

Early Years Northfield District Performance Summary

1 Demographics

Northfield District has 7,511 children who are under 5 within it, 8.7% of the city total. This is unevenly spread across the wards (table 1) with Weoley containing the most. Kings Norton ward contains the least children under 5 in the district.

Table 1 – Children Under 5 Years Old (source BCC 2016)

Ward	Children Under 5
Kings Norton	1,787
Longbridge	1,909
Northfield	1,809
Weoley	2,006
District	7,511
City	86,601

In terms of ethnicity, Northfield district has majority of it's under 5s from non-BME groups, significantly lower than the city as whole. Weoley has the highest rate with 35%, while Longbridge ward has the lowest with 17%.

Table 2 – Ethnicity (source 2011 census)

Ward	Ethnicity					No. BME	% BME
	Asian	Black	Mixed	White	Other		
Kings Norton	74	134	247	1447	35	490	25%
Longbridge	46	75	212	1639	9	342	17%
Northfield	65	69	206	1311	10	350	21%
Weoley	223	134	264	1264	49	670	35%
District	408	412	929	5661	103	1852	25%
City	28846	8661	8790	32870	2734	49031	59.9%

2 Family

Across the district as a whole, the number of vulnerable children under 5 is 229, 12.6% of the city total. Northfield ward has the highest number of vulnerable children with 62 (table 3) and Weoley has the lowest number with 54.

In terms of vulnerable children Northfield district has above city rates for vulnerable children who are under 5 years old. This is due to the high rate within all wards of the district, especially Northfield and Kings North, who both have rates of over 30 Vulnerable children under 5 per 1000 children.

A child is defined a vulnerable if it is known to children services.

Table 3 – Vulnerable Children under 5 Years old (source BCC June 2017)

Ward	Vuln Children (Under 5)	
	Count	rate per '000 children <5
Kings Norton	56	31.3
Longbridge	57	29.9
Northfield	62	34.3
Weoley	54	26.9
District	229	30.5
City	1817	21.0

Within Northfield District, there were 326 children under 5 who were in households that became priority homeless in 2016/17 financial year. This was 11.6% of the city's total and a rate above the city average (Table 4).

Northfield ward saw the highest number with 147 children, a rate of 81.3 children becoming priority homeless per thousand children, two and half times the city's rate and the highest rate in the city.

Weoley had the lowest number of children (54) and also the lowest rate (26.9) which was below the city's average.

Table 4 – Homeless Children Under 5 Years Old (source BCC 2016/17)

Ward	Children <5 Priority Homeless (incl Pregnant)	
	Count	Rate per '000 children < 5
Kings Norton	60	33.6
Longbridge	65	34.0
Northfield	147	81.3
Weoley	54	26.9
District	326	43.4
City	2811	32.5

3 Deprivation

Deprivation is above the city average in Northfield district, (Table 5) with two out of the four ward having higher rates of children under 5 in the 30% most deprived areas of England than the city.

Weoley has the highest rate, with 80% (1,603) of all children under 5 within the 30% most deprived areas of England. Of these over two-thirds – 1,105 – are in the most deprived 10% area of England.

Kings Norton also has a high rate, with 80% (1,406) of all children under 5 within the 30% most deprived areas of England. Again of these over two-thirds are in the most deprived 10% area of England.

Northfield ward has the lowest rate of children under 5 in the deprivation in the district with only 63% (1,143) within the 30% most deprived areas of England, 14% below the city average.

Table 5 – Deprivation (Source IMD 2015)

Ward	Deprivation					
	IMD 2015 (overall) – Count of Children Under 5				Within 0-30%	
	0 to 10%	10% to 20%	20% to 30%	30% plus	%	No. Children < 5
Kings Norton	990	0	416	381	79%	1406
Longbridge	761	529	113	506	73%	1403
Northfield	414	378	351	666	63%	1143
Weoley	1105	373	125	403	80%	1603
District	3270	1280	1005	1956	74%	5555
City	43948	14100	8254	20299	77%	66302

The attached map also shows the deprivation of Northfield district in relation to the 8 children's centres currently operating.

4 Education

Northfield district has a higher rate of children aged 2 who are eligible for free early education taking up places than for the city as whole. The rate for Longbridge ward is the highest, while Weoley ward is the lowest, but still above the city rate.

In terms of children, Weoley has the highest number of children who are eligible, 238 and accessing the entitlement, 160, across the district. Northfield ward has the lowest numbers of children eligible (171) and accessing (123) the entitlement (Table 6).

There are 233 children across the district that are eligible to access early education but are not taking up the placement. Weoley ward has the largest number of children, with 78, followed by Kings Norton with 56. Northfield has the lowest with 48.

