieving a GLD in Torbay and statistical neighbours



In comparison to our statistical neighbours Torbay is the third performing Local Authority and is performing above national average.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS



Below is a table demonstrating numbers of housing completions broken down by town, per year since 2011/12:

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Subtotal
Torquay	176	252	77	161	125	791
Paignton	53	204	207	231	150	845
Brixham	27	45	18	16	51	157
Total	256	501	302	408	326	1793

Below is a table estimating the number of additional childcare places required as a result of the new housing developments:

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Torquay	2.51	3.60	1.10	4.50	3.4
Paignton	0.76	2.91	2.96	6.40	4.0
Brixham	0.39	0.64	0.26	0.50	1.4
Total	3.66	7.16	4.31	11.40	8.8

This shows that the current impact of housing developments in Torbay has a minor influence on the number of childcare places required. There are some new housing developments planned between 2016 and 2019 in Torbay. All new housing developments in Torbay are planned for and analysed to ensure that in the schools planning process, the additional school/childcare places are planned for. There are plans for Torbay to build 2 new schools by 2019 to accommodate the growing number of children in the area. Any new schools will have nursery provisions for ages 2 – 5 years old.

There is a growing trend that the new housing developments, especially in the Paignton area, are attracting more families with young children than originally anticipated. Additional work in these areas has been undertaken to extend existing and develop new early years places.

PARENTAL DEMAND



The Local Authority consulted with parents in June 2018 to establish demand and needs for childcare within Torbay.

An overview of the results from the survey can be found below:

- 408 responses to the questionnaire
- 333/408 have children aged under 5 years old – 82%
- 45/408 have a child with a special educational need or disability (SEND) – 11%
- 308/408 use childcare to enable them to work – 75%
- 5/408 cannot access a place in their chosen childcare provider – 1%
- 33/408 find childcare expensive and unaffordable – 8%
- 85/408 need childcare before 8am – 20%
- 25/408 need childcare after 6pm – 6%
- 13/408 need childcare overnight – 3%
- 36/408 need childcare over the weekend – 9%
- The average spend on additional childcare hours is £99.26

These are some of the parent comments:

“I am very happy with the service provided by my daughter’s nursery. It is too expensive for us to use for all the days I work so my mum looks after my baby two days a week.”

“Nursery fees were very high but the quality of the care provided was exemplary. Childcare vouchers and salary sacrifice schemes made it possible for me to use this childcare and work the hours needed to remain in my profession.”

“The funding has been a massive financial help, saving me £135 per week. I have been able to send my son to a wonderful nursery for two days a week and a childminder who can offer earlier sessions to support my earlier shifts at work. Financial support and the ability to work aside, 30 hours of good quality child care is priceless for my son who has come on leaps and bounds in every area of development, he will be four years and three months when he enters reception year and is soundly school ready which I believe is due to having access to the school’s nursery. I greatly appreciate the 30 hours funding, it has been a life saver for me and my son.”

“Exceptional level of care provided by childminder with a range of activities on offer.”

“My son is 6 always use grandparents to help with child care can’t afford anything else”

The requirement for very early or very late childcare is extremely small, as is the requirement for overnight and weekend childcare. Whilst it is evident from the responses that the childcare market in Torbay largely meets the needs of parents. Torbay has not received any formal complaints from parents that they are unable to access a suitable place for their child, although the consultation did identify that parents of children with SEND find it more difficult to access a suitable place. More can be found on this in the SEND section of this report.

A high-angle, top-down photograph of six diverse children of various ethnicities and ages, all smiling broadly and looking upwards towards the camera. They are huddled together in a circle, with their heads touching. The children are wearing colorful clothing: a pink shirt, a light blue shirt, a green shirt, and a red shirt. The background is a bright, out-of-focus white. In the top left corner, there is a semi-transparent light blue rectangular box containing white text.

SERVICES AVAILABLE
TO FAMILIES IN TORBAY

Family Information Service

The Family Information Service (FIS) provides up to date information to families about childcare, activities and advice and support services in Torbay. It can be accessed by anyone online through fis.torbay.gov.uk, via the free phone line, 0800 328 5974, by email, fisenquiries@torbay.gov.uk, and face to face in the reception area on Union Street in Torquay. Details of Ofsted registered childcare in Torbay are received by the FIS directly from Ofsted and additional information is added by childcare providers.

