

Norfolk Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2016



Introduction

Norfolk's Statutory Duty



- Norfolk County Council is required to report annually to its elected council members on how it meets its duty under the Childcare Act 2006 and to make this report available and accessible for parents
- Local Authorities have a statutory duty to work with providers from the private, voluntary, independent and maintained sector to create sustainable, accessible, affordable and high quality childcare, sufficient to meet the needs of parents and carers and to say how any gaps in childcare provision will be addressed

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Key Findings for Norfolk

- Norfolk is growing and changing - 65,000 new homes and 45,000 new jobs over the next 10 years will impact on demand and calls for an expansion of childcare provision
- Currently there is generally sufficient 0-5 childcare to meet demand, with only a few areas with shortages and the quality of childcare in Norfolk is at its best ever
- Many families adapt their work pattern or use informal care such as grandparents or friends to manage their childcare
- Out of school provision is very limited but appears to meet demand
- Numbers of childminders in Norfolk are continuing to fall despite a local recruitment campaign. The total number of settings has fallen slightly with voluntary preschools accounting for the majority of closures

Key Findings for Norfolk

- Baby places are very limited with only 10% of children able to access a place
- There may not be sufficient 30 hr funded childcare places because of concerns over the new funding rate and a lack of capacity to expand. 50% of providers have already confirmed they will be offering the additional funded hours.
- Take up levels for funded childcare are high with 92% of 3 and 4 year olds accessing their universal free 15 hour place and 81% of eligible two year olds
- Early Years Foundation Stage results have improved by 4.3% from the previous year. 69.3% of Norfolk children achieved a good level of development equalling the national average
- 25% of funded providers have staff qualified to Level 7 – Qualified Teacher or Early Years Professional

National Picture

Providers of childcare



- ❑ The childcare market is dominated by single-site providers, with nursery groups forming only a minority of the market, despite trebling their nurseries since 2002
- ❑ Nationally the number of childminders is continuing to decline by around 9%
- ❑ Providers have a number of additional financial costs including the national living wage, pensions and rises in business rates which are impacting on their sustainability
- ❑ A new national funding formula is being introduced for April 2017
- ❑ There may not be sufficient 30 hr funded childcare places because Providers have been concerned that the new funding rate would not cover their delivery costs

National Picture

Parents

- ❑ Research findings show parents are confused and need information about changes to the free entitlement and childcare choices

- ❑ The cost of childcare in the UK accounts for more than a third of a couple's average household income (OECD)



- ❑ Some parents have had mortgage applications refused due to high outgoings on childcare costs

(Nursery World)

- ❑ The 30 hour entitlement is aimed at helping families by reducing the cost of childcare and supporting parents into work or to work more hours, should they wish to do so

Demand for childcare

There are: -

- 139,501 children in Norfolk aged 0 - 14
- 45,638 children are 0 -5 years olds (Oct 16)

For whom there are: -

- 15,591 Childcare places for children under five in Norfolk
- 13,237 Out of school childcare places for 5 – 11 year olds



Please note: Childcare places are very difficult to count accurately because providers often alter the age range of a place due to demand and there is no consistency on how places are counted when reporting on sufficiency. Places above are counted using the number of children who can access a provision at any one time. Up to 3 children may access each place throughout a week.

Demand

Take Up & Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

- 80% of eligible children in Norfolk took up their funded childcare place for two year olds in Autumn 2016 (2,394 out of 2,981)
- Nationally take up has risen by 10%. In Norfolk the trend shows take up has levelled off
- This means 619 disadvantaged children are not benefiting from accessing their free place
- Current take up of the entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds is high with 92% taking up their 15 hours per week funded childcare place
- 73% of parents surveyed said they would like to take up the 30 hours free childcare offer when it is introduced in September 2017
- There is currently no national benchmarked data relating to the Early Years Pupil Premium, however during Spring 2015 –Summer 2016 there were 2801 children in Norfolk who were in receipt of the EYPP

Demand

Introduction of 30 hours free childcare

Number of eligible children

- ❖ Total number of 3-4 yr olds in Norfolk is approximately 19,080 and 40% of 4 year olds are in reception classes in school
- ❖ Currently there are no exact figures for how many families will be eligible for the 30 hours of free childcare
- ❖ The Department for Education have said they anticipate 5,200 children in Norfolk will be eligible for the new entitlement
- ❖ Nationally, the estimate is that **42% of 3 and 4 year olds are eligible for the additional hours** equating to **390,000 children**, with the exception of London – where average eligibility is estimated to be at 34%

Demand

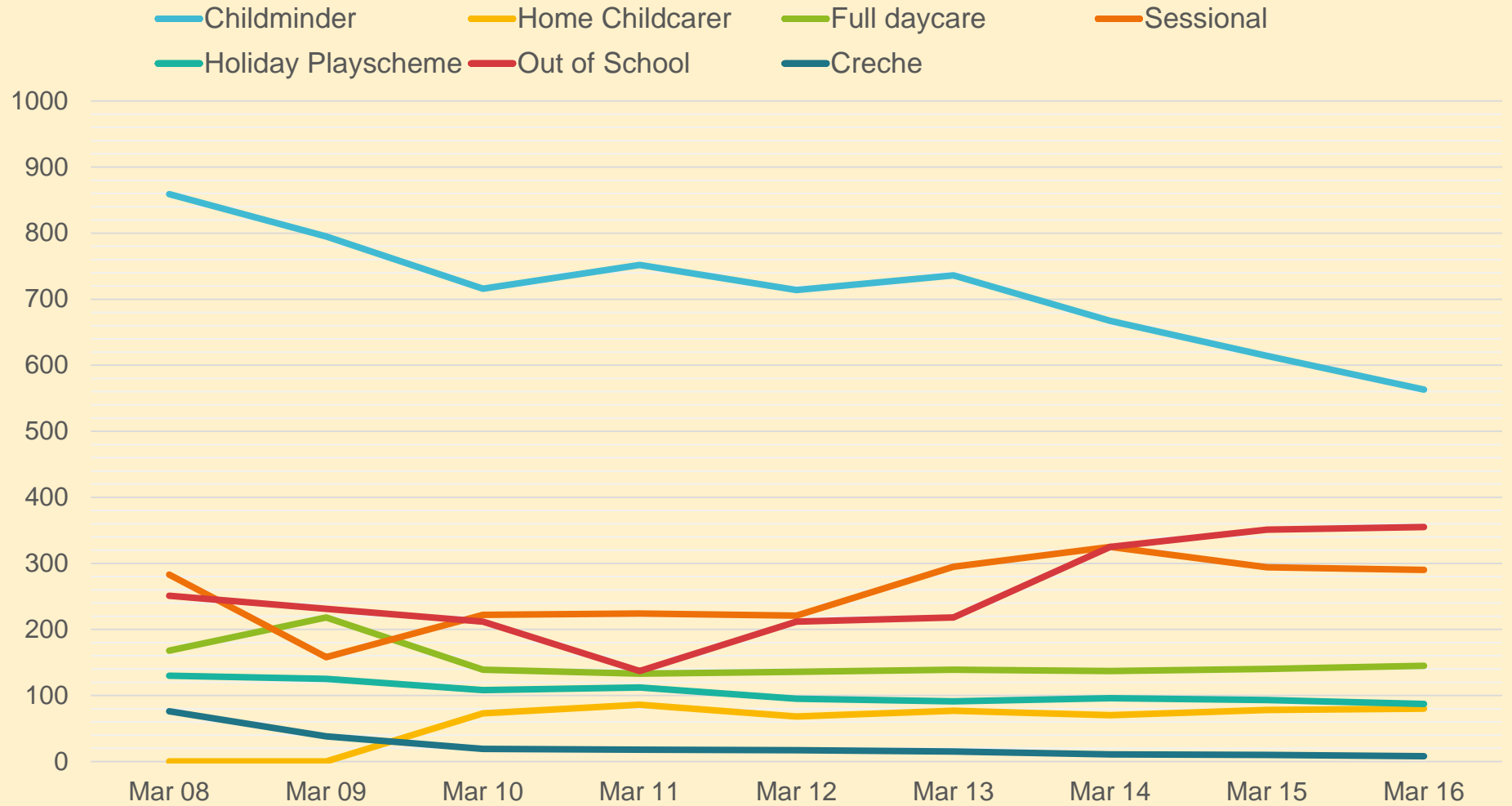
Introduction of 30 hours free childcare, Parent Survey results

