

Early Years Yardley District Performance Summary

1 Demographics

Yardley District has 9,160 children who are under 5 within it, 10.6% of the city total. This is unevenly spread across the wards (table 1) with South Yardley containing the most. Sheldon ward contains the least children under 5 in the district.

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

| Ward | Children Under 5 |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Acocks Green | 2,428 |
| Sheldon | 1,592 |
| South Yardley | 2,895 |
| Stechford & Yardley North | 2,245 |
| District | 9,160 |
| City | 86,601 |

In terms of ethnicity, Yardley district has majority of it's under 5s from BME groups, but slightly lower than the city as whole. South Yardley has the highest rate with 69%, while Sheldon ward has the lowest with 29%.

Table 2 – Ethnicity (source 2011 census)

| Ward | Ethnicity | | | | | No. BME | % BME |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| | Asian | Black | Mixed | White | Other | | |
| Acocks Green | 920 | 73 | 276 | 1127 | 51 | 1320 | 54% |
| Sheldon | 232 | 51 | 115 | 1007 | 15 | 413 | 29% |
| South Yardley | 1490 | 144 | 278 | 901 | 99 | 2011 | 69% |
| Stechford & Yardley North | 655 | 128 | 192 | 951 | 32 | 1007 | 51% |
| District | 3,297 | 396 | 861 | 3,986 | 197 | 4,751 | 54% |
| 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 199, just under 11% of the city total. South Yardley ward has the highest number of vulnerable children with 60 (table 3) and Sheldon has the lowest number with 31.

In terms of vulnerable children, Yardley district has just above city rates for vulnerable children who are under 5 years old. This is due to the high rate within Stretford and Yardley North ward, as the other three wards in the district have rates below the city's.

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 |
| Acocks Green | 50 | 20.6 |
| Sheldon | 31 | 19.5 |
| South Yardley | 60 | 20.7 |
| Stechford & Yardley North | 58 | 25.8 |
| District | 199 | 21.7 |
| City | 1817 | 21.0 |

3 Deprivation

Deprivation is above the city average in Yardley district, (Table 4) with all ward having higher rates of children under 5 in the 30% most deprived areas of England then the city, except for Sheldon.

Acocks Green has the highest rate, with 94% (2,290) of all children under 5 within the 30% most deprived areas of England.

South Yardley also has a high rate, with 90% (2,605) of all children under 5 within the 30% most deprived areas of England. Of these over half of children (1,395) are in the most deprived 10% area of England.

Sheldon ward has the lowest rate of children under 5 in the deprivation in the district with 63% within the 30% most deprived areas of England, 14% below the city average.

Table 4 – 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 |
| Acocks Green | 992 | 816 | 482 | 138 | 94% | 2290 |
| Sheldon | 464 | 322 | 209 | 597 | 63% | 995 |
| South Yardley | 1395 | 1096 | 114 | 290 | 90% | 2605 |
| Stechford & Yardley North | 937 | 788 | 176 | 344 | 85% | 1901 |
| District | 3788 | 3022 | 981 | 1369 | 85% | 7791 |
| City | 43948 | 14100 | 8254 | 20299 | 77% | 66302 |

The attached map also shows the deprivation of Yardley district in relation to the 4 children's centres currently operating.

4 Education

Yardley district has a lower rate of children aged 2 who are eligible for free early education taking up places than for the city as whole. The rate for Stechford & Yardley North ward is the lowest, while Sheldon ward is the highest, but still below the city rate.

In terms of children, South Yardley has the highest number of children who are eligible (359) and accessing the entitlement (193) across the district. Sheldon district has the lowest numbers of children eligible (141) and accessing (80) the entitlement (Table 5).

There are 478 children across the district that are eligible to access early education but are not taking up the placement. South Yardley ward has the largest number of children, with 166, followed by Acock Green with 130 and Stechford and Yardley North with 121.

Table 5 – 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 |
| Acocks Green | 152 | 282 | 54% | 130 |
| Sheldon | 80 | 141 | 57% | 61 |
| South Yardley | 193 | 359 | 54% | 166 |
| Stechford & Yardley North | 138 | 259 | 53% | 121 |
| District | 563 | 1041 | 54% | 478 |
| City | 5717 | 9114 | 63% | 3,397 |

The rate of children achieving good at Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) assessments in Yardley district are above the city average (Table 6), with all wards having a higher rate than the city, led by Sheldon ward. However, there are still 598 children who have not achieved good at EYFS across the district, with South Yardley ward containing over 200 children and Acocks Green over 150.

