

Mapping of Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Provision for children and families across the county, by the proposed indicative 9 geographical team base areas

This appendix provides a snapshot of provision that is available for children and families across the county. In particular this focuses on:

0-5 years: Sessions that provide social and peer support opportunities for parents and carers whilst also offering sensory, learning or developmental opportunities for babies and toddlers. This includes:

- **Toddler groups / stay and play sessions:** The majority are offered through the voluntary and community sector and run in community location such as church or village halls. The majority of these groups have a small fee (ranging from 50p through to £3.00) which often covers refreshments. A number are free of charge or run on a voluntary donation basis.
- **Sensory / music groups:** The majority are offered through small, private businesses which are often local franchises of national organisations. These tend to cost £5 - £8 per session. A smaller proportion are offered free of charge through community or Buckinghamshire County Council run libraries or the voluntary and community sector.
- **Messy play / craft sessions:** Some of these are offered free of charge or for a small fee through the voluntary and community sector and others are run as private businesses or franchises.

Children and young people (age 5 plus):

- **Social or Youth Clubs:** These are often provided through the voluntary and community sector and run in community locations. Most charge a small fee (£1-£3 per session) and a number also charge a small annual subscription. Some social or youth clubs are specifically run for children with disabilities or for young carers. The mapping has not included any specifically faith based youth provision, for example Sunday Schools or Madrasahs.
- **Craft / hobby / art activities:** Some of these are offered through the voluntary and community sector and are generally free of charge. Others are offered through private businesses. The mapping has not included any activities provided through schools or holiday clubs, which will also be offering this type of provision.
- **Drama / theatre groups:** Some of these are offered through private businesses and others are local, community run groups. The cost of provision varies but is not usually free of charge.
- **Support / advice:** This includes specific groups for children who are young carers or who have disabilities as well as organisations providing wider forms of advice for children and young people. These are generally provided through charities which do not charge for their services.

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- **Advice organisations:** This includes charities and voluntary sector organisations providing housing, debt, benefits, accommodation and legal advice.
- **Support groups:** These are predominantly support groups provided by the voluntary and community sector or charities which are free of charge, low cost (£1-£2 per session) or ask for a voluntary donation. It includes some groups set up to support parents of children with disabilities as well as charities providing relationship support. Private providers or parenting courses have not been included. It also includes coffee mornings or local support groups for expectant or new parents and carers. Private providers of birthing, antenatal or postnatal courses have not been included.

The mapping has been undertaken by combining information from a range of different sources¹ and then analysing how provision is distributed across the proposed 9 team base areas. It is difficult to accurately capture all provision, and in particular the following factors should be borne in mind when reviewing the information

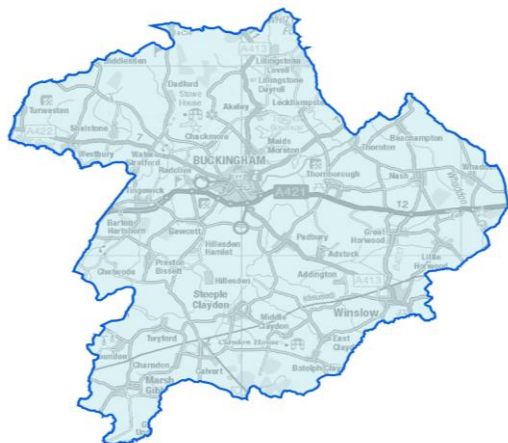
- The mapping has to a large extent been based on information that is available online. This means that it is unlikely to have captured those elements of the sector that do not have a clear online presence. There is also a need to be aware that online sources of information can sometimes be out of date, in particular as websites often rely on individuals or organisations updating their own information.
- Whilst provision has been mapped according to the proposed 9 new early help team base areas, this does not mean that it is only open or accessible to children and families within this area. Families may also find that provision in a neighbouring area is geographically closer to where they live.
- Only services located in Buckinghamshire have been mapped. However, those families living near to our borders may choose to access provision that is offered in another county and may find this is geographically closer to where they live.
- The mapping only includes national charities where they provide additional services in Buckinghamshire. There are a number of national charities that will be accessible to children and families across the whole of the UK through telephone or online help systems but these are not included in the mapping.
- There are a large number of classes such as baby massage, baby yoga, and fitness / relaxation classes for new parents and carers. These are most often run by private individuals or small businesses and often providers will put on classes in a particular area based on demand. Classes such as this have not been mapped unless they are provided by the voluntary and community sector.