In a county wide parental survey about the 30 hours free childcare from September 2017 carried out by providers in July 2016: -

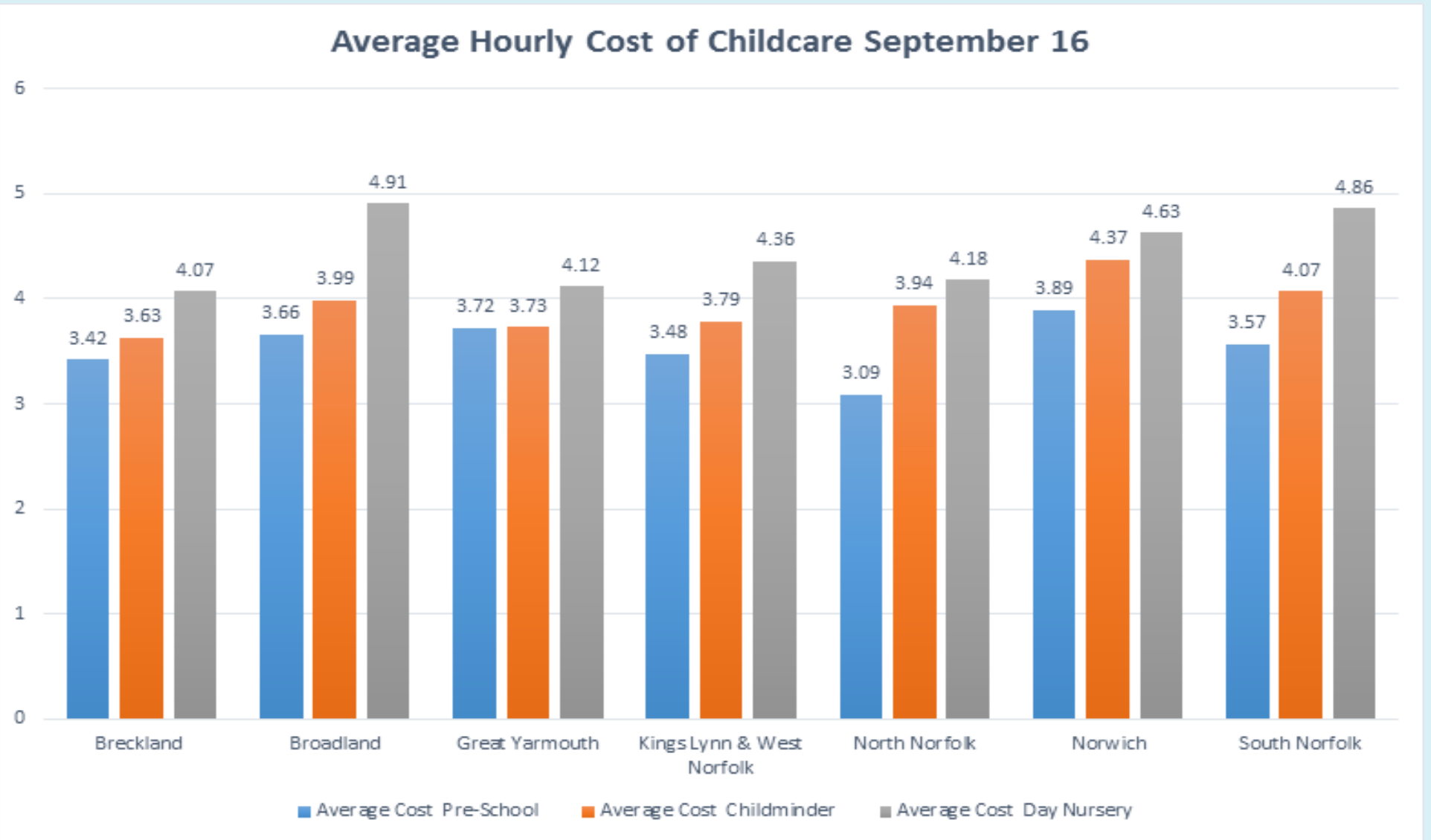
- 73% of those surveyed indicated they would take between 16 – 30 hours
- 16% say they are still needing to use more than 30 hours of childcare per week
- 11% wish to take the current 15 hours per week or below
- 57% of parents surveyed said they need all year round care, with those using day nurseries as the highest percentage
- No conclusion could be made about opening outside of the standard 8 am – 6 pm opening hours
- There was very little demand for weekend care

Supply Providers

Norfolk Childcare Providers March 08 - March 16



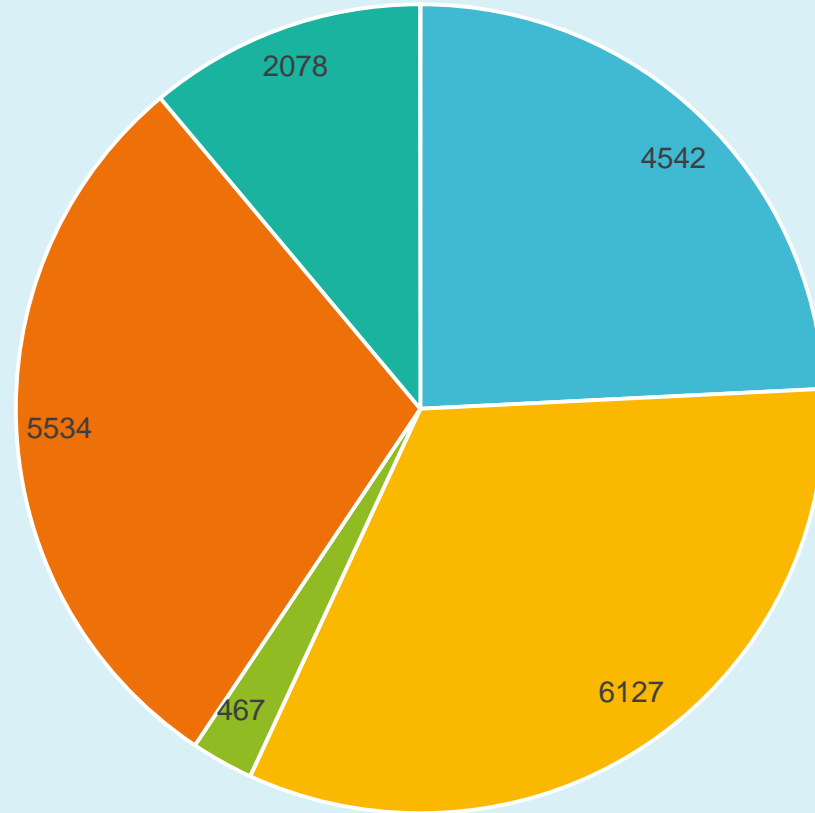
Supply Costs



Supply

Childcare
Places

Total Norfolk Childcare Places for 0-5 year olds - Sept 16



Childminders Day Nursery Nursery Unit Independent Pre-School Maintained Nursery Classes

Supply

Flexibility Opening Hours

Local authorities need to ensure that childcare is available to meet the needs of working parents. Most full daycare providers usually open 8 am – 6 pm. New guidance will allow for funded childcare to be paid between 6 am and 8 pm.

Analysis of opening hours suggest that overall childcare in Norfolk is flexible enough to meet the current demand of working parents, though this is linked to the higher than average part-time workers in Norfolk. Childminders are the most flexible, opening within a range from 5 am - midnight. The earliest day-care provider opening time is 6.30 am and the latest closing time is 7 pm. Preschools are less flexible.

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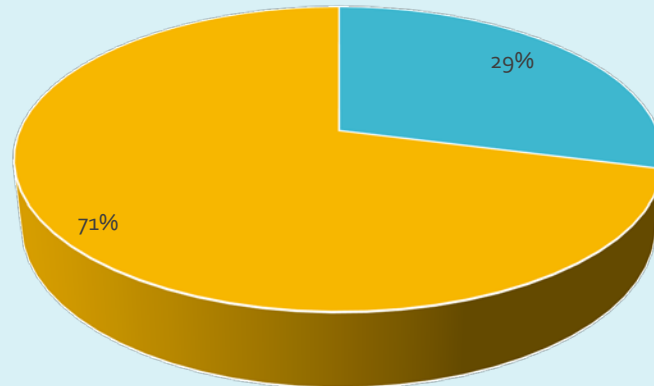
Flexibility Stretched Offer



In Norfolk childminders are more flexible in the hours that they work and are mainly open throughout the year which helps working parents.