Table 6 – 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 |
| Acocks Green | 429 | 63.9% | 274 | 155 |
| Sheldon | 294 | 70.4% | 207 | 87 |
| South Yardley | 630 | 64.8% | 408 | 222 |
| Stechford & Yardley North | 392 | 65.8% | 258 | 134 |
| District | 1745 | 65.7% | 1147 | 598 |
| City | 16534 | 63.7% | 10532 | 6002 |

5 Health

Breast feeding rates for Yardley district are below the city's rate at both the initial and 6-8 week check-up (Table 7). However there are some variations within wards.

Sheldon has the lowest rates for both Breast Feeding, both initially (40%) and at the 6-8 week check-up (35%). This is a difference of 24% between the city's initial rate and Sheldon's, narrowing only to 17% between the city's 6-8 week check-up rate and the wards.

South Yardley have the highest rates, with just 1% difference between the ward's initial breast feeding rate and the city's and a higher rate than the city for the 6-8 week check-up.

Table 7 – Breast Feeding Rates (Source BCC 15/16)

| Ward | Breast Feeding | |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| | Initially | 6-8 weeks |
| Acocks Green | 58% | 49% |
| Sheldon | 40% | 35% |
| South Yardley | 63% | 54% |
| Stechford & Yardley North | 51% | 38% |
| District | 55% | 46% |
| 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 both Acocks Green and Stechford & Yardley North wards are above the city rate and Sheldon and South Yardley below the city rate (Table 8).

Table 8 – Low Birth Weight Rates (Source BCC 2015)

| Ward | Low Birth Weight |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Acocks Green | 10.1% |
| Sheldon | 8.9% |
| South Yardley | 8.3% |
| Stechford & Yardley North | 10.5% |
| District | 9.5% |
| City | 9.5% |

Slightly fewer children within Yardley district have a normal weight at School reception age than the city, by 0.7%, with higher rates for the district than the city in all other weight categories (Table 9).

Acocks Green and South Yardley have higher rates of children underweight at reception age, with South Yardley over double the city's rate.

Sheldon and South Yardley wards have higher than city rates for children over weight at reception age. While South Yardley and Stechford and Yardley North also have higher rates of obese children than the city.

Table 9 – Weight at School Reception Year (Source BCC 2015/16)

| Ward | Weight at Reception % | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------|------|-------|
| | Under | Normal | Over | Obese |
| Acocks Green | 2.2 | 76.6 | 10.7 | 10.5 |
| Sheldon | 0.6 | 74.8 | 13.9 | 10.6 |
| South Yardley | 3.2 | 72.9 | 12.0 | 11.9 |
| Stechford & Yardley North | 0.8 | 73.3 | 13.1 | 12.8 |
| District | 1.9 | 74.3 | 12.2 | 11.6 |
| City | 1.5 | 75.0 | 12.1 | 11.4 |

6 Access to Children's Centres

Access to children's centres in Yardley district by children under 5 years old who are living within the district is shown in Table 10.

It shows that in the 12 months from June 2016, that just over 34.5% of children accessed a children's centre. This represents 3,168 children. However, 5,992 children in Yardley did not access a children's centre during that 12 month period – but 86% of 3 and 4 year olds in the district (2,462 children) were in EEE settings outside of children's centres. This still leaves 3,530 children under 5 years old or 38.5% who did not access a children's centre or where 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 Yardley within 10% most deprived areas of England. However, this was just under two fifths of these children – 1,466.

The rate at which children under 5 years old access children centres decreases as the level of deprivation reduces, with just over 26% of children access centres in area where deprivation is above the 30% most deprived areas of England.

Table 10 – Access to Children's Centres in Yardley 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 | 3788 | 3022 | 981 | 1369 | 9160 |
| Number under fives seen | 1466 | 1056 | 278 | 368 | 3168 |
| % under fives seen | 38.70% | 34.94% | 28.34% | 26.88% | 34.59% |