

APPENDIX 1

Current position regarding provision for 3 year olds in areas covered by BCC Playcentre Playgroups

1. Olympia Playcentre

Catchment area for pre-school playgroup:
Electoral wards: Blackstaff, Shaftesbury and Windsor

Number of 3 year olds living in catchment area: 102

Pre-school provision in catchment area

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Number of Places</u>
Olympia PG (Based in Olympia Playcentre)	16
Early Learners Playgroup	32
Arellian Nursery School	52
Blythefield Nursery Unit	26
Fane Street Nursery	26
Total	152

Within the catchment area, there is a surplus of 50 places for children in their pre-school year.

Olympia Playgroup (2007/2008)

Number of places available: 16
Number of places filled: 14

19% of the places are filled by children in the pre-school year who are in the targeted age group

Source for statistics: Belfast Health & Social Services Trust, April 2008

2. Avoniel Playcentre

Catchment area for pre-school playgroup:
Electoral wards: The Mount and Bloomfield

Number of 3 year olds living in catchment area: 127

Pre-school provision in catchment area

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Number of Places</u>
Avoniel Playgroup (Based in Avoniel Playcentre)	16*
Oasis Playgroup	24
See Saw Playgroup	24
Bloomfield Playgroup	24
Euston Street Nursery Unit	52
Avoniel Nursery unit	52
Ravenscroft Nursery School	52
Total	244

*Avoniel was originally registered for 24 children. Due to a decreased demand for places, the numbers in the playgroup was reduced to 16.

Within the catchment area, there is a surplus of 117 places for children in their pre-school year.

Avoniel Playgroup (2007/2008)

Number of places available: 16
Number of places filled: 13

19% of the places are filled by children in the pre-school year who are in the targeted age group

Population and Provision statistics: source: Belfast Health & Social Services Trust, April 2008

3. Ballysillian Playcentre

Catchment area for pre-school playgroup:
Electoral wards: Ballysillian

Total number of births in Ballysillian Ward 2003 – 2006

Total Births: Ballysillian	
2003	72
2004	89
2005	77
2006	66

Source

- www.ninis.nisra.gov.uk

Making the assumption that families have remained in the area since the birth of their child, the above table indicates that there will be 77 children who will turn 3 and therefore be in their pre-school year in 2008.

The table also shows an indication that the birth rate is decreasing within the Ballysillian ward.

Pre-school provision in catchment area

Provider	Number of Places
Ballysillian Playgroup	16
Joanmount Playgroup	16
Ballysillian Nursery Unit	26
Total	58

Ballysillian Playgroup (2007/2008)

Number of places available: 16
Number of places filled: 16

Within the catchment area, the above indicates a deficit of 19 places for children in their pre-school year. Within the Ballysillian Playgroup, 38% of the places are filled by children in the pre-school year who are in the targeted age group. This indicates that although there is a deficit of places for children in their pre-school year they are accessing these outside the catchment area.

Provision based on 2008 information