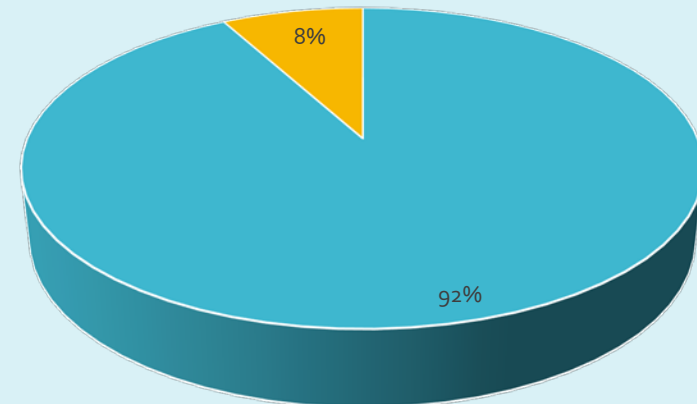
The majority of group childcare settings are only open during term times which will impact on the delivery of the 30 hours.

Settings



■ Open all year round ■ Term Time only opening

Childminders

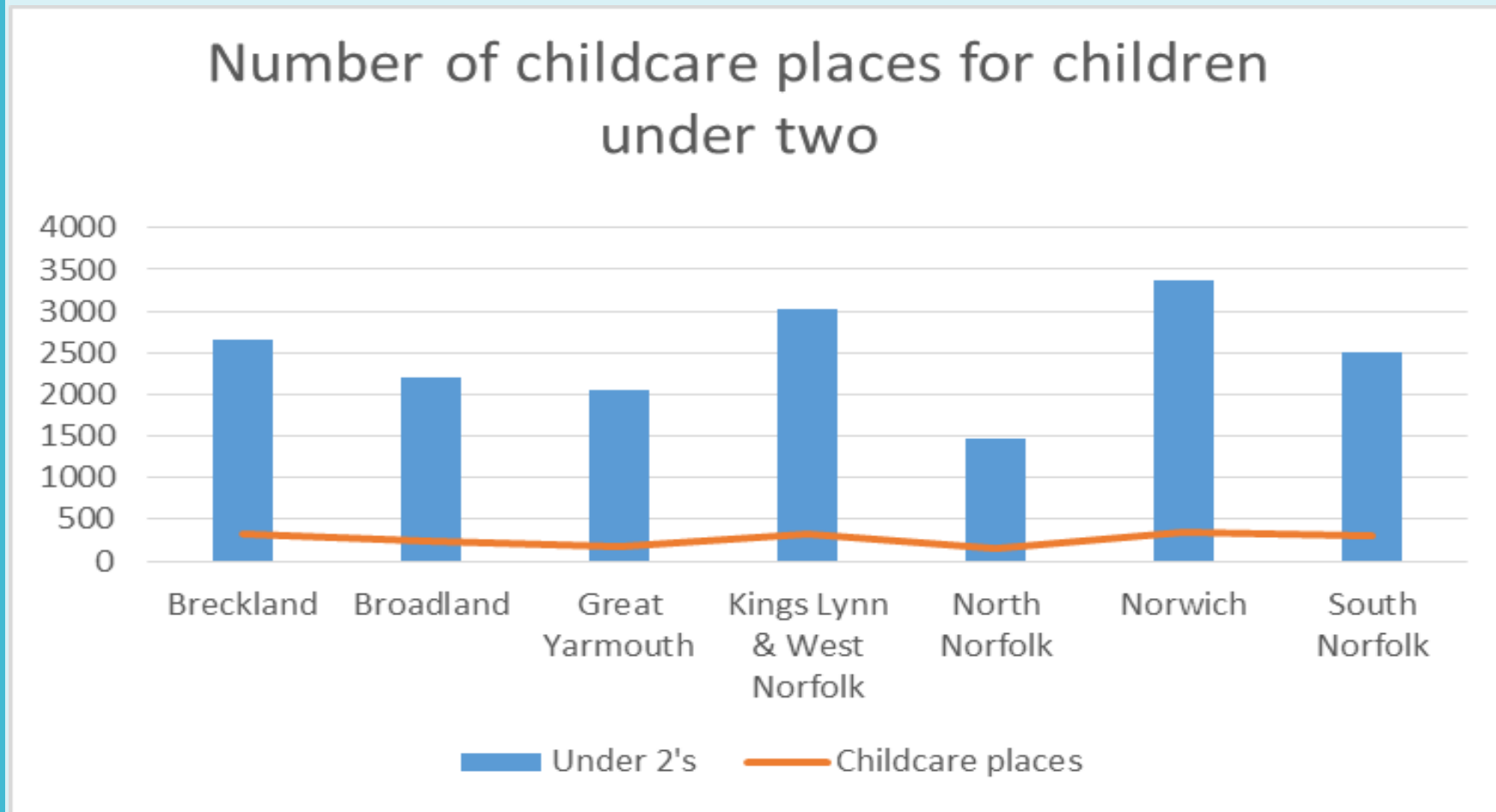


■ Open all year round ■ Term Time only opening

There is approximately one childcare place for every 10 children under two years old

Supply

Under two's Childcare Places



Supply

Funded places for eligible 2 year old

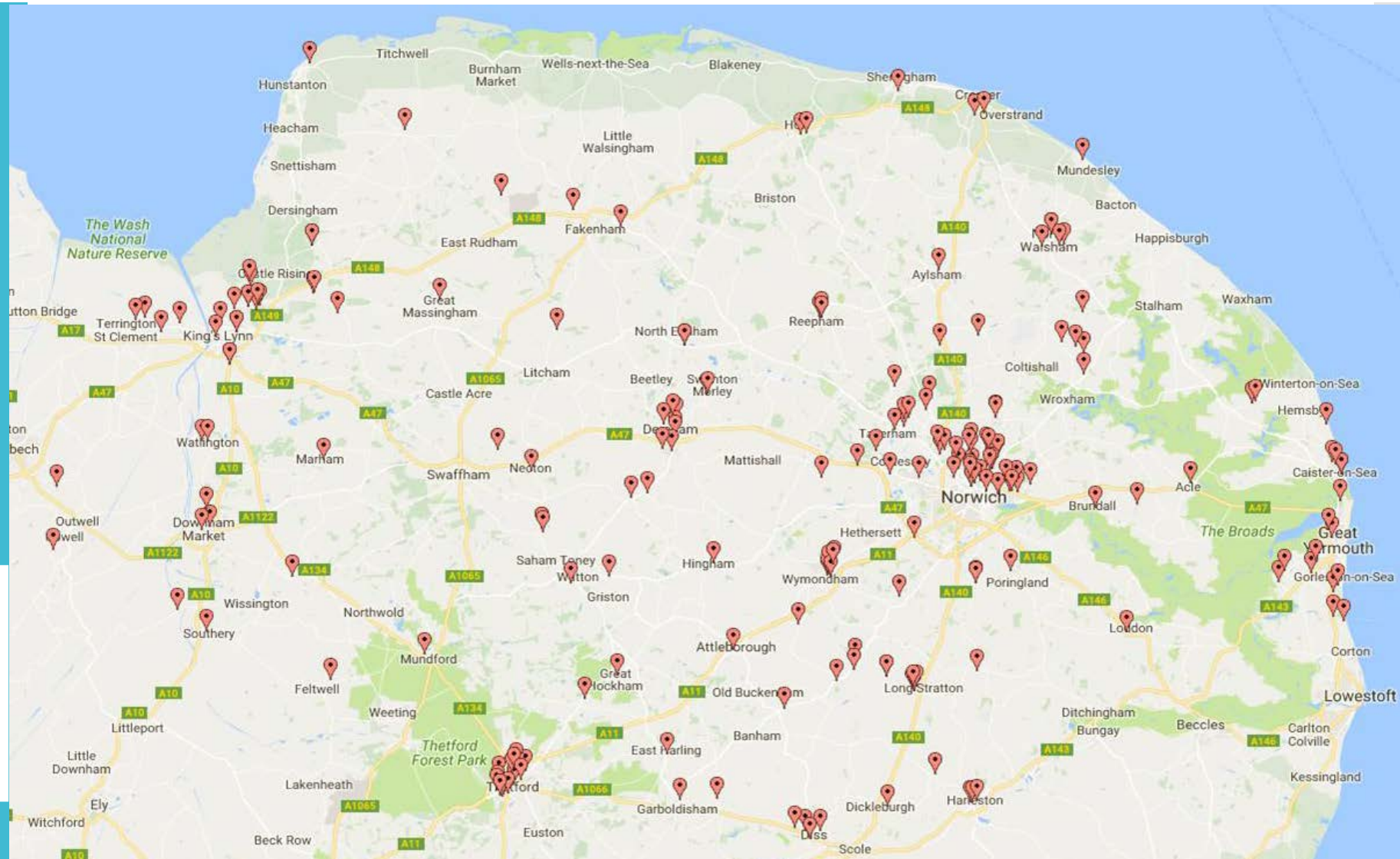


- In Norfolk 90% of eligible children access their funded 2 year old place with a provider judged 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted
- This is higher than the national average which is 84%
- A 2 year old place is worth up to £2,764.50 to parents
- From April 2017 a place will be worth £2,964

