

London Borough of Lambeth

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## Jargon Buster

We use some technical and legal words in this booklet that you may not be familiar with. You should find them explained in this Jargon Buster, which is in alphabetical order.

**After school clubs:** Clubs that provide education or childcare services after school times and/or during school holidays.

**Breakfast clubs:** Clubs that provide education or childcare services before school times and/or during school holidays.

**Childminder:** A person providing care for one or more children aged between birth and 18, to whom they are not related, for reward, in someone's home – usually their own. They are registered by Ofsted. Up to three childminders and assistants may work together at any one time in the home.

**Crèche:** Free childcare provision, normally for a part of the day, and provided by community organisations such as children's centres

**Day Nursery:** Maintained or independent childcare provision for children under 5 years of age.

**EYPS:** Early Years Teacher/Early Years Professional (before September 2013). The EYT/EYP is a graduate level status for experienced and qualified early years practitioners. They lead high quality early years practice in their setting.

**FIS:** Families Information Service (part of Lambeth Council) 0845 601 5317 - local rates.

**Free entitlement:** The government gives funding to provide 15 hours free early learning for all 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

**Funding:** Money given to an organisation to run it.

**Home childcare:** Private childcare that is provided in the home by qualified childcare providers.

**Independent sector/school:** An independent school or nursery funded exclusively by the fees paid by a child's parents or carers for their education.

**Local Authority:** The local council, Lambeth Council.

**Maintained (school or nursery):** School or nursery funded by the local council.

**Non-maintained:** School or nursery run by a private, voluntary or independent organisation.

**Nursery class in Primary School:** Learning for under 5s in a nursery class which is in a maintained or private primary school or an academy.

**Nursery school:** Learning for under fives in a nursery school in the maintained sector.

**Ofsted:** The Office for Standards in Education - a government body that sets the standards for and inspects schools and childcare providers.

**Pre-school playgroups:** Clubs that provide activities for pre-school children and parents on weekday afternoons (usually three days a week).

**Out of school clubs:** Clubs that provide education or childcare services before and after school times and during school holidays (includes afterschool clubs and breakfast clubs).

**Play scheme:** Activity based "club" style childcare that runs during the holidays. Some concentrate on a certain sport: tennis or football, some are just a mixture of fun and games.

**Pre-school:** Registered childcare facility that offers care and learning, usually 2-3 hours per day, for children between the ages of 3-5 years, though they may take younger children.

**Private sector:** A childcare organisation or service which is funded by the fees it charges to parents or carers for the service it offers.

**Provider:** The person or organisation that provides the childcare or early learning service.

**PVI:** Private, voluntary or independent sector setting.

**QTS:** Qualified Teacher Status. The QTS is a required qualification to take up a teaching post in England at a maintained primary school, maintained secondary school, maintained special school or non-maintained special school.

**Setting:** Any provider of early years' provision for children from 0-5 such as childminders, children's centres, PVI nursery or pre-school.

**Special Educational Needs (SEN):** Where a child has difficulties which impact on learning that need additional support.

**Statement:** Sets out all the child's special needs and the provision to meet them. (Education, Health and Care Plans will replace statements from September 2014).

**Statutory:** Required by law.

**Voluntary sector:** A childcare organisation or service that is supported by volunteers, grant funding and donations and is 'not for profit'. These

organisations may offer subsidised services and many are registered with the Charity Commission

# 1 Introduction

In striving to continue to meet the childcare needs of its residents, the London Borough of Lambeth has commissioned Cordis Bright to conduct the Child Sufficiency Assessment annual update for 2014.

Lambeth are committed to supporting the development of good quality childcare across the borough to meet the needs of parents and carers, and their children.

This Childcare Sufficiency Assessment has been produced in line with statutory requirements placed on local authorities under the Childcare Act 2006. Statutory guidance produced by the Department for Education in September 2014 (*Early education and childcare*) states that local authorities must report annually to elected council members on how they are meeting their duty to secure sufficient childcare, and make this report available and accessible to parents. Local authorities are responsible for determining the appropriate level of detail in their report, geographical division and date of publication.

The Childcare Sufficiency Assessment annual update for 2014 is based on a range of data including:

- The Families Information Services database on childcare provision in the borough.
- A survey of childcare providers which was conducted between April and May 2014. A total sample of 184 individual provider organisations was achieved. Responses from private, voluntary and independent sector nurseries was high compared to childminders.
- Management information held in relation to the administration of free early learning for 2, 3 and 4 year olds.
- Dedicated spreadsheets designed to enhance local understanding of the childcare market.
- No parental survey was carried out for this assessment.

This review provides a comparative analysis (where possible) to the March 2011 published Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) and the Annual Update (April 2012).

This document provides updates for the following datasets:

- GLA population projections.
- Supply of childcare.
- Provider views of childcare.

## 2 Population Profile

The most recent population projections (2014) are provided in Figure 1 for the 21 Lambeth wards. There are a total of 53,881 children in Lambeth, which compares to 52,839 in 2012. The most populous wards are Coldharbour, Knight's Hill, Tulse Hill and Gipsy Hill which all have over 3,000 children aged 0-14 years. The least populous wards are Bishop's and Ferndale, both of which have under 2,000 children.




Figure 1: Population of Children by ward and age (2014)

Ward	No of children (0-14 yrs)	No of children (0-4 yrs)	No of children (5-14 yrs)
Bishop's	1,142	487	655
Brixton Hill	2,513	1,054	1,459
Clapham Common	2,048	884	1,164
Clapham Town	2,003	773	1,230
Coldharbour	3,333	1,220	2,113
Ferndale	1,910	778	1,132
Gipsy Hill	3,002	1,235	1,767
Herne Hill	2,798	1,164	1,634
Knight's Hill	3,272	1,262	2,010
Larkhall	2,713	976	1,737
Oval	2,130	848	1,282
Prince's	2,376	940	1,436
St Leonard's	2,628	1,276	1,352
Stockwell	2,654	1,022	1,632
Streatham Hill	2,579	1,075	1,504
Streatham South	2,797	1,135	1,662
Streatham Wells	2,874	1,280	1,594
Thornton	2,604	1,074	1,530
Thurlow Park	2,953	1,251	1,702
Tulse Hill	3,140	1,143	1,997
Vassall	2,412	884	1,528
Lambeth	53,881	21,761	32,120

Data source: Greater London Authority (GLA) SHLAA and ONS data - Mid-2011 Population Estimates

Changes in population figures since the CSA update in 2012 are shown in Figure 2 below. It shows that across Lambeth the number of children aged 0-14 years has grown by +2.0%. Within this, the growth of the 0-4 year old cohort is +1.8% and 5-14 year old cohort is +2.1%.

Figure 2: Table showing change in Lambeth population of children since CSA update in 2012

	All children 0-14 yrs	No of children 0-4 yrs	No. of children 5-14 yrs
Lambeth 2014	53,881	21,761	32,120
Lambeth 2012	52,839	21,372	31,467
+/- 2012 Figs	 2.0%	 1.8%	 2.1%

Data source: Greater London Authority (GLA) SHLAA and ONS data - Mid-2011 Population Estimates

The overall upward trend in numbers of children continues from 2014 and into 2016. This is shown in the figure below. By 2016, the total 0-14 population is expected to grow by a further 1,266. This works out as +1.0% growth for 0-4 year olds and +3.3% for 5-14 year olds. The wards that are expected to experience the largest growth in overall population over this time is Bishop's (+7.2%), Oval (+6.2%) and St Leonard's (+4.3%).



