

Childcare Sufficiency 2011-2014

Community Childcare Plan for Corsham

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Introduction

The Childcare Act 2006 (Section 11) places a duty on local authorities to undertake an assessment of the Sufficiency of Childcare in their area.

Sufficiency of childcare is defined as childcare that is sufficient to meet the requirements of parents who require childcare in order to enable them to take up or remain in work or to undertake education or training which could reasonably be expected to assist them to obtain work.

For a full analysis of the sufficiency of childcare in Wiltshire, please see the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2011 at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/childcare. The next full report will be published in April 2014.

For a full list of childcare available in your area please contact Wiltshire's Family Information Service at **ask** on 08457 585072 or visit www.askwiltshire.org. The **ask** website also contains lots of useful information for families including holiday playschemes, financial information and services available to parents.

1 Corsham community area profile

Corsham Community Area comprises the town of Corsham with a number of surrounding villages: Rudloe, Colerne, Box, Neston and Lacock. The military facilities at Corsham consist of five sites with around 2,000 personnel. Of the around 700 military personnel currently based at Corsham sites the majority are thought to live in the Corsham Community Area and around other military locations in North Wiltshire. The Corsham site is to be redeveloped under a recently finalized 25 year, £690 million PFI contract. The project will see an increase of around 200 civilian and military posts based at the site.

1.1 Population trends

According to Wiltshire Council population projections and 2001 Census data:

- The resident population was estimated at **19,170** for 2009
- Corsham has a population density of **222** people per km².
- The current number of 0-14s in Corsham is estimated to be around **3,500**.
- Wiltshire is developing a register of disabled children (The Key). The 2001 census data tells us that there were **99** children with a Limiting Long Term Illness (LLTI) in Corsham.
- At 2001 Corsham had **379** lone parents
- At 2001 Corsham had black and minority ethnic population of **1.0%**.

1.2 Deprivation (2007)

Corsham Pickwick (North) is within the most deprived 10% in Wiltshire in terms of 'health deprivation & disability'. There are small areas that fall in the most deprived 10% in Wiltshire in terms of income deprivation affecting children: Corsham Pickwick (North); and Corsham (South).

2 Corsham community area – key childcare tables

All provider data is correct as at Summer 2010 unless otherwise indicated.

Registered childcare places (0-7)

Table showing 0-7 registered childcare places (2010)

	0-7 population	Total registered childcare places	% of population aged 0-7
Corsham	1,880	758	40%
Wiltshire	42,130	14,681	35%
Highest % (Malmesbury)	1,520	783	52%
Lowest % (Westbury)	1,920	442	23%

Table showing 0-1 year old registered childcare places (2010)

	0-1 population	Total registered childcare places	% of population aged 0-1
Corsham	480	77	16%
Wiltshire	10,320	2,161	21%
Highest % (Downton-South Wiltshire)	330	148	45%
Lowest % (Salisbury)	1,080	144	13%

Table showing 2 year old registered childcare places (2010)

	2 year old population	Total registered childcare places	% of population aged 2
Corsham	260	167	64%
Wiltshire	5,300	3,332	63%
Highest % (Pewsey)	120	137	114%
Lowest % (Westbury)	250	75	30%

Table showing 3-4 year old registered childcare places (2010) (not just free entitlement places)

	3-4 year old population	Total registered childcare places	% of population aged 3-4
Corsham	480	300	63%
Wiltshire	10,460	6,276	60%
Highest % (Malmesbury)	380	333	88%
Lowest % (Trowbridge)	1,050	413	39%

Table showing 5-7 year old registered childcare places (2010)

	5-7 year old population	Total registered childcare places	% of population aged 5-7
Corsham	660	214	32%
Wiltshire	15,750	2,912	18%
Highest % (Corsham)	660	214	32%
Lowest % (Downton- South Wiltshire)	540	48	9%

Table showing 8-14 year old registered childcare places for breakfast care (with registered childcare providers) (2010)

	8-14 year old population	Total places in registered childcare settings	% of population aged 8-14
Corsham	1,620	42	3%
Wiltshire	40,790	517	1%
Highest % (Corsham, Downton-South Wiltshire)	1,620, 1,580	42, 49	3%
Lowest % (Melksham, Pewsey, South West Wiltshire)	2,520, 1,060, 1,820	3, 4, 3	0%

Table showing 8-14 year old registered childcare places for after school care (with registered childcare providers) (2010)

	8-14 year old population	Total places in registered childcare settings	% of population aged 8-14
Corsham	1,620	101	6%
Wiltshire	40,790	901	2%
Highest % (Corsham)	1,620	101	6%
Lowest % (Melksham, Pewsey, South West Wiltshire)	2,520, 1,060 1,820	12, 4, 4	0%