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30 hours funded Providers

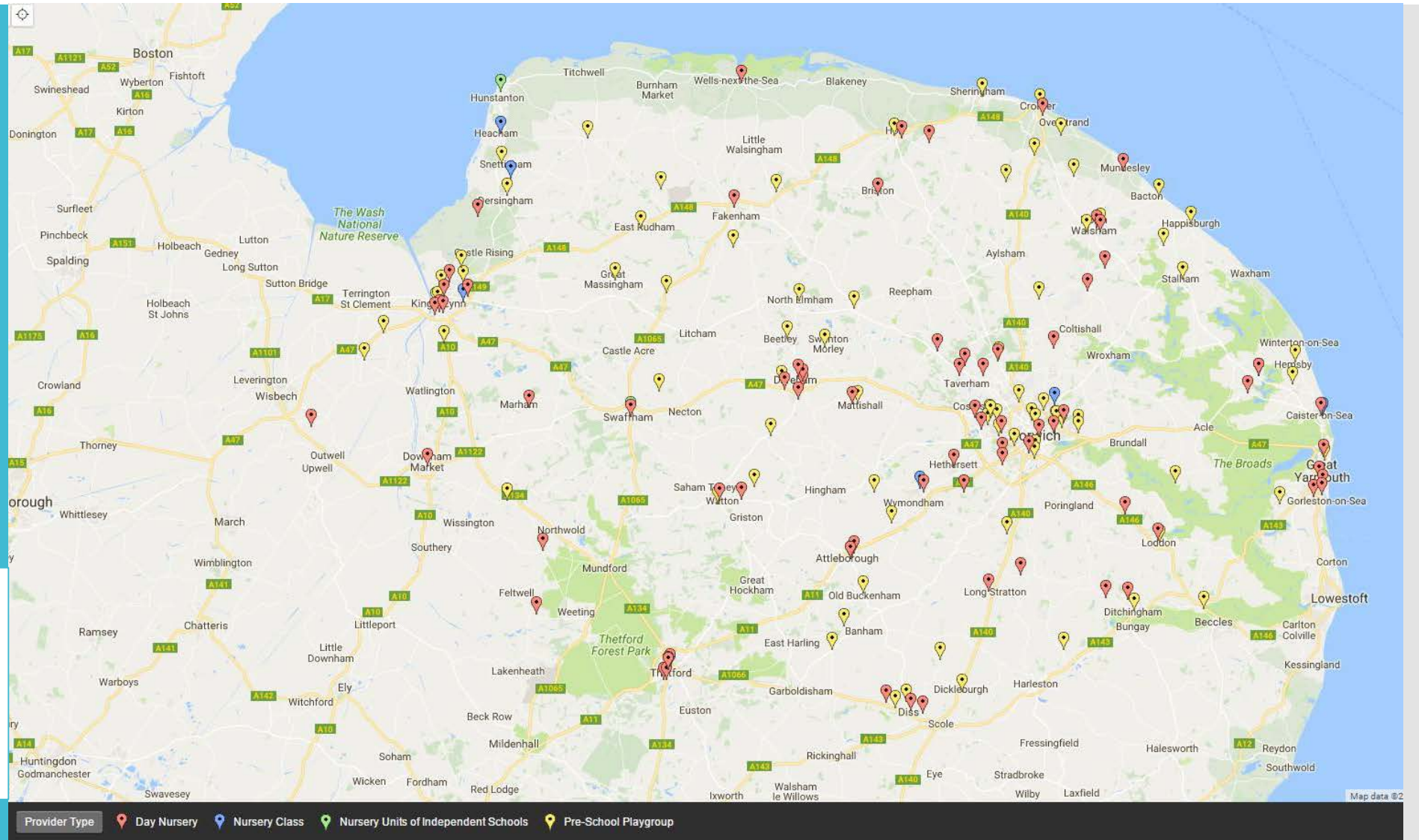
165 **Childminders** have
already indicated they will
provide 30 hour funded
childcare - 56% of funded
childminders



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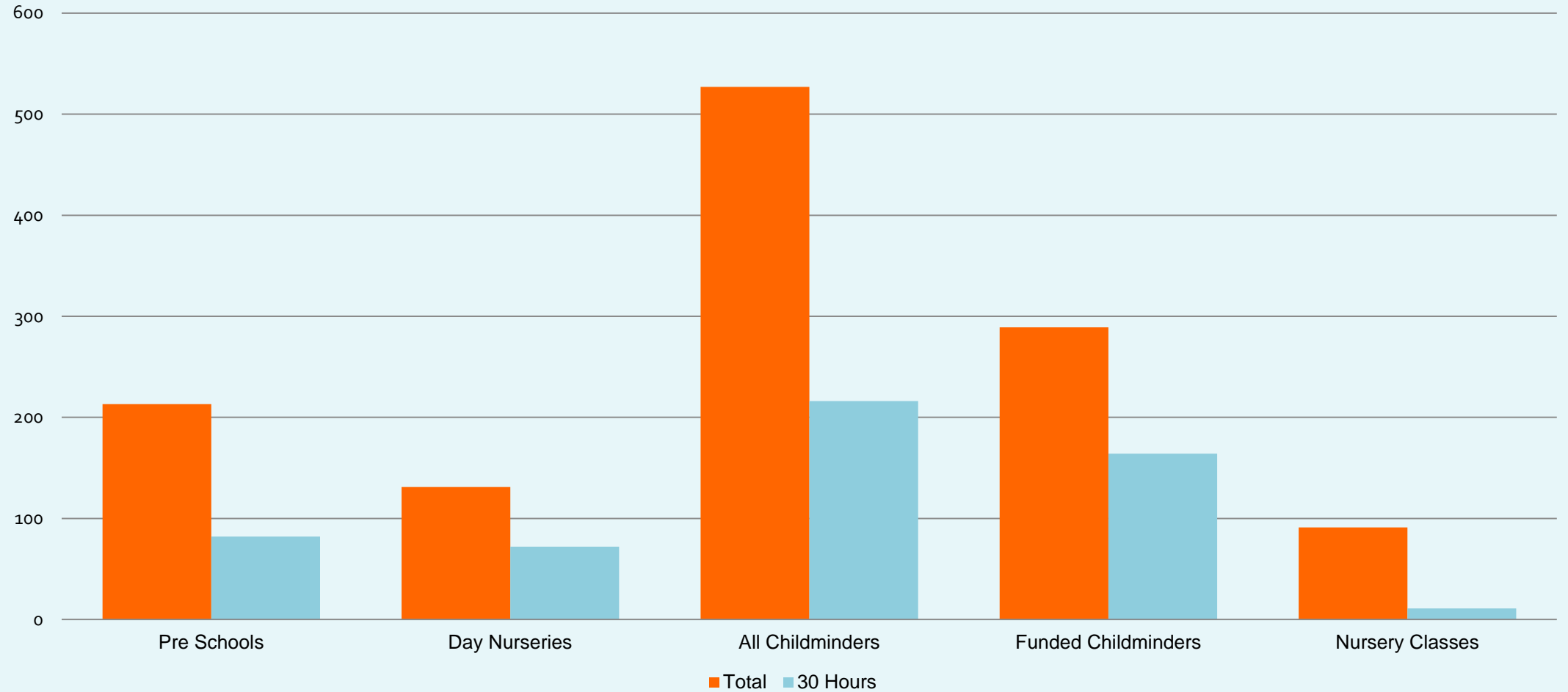
30 hrs funded Providers