The FIS offers support to any family looking for childcare including those claiming funded hours for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. Advisors within the FIS are able to find out about particular vacancies and arrange visits for families who find it more difficult to arrange a place.

The FIS holds details of many other activities and events such as sports clubs, uniformed groups, children's centre services and youth groups that may support children, young people and their families while they are growing up. As part of the SEND reforms, Torbay Directory also hosts the Local Offer for education, health and social care providers from to enable families to access more detailed information about services available for children and young people with a special educational need or disability.

Within the parent consultation, parents were asked how easily they were able to access information about childcare providers. The majority of parents responded that they were able to locate suitable information about childcare providers through the internet and a quarter of respondents who use the internet have used the FIS website to look at childcare provision. There were some suggestions for ways to improve this service and some general comments which have been shared with the FIS team for review and development where appropriate:

"Have a central website where people can go on and rate people they have used. Builds up recommended babysitters too as nowadays so difficult to trust anyone"

"I think Torbay Council have a wealth of information on their website available which is easy to access and user friendly."

"Provide clear information to all employers that they can include for employees on their return to work."

"Provide information to health visitors to pass on. Maybe have a dedicated web page on website listing all available childcare providers with prices and reviews etc."

"Ask childminders to keep up to date vacancies on the childcare website"

"Have a website that shows all childcare options. Where they are with a map and ratings from ofsted as well as parents/ carers comments. It would make it easier to compare them and find the most suitable place for our children. Similar to the way we can compare schools in the area on your website."

Children's Centres

Torbay Children's Centres have centres in Torquay, Paignton and Brixham offering drop-in, workshops, Stay & Plays, Play Cafes, antenatal sessions and fun activities for families with children under 5 years old. The aim of all Children's Centres within the locality is to improve outcomes for young children and their families by:

- Reducing inequalities in child development and school readiness
- Improving parent's aspirations, self-esteem and parenting skills
- Improving child and family health and life chances

Children's Centres contribute to ensuring that every child gets the best start in life. They also work towards better opportunities for parents, and a stronger and safer community.

Early Help

The Early Help Service guides and assists children and families and professionals through the process of getting the right help to meet need. Early Help is delivered in the following ways:

1. Early Help professionals Consultation Line

Since 1st August 2017 the Early Help Consultation Line has been in operation. The line is designed to provide advice to professionals who think that they have a family in need of Early Help. The consultation line is manned by a duty Social Worker who is able to provide advice and signposting for services that might be of support to the families that you are working with. The number to call is 01803 208525 and the line is open weekday mornings from 9am - 12pm.

2. Targeted Help Pathway

There are two pathways into Targeted Help. The first is when a family are stepped down from statutory intervention at level 4 to Targeted Help at level 3 and the second is through the MASH.

When the level of need is more complex and involves two or three needs that require several services to work together, then a Targeted Help Request for Service should be completed and submitted to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

The Early Help process guides and assists children and families and professionals so that they can get the right help to meet need. The MASH screens all referrals and ensures that Targeted Help is the right level of support to offer, and that there is enough information in the Request for Service. Information on thresholds and levels of need can be found in TSCB Threshold Document. For further information please see MASH Operational Procedures.

When completing a Targeted Help Request for Targeted Support assessment it's critical that this is discussed with the family and consent is gained from the family prior to making the request. If you are unsure of the level of need please contact the Consultation Line for advice.

3. Targeted Help Panel

Once a request for Targeted Support has been screened and reviewed by MASH. This will be passed to Targeted Help. The Targeted Help panel is a weekly multi-agency meeting which explores and discusses support requests. The aim of the panel is to make decisions about support and intervention for children and families and identify the most appropriate service to allocate a Targeted Help Co-ordinator to work with the family.

The panel is attended by a wide range of professionals from the public sector, community and voluntary services. The panel will provide relevant information about children and young people already known to them and discuss the best support plan for the family.

Once it has been determined during panel who the Targeted Help Co-ordinator is, the Targeted Help Team record this information on both multi-agency panel minutes and on the child's record. The Targeted Help Team will review the progress made against the plan initially at 6 weeks and up to a maximum of 12 weeks.

The review will ascertain whether support is still being provided, who is working with the family and whether the support is proving effective in meeting the family's needs. The case will remain open on the children's data base until any support or intervention has been completed and the outcome recorded.

