

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2023

Overview

We want to hear your views about childcare in Brighton & Hove. Your views will help us assess demand for childcare places and help us support local childcare providers to meet your needs.

Findings from the questionnaire will be published on the council's website as part of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2022. If you have any questions or comments about this questionnaire please email eyc@brighton-hove.gov.uk

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Purposes and Lawful Basis of Processing

We are collecting your data for the purpose of completing a Childcare Sufficiency Assessment. We have a legal basis for processing data under GDPR Article 6, public task, in accordance with the Childcare Act 2006 Section 6 duty to secure sufficient childcare for working parents and Section 7 duty to secure early years provision free of charge in accordance with regulations and associated statutory guidance.

If you disclose any special category information, our legal basis for processing is GDPR Article 9, 2(b) and the Data Protection Act 2018 Schedule 1, Part 2, Paragraph 6

Processing this data is in the public interest so that council officers can understand whether there is sufficient childcare and early years provision in Brighton & Hove, report to elected members, and address any gaps.

Who We Will Share Your Data With

Your data will only be shared internally with relevant council officers.

The anonymised data will be included in a public report to the council's Children, Young People and Skills Committee in order to inform on how the council is meeting its duty to secure sufficient childcare. The report will be compiled from the survey information and all references to personal or special category data will be removed and not included in the report. Anonymised data will also be published through the council's website.

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We will hold your data until year ending 31st December 2023.

Transferring Data Outside the European Economic Area

Your information is not processed outside the European Economic Area

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About your children

Q1 How many children do you have aged 0 to 14? (Include children aged up to 18 if they have a special educational need or disability).

(Required)

Please select only one item

- One
- Two
- Three
- Four
- More than four

How old are your children, and do they have a special educational need or disability?

When answering these two questions please start with your youngest child as 'Child 1' adding any further children by increasing age.

Q2a How old are your children?

Child 1

Please select only one item

- Less than 1 year old
- Aged 1
- Aged 2
- Aged 3
- Aged 4
- Aged 5
- Aged 6
- Aged 7
- Aged 8
- Aged 9
- Aged 10
- Aged 11
- Aged 12
- Aged 13
- Aged 14
- Aged 15
- Aged 16
- Aged 17
- Aged 18

Child 2

Please select only one item

- Less than 1 year old
- Aged 1
- Aged 2
- Aged 3
- Aged 4
- Aged 5
- Aged 6
- Aged 7
- Aged 8
- Aged 9
- Aged 10
- Aged 11
- Aged 12
- Aged 13
- Aged 14
- Aged 15
- Aged 16
- Aged 17
- Aged 18

Child 3

Please select only one item

- Less than 1 year old
- Aged 1
- Aged 2
- Aged 3
- Aged 4
- Aged 5
- Aged 6
- Aged 7
- Aged 8
- Aged 9
- Aged 10
- Aged 11
- Aged 12
- Aged 13
- Aged 14
- Aged 15
- Aged 16
- Aged 17
- Aged 18

Child 4

Please select only one item

- Less than 1 year old
- Aged 1
- Aged 2
- Aged 3
- Aged 4
- Aged 5
- Aged 6
- Aged 7
- Aged 8
- Aged 9
- Aged 10
- Aged 11
- Aged 12
- Aged 13
- Aged 14
- Aged 15
- Aged 16
- Aged 17
- Aged 18

Q2b Which, if any, of your children have SEND? (Please select all that apply).

Please select all that apply

- Child 1
- Child 2
- Child 3
- Child 4

Q3 Do you use childcare and/or free early education for any of your children? (This includes informal childcare such as when friends or family look after your child(ren)).

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

About your children

Q4 Please tell us which children you use childcare and/or free early education for? (Please start with your youngest child).

	Yes	No
Child 1 (youngest child) <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child 2 <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child 3 <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child 4 <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Reasons for not using childcare

Q24 Which of the following reason(s) best describe why you do not currently use childcare? Please select all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- I am at home to look after my children
- My partner is at home to look after my children
- My children are old enough to look after themselves
- I do not trust anyone to care for my children
- There is no childcare available for my children's age
- My children are at school and my work fits around school hours
- I am not happy with the quality of childcare available
- I cannot find childcare that fits my working hours
- I previously used childcare and was not happy with it
- I cannot find childcare that meets my child's special needs
- I cannot find childcare that meets my child's cultural or religious needs
- Childcare is not welcoming to me and my family
- Childcare is in the wrong location or too difficult to get to
- The cost is too expensive
- I cannot earn enough to make it worthwhile financially
- I only need childcare on an occasional basis and this is not available
- I cannot find the flexible childcare I need
- Other, please give details below

Details for 'other' above.

Your youngest child in childcare or free early education

Please answer these questions thinking about your youngest child in childcare or free early education.

Q5 Does your youngest child in childcare or free early education have a special educational need or disability?