168 **Settings** have already indicated they will provide 30 hour funded childcare –
40% of Preschools
56% of Day Nurseries



30 hours funded childcare providers

Childcare Providers planning to offer 30 hours



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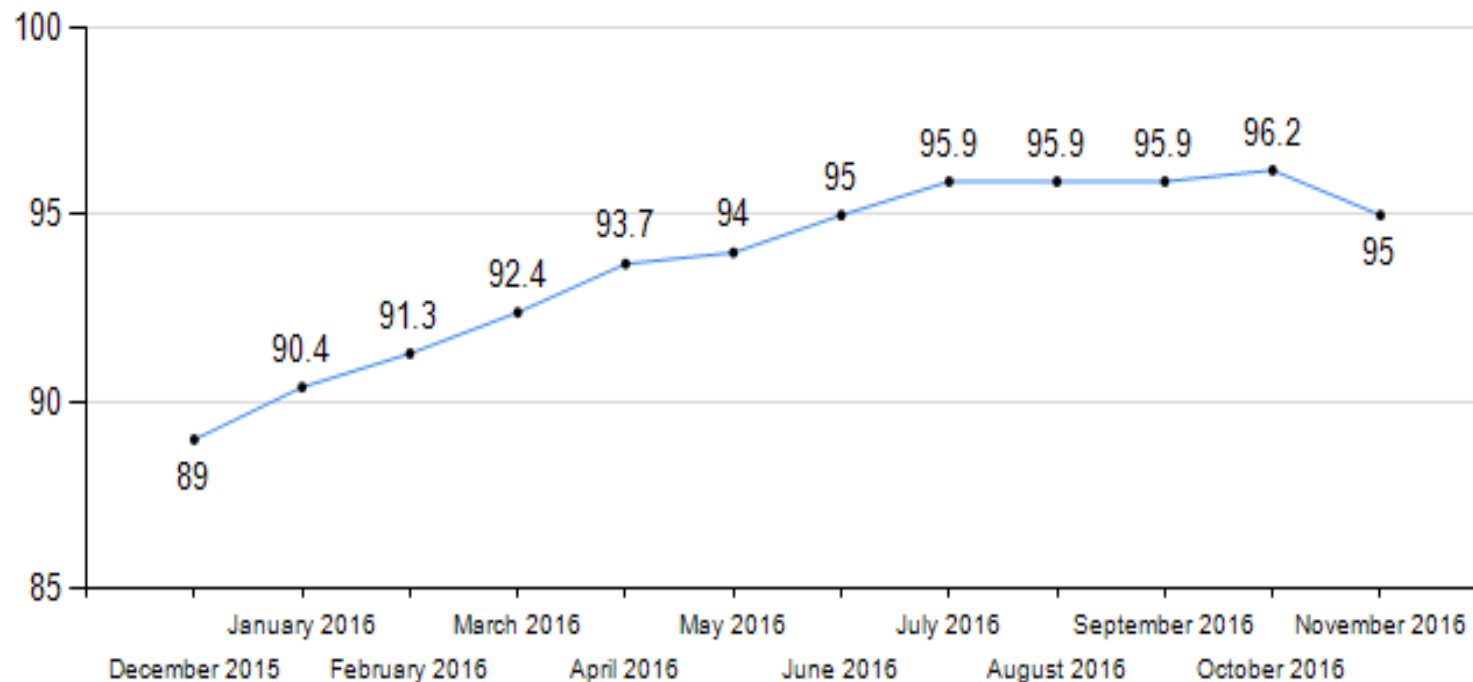
Quality

Percentage of Early Years providers that were Good or Outstanding in December 2016



Good	Inadequate	Outstanding	Requires Improvement	Total	Good / OS %
247	3	59	13	322	95.0%
76.7%	0.9%	18.3%	4.0%		

% Good or Outstanding by Month



Settings

352

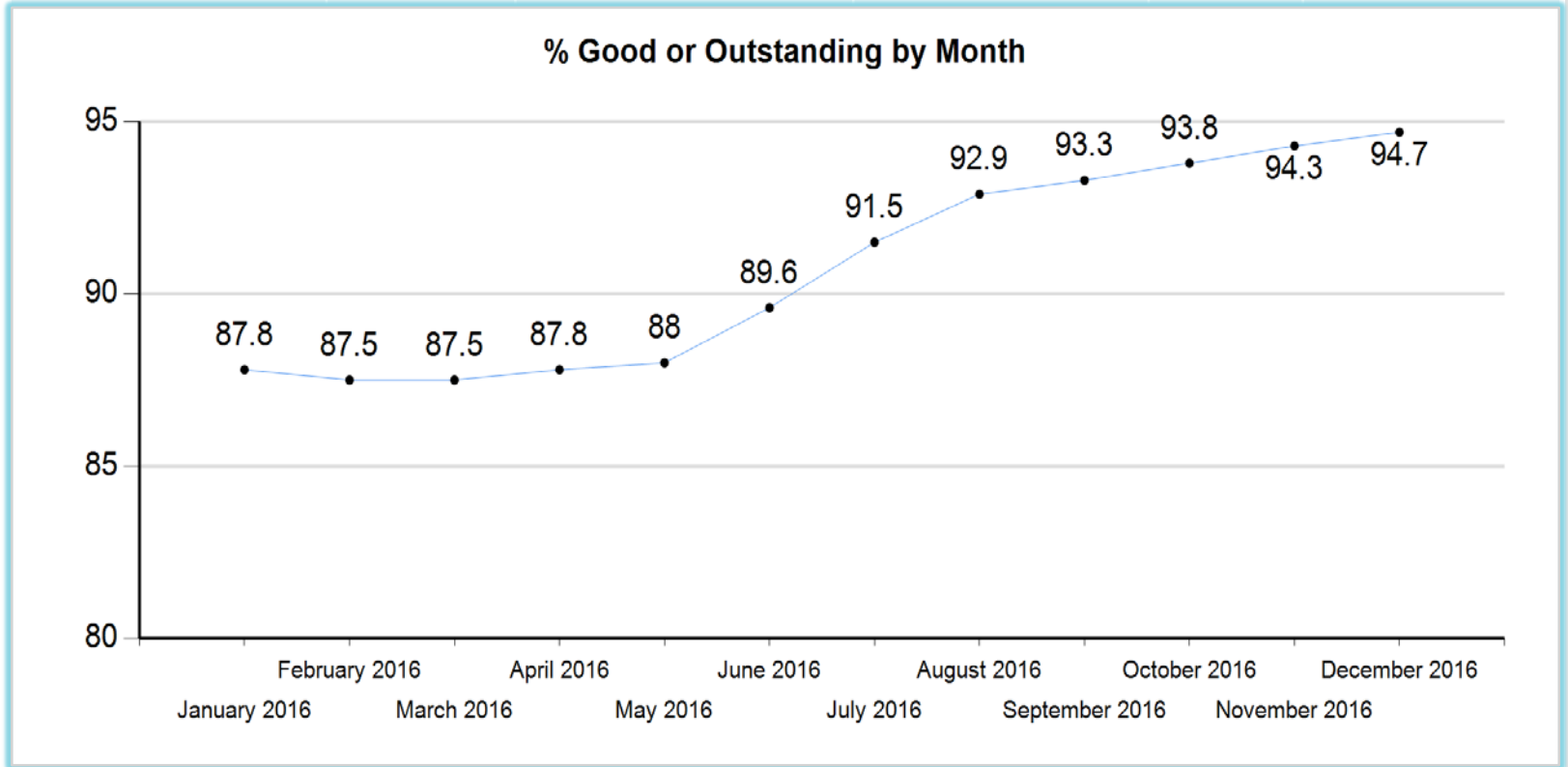
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Quality

Percentage of Childminders that were Good or Outstanding in December 2016



Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate	Total	Good/OS %
57	321	19	2	399	94.7%
14.3%	80.5%	4.8%	0.5%		