4. Targeted Help Co-ordinator and Team Around the Family

Team Around the Family

A Team Around the Family (TAF) is a term used when a family is receiving support from a range of people who are working together to improve outcomes for a family. The support being provided to a family could include Universal Services, targeted intervention or support via the Community or Voluntary Sector.

A family's needs could be anything from an educational issue, a health difficulty, financial worries or perhaps housing, which require more than two or three professional's expertise. A Team Around the Family should be supporting any family need or difficulty that impact on children and without being addressed could affect a child's developmental milestones and outcomes in the future. Through working with a Team Around the Family, children's support needs and difficulties can be addressed together to avoid things escalating. If a parent or carer is worried about lots of aspects of their life and the situation they feel may become unmanageable, this is when through the support of a Team Around the Family, they can feel supported and enabled to manage things progressively, until all needs have been addressed.

Targeted Help Co-ordinator

Within a Team Around the Family the Targeted Help Co-ordinator will provide advice, support and guidance to the family within the context of their role, while working closely with other agencies to create a Single TAF Plan. With a family's involvement a Targeted Help Co-ordinator coordinates

services so needs are addressed progressively without feeling overwhelming. The Targeted Help Co-ordinator speaks to relevant professionals and organises an initial meeting so parents or carer's and young people (if they wish to be involved) and agencies can meet to develop a Single TAF Plan. The family is supported to take part in this process and is consulted with throughout.

Once a Team Around the Family meeting has taken place and a plan is created, the family and the professionals involved will have joint responsibility for achieving outcomes to reduce the level of need and any potential difficulties within the family situation.

The Team Around the Family then continue to talk to each other regularly, with the family continuously being involved to ensure things are 'on track' and the right support is in place at the right time.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

"All children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) should be able to reach their full potential in school. They should also be supported to make a successful transition into adulthood, whether into employment, further or higher education or training"

Department for Education



11% of the respondents to the parent consultation reported that they have a child with SEND. The consultation included SEND specific questions of which a summary of responses can be found below:

When asked how easy it is to locate suitable childcare for children with SEND, 50% of the respondents who have children with SEND reported it is 'difficult' or 'very difficult' to find a suitable place. Those who responded 'difficult' or 'very difficult' were asked for additional information around this and below is an example of some of the responses:

"my daughter has disabilities so needs more support than others. this means the cheaper and more fun childcare provisions are unable to meet her needs."

"I haven't been able to find anywhere small enough to suit my child, or that I would trust to meet his needs"

"Child with autism needs routine and familiarity. Struggles in a busy and unfamiliar environment. Has difficulty separating from parent until strongly bonded with carer and new situation. Cost is also a major issue. When distressed she may lash out at younger sibling which is difficult for people who are unfamiliar with them to manage in a childcare setting."

"Private setting not being willing to always take SEND children on"

Access to childcare for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

To respond to the growing demand for support of children with SEND in Torbay, the Council provides settings with the opportunity to receive additional funding called Activity Led Funding for Early Years (ALFEY funding). This funding provides financial support to settings to allow them to be inclusive of all children and provide extra support and resources for children with SEND; even if they do not have a statement or EHCP. The settings Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) makes an application to the Early Years Team. The application is assessed by a panel and funding is allocated as appropriate to the setting based on an hourly rate percentage which is judged by the child's level of need.

This funding can provide financial support for 1:1 care for children or allow equipment and resources to be purchased to support the setting in delivering inclusive early education for the child. The result of this funding is encouraging all settings in Torbay to be fully inclusive, improving parental confidence and reducing demand for places in Torbay's only specialist SEND school, Mayfield. In 2017/18 the Local Authority provided over £225,000 to Torbay settings to support inclusion of children with SEND, supporting between 75 and 100 children each term.

The Torbay Local Offer describes the services and support for children and young people with SEND and helps their families to make informed choices about the support they receive. The Torbay SEND team includes 4 case workers who provide regular support to children and young people with complex special educational needs within an early years, school or further education setting. Case workers are responsible for coordinating new requests for statutory education, health and care plan assessments. The SEND team also has Education Health & Care Plan Officers who are responsible for drafting new ECHPs in response to requests for statutory assessment.

The SEND team are responsible for ensuring that special educational provision is made available to children who need it following a statutory assessment.