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

Q6 Which type(s) of childcare do you use for your youngest child in childcare or free early education? Please tick all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- After school club
- After school activity (like sport or drama)
- Breakfast club
- Childminder
- Day nursery (open all year round)
- Pre-school/playgroup
- School nursery class
- Holiday playscheme
- Holiday activity (like sport or drama, including the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme)
- Friends/family (other than partner)
- Nanny/au pair
- Other, please give details below

Details for 'other' above.

Q7 How easy or difficult was it for you to find childcare or free early education for your youngest child in childcare?

Please select only one item

- Very easy
- Fairly easy
- Neither easy nor difficult
- Fairly difficult
- Very difficult

Q8 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following aspects of childcare or free early education for your youngest child in childcare?

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not applicable
Affordability <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Location <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opening hours <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The way their individual needs are met <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flexibility (such as your child being able to attend different sessions to match your working pattern) <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amount of choice available <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transparency on fees, charges and invoicing <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your childcare arrangements overall <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q9a Would you like childcare or free early education to be available at different times for your youngest child in childcare?

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/not sure

Q9b If yes, what different times would you like? Please tick all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- Before 7 am
- 7 am to 8 am
- 8 am to 9 am
- 3 pm to 6 pm
- After 6 pm
- Saturday childcare
- Sunday childcare
- During the school holidays
- Overnight

Q10 Do you have another child using childcare or free early education?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes
 No

Your second youngest child in childcare or free early education

Please answer these questions thinking about your second youngest child in childcare or free early education.

Q11 Does your second youngest child in childcare or free early education have a special educational need or disability?

Please select only one item

- Yes
 No

Q12 Which type(s) of childcare do you use for your second youngest child in childcare or free early education? Please tick all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- After school club
 After school activity (like sport or drama)
 Breakfast club
 Childminder
 Day nursery (open all year round)
 Pre-school/playgroup
 School nursery class
 Holiday playscheme
 Holiday activity (like sport or drama, including the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme)
 Friends/family (other than partner)
 Nanny/au pair
 Other, please give details below

Details for 'other' above.

Q13 How easy or difficult was it for you to find childcare or free early education for your second youngest child in childcare?

Please select only one item

- Very easy
 Fairly easy
 Neither easy nor difficult
 Fairly difficult
 Very difficult

Q14 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following aspects of childcare or free early education for your second youngest child in childcare?

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not applicable
Affordability <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Location <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opening hours <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The way their individual needs are met <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flexibility (such as your child being able to attend different sessions to match your working pattern) <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amount of choice available <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transparency on fees, charges and invoicing <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your childcare arrangements overall <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q15a Would you like childcare or free early education to be available at different times for your second youngest child in childcare?

Please select only one item

- Yes
 No
 Don't know/not sure

Q15b If yes, what different times would you like? Please tick all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- Before 7 am
 7 am to 8 am
 8 am to 9 am
 3 pm to 6 pm
 After 6 pm
 Saturday childcare
 Sunday childcare
 During the school holidays
 Overnight

About childcare

Q16 How do you find out about childcare in your area? Please tick all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- Brighton & Hove Family Information Service/Family Services Directory
- Brighton & Hove City Council website
- Job centre
- Health service (health visitor, midwife, GP)
- Children's centre
- School
- Library
- Local advertising (leaflet, poster, local newspaper)
- Internet
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter)
- Friends/family
- Employer
- Other, please give details below

Details for 'other' above.

Q17 What are your reasons for using childcare? Please tick all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- So that I can work
- So that I can look for work
- So that I can study/train
- So that I can look after the home or other children
- So that I can go shopping/attend appointments/socialise
- For my child/children's educational development
- Because my child/children enjoy it
- So that my child/children can make friends
- So that my child/children can take part in different activities
- For emergency care only
- Other, please give details below

Details for 'other' above.

Q18 Do you receive any help towards the cost of your childcare from any of the following sources? Please tick all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- Childcare element of Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- Tax Free Childcare
- Employer childcare vouchers
- Care to Learn
- Free early education for two, three and four year olds

About free early learning/free childcare

Q19 Do you have any children aged two, three or four?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

About free early learning/free childcare

Free early learning

Two year olds from low income families, as well as those who are disabled or adopted from care, are entitled to 15 hours a week of free early learning at a nursery, pre-school or with a childminder from the term after their second birthday. All three and four year olds are also entitled to this, from the term after their third birthday. In addition three and four year olds whose parents are working are entitled to 30 hours a week of free early learning. Some providers offer fewer hours a week but all year round.

Q20 Do you use free early learning for your child?

	Yes	No	Not sure
15 hours a week of free early learning for some two year olds <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15 hours a week of free early learning for all three and four year olds <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
30 hours a week of free early learning for some three and four year olds <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q21 If you are eligible for free early learning but do not use it, what is the reason? Please tick all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- I don't want this for my child
- I prefer to have my child at home with me
- I cannot find a nursery, pre-school or childminder who provider who will offer me the free hours
- I receive help with childcare costs through Universal Credit/Working Tax Credit and so I don't need to take up the free hours
- Other, please give details below

Details for 'other' above.