Figure 3: Percentage change in population from 2014 to 2016

Ward	Change in number of children 2014 to 2016			Change in percentage of children 2014 to 2016				
	All Years 0-14 yrs	Age Range 0-4 yrs	Age Range 5-14 yrs	All Years 0-14 yrs	Age Range 0-4 yrs	Age Range 5-14 yrs		
Bishop's	82	47	35	7.2%	9.7%	5.3%		
Brixton Hill	69	-	17	86	2.7%	-1.6%	5.9%	
Clapham Common	54	-	16	70	2.6%	-1.8%	6.0%	
Clapham Town	41		2	39	2.0%	0.3%	3.2%	
Coldharbour	75		40	35	2.3%	3.3%	1.7%	
Ferndale	53		50	3	2.8%	6.4%	0.3%	
Gipsy Hill	37	-	14	51	1.2%	-1.1%	2.9%	
Herne Hill	81		22	59	2.9%	1.9%	3.6%	
Knight's Hill	14	-	34	48	0.4%	-2.7%	2.4%	
Larkhall	23		33	-	10	0.8%	3.4%	-0.6%
Oval	133		54	79	6.2%	6.4%	6.2%	
Prince's	96		56	40	4.0%	6.0%	2.8%	
St Leonard's	112	-	2	114	4.3%	-0.2%	8.4%	
Stockwell	24		23	1	0.9%	2.3%	0.1%	
Streatham Hill	39	-	14	53	1.5%	-1.3%	3.5%	
Streatham South	39	-	12	51	1.4%	-1.1%	3.1%	
Streatham Wells	48	-	2	50	1.7%	-0.2%	3.1%	
Thornton	103	-	1	104	4.0%	-0.1%	6.8%	
Thurlow Park	116	-	29	145	3.9%	-2.3%	8.5%	
Tulse Hill	-	28	-	31	-0.9%	-2.7%	0.2%	
Vassall	55		61	-	6	2.3%	6.9%	-0.4%
Lambeth	1,266		216	1,050	↑ 2.3%	→ 1.0%	↑ 3.3%	

Data source: Greater London Authority (GLA) SHLAA and ONS data - Mid-2011 Population Estimates

A more detailed breakdown of population growth by age-group is provided in the figure below.

Figure 4: Projected population increase of children by ward and age bracket between 2014 and 2016

Area	All children (0-14 yrs)	No of children (0-1 yrs)	No. of children (2 yrs)	No. of children (3 to 4 yrs)	No. of children (5 to 7 yrs)	No. of children (8 -14 yrs)
Bishop's	7.2%	8.8%	8.1%	11.6%	7.1%	4.4%
Brixton Hill	2.7%	0.2%	0.5%	-4.6%	13.6%	2.0%
Clapham Common	2.6%	1.1%	0.6%	-6.1%	1.9%	8.8%
Clapham Town	2.0%	2.8%	2.6%	-3.7%	2.7%	3.4%
Coldharbour	2.3%	3.1%	2.5%	3.9%	-1.9%	3.3%
Ferndale	2.8%	3.7%	3.8%	11.6%	10.7%	-4.3%
Gipsy Hill	1.2%	-1.0%	-0.8%	-1.5%	0.9%	4.0%
Herne Hill	2.9%	-1.2%	-2.5%	8.1%	2.8%	4.0%
Knight's Hill	0.4%	-0.4%	-0.8%	-5.9%	4.2%	1.4%
Larkhall	0.8%	1.5%	0.0%	7.4%	-5.0%	1.6%
Oval	6.2%	8.0%	5.3%	5.1%	10.9%	4.1%
Prince's	4.0%	4.5%	3.1%	9.3%	3.5%	2.4%
St Leonard's	4.3%	-0.4%	0.4%	-0.2%	13.3%	5.4%
Stockwell	0.9%	0.7%	-0.5%	5.6%	2.0%	-0.8%
Streatham Hill	1.5%	1.5%	0.5%	-5.4%	11.0%	-0.1%
Streatham South	1.4%	1.5%	0.0%	-4.3%	4.2%	2.5%
Streatham Wells	1.7%	0.5%	0.4%	-1.3%	3.4%	3.0%
Thornton	4.0%	3.8%	3.4%	-5.9%	3.5%	8.6%
Thurlow Park	3.9%	-2.4%	-2.0%	-2.4%	4.1%	11.4%
Tulse Hill	-0.9%	0.2%	0.5%	-7.2%	-0.8%	0.6%
Vassall	2.3%	4.4%	3.3%	12.1%	-0.6%	-0.3%
<b>Lambeth</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

Data source: Greater London Authority (GLA) SHLAA and ONS data - Mid-2011 Population Estimates

Key hotspots of increasing population (over 10% increase projected between 2014 and 2016) are:

- **Brixton Hill** in the 5 to 7 year age range (+13.6%)
- **St Leonard's** in the 5 to 7 year age range (+13.3%)
- **Vassall** in the 3 to 4 year age range (+12.1%)
- **Bishop's** in the 3 to 4 year age range (+11.6%)
- **Ferndale** in the 3 to 4 year (+11.6%) and 5 to 7 years (+10.7%)
- **Thurlow Park** in the 8 to 14 year age range (+11.4%)
- **Streatham Hill** in the 5 to 7 year age range (+11.0%)

- **Oval** in the 5 to 7 year age range (+10.9%)

Key hotspots of increasing population for 2 year old childcare are in Bishop's which is indicating an 8.1% increase in population, followed by Oval which indicates a 5.3% increase between 2015 and 2016.

## 3 Supply of Childcare

### 3.1 Number of Childcare Providers

The table below shows that there are 597 childcare providers in Lambeth. Of these, 304 are childminders, 100 are day nurseries, 62 are afterschool clubs, 55 are breakfast clubs, 50 are nursery classes in primary schools, 13 are pre-schools/playgroups, 8 are independent schools and 5 are nursery schools.

The profile of providers broadly reflects the 2012 CSA profile which had 323 childminders, 93 day nurseries, 54 nursery classes in primary schools and 15 pre-schools/playgroups.

Figure 5: Lambeth profile of types of childcare provider 2014

Type of provider	Total number of providers
Childminder	304
Day nursery	100
Afterschool club	62
Breakfast Club	55
Nursery Class in Primary School	50
Pre-school playgroup	13
Independent School	8
Nursery school	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>

Data Source: FIS 2014

In addition to these providers there are 287 providers of home childcare (registered childcare professionals providing childcare in their homes). Please note that places in home childcare and in crèches are not included in the remainder of this analysis of supply.

### 3.2 Number of Childcare Places by Ward and Age-range

The table below shows the number of places by age-range in each ward<sup>1</sup>.

It shows that across Lambeth, there are 13,999 places. The largest number of places are available for 3-4 year olds (i.e. 5,212) followed by places for 5 to 7 year olds (i.e. 2,779). The smallest number of places is for children aged 0 to 1 year (i.e. 1,614 places).