¹ Key sources: Buckinghamshire Family Information Service; Community Impact Bucks database; Toddle About (online database and magazine of local activities for under 5's); Buckinghamshire County Council mapping of charities registered to operate in Buckinghamshire; Netmums online directory; checks across the websites of a number of individual organisations such as National Childbirth Trust; direct conversations with a number of organisations to get whole county estimates for some provision.

The following provision has not been mapped at team base level, but will continue to be available across the county:

- NHS healthcare provision for children and families, including health visiting and midwifery services, mental health services and integrated therapies (speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy).
- Antenatal / postnatal classes provided by the NHS. Within the third sector, the National Childbirth Trust (NCT) also provides a number of courses across the county. Provision from range of private providers and businesses is also available but is not included in the mapping.
- There is a strong sector providing sports and leisure activities for all age groups. This includes provision through leisure centres but also a large number of smaller businesses running dance and sport clubs. Only provision specifically for children with disabilities has been included in the detailed mapping. However, across the sector as a whole it is estimated that there are likely to be approximately 1,500 sports clubs in Buckinghamshire across all age ranges.
- A range of uniformed organisations provide access to group activities for children and young people. This includes:
 - 16 St John Ambulance groups
 - The Scout Association: 120 groups spread across the county (116 Scout sections; 136 Cub sections and 121 Beaver sections)
 - Girlguiding: 372 groups across Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes (90 Rainbows units; 169 Brownies Units; 85 Girl Guide Units and 28 Senior Section Units).
 - Sea and Army Cadets: 4 Sea Cadet and 1 Army Cadet Group

Given the factors and limitations outlined above, it is important to view this mapping as a snapshot of provision at the time the mapping was undertaken, the aim of which is to give an overall illustration of provision across the county.



Team Area: 1

Current Children's Centre areas: Buckingham;
Steeple Claydon

Age Group: 0-5

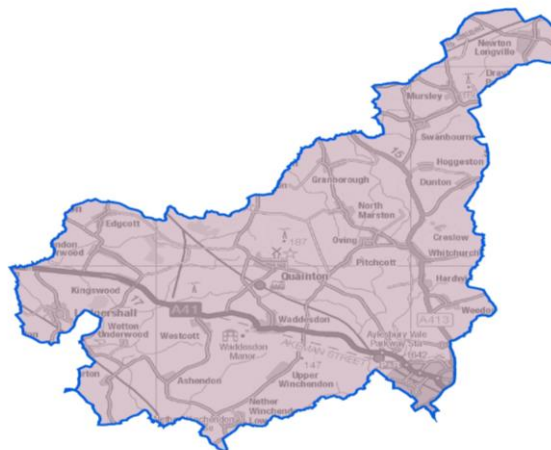
- 13 x toddler groups / stay and play / messy play sessions (all of which cost under £2.50 per session)
- 5 x sensory / music groups (1 of which is free of charge)

Age Group: Children and Young People (age 5+)

- 2 x youth / social club (One of which costs £1 per week)
- 1 x youth club for young carers (free of charge)
- 1 x youth club for children with disabilities
- 2 x theatre / drama groups
- 1 x sports club for children with disabilities

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- 1 x advice organisation (free of charge)
- 1 x support group for parents / carers who have children with disabilities (free of charge)
- 1 x community lunch club for all ages (free of charge)
- 1 x coffee morning for parents and carers (free of charge)



Team Area: 2

Current Children's Centre areas: Aylesbury
(Quarrendon); Waddesdon & Whitchurch;
Aylesbury (Bearbrook)