Total number of childminders

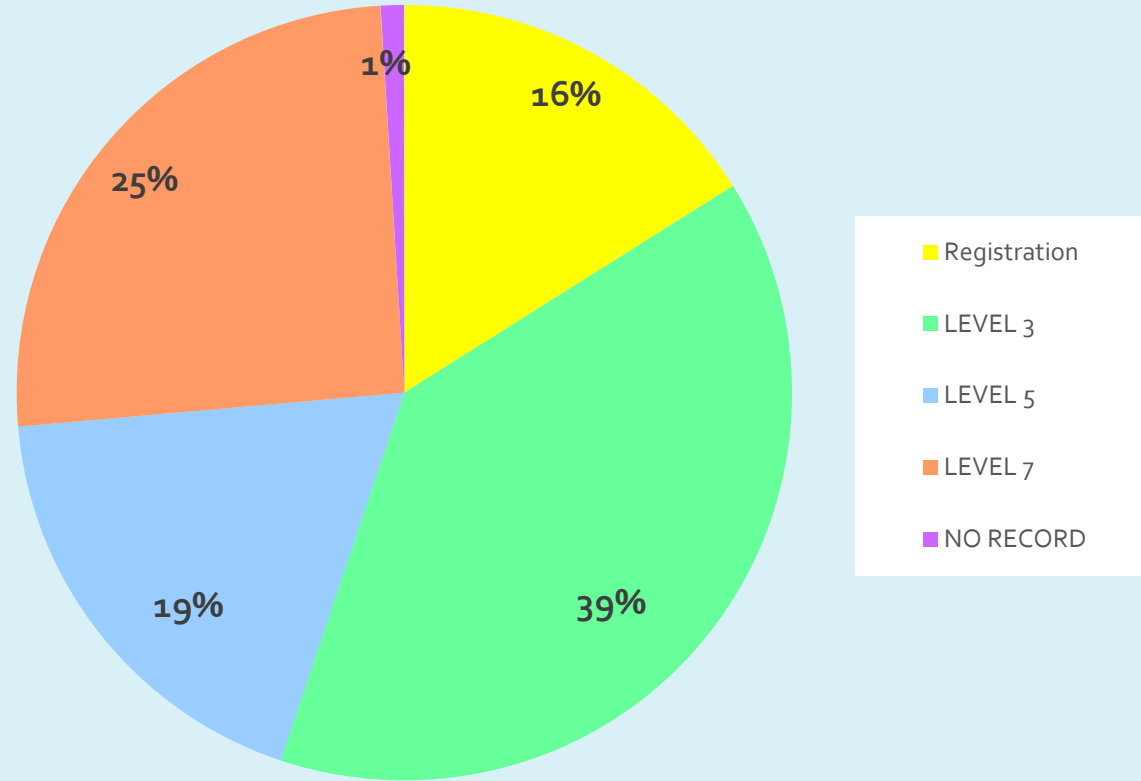
The Total Numbers calculation includes all providers not yet inspected

527

Supply

Quality -
Staff
qualification
levels

Funded Provider Qualifications - Summer 16



LEVEL 5 Includes practitioners qualified to Level 6

LEVEL 7 Data includes schools offering Early Education and EYP status

Supply

Accessibility
and Inclusion

Looked After
Children

Looked After Children accessing their Early Education Entitlement in Autumn 2016 term only

	City & South	North & East	West & Breckland	Norfolk
2 yr accessing	5	4	2	11
3-4 yrs accessing	14	8	9	31
Total accessing	19	12	11	42
Total eligible	47	23	29	99
Percentage accessing	40%	52%	38%	42%



Looked after children are less likely than their peers to access early education (Family & Childcare Trust)

Norfolk's Virtual School is liaising closely with social workers and foster carers to promote the importance of accessing preschool provision

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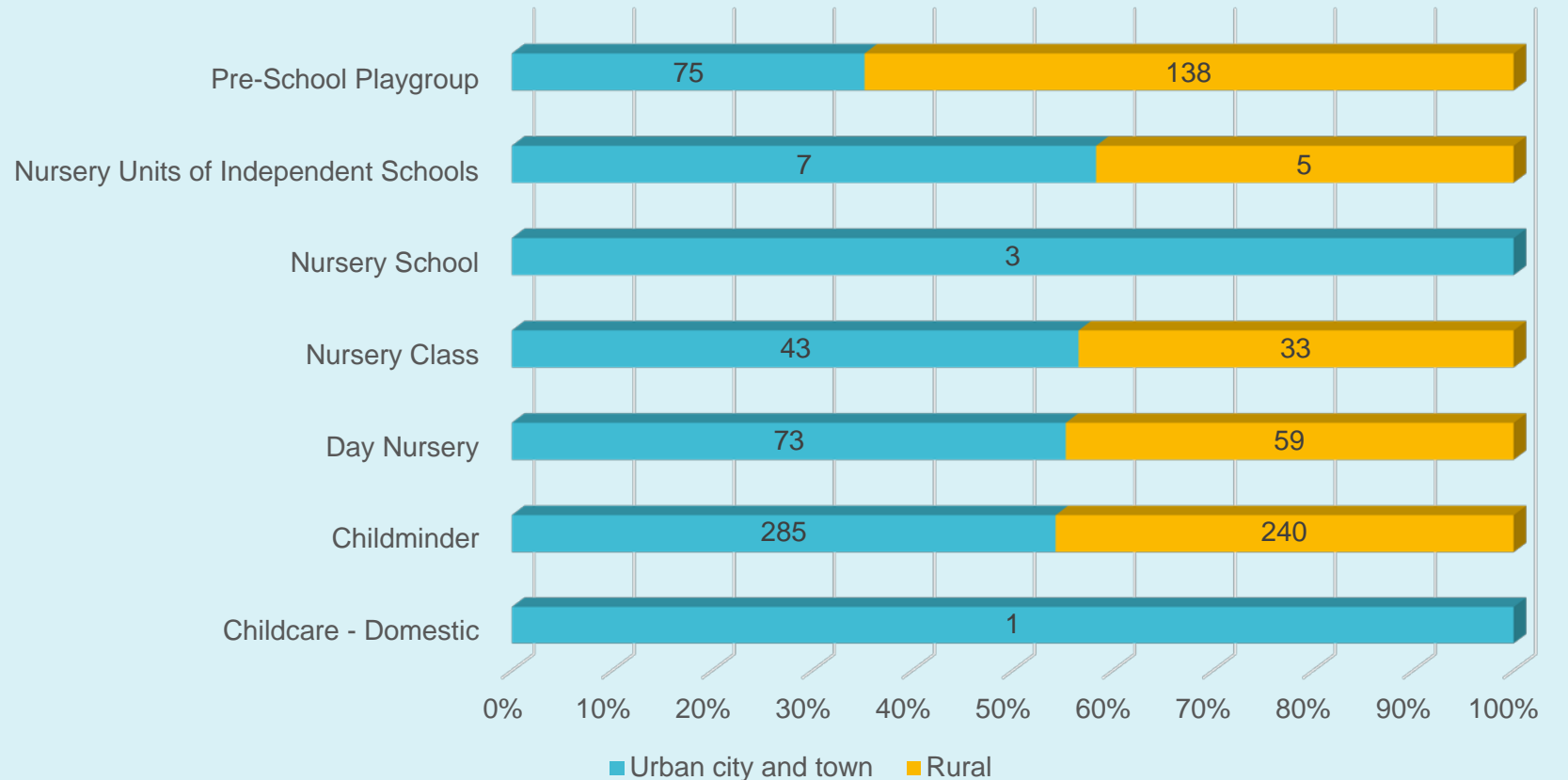
Accessibility
and Inclusion

Rurality

Rural childcare

- Over half of families in Norfolk live in a rural area
- These children are largely served by voluntary preschools

Urban versus Rural Childcare



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Accessibility and Inclusion

SEND/Disability

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity for children with a disability. Parents of children with special educational needs and disability (SEND) often find it difficult or challenging to access childcare

This may be due to parental confidence in the provider to meet their child's needs

Also some childcare providers may not be as confident in their own ability to meet the needs of children with high level medical need, particularly if they are a lone worker

To combat this Norfolk offers providers subsidised training, specialist equipment and access to specialist teachers offering advice, challenge when concerns are raised and guidance

Information is available to parents via the Family Information Service and the Local Offer. Children's Centres and the Portage Service also support parents

Discretionary funding is offered to providers for inclusion, once providers have made reasonable adjustments and between 651 – 863 children were supported through this fund this year

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Accessibility

Family Information Service



- To help parents find childcare, improve accessibility and to meet the Local Authorities statutory requirements, Norfolk Family Information Service (FIS) offers guidance and information about childcare by providing a free online, telephone and face-to-face service for families with children age 0-19 (age 0-25 with additional needs).