Table 6 – Take up of Early Education Entitlement (EEE) for 2 Year Olds (source BCC, 2017)

Ward	2 Yr old take up of EEE			
	Access	Eligible	% Accessing	Not accessing
Kings Norton	137	193	71%	56
Longbridge	140	191	73%	51
Northfield	123	171	72%	48
Weoley	160	238	67%	78
District	560	793	71%	233
City	5717	9114	63%	3,397

The rate of children achieving good at Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) assessments in Northfield district are below the city average (Table 7), with all wards having a lower rate than the city. Northfield ward has the best rate, but is still 1.5% below the city's average.

This leaves 599 children who have not achieved good at EYFS across the district, with all wards containing over 100 children.

Table 7 – Children Achieving Good at Early Years Foundation Stage (Source BCC, 2015/16)

Ward	Development at EYFS			
	Total Pupils	% achieving Good	No. Pupils Achieving Good	No. Pupils Not Achieving Good
Kings Norton	362	58.6%	212	150
Longbridge	360	58.9%	212	148
Northfield	339	62.2%	211	128
Weoley	409	57.7%	236	173
District	1470	59.3%	871	599
City	16534	63.7%	10532	6002

5 Health

Breast feeding rates for Northfield district are below the city's rate at both the initial and 6-8 week check-up (Table 8), with this below city rate seen across all four wards in the district.

Longbridge has the lowest rates for Breast Feeding initially (33%), but improves this performance to 36% at the 6-8 week check-up, still 16% below the city rate. This is the only ward in the city that sees an improvement of breastfeeding rates between initial and 6-8 week check-up.

Kings Norton has the highest rate for initial breast feeding with 49%, but sees a drop of 14% by the 6-8 week check-up. Weoley ward has the smallest reduction in breast feeding rates to the 6-8 week check-up, ending up with a rate of 39%, the highest for the district, but still much lower than the city's rate.

Table 8 – Breast Feeding Rates (Source BCC 15/16)

Ward	Breast Feeding	
	Initially	6-8 weeks
Kings Norton	49%	35%
Longbridge	33%	36%
Northfield	47%	33%
Weoley	46%	39%
District	44%	36%
City	64%	52%

Low Birth Weights across the district are the same as the city's. However, the district rate is formed from 2 separate components, with Longbridge and particularly Weoley wards above the city rate and Kings Norton and Northfield below the city rate (Table 9).

Table 9 – Low Birth Weight Rates (Source BCC 2015)

Ward	Low Birth Weight
Kings Norton	7%
Longbridge	10%
Northfield	8%
Weoley	13%
District	9.5%
City	9.5%

Slightly fewer children within Northfield district have a normal weight at School reception age than the city, by 1.4% (Table 10), with higher rate in the Overweight category across the district.

Longbridge and Kings Norton wards have higher rates of children Overweight at reception age, with Kings Norton also having a rate for obese children above the city rate.

Northfield and Weoley wards again have higher than city rates for children overweight at reception age, but equal or better the city figure for children with normal weight at reception age.

Table 10 – Weight at School Reception Year (Source BCC 2015/16)

Ward	Weight at Reception %			
	Under	Normal	Over	Obese
Kings Norton	0.2	71.1	16.0	12.7
Longbridge	0.9	71.4	16.4	11.3
Northfield	0.5	75.0	13.7	10.8
Weoley	0.5	76.6	12.5	10.4
District	0.5	73.6	14.6	11.3
City	1.5	75.0	12.1	11.4

6 Access to Children's Centres

Access to children's centres in Northfield district by children under 5 years old who are living within the district is shown in Table 11.

It shows that in the 12 months from June 2016, that 42% of children accessed a children's centre. This represents 3,119 children. However, 4,392 children in Northfield did not access a children's centre during that 12 month period – but 90% of 3 and 4 year olds in the district (1,814 children) were in EEE settings outside of children's centres. This still leaves 2,578 children under 5 years old or 34.3% who did not access a children's centre or were not in another EEE setting.

When viewed in terms of deprivation, the highest access rate was for children who were lived in the areas of Northfield within 10% most deprived areas of England. However, this was 45% of these children – 1,463.

The rate at which children under 5 years old access children centres decreases as the level of deprivation reduces, with 37% of children access centres in area where deprivation is above the 30% most deprived areas of England.

Table 11 – Access to Children's Centres in Northfield District (Source BCC, June16 to May17 inclusive)

Attended at Children's Centres 1 June 16 to 31 May 17	Deprivation				Total
	0 to 10%	10% to 20%	20% to 30%	30% plus	
Number under fives	3270	1280	1005	1956	7511
Number under fives seen	1463	512	422	722	3119
% under fives seen	45%	40%	42%	37%	42%