Age Group: 0-5

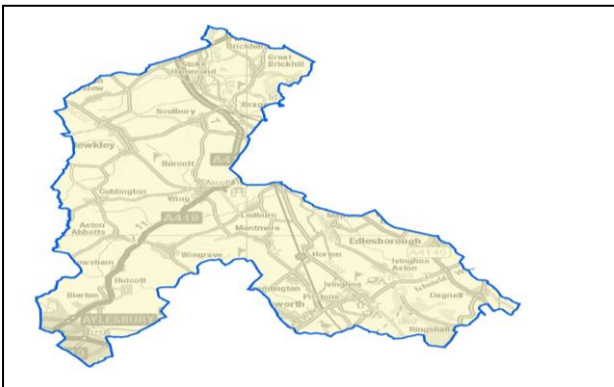
- 9 x toddler groups / stay and play / messy play sessions (7 of which cost under £1.50 per session)
- 6 x sensory / music groups (1 of which is free of charge)

Age Group: Children and Young People (age 5+)

- 2 x youth / social club (costing £2 per week)
- 1 x sports club for children with disabilities
- 4 x advice / support organisations – including for young carers / children with special educational needs or disabilities (free of charge)
- 2 x citizenship / work experience projects
- 1 x theatre / drama group for children with disabilities

Parents and Carers

- 1 x coffee morning for parents and carers (free of charge)
- 1 x advice organisation (free of charge)
- 1 x community lunch club for all ages including families (free of charge)



Team Area: 3

Current Children's Centre areas: Aylesbury (Oakfield & Bedgrove); Ivinghoe & Pitstone; Wing; Elmhurst)

Age Group: 0-5

- 12 x toddler groups / stay and play / messy play sessions (all of which cost under £2.50 per session)
- 4 x sensory / music groups

Age Group: Children and Young People (age 5+)

- 5 x youth / social club (costing £2.50 or less per week)
- 1 x theatre / drama group
- 1 x dance group for children with disabilities
- 2 x sports and activity service for children with disabilities
- 1 x citizenship / work experience projects

Parents and Carers

- 2 x coffee mornings for parents and carers (One free of charge, the other £2 per family)
- 1 x advice organisation (free of charge)



Team Area: 4

Current Children's Centre areas: Aylesbury (Southcourt); Wendover; Haddenham

Age Group: 0-5

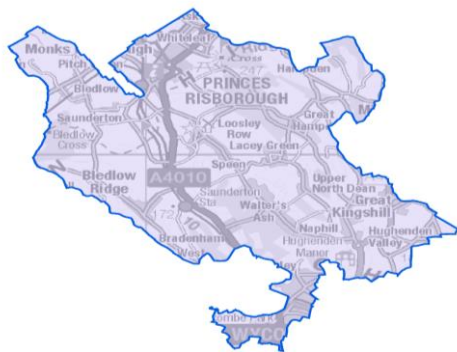
- 8 x toddler groups / stay and play sessions (all of which are free / donation / small charge per family)
- 4 x messy play sessions
- 17 x sensory / music groups (3 of which are free of charge)
- 1 x sports group for toddlers with disabilities

Age Group: Children and Young People (age 5+)

- 10 x youth / social club (all of which cost £2.50 or less per week)
- 2 x social / support groups for children with disabilities
- 9 x sports or activity clubs for children with disabilities
- 5 x hobby / art / craft / messy play venues (3 of which cost £1 or less)
- 1 x community volunteer organisation
- 6 x theatre / drama groups (one of which is free of charge)
- 1 x theatre / drama groups for children with disabilities
- 1 x advice / support organisation

Parents and Carers

- 3 x groups for male parents / carers (all which cost under £2 per session)
- 2 x support groups - parents of children with disabilities & Looked after or Adopted Children (both free of charge)
- 2 x advice organisation