Figure 6: Number of places per ward and age-range

Ward	0 to 1 year	2 years	3 and 4 years	5 to 7 Years	8 years and older	Total no of places
Bishop's	101	87	172	53	55	468
Brixton Hill	45	71	348	171	159	795
Clapham Common	70	53	261	88	93	565
Clapham Town	141	157	353	201	213	1,064
Coldharbour	65	76	298	91	63	593
Ferndale	35	35	106	93	106	375
Gipsy Hill	91	60	197	149	158	655
Herne Hill	65	115	410	195	226	1,051
Knight's Hill	73	54	147	95	83	493
Larkhall	41	57	122	114	129	464
Oval	38	32	260	98	118	546
Prince's	25	57	215	86	103	486
St Leonard's	108	146	330	46	41	670
Stockwell	120	83	174	96	73	546
Streatham Hill	102	80	178	134	143	636
Streatham South	141	95	316	89	71	711
Streatham Wells	55	50	249	166	145	665
Thornton	95	80	435	303	103	1,016
Thurlow Park	120	136	301	283	369	1,207
Tulse Hill	58	92	217	145	164	677
Vassall	25	30	125	84	92	356
Grand Total	1,614	1,648	5,212	2,779	2,706	13,999

Data source: FIS

Figure 7 below shows the number of children by age by each type of childcare provider. PVI provision has the highest number of total places at 5,597.

<sup>1</sup> Where information was provided in FIS databases on the specific number of places available for a specific age-group then this has been included in the analysis. However, on most instances, information was provided on total number of places and total age-range cared for. In this instance, the number of places have been distributed evenly across the age-groups, i.e. 100 places available across the 0-7 age-range was calculated as one-eighth of 100 places allocated to each yearly age group. This was then aggregated by age-band. This helped to ensure that there was minimal double-counting of places.

Figure 7: Number of places per sector and age-range

Type of Provider	0-1	2 years	3 to 4 years	5 to 7 years	8 years and over	Total no of places
Childminder	344	162	317	405	15	1,244
PVI	1,270	1,486	2,446	355		5,597
Nursery class in primary school			1,972			1,972
Nursery Schools			477			477
Afterschool club and Breakfast Club				2,018	2,691	4,709
Grand Total	1,614	1,648	5,212	2,779	2,706	13,999

### 3.3 Number of Children per Place

The table below shows the number of children per place (i.e. total child population compared to number of places available). It shows that across Lambeth for all children aged 0-14 years there are 4 children per place. However, this varies between different age groups. For instance, there are on average 8 children aged 8 and over per place, 6 children aged 0-1 per place, 4 children aged 5-7 per place, 3 children per place for children aged 2 years and 2 children per place for children aged 3-4 years.

Figure 8: Child per place shown by age and ward

Area	CPP 0-1 years	CPP 2 years	CPP 3 to 4 years	CPP 5 to 7 years	CPP 8-14 years	CPP All Years (0-14 yrs)
Bishop's	2	1	1	4	8	2
Brixton Hill	10	3	1	3	6	3
Clapham Common	5	3	1	5	8	4
Clapham Town	2	1	1	2	4	2
Coldharbour	8	3	2	7	23	6
Ferndale	10	5	3	4	7	5
Gipsy Hill	6	4	2	4	7	5
Herne Hill	8	2	1	3	5	3
Knight's Hill	7	5	3	7	16	7
Larkhall	10	4	3	5	9	6
Oval	10	5	1	4	8	4
Prince's	16	3	2	6	9	5
St Leonard's	5	2	1	11	21	4
Stockwell	4	3	2	5	15	5
Streatham Hill	5	3	2	4	7	4
Streatham South	3	2	1	6	15	4
Streatham Wells	10	5	2	4	7	4
Thornton	5	3	1	2	10	3
Thurlow Park	4	2	2	2	3	2
Tulse Hill	8	2	2	4	8	5
Vassall	15	6	3	6	11	7
Lambeth	6	3	2	4	8	4

Data Source: GLA 2014 for number of children and FIS for number of places

There is wide variation in the number of children per place between wards in Lambeth. For instance:

- The overall average number of children per place ranges from 2 in Clapham Town, Bishop's and Thurlow Park to 7 in Knight's Hill and Vassall.
- For children aged 0-1 years the number of children per place ranges from 2 in Bishop's and Clapham Town to 16 in Prince's.
- For children aged 2 years, the ratio ranges from 1 in Bishop's and Clapham Town to 6 in Vassall.
- For children aged 3-4 years, the ratios are lowest with nine wards with 1 CPP rising to a maximum of 3 in four wards.
- For children aged 5-7 years, the ratio ranges from 2 in Thornton, Thurlow Park and Clapham Town to 11 in St Leonard's.

- For children aged 8 and over, the ratios are at their highest, ranging from 3 in Thurlow Park to 23 in Coldharbour.

### 3.4 Increasing supply

In the survey of childcare providers in Lambeth, the majority of respondents (84%) stated that they could “increase the number of places they provide if resources were made available to adapt their premises”. 100% of providers completing a survey responded positively in Bishop’s, Clapham Common, Coldharbour, Ferndale, Gipsy Hill, St Leonard’s, Streatham Hill and Vassall.

*Figure 9: Percentage of providers who could increase their number of places with additional resources*

Area	No of providers who could increase the number of places
Lambeth	84%
Bishop's	100%
Brixton Hill	82%
Clapham Common	100%
Clapham Town	73%
Coldharbour	100%
Ferndale	100%
Gipsy Hill	100%
Herne Hill	75%
Knight's Hill	83%
Larkhall	70%
Oval	60%
Prince's	73%
St Leonard's	100%
Stockwell	82%
Streatham Hill	100%
Streatham South	73%
Streatham Wells	70%
Thornton	78%
Thurlow Park	82%
Tulse Hill	92%
Vassall	100%

Data source: Lambeth 2014 Provider Survey data



### 3.5 Inclusion and Special Educational Needs

In the survey, childcare providers were asked about the number of the children who they care for who have a special educational need. The table below shows this information for all childcare providers and also breaks it down by those providers who cater for 0-4 year olds only, those who cater for older children only and those who cater for the full age-range.

Figure 10 shows that 6.7% of all childcare places are reported to have been filled by a child with a special educational need<sup>2</sup>. It also indicates that the wards with the highest percentage of children attending childcare with a special educational need are in Oval (17.2%), Herne Hill (11.0%) and Coldharbour (9.7%).

Figure 10: Percentage of total available childcare places taken by children with SEN<sup>3</sup>

Ward	0-4 years only	5-14 years only	0-14 age range only	All
Bishop's	3.9%		0.0%	3.8%
Brixton Hill	1.3%	5.4%	9.4%	7.2%
Clapham Common	0.0%		2.3%	1.4%
Clapham Town	1.6%	0.0%	1.4%	1.5%
Coldharbour	9.0%		10.5%	9.7%
Ferndale	1.6%		7.1%	2.6%
Gipsy Hill	4.9%		0.0%	4.5%
Herne Hill	15.1%		9.7%	11.0%
Knight's Hill	3.6%	5.9%	1.1%	2.1%
Larkhall	3.9%		5.9%	4.0%
Oval	8.8%		19.4%	17.2%
Prince's	10.5%		2.4%	8.5%
St Leonard's	1.3%		2.9%	1.4%
Stockwell	2.6%		12.0%	3.1%
Streatham Hill	3.8%		3.7%	3.8%
Streatham South	2.4%		3.3%	3.1%
Streatham Wells	4.4%		6.9%	5.3%
Thornton	0.6%		20.0%	7.7%
Thurlow Park	1.0%	16.7%	10.2%	7.7%
Tulse Hill	1.6%		0.9%	1.3%
Vassall	1.4%	13.3%	8.7%	9.0%
Lambeth	3.8%	10.1%	9.4%	6.7%

<sup>2</sup> Interestingly, the CSA 2011 states that a quarter of Lambeth's school children (27%) are recorded at some time in their school career as having special educational needs.