A statutory Assessment is a process where information is collected from the parents, child/young person and professionals. This then allows the Local Authority to gain a clear picture of the education, health and care needs of the child/young person. A request for statutory assessment can be made by a parent or requested by a child's school/setting. This can be done by downloading and completing the 'Request for Statutory Assessment Form'. The Authority will then consider whether to carry out an assessment. Requests are considered by the 'SEND Panel' which includes SENCOs, an Educational Psychologist and Health and Social Care representatives. The decision as to whether to carry out a statutory assessment remains with the Authority.

If the team decide to conduct an Education, Health and Care assessment then an SEN Officer will be appointed. This will be the person who keeps parents updated on their child's assessment. The SEN Officer will meet with them, listen and collate any additional information they may have. As well as this, education, health and care professionals involved with the child or young person will be asked to submit information as their contribution to the plan. When all of the information has been gathered, those involved in the assessment stage, along with parents, will propose the support needed for the child or young person to achieve their required outcomes. This will be recorded in the child's Education, Health and Care Plan. The SEN team do not teach the child or young person, but will support the educational institution that they attend by a monitoring and review process, which helps to ensure that their needs are being met and that educational progress is being made.

This approach allows all schools and settings to be as inclusive as possible and respond to the needs of all children.

For children with severe and profound learning difficulties or disabilities there is the possibility of attending Mayfield Special School which accommodates children from age 2 to 19 years old. Admission to the school is decided by the Local Authority and is based upon the above process for SEND statutory assessments. Those with more severe difficulties who cannot be accommodated in a mainstream school will instead receive their education in this fully inclusive format.

Torbay provides the following services for children as part of the Local Offer:

- Educational Psychology – Torbay's Educational Psychologists (EPs) have had experience working with children or young people and have also had additional training and experience in how children and young people learn and develop. They work closely with teachers and parents to help children who are having difficulties with learning and general development, including reading, writing, spelling and numbers; emotions and behaviour; making relationships with other children and adults. The EPs offer teachers, and in some cases parents, suggestions about how they can help their child's development and learning. The advice that they offer to teachers is usually to suggest ways to improve a child's learning or behaviour and ways to help children with learning difficulties to cope with their work in class.
- Children's Disability Service – This service comprises a specialist team of occupational therapists, social workers and community care workers, key workers and physiotherapists to support children under 18 with disabilities as well as their families. The team's work also includes the management and support of holiday play schemes, Saturday clubs and sitting services. The Inclusion Worker is also based within this team.
- Portage and Early Support Service - Portage is a home teaching service for families who have a pre-school child who has additional needs

or a disability. The success and popularity of portage is based on the fact that it promotes parents as the key figure in the development of their child. All Portage schemes are built around four main activities weekly home visiting by a trained home visitor, weekly written teaching activities designed for each individual child and parent, teaching and recording carried out by the parent and regular supervision of the home visitor. Home visitors liaise with any other people involved with the child to make sure everyone is working to common goals. Portage have regular meetings with parents and other professionals involved to monitor progress and celebrate achievements.

- Hearing Support – This service provides advice and guidance to families of hearing impaired children. Home visits are available for pre-school aged children and the service provides training for nurseries and schools.
- Special Needs Play scheme and Saturday Club – This is a free service available through a referral process and is aimed at children with severe to profound physical and/or learning difficulties. The service is available Monday to Saturday.
- Speech and Language Service – This service aims to enable the members of the population of South Devon with communication disorders and their related conditions to achieve and maintain their communication potential by offering assessment, diagnosis, therapy and support. The service is provided, following a referral, to children with speech or language disorders/delay, severe learning difficulties, disorders following an injury, maxilla facial disorders (e.g. cleft palate), mild to moderate hearing loss, disorders of fluency (stammering), voice disorders or feeding difficulties.

A SEND specific action plan can be found at the end of this document.

SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS & ACTION PLAN

This report demonstrates that there are sufficient childcare places to meet the requirements for funded children in Torbay. There is not a great deal of capacity, especially in school nursery classes, so there is a need for growth to accommodate the growing numbers of young children in Torbay, through increased birth rates and migration into Torbay from other areas. There is also a need to accommodate children aged under 2 who are not yet funded. Taking this into account alongside the fact that Torbay has just enough places to accommodate funded children, sufficiency of places will likely still be an issue which could be particularly prevalent in some wards. However, Torbay is able to meet its statutory duty to ensure sufficiency of places for children entitled to a funded place across the local area as a whole.