Team Area: 5

Current Children's Centre areas: Princes Risborough, Millbrook

Age Group: 0-5

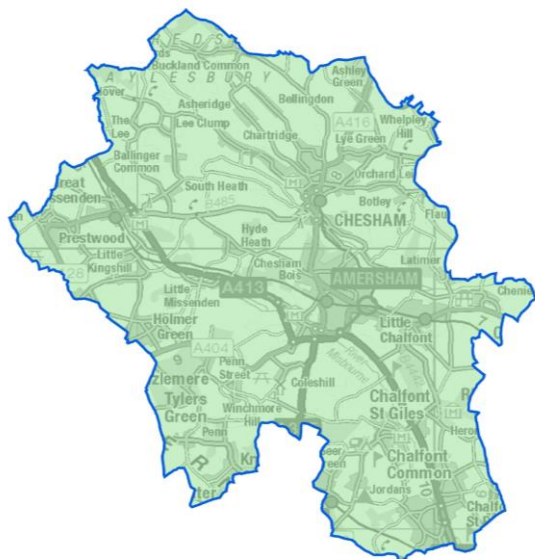
- 5 x toddler groups / stay and play sessions (all of which cost £1 or less per session)
- 9 x sensory / music groups (3 of which are free of charge)

Age Group: Children and Young People (age 5+)

- 4 x youth / social clubs (all of which cost under £2.50 per session)
- 1 x theatre / drama group
- 1 x sports club for disabled children
- 1 x hobby / craft sessions / sessions (free of charge)

Parents and Carers

- 1 x breastfeeding support organisation (free of charge)
- 2 x coffee morning / group for parents / carers (both under £2.50 per session)
- 1 x parenting / family support organisation



Team Area: 6

Current Children's Centre areas: Prestwood & Missenden; Chesham (Newtown); Chesham (Waterside); Amersham

Age Group: 0-5

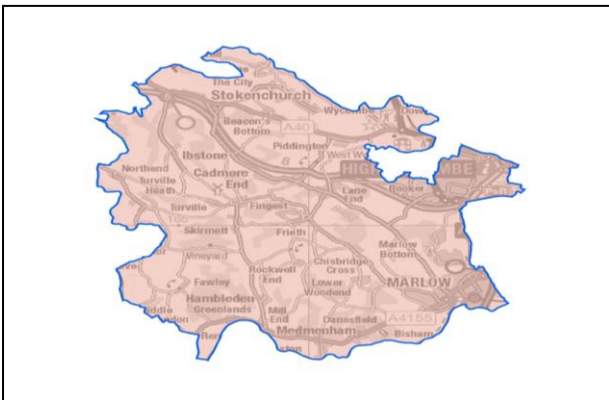
- 25 x toddler groups / stay and play sessions (Most of which cost less than £2.50 per session)
- 3 x messy play sessions
- 29 x sensory / music groups (2 of which are free of charge)

Age Group: Children and Young People (age 5+)

- 9 x youth / social clubs (all of which cost £3 or under per session)
- 1 x music group for children with disabilities
- 1 x activity organisation for children with disabilities
- 3 x sports clubs for children with disabilities
- 3 x hobby / craft sessions (two of which is free of charge)
- 7 x theatre / drama groups (one of which costs less than £3 per session)
- 1 x drama / theatre group for children with disabilities
- 2 x advice / support service

Parents and Carers

- 5 x advice organisations (free of charge)
- 4 x support organisations (4 of which are free of charge)
- 1 x coffee morning / group for parents / carers (free of charge)



Team Area: 7

Current Children's Centre areas: Marlow;
Stokenchurch & Hambleden Valley, Castlefield

