

# Early Years

## Hodge Hill District

### Performance Summary

#### 1 Demographics

Hodge Hill district has 13,009 children who are under 5 within it, 15.0% of the city total and largest number of any district. This is unevenly spread across the wards (table 1) with Bordesley Green containing the most. Shard End ward contains the least children under 5 in the district.

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

Ward	Children Under 5
Bordesley Green	3,970
Hodge Hill	2,771
Shard End	2,360
Washwood Heath	3,908
District	13,009
City	86,601

In terms of ethnicity, Hodge Hill district has majority of it's under 5s from BME groups, well above the city's average. However, there is a wide range of within the wards in the district, with Washwood Heath ward having the highest rates of BME under 5s (95%), closely followed by Bordesley Green (94%). Shard End ward containing the lowest, with just over a third (34%) from BME groups.

**Table 2 – Ethnicity** (source 2011 census)

Ward	Ethnicity					No. BME	% BME
	Asian	Black	Mixed	White	Other		
Bordesley Green	2748	410	271	255	249	3678	94%
Hodge Hill	1430	258	221	589	56	1965	77%
Shard End	243	140	376	1543	32	791	34%
Washwood Heath	2743	292	177	187	77	3289	95%
District	7164	1100	1045	2574	414	9723	79%
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. Washwood Heath ward has the highest number of vulnerable children with 73 (table 3) and Bordesley Green has the lowest number with 41.

In terms of vulnerable children Hodge Hill district has below city rates for vulnerable children who are under 5 years old. This is partly due to the low rate within Bordesley Green ward.

Hodge Hill Ward and Shard End ward both have rates for vulnerable children slightly above the city average rate.

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
Bordesley Green	41	10.3
Hodge Hill	61	22.0
Shard End	54	22.9
Washwood Heath	73	18.7
District	229	17.6
City	1817	21.0

Within Hodge Hill district, there were 307 children under 5 who were in households that became priority homeless in 2016/17 financial year. This was 10.9% of the city's total and a rate above the city average (Table 4). However, all wards, had a below city rate per thousand children.

Bordesley Green ward saw the highest number with 91 children, but a below city rate of 22.9 children becoming priority homeless per thousand children, due to the large number of children in the ward.

Shard End ward had the lowest number of children (49) and Washwood Heath ward had the lowest rate (20.5) 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
Bordesley Green	91	22.9
Hodge Hill	87	31.4
Shard End	49	20.8
Washwood Heath	80	20.5
District	307	23.6
City	2811	32.5

### 3 Deprivation

Deprivation is above the city average in Hodge Hill district, (Table 5) with three out of the four ward having all children under 5 in the 30% most deprived areas of England then the city.

Hodge Hill is the only ward with only some children under 5 who are outside of areas within the 30% most deprived areas of England. However, it still have 82% (2,283) children in areas within the 30% most deprived in England. Of these just over half (1,199) were still in the most deprived 10% area of England.

Bordesley Green ward has the greatest number of children in area within the 30% most deprived areas of England, with 3,970, with 95.5% (3971) within the 10% most deprived areas of England. Washwood Heath ward also had over 95% of its children in the most deprived 10% areas of England.

**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
Bordesley Green	3791	179	0	0	100%	3970
Hodge Hill	1199	697	387	488	82%	2283
Shard End	2062	235	63	0	100%	2360
Washwood Heath	3714	194	0	0	100%	3908
District	10766	1305	450	488	96%	12521
City	43948	14100	8254	20299	77%	66302

The attached map also shows the deprivation of Hodge Hill district in relation to the 7 children's centres currently operating.

## 4 Education

Hodge Hill 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 Washwood Heath ward is the highest, slightly above the city average, while Bordesley Green ward is the lowest.

In terms of children, Bordesley Green has the highest number of children who are eligible, 544 and Washwood Heath ward has the highest number of children accessing the entitlement, 343, across the district. Shard End ward has the lowest numbers of children eligible (291) and accessing (185) the entitlement (Table 6).

There are 669 children across the district that are eligible to access early education but are not taking up the placement. Bordesley Green ward has the largest number of children, with 240, followed by Washwood Heath with 178. Shard End ward has the lowest with 106.

**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
Bordesley Green	304	544	56%	240
Hodge Hill	205	350	59%	145
Shard End	185	291	64%	106
Washwood Heath	343	521	66%	178
District	1,037	1,706	61%	669
City	5717	9114	63%	3,397

The rate of children achieving good at Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) assessments in Hodge Hill district is below the city average (Table 7), with all wards having a lower rate than the city. Hodge Hill ward has the best rate with 59.6%, closely followed by Washwood Heath ward with 59.5%.

This leaves 1,045 children who have not achieved good at EYFS across the district, with all Bordesley Green containing over 300 children and Washwood Heath ward over 250.

**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
Bordesley Green	782	56.9%	445	337
Hodge Hill	574	59.6%	342	232
Shard End	437	57.0%	249	188
Washwood Heath	711	59.5%	423	288
District	2504	58.3%	1459	1045
City	16,534	63.7%	10,532	6,002

## 5 Health

Breast feeding rates for Hodge Hill district are below the city's rate at both the initial and 6-8 week check-up (Table 8). However, there is variation within the wards.

Shard End has the lowest rates for Breast Feeding initially (40%) and also at the 6-8 week check-up (31%).

Bordesley Green ward has the highest rate for the district, above the city rate for Breast feeding at both the initial check-up (70%) and 6-8 week check-up (59%).

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

Ward	Breast Feeding	
	Initially	6-8 weeks
Bordesley Green	70%	59%
Hodge Hill	57%	48%
Shard End	40%	31%
Washwood Heath	65%	49%
District	60%	49%
City	64%	52%

Low Birth Weights across the district are above the city, with all wards above the city's rate. Hodge Hill and Shard End wards have the highest rates in the district (Table 9).

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

Ward	Low Birth Weight
Bordesley Green	10.3%
Hodge Hill	12.8%
Shard End	12.0%
Washwood Heath	11.1%
District	11.4%
City	9.5%

Slightly fewer children within Hodge Hill district have a normal weight at School reception age than the city, by 1.1% (Table 10), with higher rate in the underweight and obesity category across the district.

Shard End ward is the worst performing ward in the district with only 73.2% of children at reception age having a normal weight. The ward has overweight (13.8%) and obesity (11.9%) rates above the city's.

All the remaining wards both have obesity rates above the city and also underweight rates higher than the city. Washwood Heath ward has a particularly high rate of underweight children at reception age, 80% above the city's rate.

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

Ward	Weight at Reception %			
	Under	Normal	Over	Obese
Bordesley Green	1.6	74.4	11.6	12.4
Hodge Hill	1.7	74.4	11.8	12.0
Shard End	1.1	73.2	13.8	11.9
Washwood Heath	2.7	73.5	10.8	13.0
District	1.9	73.9	11.8	12.4
City	1.5	75.0	12.1	11.4

## 6 Access to Children's Centres

Access to children's centres in Hodge Hill 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 just over 44% of children accessed a children's centre. This represents 5,782 children. However, 7,227 children in Yardley did not access a children's centre during that 12 month period – but 85% of 3 and 4 year olds in the district (3,038 children) were in EEE settings outside of children's centres. This still leaves 4,189 children under 5 years old or 32.2% 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 half of these children – 4,976.

The rate at which children under 5 years old access children centres decreases as the level of deprivation reduces, with 29% 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 Hodge Hill 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	10766	1305	450	488	13009
Number under fives seen	4978	524	139	141	5782
% under fives seen	46%	40%	31%	29%	44%