<sup>3</sup> Note: Caution should be applied when using these figures as not all providers responded to the survey

Data Source: Lambeth Providers Survey Data 2014

The total number of children with a special educational need attending childcare (broken down by ward) is shown in the table below.

Figure 11: Number of children with SEN (2014) <sup>4</sup>

Ward	0-4 years only	5-14 years only	0-14 age range only	All children
Bishop's	14		0	14
Brixton Hill	1	2	22	25
Clapham Common	0		1	1
Clapham Town	6	0	1	7
Coldharbour	19		16	35
Ferndale	1		37	38
Gipsy Hill	10		0	10
Herne Hill	23		48	71
Knight's Hill	6	4	6	16
Larkhall	7		1	8
Oval	13		112	125
Prince's	26		2	28
St Leonard's	8		1	9
Stockwell	11		3	14
Streatham Hill	9		1	10
Streatham South	4		18	22
Streatham Wells	7		6	13
Thornton	1		20	21
Thurlow Park	3	1	86	90
Tulse Hill	2		1	3
Vassall	1	20	29	50
<b>Lambeth</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>610</b>

Data Source: Lambeth Providers Survey Data 2014

Across Lambeth, 85% of providers for 0-4 year olds reported that they are able to support communication and interaction needs, 81% are able to support cognition and learning needs, 74% are able to accommodate behaviour, emotional and social development needs; and 56% are able to accommodate sensory and/or physical needs. The table also shows variation across wards. For instance, Tulse Hill is shown as having relatively low levels of provision for SEN for 0-4 year olds, as reported by providers.

<sup>4</sup> Note: Caution should be applied when using these figures as not all providers responded to the survey

Across Lambeth, 100% of providers for 5-14 year olds reported that they are able to accommodate behaviour, emotional and social development needs (c.f. 74% for 0-4 year olds); 67% of providers for 5-14 year olds are able to support communication and interaction needs (c.f. 85% for 0-4 year olds); 56% are able to support cognition and learning needs (c.f. 81% for 0-4 year olds); and 33% are able to accommodate sensory and/or physical needs (c.f. 56% for 0-4 year olds).

Across Lambeth, 83% of providers offering places across the 0-14 year old age range reported that they are able to support communication and interaction needs; 65% of providers are able to accommodate behaviour, emotional and social development needs; 65% are able to support cognition and learning needs; and 37% are able to accommodate sensory and/or physical needs.

### **3.6 Flexibility of Provision**

Flexibility in provision enables parents to have a greater choice of provision and balance work and family life by providing them with a choice of times, days and weeks throughout the year.

#### **3.6.1 Flexible places**

The 2014 survey found that across Lambeth 62% of providers which offer places to only 0-4 years reported that they offer flexible places. This figure is 78% of providers offering places for 5-14 years only and 63% of providers which offer places across the 0-14 year old age range. This compares to 67% in the CSA 2011.

The provision of flexible places by ward varies depending on the age group the provider caters for. For instance:

- For providers of 0-4 year olds, providers in Thurlow Park (22%) and Brixton Hill (25%) reported offering the lowest amount of flexible places.
- For providers for 5-14 year olds, Clapham Common and Streatham South don't offer any flexible places, however low base sizes should be taken into account.
- For childcare providers that cater across the 0-14 year olds, Gipsy Hill and Herne Hill don't offer any flexible places.

Wrap around provision can increase flexibility of places.

Figure 12: Percentage of providers for 0-4 years only offering full-time, part-time and flexible places  
(Note: low base size of n=115)<sup>5</sup>

Ward	% of providers with FT places	% of providers with PT places	% of providers with flexible places
Lambeth	83%	83%	62%
Bishop's	100%	100%	67%
Brixton Hill	60%	80%	40%
Clapham Common	50%	50%	50%
Clapham Town	89%	100%	67%
Coldharbour	88%	88%	75%
Ferndale	100%	75%	100%
Gipsy Hill	80%	80%	60%
Herne Hill	80%	60%	60%
Knight's Hill	60%	100%	60%
Larkhall	80%	80%	60%
Oval	100%	100%	25%
Prince's	100%	80%	60%
St Leonard's	100%	100%	67%
Stockwell	89%	78%	56%
Streatham Hill	100%	100%	40%
Streatham South	100%	100%	75%
Streatham Wells	100%	100%	100%
Thornton	75%	25%	75%
Thurlow Park	56%	89%	22%
Tulse Hill	75%	63%	75%
Vassall	75%	75%	100%

Data Source: Lambeth Providers Survey Data 2014

<sup>5</sup> Note: Caution should be applied when using these figures as not all providers responded to the survey

Figure 13: Percentage of providers for 5-14 years only offering full-time, part-time and flexible places (Note: low base size of n=9)<sup>6</sup>

Ward	% of providers with FT places	% of providers with PT places	% of providers with flexible places
Lambeth	44%	56%	78%
Brixton Hill	0%	0%	100%
Clapham Common	0%	100%	0%
Gipsy Hill	100%	100%	100%
Knight's Hill	0%	0%	100%
Oval	0%	0%	100%
Streatham South	100%	100%	0%
Thurlow Park	100%	100%	100%
Tulse Hill	100%	100%	100%
Vassall	0%	0%	100%

Data Source: Lambeth Providers Survey Data 2014

<sup>6</sup> Note: Caution should be applied when using these figures as not all providers responded to the survey

Figure 14: Percentage of providers for across the 0-14 years age range offering full-time, part-time and flexible places (Note: Low base size of n=124)<sup>7</sup>

Ward	% of providers with FT places	% of providers with PT places	% of providers with flexible places
Lambeth	85%	77%	63%
Bishop's	100%	100%	100%
Brixton Hill	80%	80%	100%
Clapham Common	100%	100%	100%
Clapham Town	100%	100%	100%
Coldharbour	71%	86%	86%
Ferndale	67%	0%	33%
Gipsy Hill	100%	100%	0%
Herne Hill	100%	100%	0%
Knight's Hill	100%	50%	75%
Larkhall	100%	100%	50%
Oval	75%	75%	50%
Prince's	67%	33%	67%
St Leonard's	100%	75%	75%
Streatham Hill	50%	50%	50%
Streatham South	100%	100%	33%
Streatham Wells	100%	100%	50%
Thornton	33%	67%	67%
Thurlow Park	100%	100%	50%
Tulse Hill	100%	50%	50%
Vassall	100%	100%	50%

Data Source: Lambeth Providers Survey Data 2014

<sup>7</sup> Note: Caution should be applied when using these figures as not all providers responded to the survey

The types of flexible provision offered by providers are detailed in tables 17 to 19 below, and show that 79% of providers for 0-4 year olds are able to provide a choice of days, and around half offer a choice of start time and leaving time. Only 26% of providers can offer a choice in the number of weeks that children can attend.