- <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/childcare-and-early-learning/family-information-service>

They maintain the details of over 1300 Ofsted registered childcare providers in Norfolk on the online Norfolk Directory

- <http://search3.openobjects.com/kb5/ncc/directory/results.page?directorychannel=1>
- They also provide the latest information and news for families, including local events and activities, via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Supply

Out of school
Childcare

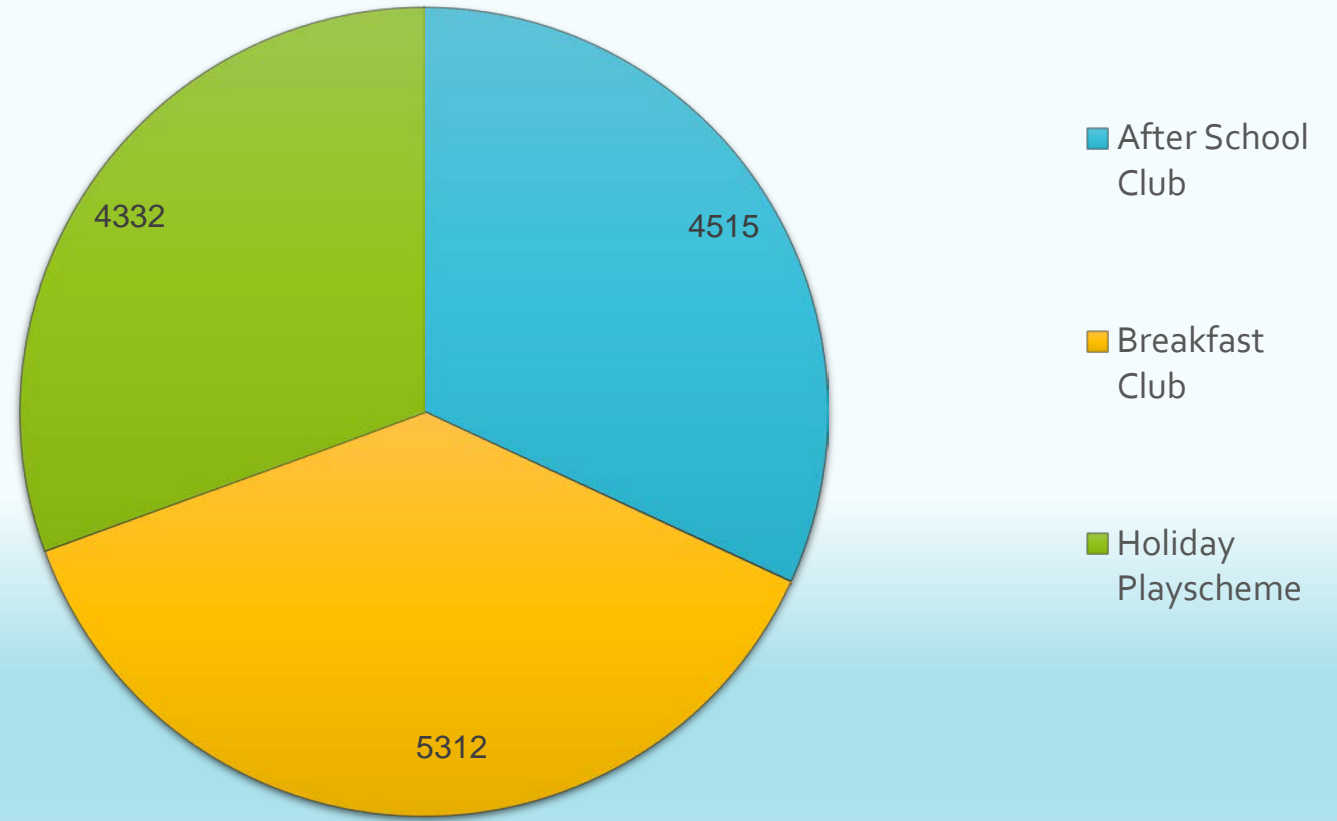


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Supply

Out of school Childcare

Norfolk Out of School Childcare Places in Norfolk -Sept 2016



Only a third of Norfolk's schools have an Out of School club and only 9% host a Holiday playscheme, which is lower than the national average

New 'right to request' DfE guidance says that schools should be asking parents every year if they need childcare provision

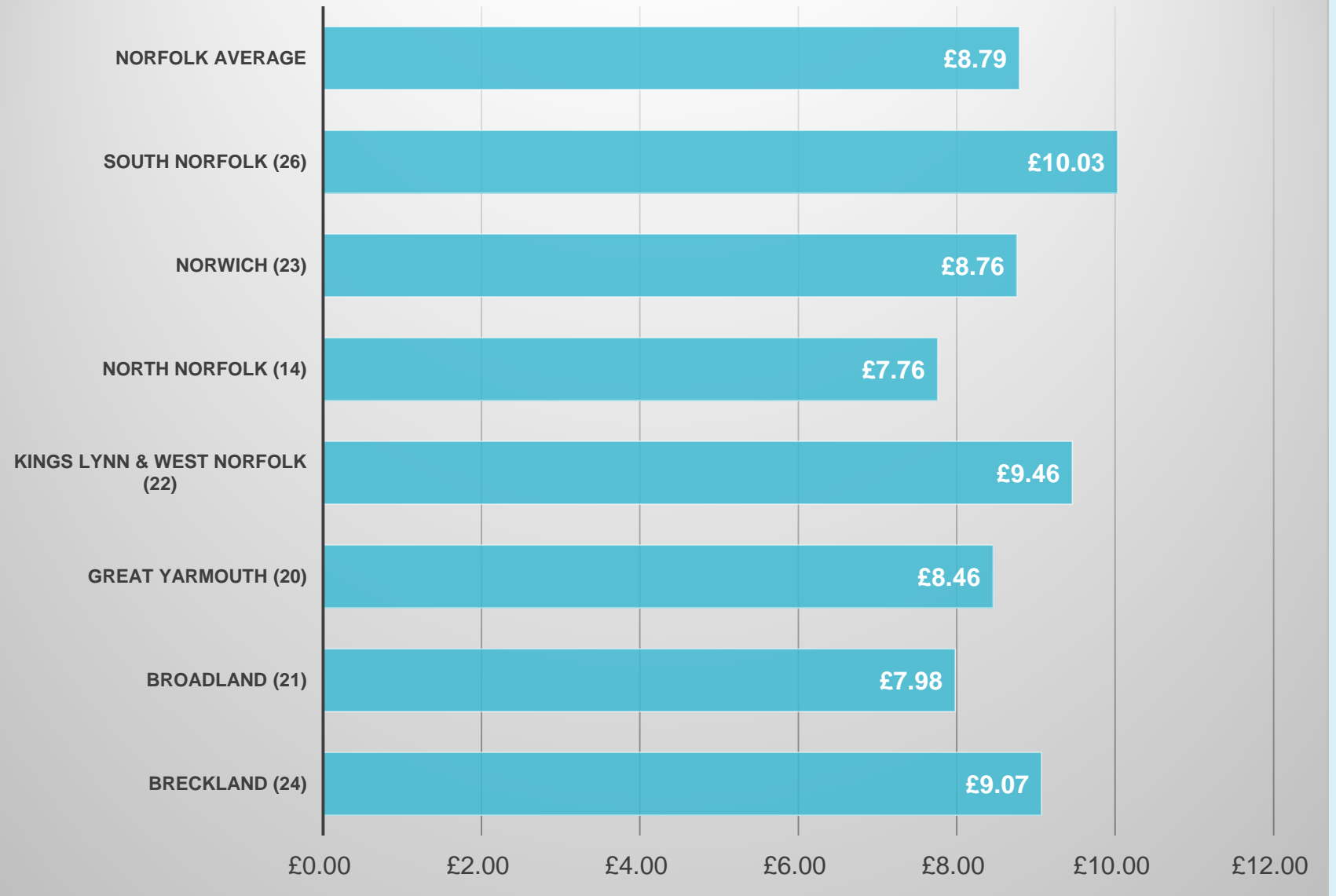
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Out of school
Childcare

Charges
(ASC)

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After School Clubs (ASC) - Charge per session