A summary of each ward is outlined in the table below:

Ward	Ward summary and notes	
	Population information and deprivation data	Childcare Places and Occupancy
Berry Head with Furzeham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small increase in population of 0-4 year olds - 2.2% • More than 70% of this ward is comprised of families with no children; older, retired couples • Over a fifth of parents in this ward are economically inactive • 44% of this ward is considered to be a deprived area (top 30%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 places per 100 children • 73.4% average occupancy • 26.6% available occupancy • There are very few all year round childcare places in this ward
Blatchcombe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant increase in population of 0-4 year olds – 17.1% • 10% of this ward is comprised of families with 3 or more children; 34% of families have 1 or 2 children • Over a quarter of parents in this ward are economically inactive • 20% of this ward is in the top 10% deprivation (the highest level of deprivation) • 87.8% of this ward is in the top 30% deprived 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 places per 100 children • 73.5% average occupancy • 26.5% available occupancy
Churston-with-Galmpton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant increase in population of 0-4 year olds – 26.5% • Almost 75% of this ward is comprised of families with no children; older, retired couples • This ward has the lowest number of lone parent families • This ward has the lowest percentage of jobseekers allowance claimants in Torbay – 0.8% • This is an affluent ward which has no areas in the top 30%. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52 places per 100 children • 91.5% average occupancy • 8.5% available occupancy • The occupancy of the term time only childcare spaces in this ward is 96.1% • The occupancy of the all year round childcare spaces in this ward is 86.9%
Clifton-with-Maidenway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant increase in population of 0-4 year olds – 25.0% • 23% of the ward is in the top 30% of deprivation. The rest of the ward would be considered more affluent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 places per 100 children • 71.3% average occupancy • 28.7% available occupancy • There are very few all year round childcare places in this ward
Cockington-with-Chelston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small increase in population of 0-4 year olds - 2.2% • 23% of the ward is in the top 30% of deprivation. The rest of the ward would be considered more affluent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 places per 100 children • 90.7% average occupancy • 9.3 available occupancy • There are very few all year round childcare places in this ward • The occupancy of the all year round childcare spaces in this ward is 99.8%

Ward	Ward summary and notes	
	Population information and deprivation data	Childcare Places and Occupancy
Ellacombe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant increase in population of 0-4 year olds – 15.8% • This ward has the lowest number of families with 0 children – 53.2% • Over 40% of families are lone parent in this ward • This ward has one of the highest percentages of jobseekers allowance claimants in Torbay – 3.7% • Over a fifth of parents in this ward are economically inactive • Approximately 55% of the population of 2 year olds in this ward are potentially entitled to 2 year old funding • 82.9% of this ward is in the top 30% most deprived 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 places per 100 children • 91.2% average occupancy • 8.8% available occupancy • The occupancy of the term time only childcare spaces in this ward is 56.1%
Goodrington-with-Roselands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant increase in population of 0-4 year olds – 15.8% • 20% of this ward is in the top 30% of deprivation. The rest of the ward would be considered more affluent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 47 places per 100 children • 66.8% average occupancy • 33.2% available occupancy
Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant increase in population of 0-4 year olds – 11.1% • This is an affluent ward which has no areas in the top 30% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 places per 100 children • 71.8% average occupancy • 28.2% available occupancy • There are very few all year round childcare places in this ward • The occupancy of the all year round childcare spaces in this ward is 96.7%
Roundham-with-Hyde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant increase in population of 0-4 year olds – 15.9% • Over 40% of families are lone parent in this ward • This ward has one of the highest percentages of jobseekers allowance claimants in Torbay – 3.7% • Over a quarter of parents in this ward are economically inactive • Approximately 71% of the population of 2 year olds in this ward are potentially entitled to 2 year old funding • 44% of this ward is in the top 10% most deprived 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66 places per 100 children • 87.1% average occupancy • 12.9% available occupancy • The occupancy of the term time only childcare spaces in this ward is 97.3%
Shiphay-with-the-Willows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small increase in population of 0-4 year olds – 6.4% • This ward has no areas in the top 30% of deprivation. 65% of this ward is in the 30-40% deprived bracket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 places per 100 children • 71.5% average occupancy • 28.5 available occupancy
St Marychurch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small decline in the number of 0-4 year olds - -6.4% • 35% of this ward is in the top 30% most deprived 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 places per 100 children • 75.9% average occupancy • 24.1% available occupancy