Table showing 8-14 year old registered childcare places for school holiday care (with registered childcare providers) (2010)

	8-14 year old population	Total places in registered childcare settings	% of population aged 8-14
Corsham	1,620	106	7%
Wiltshire	40,790	933	2%
Highest % (Downton-South Wiltshire)	1,580	156	10%
Lowest % (Marlborough, Melksham, Pewsey, South West Wiltshire)	1,880, 2,520 1,060, 1,820	4, 10, 4, 4	0%

Free entitlement places

Table showing 3-4 free entitlement places (2010)

	3-4 year old population	Total free entitlement places	% of population aged 3-4
Corsham	480	284	59%
Wiltshire	10,460	6,292	60%
Highest % (Malmesbury, Pewsey)	380, 280	367, 270	97%, 96%
Lowest % (Westbury, Salisbury)	1,040, 470	176, 405	37%, 39%

A lower percentage is not immediately a cause for concern as children don't take their free entitlement until the term after their third birthday and often go to school well before their fifth birthday.

Early starts and late finishes

Table showing the number and percentage of providers with early starts (before 8am)

	Number of childcare providers	Early start before 8am	% of providers
Corsham	58	14	24%
Wiltshire	1,050	300	29%
Highest % (Amesbury)	103	43	42%
Lowest % (South West Wiltshire)	34	3	9%

Table showing the number and percentage of providers with late finishes (After 6pm)

	Number of childcare providers	Late finishes after 6pm	% of providers
Corsham	58	5	9%
Wiltshire	1,050	122	12%
Highest % (Calne)	56	12	21%
Lowest % (Marlborough)	29	1	3%

Table showing the number and percentage of providers who care for over 8s

	Number of childcare providers	Care for over 8s	% of providers
Corsham	58	19	33%
Wiltshire	1,050	403	38%
Highest % (Westbury)	46	25	54%
Lowest % (South West Wiltshire)	34	8	24%

Table showing the number of providers stating they are able to care for children with additional needs

	Number of childcare providers	Number able to care for children with additional needs	% of providers
Corsham	58	32	55%
Wiltshire	1,050	577	55%
Highest % (Bradford on Avon)	41	27	66%
Lowest % (Pewsey)	29	13	39%

Cost and affordability

Table showing the average cost of a childminder (2010)

	Childminder average cost per hour	Highest cost per hour	Lowest cost per hour
Corsham	£4.01	£4.50	£3.20
Wiltshire	£3.67	£4.41	£2.85
Highest average (Bradford on Avon)	£4.10		
Lowest Average (Amesbury)	£3.23		

Table showing average cost of a preschool or playgroup (2010)

	Preschool average cost per hour	Highest cost per hour	Lowest cost per hour
Corsham	£3.82	£4.00	£3.67
Wiltshire	£3.71	£5.08	£2.87
Highest average (Pewsey)	£4.77		
Lowest Average (Westbury)	£3.18		

Table showing average cost of full day care nurseries (2010)

	Full day care average cost per hour	Highest cost per hour	Lowest cost per hour
Corsham	£4.22	£5.85	£3.40
Wiltshire	£3.91	£4.88	£3.27
Highest average (South West Wiltshire)	£4.90		
Lowest Average (Tidworth)	£3.03		

Table showing average cost of breakfast clubs (2010)

	Breakfast clubs average cost per hour	Highest cost per hour	Lowest cost per hour
Corsham	£3.30	£3.30	£3.30
Wiltshire	£3.56	£4.28	£2.79
Highest average (Salisbury)	£4.33		
Lowest Average (Chippenham, South Wiltshire, Melksham)	£3.00		

NB No breakfast club costs received for Pewsey, South West Wiltshire, Tidworth or Westbury.

Table showing average cost of after school clubs (2010)

	After school clubs average cost per hour	Highest cost per hour	Lowest cost per hour
Corsham	£4.83	£9.00	£2.67
Wiltshire	£3.59	£4.61	£2.91
Highest average (Corsham)	£4.83		
Lowest Average (Malmesbury)	£2.59		

NB No after school club costs received for Pewsey or South West Wiltshire. Only one provider in Tidworth provided costs.

Table showing average cost of holiday clubs (2010)

	Holiday clubs average cost per hour	Highest cost per hour	Lowest cost per hour
Corsham	£2.54	£3.00	£1.75
Wiltshire	£3.00	£3.59	£2.45
Highest average (Bradford on Avon)	£4.63		
Lowest Average (South Wiltshire)	£2.00		

NB No holiday club costs received for Marlborough, Pewsey or South West Wiltshire. Only one provider in South Wiltshire, Westbury and Wootton Bassett provided costs.