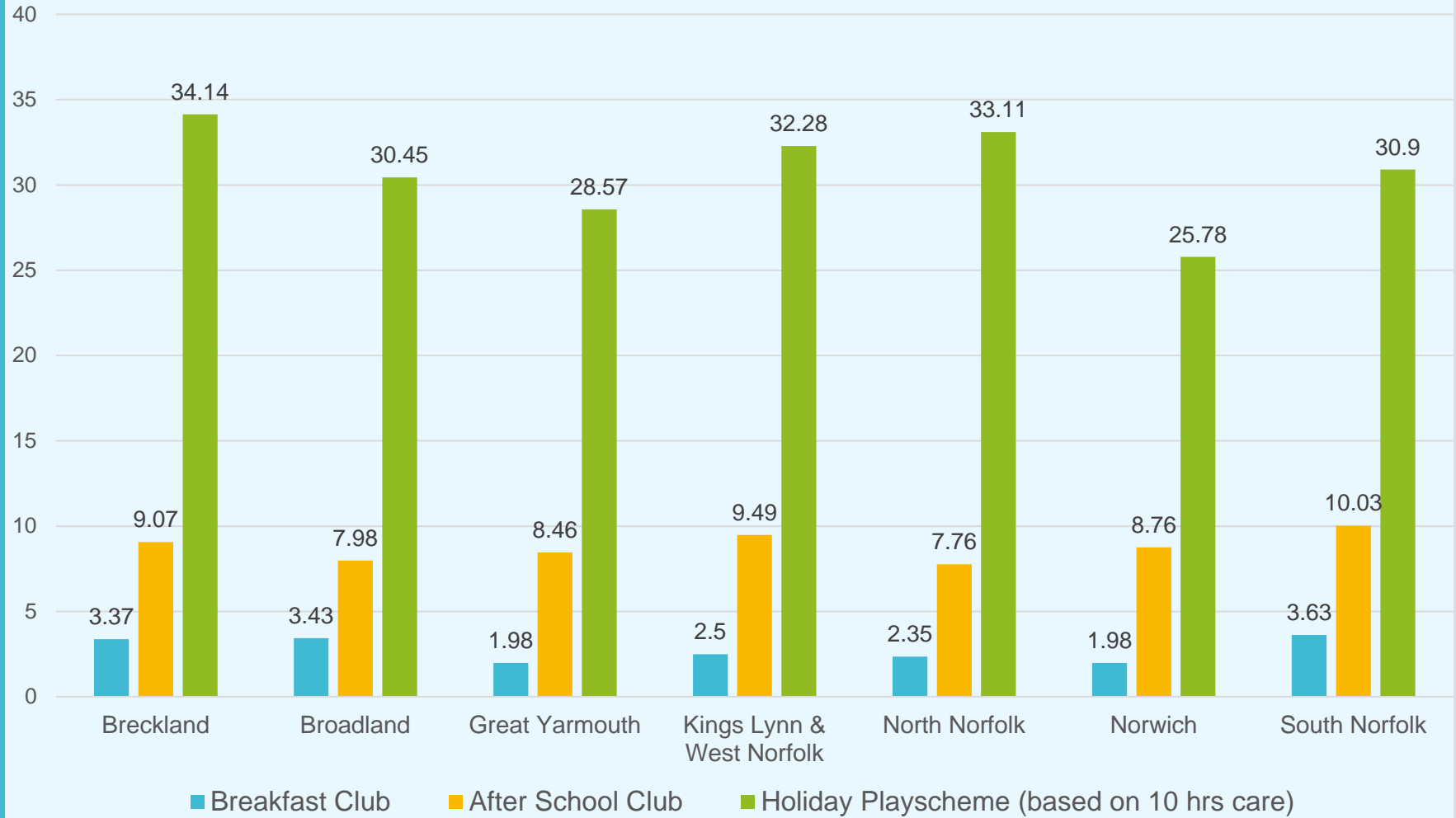
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Out of school
Childcare

Charges

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Out Of School Costs 2016 per District in Norfolk

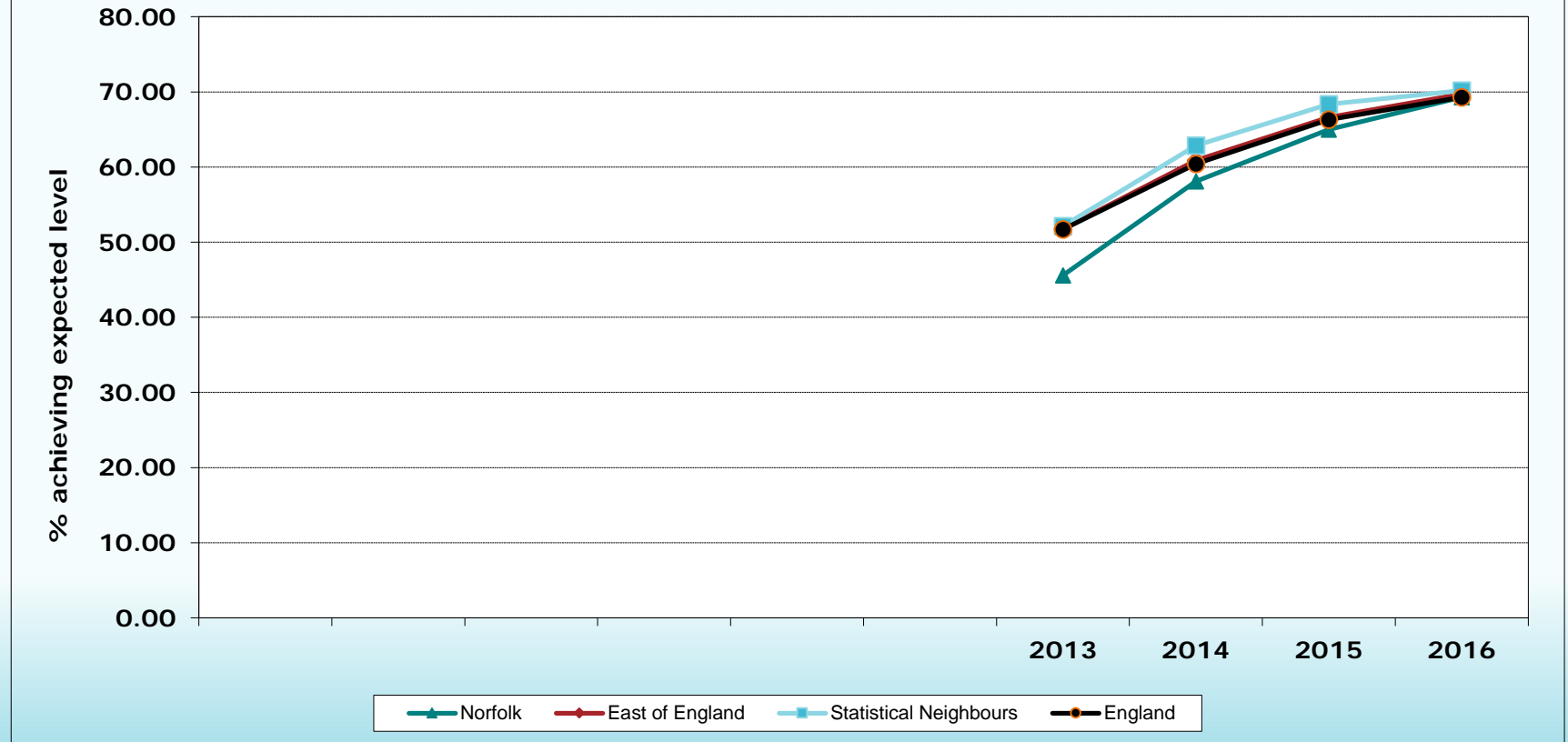


Outcomes for Norfolk's children

EYFSP

Comparison of children's results at the Early Years Foundation Stage

Percentage of children achieving good level of development in FSP



69.3% of Norfolk children achieved a good level of development - up 4.3% from the previous year

Actions

1. Ensure the two providers, who were successful in bidding for the Department for Education 30 hours capital funding, build new places for 3-4 year olds before September 2017
2. Plan for preschool growth within the Schools Growth Programme
3. Consult on and introduce new 3- 4 year old Funding rate for Norfolk from April 2017
4. Introduce new funding rate for 2 year olds - £5.20 per hour
5. Provide information to parents and providers on 30 hours entitlement
6. Continue to support parents seeking childcare
7. Encourage take up of funded childcare for Looked After Children and eligible two year olds
8. Support providers with their business planning to adapt to the changing market
9. Adapt current SEN funding support to align with new statutory requirement

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