Ward	Ward summary and notes	
	Population information and deprivation data	Childcare Places and Occupancy
St Mary's-with-Summercombe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small increase in population of 0-4 year olds – 7.0% • Over a fifth of parents in this ward are economically inactive • 35% of this ward is in the top 30% most deprived 	<p>There is currently capacity within the ward to meet some level of increased demand for childcare places or increased hours of attendance for children entitled to 30 hours childcare.</p>
Tormohun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant increase in population of 0-4 year olds – 14.6% • Over 40% of families are lone parent in this ward • This ward has one of the highest percentages of jobseekers allowance claimants in Torbay – 3.7% • Almost a quarter of parents in this ward are economically inactive • Approximately 57% of the population of 2 year olds in this ward are potentially entitled to 2 year old funding • 99.8% of this ward is in the top 30% of deprivation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 places per 100 children • 78.3% average occupancy • 21.7% available occupancy • There are very few all year round childcare places in this ward • The occupancy of the term time only childcare spaces in this ward is 94.6%
Watcombe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small increase in population of 0-4 year olds – 7.8% • Over 28% of parents in this ward are economically inactive • Approximately 64% of the population of 2 year olds in this ward are potentially entitled to 2 year old funding • 67.1% of this ward is considered to be the top 10% most deprived. • 81.5% of the ward is in the top 20% of deprivation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 places per 100 children • 95.8% average occupancy • 4.2% available occupancy • There are very few all year round childcare places in this ward • The occupancy of the term time only childcare spaces in this ward is 96.9% • The occupancy of the all year round childcare spaces in this ward is 92.7%
Wellswood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very small increase in population of 0-4 year olds – 0.4% • 76.7% of this ward is comprised of families with no children; older, retired couples; this is the highest percentage in Torbay • 19% of the ward is in the top 30% of deprivation. The rest of the ward would be considered more affluent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 places per 100 children • 86.8 average occupancy • 13.2% available occupancy • There are no all year round childcare places available in this ward

Town	Safeguarding 2YO funded Places	Planning for children with SEND
Torquay	<p>Torquay has been in receipt of capital funding to create new nursery places which has increased provision of places. Currently the average occupancy in Torquay is high, at 84.2%. This does mean that the places in Torquay for funded 2 year olds are at risk and work needs to be undertaken to improve access to places for these children. Families who are eligible for the 2 year funding offer may be less able to travel further to access a place, therefore if a place is not available in their residential ward this may act as a barrier to accessing provision, therefore increasing access in all wards is important.</p>	<p>All early years settings in Torbay are as inclusive as possible. Some settings allocate places specifically for children with SEND and others work on a case by case basis offering places to children with SEND in the same way that they would for any child, regardless of level of need.</p> <p>A SEND inclusion fund (called Alfey Funding) is available for settings who feel they require additional funding to support children with individual needs. The budget available has been increased to ensure that children with SEND who are entitled to 30 hours funding can be accommodated for the extra hours where applicable.</p>
Paignton	<p>Paignton has been in receipt of capital funding to create new nursery places which has increased provision of places. Across the town there is capacity (around 25%) to accommodate additional demand as well as continuing to accommodate current numbers of children. With this in mind, 2 year funded places could be at risk in the town, although it is noted that certain wards have higher levels of risk than others. Families who are eligible for the 2 year funding offer may be less able to travel further to access a place, therefore if a place is not available in their residential ward this may act as a barrier to accessing provision.</p>	<p>Childcare settings are also able to apply for a Disability Access Fund for funded 3 and 4 year old children who are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance.</p>
Brixham	<p>Brixham has low numbers of childcare places per 100 children, but also has capacity within settings to accommodate more children. Support will be offered to providers in Brixham to start accepting or to take more funded 2 year olds. There is also a childminder campaign to recruit new childminders who will accept all funding entitlements. Currently Brixham is not considered to be 'at risk'.</p>	

