

Early Years

Ladywood District

Performance Summary

1 Demographics

Ladywood district has 11,009 children who are under 5 within it, 13.6% of the city total. This is unevenly spread across the wards (table 1) with Nechells ward containing the most. Ladywood ward contains the least children under 5 in the district.

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

Ward	Children Under 5
Aston	3,323
Ladywood	1,772
Nechells	3,541
Soho	3,150
District	11,786
City	86,601

In terms of ethnicity, Ladywood district has majority of it's under 5s from BME groups, well above the city's average. All wards in the district are considerable above the city rate, with Aston ward having the highest rates of BME under 5s (95%). Ladywood ward containing the lowest, again with a rate considerably higher than the city average (81%) from BME groups.

Table 2 – Ethnicity (source 2011 census)

Ward	Ethnicity					No. BME	% BME
	Asian	Black	Mixed	White	Other		
Aston	1659	969	182	163	94	2904	95%
Ladywood	417	402	245	272	104	1168	81%
Nechells	1235	993	345	359	247	2820	89%
Soho	1250	701	369	329	125	2445	88%
District	4561	3065	1141	1123	570	9337	89%
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 241, 13.2% of the city total. Soho ward has the highest number of vulnerable children with 79 (table 3) and Ladywood has the lowest number with 32.

In terms of vulnerable children Ladywood district has below city rates for vulnerable children who are under 5 years old.

Soho is the only ward to have a rate of vulnerable children under 5 that is greater than the city.

Nechells has the lowest rate of vulnerable children in the district, below the city 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
Aston	69	20.8
Ladywood	32	18.1
Nechells	61	17.2
Soho	79	25.1
District	241	20.4
City	1817	21.0

Within Ladywood district, there were 617 children under 5 who were in households that became priority homeless in 2016/17 financial year. This was 22.0% of the city's total and a rate above the city average (Table 4). All wards also had an above city rate per thousand children.

Soho ward saw the highest number with 205 children, a rate of 65.1 children becoming priority homeless per thousand children, nearly double the city rate.

Ladywood ward had the lowest number of children (91) under 5 becoming priority homeless and Aston ward had the lowest rate (39.7) 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
Aston	132	39.7
Ladywood	91	51.4
Nechells	189	53.4
Soho	205	65.1
District	617	52.4
City	2811	32.5

3 Deprivation

Deprivation is above the city average in Ladywood district, (Table 5) with two out of the four ward having all children under 5 in the 30% most deprived areas of England then the city and a third with 99%.

Ladywood ward has the least children under 5 who are inside of areas within the 30% most deprived areas of England, with a rate of 84% (1,497). Of these over half (850) were still in the most deprived 10% area of England.

Nechells ward has the greatest number of children in area within the 30% most deprived areas of England, with 3,525. Of these 91.0% (3,207) within the 10% most deprived areas of England. Soho ward also had over 72% 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
Aston	2939	353	0	31	99%	3292
Ladywood	850	243	404	275	84%	1497
Nechells	3207	0	318	16	100%	3525
Soho	2273	694	183	0	100%	3150
District	9269	1290	905	322	97%	11464
City	43948	14100	8254	20299	77%	66302

The attached map also shows the deprivation of Ladywood district in relation to the 10 children's centres currently operating.

4 Education

Ladywood district the same rate of children aged 2 who are eligible for free early education taking up places than for the city as whole. The rate for Aston ward is the highest, above the city average, while Soho ward is the lowest.

In terms of children, Nechells has the highest number of children who are eligible, 523 and the highest number of children accessing the entitlement, 330, across the district. Ladywood ward has the lowest numbers of children eligible (175) and accessing (105) the entitlement (Table 6).

There are 567 children across the district that are eligible to access early education but are not taking up the placement. Nechells ward has the largest number of children, with 193. Ladywood ward has the lowest with 70.

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
Aston	306	455	67%	149
Ladywood	105	175	60%	70
Nechells	330	523	63%	193
Soho	204	359	57%	155
District	945	1512	63%	567
City	5717	9114	63%	3,397

The rate of children achieving good at Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) assessments in Ladywood district is below the city average (Table 7), with all wards except Aston having a lower rate than the city. Aston ward has the best rate with 64.0%. Soho ward has the worst rate with 58.9%

This leaves 775 children who have not achieved good at EYFS across the district, with all wards except Ladywood containing over 200 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
Aston	638	64.0%	408	230
Ladywood	286	62.2%	178	108
Nechells	601	61.6%	370	231
Soho	501	58.9%	295	206
District	2026	61.8%	1251	775
City	16,534	63.7%	10,532	6,002

5 Health

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

Soho has the lowest rates for Breast Feeding initially (72%) and also at the 6-8 week check-up (60%).

Ladywood ward has the highest rate for the district, above the city rate for Breast feeding at the initial check-up (85%), but has a large reduction by the 6-8 week check-up (62%). Nechells ward has the highest rate of breast feeding at the 6-8 week check-up with 70%.

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

Ward	Breast Feeding	
	Initially	6-8 weeks
Aston	82%	67%
Ladywood	85%	62%
Nechells	79%	70%
Soho	72%	60%
District	79%	65%
City	64%	52%

Low Birth Weights across the district are below the city, with all bar one ward at or below the city's rate. Soho is the only ward with a rate above the city average (Table 9).

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

Ward	Low Birth Weight
Aston	8.7%
Ladywood	9.5%
Nechells	8.3%
Soho	11.0%
District	9.3%
City	9.5%

Slightly fewer children within Ladywood district have a normal weight at School reception age than the city, by 1.0% (Table 10), with higher rate in the underweight and obesity category across the district.

Ladywood ward is the worst performing ward in the district with only 70.1% of children at reception age having a normal weight. The ward has overweight (15.5%) and obesity (13.7%) rates above the city's.

Soho ward is the best performing ward, with 75.3% of children at reception age having a normal weight. However, it has above city average rates for underweight (2.4%) and obesity (13.1%).

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

Ward	Weight at Reception %			
	Under	Normal	Over	Obese
Aston	2.5	74.7	10.5	12.3
Ladywood	0.8	70.1	15.5	13.7
Nechells	2.4	73.7	11.4	12.5
Soho	2.4	75.3	9.2	13.1
District	2.2	74.0	11.0	12.7
City	1.5	75.0	12.1	11.4

6 Access to Children's Centres

Access to children's centres in Ladywood 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 45% of children accessed a children's centre. This represents 5,282 children. However, 6,504 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 (2,704 children) were in EEE settings outside of children's centres. This still leaves 3,800 children under 5 years old or 32.2% 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 Ladywood district within 10% to 20% most deprived areas of England. However, this was just over half of these children – 658.

The rate at which children under 5 years old access children centres decreases as the level of deprivation reduces with deprivation from this peak of 51% to a low of 32% for areas where deprivation is above the 30% most deprived areas of England.

Table 11 – Access to Children's Centres in Ladywood 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	9269	1290	905	322	11786
Number under fives seen	4135	658	385	104	5282
% under fives seen	45%	51%	43%	32%	45%