



**REQUEST** | **17397**

We would like information on the extent to which your local authority provides children centres or family hubs for families in your area.

For the purposes of this freedom of information request we define a children's centre as a building which is managed by, or on behalf of, or by arrangement with the local authority to provide early childhood services (possibly in conjunction with services for families of older children) in the community.

1. How many children's centres which solely provide support for parents of children under the age of six were in operation in Wigan on each of the following dates:
  - 31 March 2009
  - 31 March 2014
  - 31 March 2019
  - 31 March 2024
  
2. How many children's centre which provide services for parents of children from pre-birth up to the age of 18 (often referred to as "family hubs") were in operation in Wigan on each of the following dates:
  - 31 March 2009
  - 31 March 2014
  - 31 March 2019
  - 31 March 2024
  
3. On 31 March 2024 how many children's centres which solely provide support for parents of children under the age of six were in operation in Wigan were operating in each of the following wards:
  - Abram
  - Ashton
  - Aspull, New Springs and Whelley
  - Astley Mosley Common
  - Atherleigh
  - Atherton
  - Bryn
  - Douglas
  - Golborne and Lowton West
  - Hindley
  - Hindley Green
  - Ince
  - Leigh East
  - Leigh South
  - Leigh West
  - Lowton East
  - Orrell
  - Pemberton
  - Shevington with Lower Ground

- Standish with Langtree
- Tyldesley
- Wigan Central
- Wigan West
- Winstanley
- Worsley Mesnes

4. As of the 31 March 2024 how many children's centre which provide support for parents of children from pre-birth up to the age of 18 (often referred to as "family hubs") in Wigan were operating in each of the following wards:

- Abram
- Ashton
- Aspull, New Springs and Whelley
- Astley Mosley Common
- Atherleigh
- Atherton
- Bryn
- Douglas
- Golborne and Lowton West
- Hindley
- Hindley Green
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- Leigh East
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5. How many children under the age of 18 were supported by children's centres or family hubs across Wigan between 1 April 2023 and 30 March 2024?

## RESPONSE

1. 31 March 2009 – 22 Sure Start Centres

31 March 2014 – 22 Sure Start Centres

31 March 2019 – 5 Start Well Family Centres and 14 Linked Sites. 3 sites were de-commissioned.

31 March 2024 – 4 Start Well Family Centres and 12 Linked Sites. These sites also provided some support to people over the age of 6.

2. 31 March 2024 – 1 = The Family Hub at the Meadows.

The Startwell family centres and linked sites continued to operate, many of which were providing services as mentioned.

Note: some of the boundaries and SWFC footprint didn't align 100% to ward boundaries, but in general they covered.

3. At 31 March 2024;

**Platt Bridge Startwell Family Centre sat in Abram Ward**, but covered wards Abram, Ashton, Bryn, Hindley and Hindley Green

**Ince Startwell Family Centre sat in Ince Ward**, but covered wards Aspull, New Springs and Whelley, Ince, Shevington with Lower Ground, Standish with Langtree, Wigan West and Part of Wigan Central

**West Leigh Startwell Family Centre sits in Leigh West Ward**, but covered wards Leigh East, Leigh South, Leigh West, Lowton East, Golborne and Lowton West

**Atherton Startwell Family Centre sat in Atherton Ward**, but covered wards Atherleigh, Atherton, Astley Mosley Common, Tyldesley

4. At 31 March 2024:

**The Family Hub at the Meadows sits in Douglas Ward**, but it covered wards Douglas, Orrell, Pemberton, Winstanley, Worsley Mesnes and Part of Wigan Central and Wigan West. It was the first family hub to be developed and offers to provision to all families regardless of where they live. The remaining Start Well family Centres were still in place

5.

	Age Under 18
Atherton Start Well Family Centre	966
Ince Start Well Family Centre	754
Platt Bridge Start Well Family Centre	581
Westfield Start Well Family Centre	1285
Westleigh Start Well Family Centre	1510
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5096</b>