Figure 15: Percentage of providers for 0-4 year olds only offering different types of flexible provision (Note: low base size of n=115)<sup>8</sup>

Ward	Choice of start time	Choice of leaving time	Choice of days	Choice of number of weeks	Other	None of the above
Lambeth	52%	47%	79%	26%	5%	12%
Bishop's	33%	0%	67%	33%	0%	33%
Brixton Hill	20%	40%	60%	20%	20%	0%
Clapham Common	50%	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%
Clapham Town	56%	44%	56%	22%	11%	33%
Coldharbour	38%	38%	75%	25%	0%	13%
Ferndale	75%	75%	100%	50%	0%	0%
Gipsy Hill	40%	40%	80%	20%	0%	20%
Herne Hill	40%	40%	80%	0%	0%	0%
Knight's Hill	80%	60%	80%	40%	0%	20%
Larkhall	60%	40%	80%	20%	0%	20%
Oval	0%	0%	50%	25%	25%	50%
Prince's	40%	40%	80%	20%	20%	20%
St Leonard's	56%	33%	89%	11%	0%	0%
Stockwell	89%	78%	89%	44%	0%	11%
Streatham Hill	40%	60%	80%	20%	0%	0%
Streatham South	75%	75%	75%	25%	25%	25%
Streatham Wells	33%	33%	100%	33%	0%	0%
Thornton	50%	25%	75%	0%	0%	0%
Thurlow Park	44%	44%	100%	22%	11%	0%
Tulse Hill	63%	63%	75%	38%	0%	13%
Vassall	75%	75%	100%	75%	0%	0%

Data Source: Lambeth Providers Survey Data 2014

89% of providers for 5 to 14 year olds are able to provide a choice of days, and 44% and 56% offer a choice of start time and leaving time respectively. 56% can offer a choice in the number of weeks that children can attend, compared to 26% for providers of 0 to 4 year olds.

<sup>8</sup> Note: Caution should be applied when using these figures as not all providers responded to the survey

Figure 16: Percentage of providers for 5-14 year olds only offering different types of flexible provision (Note low base size, n=9)<sup>9</sup>

Ward	Choice of start time	Choice of leaving time	Choice of days	Choice of number of weeks	Other	None of the above
Lambeth	44%	56%	89%	56%	11%	11%
Brixton Hill	100%	0%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Clapham Common	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%
Gipsy Hill	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Knight's Hill	0%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Oval	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Streatham South	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Thurlow Park	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Tulse Hill	0%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Vassall	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%

Data Source: Lambeth Providers Survey Data 2014

Three quarters (75%) of providers who cater for 0 to 14 years age range are able to provide a choice of days, and 67% and 60% offer a choice of start time and leaving time respectively. 30% can offer a choice in the number of weeks that children can attend, compared to 26% for providers of 0 to 4 year olds and 56% for providers of 5 to 14 year olds.

<sup>9</sup> Note: Caution should be applied when using these figures as not all providers responded to the survey



Figure 17: Percentage of providers for across the 0-14 years age range offering different types of flexible provision (Note: low base size of n=124)<sup>10</sup>

Ward	Choice of start time	Choice of leaving time	Choice of days	Choice of number of weeks	Other	None of the above
Lambeth	67%	60%	75%	30%	7%	18%
Bishop's	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Brixton Hill	100%	100%	100%	20%	0%	0%
Clapham Common	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Clapham Town	50%	50%	100%	50%	50%	0%
Coldharbour	86%	71%	86%	57%	0%	14%
Ferndale	67%	67%	67%	0%	0%	33%
Gipsy Hill	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Herne Hill	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Knight's Hill	100%	100%	100%	50%	0%	0%
Larkhall	100%	100%	50%	50%	50%	0%
Oval	50%	0%	100%	25%	0%	0%
Prince's	67%	67%	67%	33%	0%	33%
St Leonard's	75%	75%	75%	75%	0%	25%
Streatham Hill	50%	50%	50%	50%	0%	50%
Streatham South	67%	67%	67%	0%	0%	33%
Streatham Wells	50%	50%	50%	25%	25%	25%
Thornton	0%	33%	67%	0%	33%	33%
Thurlow Park	75%	50%	50%	25%	0%	25%
Tulse Hill	50%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Vassall	25%	25%	50%	0%	0%	25%

Data Source: Lambeth Providers Survey Data 2014

Other flexible options offered included overnight care, pay-as-you go systems and top-ups to support parents.

### 3.6.2 Opening times

The results from the survey suggest that the majority of providers in Lambeth provide childcare between 9am and 3pm, followed by 3pm to 6pm. There is relatively much less provision after 6pm.

For providers of 0 to 4 year olds only on average 63% of respondents reported that they provide childcare between 3pm and 6pm, however this drops to 25% in Tulse Hill.

<sup>10</sup> Note: Caution should be applied when using these figures as not all providers responded to the survey

Figure 18: Percentage of providers' of 0-4 years only opening times (Note: low base size of n=115)  
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Ward	6am - 9am	9am - 3pm	3pm - 6 pm	6pm - 10pm	10pm-6am
Lambeth	24%	90%	63%	10%	3%
Bishop's	33%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Brixton Hill	0%	100%	40%	0%	0%
Clapham Common	0%	100%	50%	0%	0%
Clapham Town	22%	89%	44%	0%	0%
Coldharbour	0%	100%	63%	13%	0%
Ferndale	25%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Gipsy Hill	40%	80%	40%	20%	20%
Herne Hill	40%	100%	80%	0%	0%
Knight's Hill	20%	80%	60%	20%	0%
Larkhall	40%	80%	60%	0%	0%
Oval	25%	100%	75%	0%	0%
Prince's	40%	100%	40%	0%	0%
St Leonard's	11%	100%	89%	11%	0%
Stockwell	11%	100%	67%	22%	0%
Streatham Hill	0%	80%	60%	0%	0%
Streatham South	25%	100%	75%	25%	0%
Streatham Wells	33%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Thornton	25%	75%	50%	25%	25%
Thurlow Park	44%	78%	67%	0%	0%
Tulse Hill	25%	63%	25%	13%	0%
Vassall	75%	100%	75%	50%	25%

Data Source: Lambeth Providers Survey Data 2014

<sup>11</sup> Note: Caution should be applied when using these figures as not all providers responded to the survey

For providers of childcare for 5 to 14 year olds only, on average only 44% provide childcare between 9am and 3am however this disappears to 0% in Clapham Common, Oval, Tulse Hill and Vassall. Low base sizes should be noted here however.

Figure 19: Percentage of providers' of 5 -14 years only opening times (Note low base size, n=9)<sup>12</sup>


Ward	6am - 9am	9am - 3pm	3pm - 6 pm	6pm - 10pm	10pm-6am
Lambeth	56%	44%	67%	11%	0%
	100%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Clapham Common	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Gipsy Hill	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%
Knight's Hill	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Oval	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Streatham South	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Thurlow Park	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Tulse Hill	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Vassall	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
No ward indicated	100%	0%	100%	0%	0%

Data Source: Lambeth Providers Survey Data 2014

For providers of childcare for across the 0 to 14 year old range, 92% provide childcare between 9am and 3am and 82% between 3pm and 6pm.

