

Information Requested by Children's Scrutiny – January 2010

At the November meeting of Children's Scrutiny officers were requested to:

- *provide statistics on the proportionate numbers of children in the different EY provider settings across the borough*

The Children's Services Department holds a register of all providers in the borough and their current vacancies. It should be noted that this is a snapshot as at January 2010. The situation is constantly changing as families move, or parents change their childcare arrangements and as parents return to work after their maternity breaks. The register only includes those settings that have been approved by Ofsted. The statistics below do not include childminders.

Settings are registered such that they have a maximum number of children of any particular age. This means that a vacancy for a 3 or 4 year old place cannot necessarily be converted into a place for a child below the age of 3. The reason for this is that there are strict rules around the adult/child ratios in each of these age groups.

The figures **do not** include information about children aged 3 or 4 who are in school nursery classes where the ratios are different.

In addition to providing a breakdown for the type of provider I have also included some geographical information.

	Available Places	Under 1 Year	2 Year Old	Over 3 Years Old	Total Vacancies
Bermondsey	387	12	27	26	65
Borough	392	1	19	37	57
Camberwell	505	2	14	17	33
Dulwich	358	0	11	24	35
East Dulwich	182	0	22	22	44
Herne Hill	66	0	2	3	5
Kennington	118	0	0	5	5
Nunhead	243	4	3	4	11
Peckham	680	18	57	35	110
Peckham Rye	143	0	2	4	6
Rotherhithe	190	1	3	5	9
Walworth	442	15	14	22	51
Total	3706	53	174	204	431

	Available Places	Under 1 Year	2 Year Old	Over 3 Years Old	Total Vacancies
Community	352	3	5	28	36
Health Authority	171	0	0	0	0
Independent	52	0	0	0	0
Local Authority	525	0	0	0	0
Private	2099	44	150	151	345
Voluntary	507	6	19	25	50
Total	3706	53	174	204	431

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