Age Group: 0-5

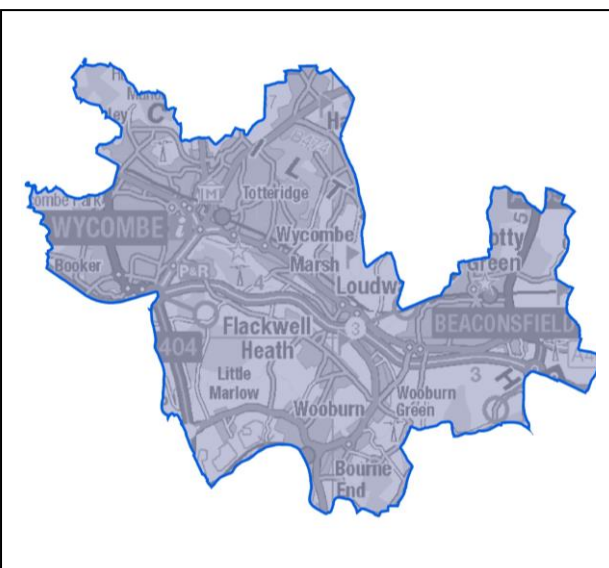
- 9 x toddler groups / stay and play sessions (6 of which cost less than £2.00 per session)
- 1 x messy play session
- 7 x sensory / music groups (1 of which is free of charge)

Age Group: Children and Young People (age 5+)

- 4 x youth / social clubs (all of which cost £3 or under per session)
- 3 x sports club for children with disabilities
- 1 x community mentoring organisation

Parents and Carers

- 1 x advice organisation (free of charge)
- 2 x coffee morning / group for parents / carers (free of charge)



Team Area: 8

Current Children's Centre areas: Wycombe
(Hampden Way); Wycombe East; Beaconsfield,
Mapledean, Hazlemere & Loudwater;
Hamilton Road, Disraeli, Bourne End

Age Group: 0-5

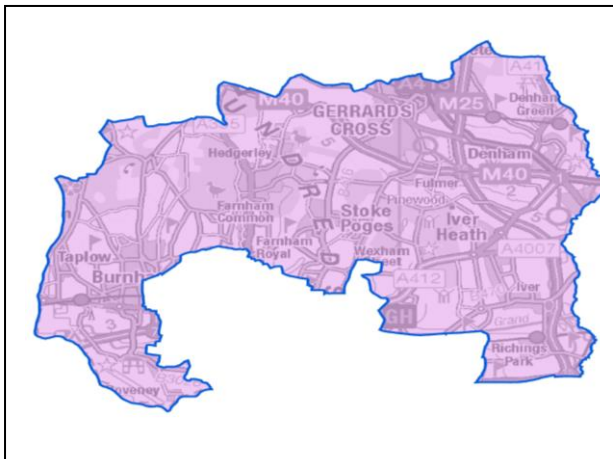
- 14 x toddler groups / stay and play sessions (11 of which cost £2.50 or under per session)
- 18 x sensory / music groups (1 of which is free of charge)
- 1 x cookery class

Age Group: Children and Young People (age 5+)

- 6 x youth / social groups
- 1 x youth / social group for young carers
- 4 x youth / social groups for children with disabilities
- 5 x sports club for children with disabilities
- 1 x hobby / craft sessions (one of which is free of charge)
- 2 x advice organisations
- 1 x theatre / drama group

Parents and Carers

- 6 x advice organisations (all of which are free of charge)
- 4 x support groups (family / relationships / disability – all free of charge)
- 2 x coffee mornings / group for parents / carers (free of charge)
- 2 x antenatal / postnatal support



Team Area: 9

Current Children's Centre areas: Burnham;
Farnham; The Ivers; Denham & Gerrards Cross

Age Group: 0-5

- 11 x Toddler groups / stay and play sessions (all of which cost under £2 per session)
- 3 x Messy play / cookery / art clubs (2 of which are run by the VCS and free of charge)
- 16 x Baby Sensory / music groups (3 of which are free of charge)

Age Group: Children and Young People (age 5+)

- 5 Youth / Social Clubs (most costing less than £2 per session)
- 3 x Craft / cookery / art sessions (all free of charge / donation)
- 1 x Outdoor adventure playground for people of all ages with a disability
- 1 x social / support group for children with disabilities
- 4 x theatre / drama groups (1 of which is run by the VCS and is free / less than £2 per session)

Parents and Carers – Family Support

- 6 x Advice organisations (all free of charge or less than £1)