Table showing the number of affordable childcare places per low income family (2010)

	Total no. of affordable places	^Total no. of households	no. of low income house-holds with dependent children (0-16 year olds)	Number of affordable childcare places per low income household with dependent children
Corsham	561	8,277	394	1.4
Wiltshire	10,689	189,442	9,038	1.2
Highest number (Malmesbury)	655	7,321	273	2.4
Lowest number (South West Wiltshire)	201	10,945	612	0.3

*The hourly rate of £4.00 was used as an indicator for 'affordable childcare'. This is the approximate average figure provided for free entitlement funding. For information on making childcare more affordable please contact Wiltshire's Family Information Service (see introduction). Low income is a household income falling below 60% of the average income.

Quality

Corsham community area has no registered childcare providers rated as inadequate by Ofsted.

Table showing the number and percentage of providers with 'good' or 'outstanding' Ofsted inspection grades (2010)

	Total grades available	% Good/ Outstanding
Corsham	41	76%
Wiltshire	829	69%
Highest % (Bradford on Avon) (Malmesbury) (Salisbury)	26	81%
	31	81%
	64	81%
Lowest % (Melksham)	28	46%

Table showing the percentage of parents from the parent survey who were unhappy with the quality of childcare available

	Total responses to survey	Number of parents unhappy with quality	Percentage of parents unhappy with quality
Corsham	92	4	4%
Wiltshire	1,844	238	13%
Highest % (Westbury)	64	12	19%
Lowest % (Corsham)	92	4	4%

Some comments made by Corsham parents in the parent survey 2010:

Parents who state that their current childcare arrangements meet their needs	Comments from parents who state that their current childcare arrangements do not meet their needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am very happy with [the] holiday club because they take the children out for trips current nursery are flexible and make me feel that both my children and I are important the nursery we use is fantastic and are flexible wherever possible [my nursery] in Corsham is great pre school gives my daughter the experience to be independent in a caring environment very reliable childminder – invaluable flexibility of my childminder is absolutely crucial to enabling me to work part time at the moment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no transport between school and childcare and no childcare near school older children in particular would not be happy with the childcare that is available use holiday club 10 miles away 7am start would be a huge help.

Other relevant information

- Occupancy appears to be quite high for 0-4 places with about 90% of providers being over 50% occupied. For 5-7 year olds approximately 77% of providers are over 50% occupied and for 8-14 year olds the figure is about 55%.

3 Summary of local picture

This space is for childcare officers and other key partners to summarise the local picture.

General comments

The Corsham community area is well served with childcare for both children aged under five and over five which is provided by the private, voluntary and independent sectors. There seems to be a good balance of parents using childminders and nurseries and this is helping towards the provision of sufficient childcare places in Corsham **(updated by JG March 2012)**.

Childcare and childminding

There is currently sufficient childcare in this area for both the under 5's and the over 5's provision with care being provided by a range of providers. Throughout the wider Corsham area such as Box and Colerne there seems to be a balance of affordable childcare with a choice of private and voluntary groups. The number of places available in the Corsham community area does need to be monitored closely due to likely increases in demand for places.

The forthcoming Basil Hill development will bring increased employment in the area. This will increase the demand for more childcare places in the area. The MOD has made arrangements for this increase and has tendered out for a full day care nursery on the Basil Hill site. This will be open September 2012 at the latest dissolving any potential sufficiency issues and will support with the increase in funded two year old places in the area **(updated by JG March 2012)**.

There are now currently 36 registered childminders in the Corsham community area. Of these 36 registered childminders 9 are accredited to offer free entitlement to 3 and 4 year olds. There are now more accredited childminders and this will also support the increase in two year olds. Many offer flexible provision and will link into local schools to offer school holiday as well as before and/or after school care. Good links have been forged between childminders and Corsham Regis and Corsham Primary schools. Currently there are 3 more candidates waiting to become registered **(Updated March 2012)**.

Extended services comments (JH September 11)

All the primary schools in the Corsham area are at full core offer within the extended services remit. This means that every school provides childcare, breakfast, lunchtime and after school clubs or they have access to an external provider. Schools regularly consult with their parents to evaluate and monitor the needs of their families.

Family learning has been working extensively with the schools to provide courses and they also provide free childcare with the activity to enable every parent to access it. The Corsham School provides a variety of after school clubs but in particular is their Arts provision. Their artist in residence runs courses for students and parents which are accessible to the whole community and they also go do outreach workshops in the primary schools.