<sup>12</sup> Note: Caution should be applied when using these figures as not all providers responded to the survey

Figure 20: Percentage of providers' opening times across the 0 -14 year age range (Note: low base size of n=124)<sup>13</sup>

Ward	6am - 9am	9am - 3pm	3pm - 6 pm	6pm - 10pm	10pm-6am
Lambeth	 20%	90%	82%	13%	7%
Bishop's	0%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Brixton Hill	0%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Clapham Common	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Clapham Town	0%	100%	100%	50%	50%
Coldharbour	29%	100%	100%	29%	14%
Ferndale	33%	100%	67%	0%	0%
Gipsy Hill	0%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Herne Hill	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Knight's Hill	0%	100%	75%	0%	0%
Larkhall	50%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Oval	25%	75%	75%	25%	0%
Prince's	0%	100%	67%	0%	0%
St Leonard's	50%	75%	75%	75%	50%
Streatham Hill	50%	50%	50%	50%	0%
Streatham South	0%	100%	67%	0%	0%
Streatham Wells	0%	75%	100%	0%	0%
Thornton	0%	100%	67%	0%	0%
Thurlow Park	25%	75%	100%	0%	0%
Tulse Hill	50%	100%	100%	0%	0%
Vassall	50%	75%	75%	0%	0%

Data Source: Lambeth Providers Survey Data 2014

<sup>13</sup> Note: Caution should be applied when using these figures as not all providers responded to the survey

### 3.7 Vacancies

FIS data suggests that there may be 864 vacancies across all providers in Lambeth. The table below shows the number of vacant places broken down by age-range and by ward. Across Lambeth, it shows that there are 157 vacant places for children aged 0-1 year, 221 vacant places for children aged 2 years, 558 vacant places for children aged 3-4 years, 11 vacant places for children aged 5-7 years, and 3 vacant places for children aged 8 years and older.

Figure 21: Number of vacant places

Ward	0 to 1 years	2 years	3 to 4 years	5 to 7 years	8 years and over	All ages
Bishop's	0	0	10	0	0	10
Brixton Hill	13	7	63	5	4	66
Clapham Common	19	7	31	5	5	54
Clapham Town	9	33	45	0	0	83
Coldharbour	14	35	65	0	0	101
Ferndale	6	7	19	10	9	49
Gipsy Hill	0	0	11	0	0	11
Herne Hill	0	0	62	0	0	42
Knight's Hill	3	9	8	0	0	20
Larkhall	14	10	33	3	4	64
Oval	3	3	18	0	0	11
Prince's	0	4	4	4	4	16
St Leonard's	7	15	19	2	4	47
Stockwell	16	14	21	3	3	57
Streatham Hill	0	2	10	4	4	20
Streatham South	17	23	35	8	7	88
Streatham Wells	11	6	21	4	4	45
Thornton	4	3	32	5	4	26
Thurlow Park	5	5	41	19	19	88
Tulse Hill	16	34	31	4	4	83
Vassall	1	3	23	5	4	27
<b>Lambeth</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>864</b>

Data Source: FIS data

The table suggests that Coldharbour, Streatham South, Thurlow Park, Tulse Hill and Clapham Town have relatively higher numbers of vacant places. Wards with low numbers of vacant places are Bishop's, Gipsy Hill and Oval.

### 3.8 Waiting Lists

Figure 22 shows that across Lambeth 49% of providers reported that they have a waiting list, accounting for 2,385 children. The wards with the greatest proportion of providers with a waiting list are Herne Hill (83%), Thurlow Park (79%) and Clapham Common (75%). Providers were also asked how many children by age range they had on their waiting list, with the greatest number of 620 in Thurlow Park.

Figure 22: Percentage of providers with waiting list and total number of children on waiting list <sup>1415</sup>

Ward	% providers with waiting list	No of children on waiting lists
Bishop's	67%	273
Brixton Hill	30%	7
Clapham Common	75%	10
Clapham Town	64%	133
Coldharbour	33%	50
Ferndale	50%	12
Gipsy Hill	56%	54
Herne Hill	83%	127
Knight's Hill	30%	18
Larkhall	63%	50
Oval	18%	20
Prince's	58%	116
St Leonard's	57%	268
Stockwell	42%	15
Streatham Hill	38%	13
Streatham South	56%	153
Streatham Wells	57%	151
Thornton	63%	122
Thurlow Park	79%	620
Tulse Hill	25%	12
Vassall	36%	161
Lambeth	49%	2,385

Data Source: Lambeth Providers Survey 2014

<sup>14</sup> Nursery classes in primary schools are not included in the analysis because in Lambeth's experience all three and four year olds who want a place are able to get one

<sup>15</sup> Some parents will put their name on several waiting lists for popular providers

### 3.9 Free Entitlement Places (2014)

#### 3.9.1 Two Year Olds Free Entitlement Places

The table below shows the percentage of eligible 2 year olds who are using their free entitlement place. Lambeth has 1,727 places for 40% of the most vulnerable two year olds, with 1,245 approved places for 2 year olds in October 2014. The take-up of the 40% most disadvantaged places was 47% in this time period. However the percentage varies between wards from 23.8% in Bishop's to 63.8% in Streatham Wells.

Figure 23: Number of 2 year olds eligible for free entitlement places by ward and number of 2 year olds using free entitlement place (2014)

Ward	Total no of 2 yr olds approved for FEP	Total no of 2 yr olds placed	% placed
Bishop's	21	5	23.8%
Brixton Hill	65	18	27.7%
Clapham Common	31	11	35.5%
Clapham Town	30	13	43.3%
Coldharbour	103	63	61.2%
Ferndale	45	18	40.0%
Gipsy Hill	74	34	46.0%
Herne Hill	50	28	56.0%
Knight's Hill	74	43	58.1%
Larkhall	69	26	37.7%
Oval	34	19	55.9%
Prince's	63	30	47.6%
St Leonard's	55	25	45.5%
Stockwell	60	26	43.3%
Streatham Hill	42	24	57.1%
Streatham South	54	27	50.0%
Streatham Wells	47	30	63.8%
Thornton	39	18	46.2%
Thurlow Park	49	26	53.1%
Tulse Hill	69	34	49.3%
Vassall	67	36	53.7%
No ward specified	104	35	33.7%
<b>Lambeth</b>	<b>1245</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>47.3%</b>

Data Source: Free entitlement performance management information

### 3.9.2 Three and Four Year Olds Free Entitlement Places

91% of 3 and 4 year olds take up their free early learning in Lambeth (DfE 2013). Of these 69% of three and four year olds access their free early learning in the maintained sector and 31% in the private, voluntary and Independent sector. As with other London authorities a high percentage of Lambeth children take up their free early learning in other boroughs. This is may be due to convenience of the nursery placement for working parents.

Determining the sufficiency need for three and four year olds in Lambeth is complex as many maintained providers offer full time places for three and four year olds. Lambeth council currently funds 1175 full time (30 hours) nursery places for children that meet additional needs criteria. The full time places are provided by nursery schools and primary schools with nursery classes. Lambeth has five nursery schools that are also children centres.

In addition to the local authority full time places, some primary schools in Lambeth that have been unable to fill their nursery places either offer additional full time places or have adopted a charging model for additional places depending on the demand for places in the area.

There is sufficient provision across the local authority to meet the free entitlement for three and four year olds and for the additional full time places with both the maintained and private, voluntary and Independent sector (including childminders) reporting vacancies. However it also needs to be noted that some provision is very popular with parents and therefore have waiting lists.



### 3.10 Costs of Childcare

Figure 24 compares average fees in 2014 by type of provider with similar data for 2011. The average hourly fee for nursery childcare is £5.19. This compares to £4.96 per hour in the CSA 2011, and increase in fees of 5%.

Nursery childcare fees are significantly higher than anticipated by PVI providers: 38% of whom stated (in the 2012 CSA update) that they expected fees to increase by 5% between 2012 and 2013. 27% felt that they would remain the same, and 3% felt that fees would decrease.