Update on 2017 Action Plan

Action	Who is responsible	What resources are required	Update and progress
Meet with schools to discuss extending daily opening hours or operating all year round to accommodate children eligible for the extended entitlement.	The Early Years Team School Heads and Early Years Leads	The Early Years Team capacity (5% DSG allocation)	Time was taken throughout 2017-18 to meet with schools and provide support in accommodating working parents. 2 primary schools accommodate children all year round. 1 further school will be providing all year round childcare from September 2018.
Meet with private providers to discuss extensions of property or satellite sites to create new spaces.	The Early Years Team Schools Planning Team (identification of potential new sites) Early Years Providers	The Early Years Team capacity Schools Planning Team capacity Capital funding to support providers in extending and creating new places	The Local Authority supported one private provider to develop and extend their premises; tripling their available occupancy over a 3 year period. There is no capital funding available to private providers at the present time, therefore uptake of this has been low.
Support providers with developing their offer (2YO/universal/30 hours) to ensure a balanced offer which is inclusive of all entitlements.	The Early Years Team	The Early Years Team capacity (5% DSG allocation)	The Early Years Team have supported providers throughout the year to develop their offer to be inclusive of all entitlements. This is both through telephone support and visits. The team is confident that all settings are as inclusive as they are able to be, in line with their business plans and occupancy levels.
Identify council-owned properties which could be renovated and commissioned to a provider.	Schools Planning Team	Schools Planning Team capacity	This is an ongoing action. In the last year no properties have been identified as suitable to form a nursery building. In addition, there is minimal resource available to fund the alterations which would be required.

<p>Support and encourage currently registered childminders to accept children who are entitled to early years funding</p>	<p>The Early Years Team Childminding Community</p>	<p>The Early Years Team capacity (5% DSG allocation)</p>	<p>The Childminding Development Worker visits all registered childminders annually and provides support and encouragement to accept funded children. The number of childminders accepting funding is at the highest it has ever been, with 68% of childminders claiming funding in summer 2018. Only a small number of childminders have a business plan which does not include funded children. The majority of childminders who do not claim funding do not claim because they have no children in the age range for funding.</p>
<p>Encourage new childminders to register to specifically provide 30 hours childcare or wraparound care.</p>	<p>The Early Years Team Job Centre Plus Team Childminders</p>	<p>The Early Years Team capacity Jobcentre Plus capacity & swift identification of suitable candidates</p>	<p>The Early Years Team has recruited 9 new childminders since September 2017. There are several more childminders who are awaiting their registration visit from Ofsted. There is currently a backlog with Ofsted which is causing delays which the LA has no influence over.</p>
<p>Continue with the EFA funded Capital Projects</p>	<p>Torbay Development Agency Settings involved Early Years team Identified providers</p>	<p>The Early Years Team capacity Schools Planning Team capacity Appointed contractors</p>	<p>Torbay had 2 EFA Capital Projects, both of which are now open and running. Both new centres have been extremely well received by the community and are proving to be a nursery of choice for parents.</p>

2018 Action Plan

Action	Who is responsible	What resources are required	What are the potential barriers
Support schools with nursery classes for 3 and 4 year olds to extend their offer and accept 2 year olds.	The Early Years Team School Heads Early Years Leads	The Early Years Team capacity (5% DSG allocation)	Staffing ratios Space to extend
Meet with schools to discuss extending daily opening hours and operating all year round to support working parents and accommodate children eligible for the extended entitlement.	The Early Years Team School Heads Early Years Leads	The Early Years Team capacity (5% DSG allocation)	Extending opening hours – staffing
Support schools to develop their holiday childcare offer to support working parents	The Early Years Team School Heads Early Years Leads	The Early Years Team capacity (5% DSG allocation)	Working through holidays - staffing
Meet with private providers to discuss extensions of property or satellite sites to create new spaces.	The Early Years Team Schools Planning Team (identification of potential new sites) Early Years Providers	The Early Years Team capacity Schools Planning Team capacity Capital funding to support providers in extending and creating new places	Lack of available capital to provide contribution or match funding for capital projects Lack of available, suitable space for expansion
Identify council-owned properties which could be renovated and commissioned to a provider.	The Early Years Team Childminding Community	The Early Years Team capacity (5% DSG allocation)	This exercise has been undertaken over the last 3 years. There is a lack of suitable property in Torbay (i.e. with outdoor space) and minimal resource to perform the alterations required.
Support and encourage currently registered childminders to accept children who are entitled to early years funding	The Early Years Team Childminding Community	The Early Years Team capacity (5% DSG allocation) Jobcentre Plus Capacity & swift identification of suitable candidates	
Encourage new childminders to register to specifically provide 30 hours childcare or wraparound and holiday childcare.	The Early Years Team Jobcentre plus Team	The Early Years Team capacity Jobcentre Plus capacity & swift identification of suitable candidates	
Support providers with children with SEND and encourage all providers to continue to be fully inclusive.	The Early Years Team The SEND Team	The Early Years Team capacity (5% DSG allocation) The SEND Team capacity	

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