The Parent Support Adviser who will also help parents' access information whether it is childcare, after school and holiday clubs or letting them know about benefits and tax credits. The PSA's will also be able to highlight any gaps in the provision.

4 Action plan for county gaps – applicable to all community areas

	Goal	Action to address gaps	Responsible organisation/person	Date to be achieved	Monitoring & evaluation
	Develop new provision to fill identified gaps	Recruit childminders in areas of need and incentivise new and potential childminders to pick up from schools particularly for the 5-7 year old age group	Childcare officers	From April 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Link schools in rural areas to after school care and sharing transport where possible in areas of need. Use assessment criteria for sustainability funding (page 51 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Report 2011)	Childcare officers Extended services	From April 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Refer to data and information given by Children and Young People in the sufficiency assessment when developing childcare	Childcare officers Extended services	From April 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Ensure robust collection and mapping of out of school childcare data in schools and local areas	Family information service Early years team	July 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Respond to employment and demographic changes such as the military areas – tracking the movement of troops in particular the super garrison in Tidworth and Bulford and RAF Lyneham exodus.	Childcare officers Childcare providers	2011/12	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Develop more after school and holiday care/a safe place to be for 5-14 year olds, particularly the older age range (11-14) in all community areas	Childcare officers Extended services Schools Childcare providers	December 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Develop more holiday care for disabled children aged 8-17 (contributing to Aiming High for Disabled Children, the local offer, as well as working parents)	Childcare officers	December 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
	Adapt existing provision including special events	Promote and develop childcare that enables parents to work in school holidays (full days, every day, each week of the school holiday) and more atypical hours in military areas	Childcare officers Childcare providers	From April 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Continue to offer training to childminders and staff in settings and leisure centres to increase their confidence in caring for children with difficulties and disabilities	Childcare officers Bright Horizons	From April 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Continue to support and develop suitable childcare including leisure centres, mainstream secondary schools and out of school settings to make them inclusive with difficulties and disabilities	Childcare officers Childcare providers	From April 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Continue to work with providers and suggest possible ways of making provision more flexible and helpful to working parents	Childcare officers	From April 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times

					a year
		Ensure improved quality of some childminders through additional support	Childcare officers	From April 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Conduct annual activities to gather children's ideas for the development of childcare such as 'Max the cat'	Childcare officers	Summer term each year	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Develop differentiated and more enriching activities for older children in out of school club provision including childminders	Childcare officers Extended services Childcare providers	From April 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Continue the very successful Play Parties for disabled children aged 5-16 and expand across the county. Links to Aiming High for Disabled Children (AHDC)	Childcare officers	From April 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
	Improve communication and the provision of information	Improve communication and the provision of information about issues surrounding childcare to all parents. In particular young and ethnic minority parents for example translation and brokerage service	Family information service	From April 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Regularly promote financial assistance to pay for childcare including verbally, through leaflets, website advertising, press releases, bulletins, Job Centre Plus, employers etc. targeting parents taking up or returning to employment	Family information service	From April 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Develop an information strategy to address communication issues and encourage joint working between FIS, schools, extended services, childcare team and childcare providers	Childcare manager	By May 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Link childminders and other providers with schools where appropriate and encourage schools to activity promote the use of childminders and other available childcare, to parents, so that they can make an informed decision about returning to work or education	Childcare officers Schools Extended services Childcare providers	From April 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Ensure that all schools are using the extended services Quality Standards Assessment Tool and encourage improvement in practice regarding the childcare offer and communication with parents	Extended services Schools	From April 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year
		Link in with planning department, housing developments and the core strategy plan - 'Wiltshire 2026-Planning for Wiltshire's Future to plan childcare alongside employment and demographic changes	Childcare manager	From April 2011	Sufficiency meetings 3 times a year

5 Action plan to address childcare gaps in Corsham (March 2012)

Desired outcome	Action	By when	Person/s responsible for action	Complete/ ongoing
Monitor affordability	Ensure the committee run settings receive regular support and business health checks. These settings that charge at the lower end of the market are crucial for affordability	Ongoing	Childcare officer	
Increase awareness to parents of provision for children with difficulties and disabilities	Encourage settings to advertise inclusive practice by giving them advice on where, when and what should be advertised	Ongoing	Childcare officer Family Information Service	
Sufficient childcare	Support with the creation of a new nursery at the Basil Hill site. Support the childminders with accreditation and the 'Step up to two year olds' agenda in order to create more places for funded children.	September 2012	Childcare officer	
		Ongoing	Childcare Officer	

Planned projects which are relevant to developing childcare in Corsham

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