Figure 24: Comparison of childcare fees by type of provider

Type of provider	CSA 2011	CSA 2014	% +/-
Nursery class in primary school, nursery schools and PVI nurseries	£ 4.96	£ 5.22	↑ 5%
Childminder	£ 5.79	£ 5.52	↓ -5%
Pre-school	£ 3.59	£ 2.72	↓ -24%
Out of school/ ASC	£ 2.67	£ 2.51	↓ -6%

Data source: FIS 2014

Figure 25 provides a more detailed picture, breaking down averages by ward and by type of provider<sup>16</sup>. It shows that:

- Average hourly rates for after school clubs range from £0.50 in Ferndale to £3.83 in St Leonards. The average hourly fee across Lambeth is £2.51.
- Average hourly rates for childminders range from £4.77 in Ferndale to £6.63 in Oval. The average rate in Lambeth is £5.52.
- For PVI nurseries, average hourly rates range from £2.67 in Gipsy Hill to £7.49 in Ferndale. Please note, however, that PVI nursery costs for Gipsy Hill and Vassal wards are relatively low as this average is based on only one provider each (with lower than average costs). The average hourly fee rate for PVI nurseries across Lambeth is £5.27.

<sup>16</sup> Costings information for all providers was not available so this is based on a sample. Providers could give hourly, daily or weekly charges. Where possible, hourly rates have been used. Where only daily or weekly costs were provided then the calculation assumes that after-school, breakfast clubs and playgroups offer 3 hours per day; day nurseries and childminders provide 10 hours per day, and independent schools and nursery schools/classes offer 7 hours per day.

Figure 25: Average fees per hour by type of provider

Ward	After School Club	Child-minder	Independent School	Pre-School Playgroup	Nursery class in primary	Nursery School	PVI nurseries
Bishop's	£ 3.33	£ 4.88					£ 5.10
Brixton Hill	£ 2.90	£ 5.48			£ 6.00	£ 5.10	
Clapham Common	£ 2.15	£ 5.52			£ 6.09		£ 6.70
Clapham Town	£ 1.33	£ 5.06					£ 6.16
Coldharbour	£ 1.67	£ 4.98					£ 5.25
Ferndale	£ 0.50	£ 4.77			£ 1.71		£ 7.49
Gipsy Hill	£ 2.92	£ 5.29		£ 2.00			£ 2.67
Herne Hill	£ 3.22	£ 5.13			£ 3.10	£ 6.00	£ 6.00
Knight's Hill	£ 2.33	£ 5.28					£ 5.85
Larkhall	£ 2.92	£ 5.44		£ 2.33			£ 3.71
Oval	£ 2.20	£ 6.63			£ 3.00		£ 7.05
Prince's	£ 1.56	£ 6.50		£ 4.00		£ 8.00	£ 4.95
St Leonard's	£ 3.83	£ 5.59	£ 10.43				£ 3.93
Stockwell	£ 3.00	£ 5.17		£ 3.33			£ 4.78
Streatham Hill	£ 3.40	£ 5.53	£ 5.61				£ 4.18
Streatham South	£ 2.25	£ 5.17			£ 3.00		£ 5.82
Streatham Wells	£ 2.11	£ 5.28					£ 5.70
Thornton	£ 2.10	£ 6.49	£ 8.27		£ 5.33		£ 7.05
Thurlow Park	£ 3.44	£ 5.93	£ 6.94	£ 2.67	£ 4.00		£ 5.48
Tulse Hill	£ 2.89	£ 5.81					£ 4.27
Vassall	£ 2.00	£ 5.21		£ 2.00	£ 3.93		£ 3.00
<b>Lambeth</b>	<b>£ 2.51</b>	<b>£ 5.52</b>	<b>£ 7.81</b>	<b>£ 2.72</b>	<b>£ 4.02</b>	<b>£ 6.37</b>	<b>£ 5.27</b>

Data source: FIS 2014

### 3.11 Workforce Profile: Daycare (full and sessional only)<sup>17</sup>

In Lambeth 98 full and sessional daycare settings responded to the childcare providers survey. The total number of children these settings are registered to care for at any one time is 4,733 and in total 1,138 staff work directly with children within these settings.

#### 3.11.1 Recruitment

Of the 98 settings just over one third (35%) had vacancies at the time of the survey being conducted. 34% of all settings stated that they had difficulty in recruiting staff in the last year.

#### 3.11.2 Qualifications

In total, across all the daycare settings, 69% of staff working directly with children had a full and relevant level 3 qualification. 20% of staff had a Level 6 degree (BA or BSc) or above. This translates to 82% of settings being lead by a member of staff with a level 6 degree or above. 18% of settings have no staff with a Level 6 qualification. The percentage of qualifications held by staff is shown in the table below.

Figure 26: Lambeth wide picture of qualifications held by staff working directly with children

Qualification Level	Number of staff	% of total (total=1,138)
Level 3 qualification	785	69%
Level 6 degree	224	20%
Early Years Professional status	67	6%
Early Years Teacher status (since Sept 2013)	30	3%
Qualified Teacher Status (in the Foundation Stage or Key Stage 1)	51	4%

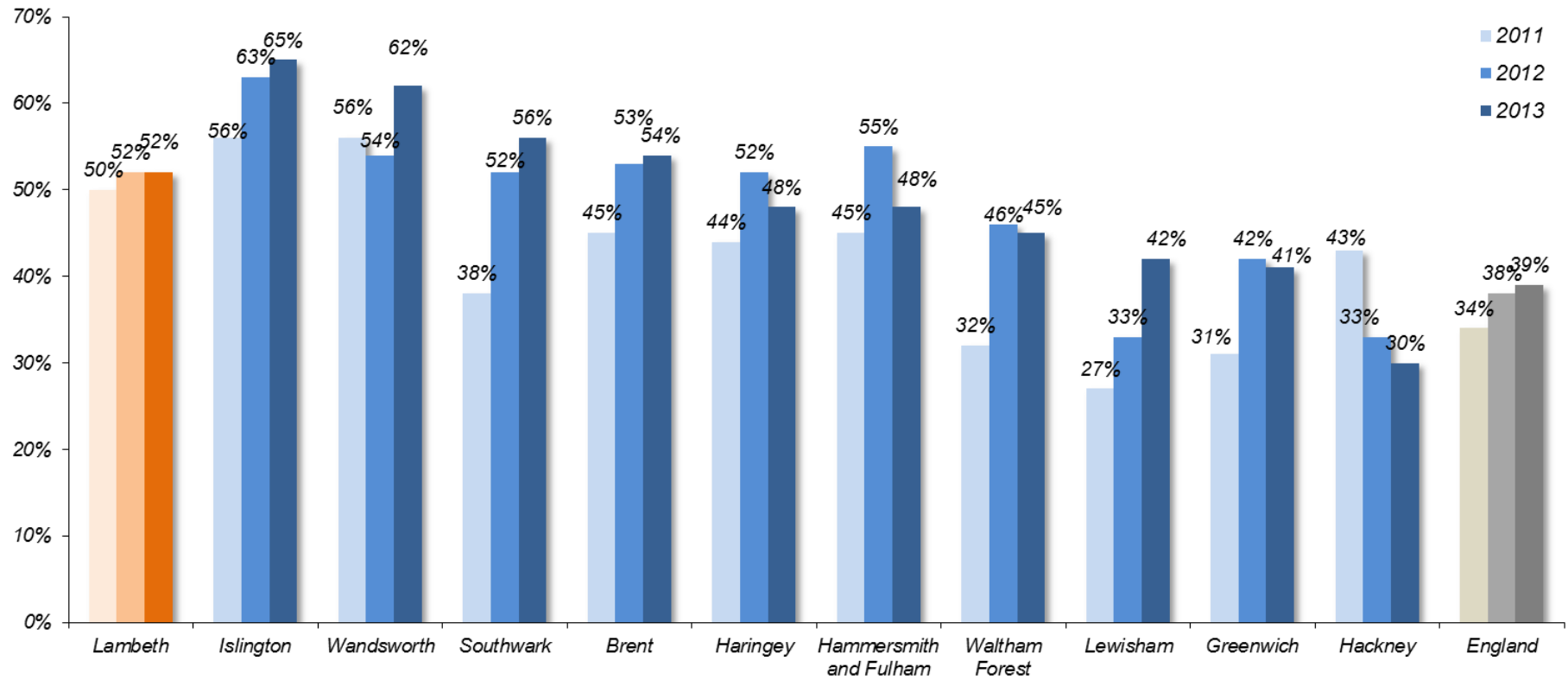
Data Source: Lambeth Providers Survey 2014