Q22 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Not applicable
I am happy with the free session times I have been offered <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am happy with the choice of providers of free early learning <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It was easy for me to find free provision <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q23a Do you pay for any additional hours on top of your free early learning?

Please select only one item

- Yes
 No

Q23b If yes, why do you have additional hours on top of your free ones?
Please tick all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- I need more hours than the free ones in order to work/train
 I want my child to attend for more than just the free hours
 The way my nursery/pre-school/childminder offers their sessions means that I need to purchase additional hours in order to get the free ones
 Other, please give details below

Details for 'other' above.

Q23c Do you pay for any of the following services in addition to your free early learning?

	Yes	No
I pay extra for food, such as breakfast, lunch or snacks <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I pay extra for special classes or outings <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I pay for other services <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q23d Have you ever had difficulty understanding your invoice form your childcare provider, or the fees you are charged?

Please select only one item

- Yes
 No
 Not applicable

Q23e Have you ever had difficulty understanding the number of free early learning hours you are receiving for your child?

Please select only one item

- Yes
 No

About you

Q25 What is your postcode?

Q26 Which of the following best describes your household?

Please select only one item

- I have sole responsibility for my child(ren)
 I share responsibility for my child(ren) with someone I live with
 I share responsibility for my child(ren) with someone I do not live with

Q27 Which of these best describes what you are doing at the moment?

Please select only one item

- Employed full-time
 Employed part-time
 On maternity leave
 Self-employed
 Unemployed and available for work
 Retired
 Permanently sick or disabled
 Looking after the home/children
 Full-time education at school, college or university
 Other, please give details below

Q28 Do you receive any of the following benefits? Please tick all that apply.

Please select all that apply

- Universal Credit
 Working Tax Credit
 Income Support
 Employment and Support Allowance
 Job Seeker's Allowance
 None of these

Q29 Do you have any other comments about childcare in Brighton & Hove?

About you

The reason we ask these questions is so that we can

Make council services open to everyone in the city

Treat everyone fairly and appropriately when they use our services

In consultations, make sure that we have views from all across the city

The Equality Act 2010 makes these aims part of our legal duties. Your answers help us check that we have met the law and help improve services.

You do not have to answer these questions; however by doing so you will help us improve our services. The answers you provide will be collated with all equalities data we collect, thereby ensuring that individuals will not be identified. We will use this information in a completely anonymous and confidential manner and protect your information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

A How old are you?

B What gender are you?

Please select only one item

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to say

If other, please specify

C Do you identify as the sex you were assigned at birth?

For people who are transgender, the sex they were assigned at birth is not the same as their own sense of their sex.

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

D How would you describe your ethnic origin?

Please select only one item

- Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi
- Asian or Asian British: Indian
- Asian or Asian British: Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British: Chinese
- Asian or Asian British: Any other Asian Background
- Black or Black British: African
- Black or Black British: Caribbean
- Black or Black British: Any other Black background
- Mixed: Asian & White
- Mixed: Black African & White
- Mixed: Black Caribbean & White
- Mixed: Any other mixed background
- White: English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British
- White: Irish
- White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- White: Any other White background
- Other ethnic group: Arab
- Other ethnic group, please give details below
- Prefer not to say

Other ethnic group

E Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

Please select only one item

- Bisexual
- Gay
- Heterosexual/'Straight'
- Lesbian
- Other, please give details below
- Prefer not to say

If other, please specify

F What is your religion or belief?

Please select only one item

- I have no particular religion
- Buddhist
- Christian
- Hindu
- Jain
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Pagan
- Sikh
- Agnostic
- Atheist
- Other religion, please give details below
- Other philosophical belief, please give details below
- Prefer not to say

If other, please specify

G Armed Forces Service

	Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Are you currently serving in the UK Armed Forces? (this includes reservists or part-time service, such as the Territorial Army) <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Have you ever served in the UK Armed Forces? <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Are you a member of a current or former serviceman or woman's immediate family/household? <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

H1 Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

Please select only one item

- Yes a little
- Yes a lot
- No
- Prefer not to say

H2 Please let us know the type of impairment which applies to you

If you have more than one impairment please indicate all that apply.

If none of the categories apply, please select 'Other' and fill in the additional box.

Please select all that apply

- Physical Impairment
- Sensory Impairment
- Learning Disability / Difficulty
- Long-standing Illness
- Mental Health Condition
- Autistic Spectrum
- Developmental Condition
- Other (please specify)

If other, please specify

I1 Are you a carer?

A carer provides unpaid support to family or friends who are ill, frail, disabled or have mental health or substance misuse problems.

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

I2 As a carer, who do you care for?

Please select all that apply

- Parent
- Child with special needs
- Other family member
- Partner / spouse
- Friend
- Other