Benchmarking Early Years qualifications (i.e. providers with staff with QTS/EYPS who work directly with 3 and 4 year olds) Lambeth has a significantly higher percentage than the England average, and ranks fifth out of eleven when compared with its statistical neighbours<sup>18</sup>

<sup>17</sup> The analysis for 3.11.2 was conducted by Lambeth Council and is based on survey data from 98 daycare settings

<sup>18</sup> As defined by Department for Education March 2014

Figure 27: Percentage of PVI providers with staff with QTS/EYPS who work directly with three and four year olds (Source: DfE: Provision for Children Under Five Years of Age in England - January 2013)



### 3.11.3 Safeguarding Training

100% of respondents indicated they had a Designated Safeguarding Officer.  
83% of settings had a DSO who had attended the appropriate training in the previous 2 years.

## 4 Provider Views on Childcare

As in previous surveys, the 2014 survey of providers asked them to rate the local childcare market on key issues in terms of provision; and how effectively they feel that the childcare market is meeting the specific needs of client groups.

### 4.1 Overall standards of childcare provision

Providers were asked to rate childcare on four aspects of provision; quality of provision, choice of provision, availability of places and affordability of places.

Providers replied that the choice of childcare was the best aspect of provision (60%) and this had increased by 4% since 2011. Quality of childcare had increased the most since 2011 and was rated as good or very good by 59% of providers in 2014 compared to 53% in 2011. Affordability was reported as the least 'good' aspect of childcare provision, with only 34% of providers within Lambeth feeling childcare was affordable. This has decreased from 42% in 2011.

Figure 28: Standards of childcare provision from 2011 to 2014

Aspect of provision	% providers that think good or very good		
	2011	2014	% Change
Quality	53%	59%	↑ 6%
Choice	55%	60%	↑ 4%
Availability	45%	43%	↓ -2%
Affordability	42%	34%	↓ -9%

Figure 29 breaks this down to ward level. Affordability was varied across wards, rising to 86% in Streatham Hill and no providers in Clapham Common (which had the second highest hourly rate of the wards at £7.90, see Figure 25).

Less than half of providers felt that availability was 'Good' or 'Very Good'. Again, this was varied across wards, rising to 86% in Streatham Hill and no providers replied that they thought/felt availability was 'good' or 'very good' in Clapham Common.

Figure 29: Standards of childcare provision - % providers think good or very good

Aspect of provision	% providers that think good or very good			
	Quality	Choice	Availability	Affordability
Lambeth	59%	60%	43%	34%
Bishop's	67%	67%	33%	33%
Brixton Hill	75%	63%	38%	38%
Clapham Common	50%	50%	0%	0%
Clapham Town	45%	64%	18%	9%
Coldharbour	60%	50%	40%	40%
Ferndale	57%	57%	57%	43%
Gipsy Hill	71%	57%	29%	14%
Herne Hill	50%	50%	17%	17%
Knight's Hill	40%	30%	20%	10%
Larkhall	57%	71%	57%	29%
Oval	50%	50%	50%	25%
Prince's	50%	67%	43%	14%
St Leonard's	46%	54%	46%	38%
Stockwell	56%	44%	33%	22%
Streatham Hill	86%	86%	86%	86%
Streatham South	63%	75%	75%	43%
Streatham Wells	71%	71%	71%	57%
Thornton	71%	86%	57%	43%
Thurlow Park	50%	50%	21%	29%
Tulse Hill	80%	80%	60%	70%
Vassall	67%	67%	56%	44%

Data Source: Lambeth Providers Survey 2014

## 4.2 Effectiveness in meeting specific needs

Providers were asked to rate childcare on meeting the specific needs of four client groups; low income families, disabled/SEN children, working families and families seeking work.

Across Lambeth working families had the highest percentage (46%) of providers stating that services for them were 'good' or 'very good' at 46%. This was a similar percentage to 2011 at 47%.

Disabled/SEN children and families seeking work were considered the least well catered for, with only 20% of providers in Lambeth considering these services 'good' or 'very good'. The percentage of providers thinking that provision for families seeking work was 'good' or 'very good' had decreased by 5% since 2011, and perceptions of 'good' or 'very good' services for disabled/SEN children had decreased by 3% since 2011. However, perceptions of what is good or better are likely to change over time in line with expectations.

Figure 30: Effectiveness of meeting specific needs as reported by providers

Effectiveness at meeting needs	% providers that think good or very good		
	2011	2014	% Change
Low income	31%	27%	↓ -3%
Disabled/SEN children	24%	20%	↓ -3%
Working families	47%	46%	↓ -1%
Families seeking work	25%	20%	↓ -5%

This data is shown by ward in Figure 31 below showing a wide range of percentages across wards.

From a provider perspective, Stockwell and Thurlow Park were considered least good at providing services for low income families (no providers stated they were 'good' or 'very good'). For both, childcare costs are above the average (£5.63) at £6.06 and £6.72 respectively (see Figure 25.)

No providers in Bishop's felt that their services for disabled children or children with SEN were 'good' or 'very good'. And for working families Clapham Common had the least positive rating, with no providers rating the services as 'good' or 'very good'.

In terms of families seeking work, three wards had no providers who stated that they were either 'good' or 'very good' - Brixton Hill, Clapham Common and Thornton.



Figure 31: Effectiveness of meeting specific needs - % providers think 'Good' or 'Very Good'

Client Group	% providers that think good or very good			
	Low income families	Disabled/SEN children	Working families	Families seeking work
Grand Total	27%	20%	46%	20%
Bishop's	33%	0%	67%	33%
Brixton Hill	13%	13%	25%	0%
Clapham Common	25%	25%	0%	0%
Clapham Town	27%	9%	45%	18%
Coldharbour	40%	20%	47%	13%
Ferndale	43%	14%	43%	29%
Gipsy Hill	14%	14%	14%	14%
Herne Hill	50%	17%	50%	17%
Knight's Hill	20%	10%	30%	10%
Larkhall	43%	29%	67%	14%
Oval	13%	38%	50%	0%
Prince's	38%	14%	43%	29%
St Leonard's	31%	23%	62%	46%
Stockwell	0%	11%	56%	11%
Streatham Hill	17%	33%	71%	17%
Streatham South	38%	38%	50%	50%
Streatham Wells	43%	43%	71%	43%
Thornton	0%	29%	29%	0%
Thurlow Park	14%	7%	43%	7%
Tulse Hill	36%	20%	60%	40%
Vassall	44%	33%	44%	22%

Data Source: Lambeth Providers Survey 2014



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