



Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide, broken down to ward area:

1. The current total number of Early Years places (i.e. prior to Key Stage 1) provided across the local authority area. Please separate private and non-private places.

Private = 6,392 Ofsted Registered
Non Private = 1,876 “ “

Private = 5883 = Capped
Non Private = 1,744 = Capped

Current places is lower than Ofsted registered due to childcare providers capping places in the light of staff recruitment & retention issues.

Ward Level breakdown of current places by ward (capped places as this is what we currently have available

Ward	Private Non	
	Private	Private
Abram	111	121
Ashton-in-Makerfield South	213	25
Aspull, New Springs & Whelley	131	30
Astley	282	95
Atherton North	361	97
Atherton South & Lilford	181	34
Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North	224	30
Douglas	136	32
Golborne & Lowton West	239	58
Hindley	229	102
Hindley Green	114	26
Ince	186	156
Leigh Central & Higher Folds	511	75
Leigh South	252	51
Leigh West	199	86
Lowton East	224	39
Orrell	245	30
Pemberton	386	68
Shevington with Lower Ground & Moor	196	56
Standish with Langtree	240	94
Tyldesley & Mosley Common	366	105
Wigan Central	415	80
Wigan West	130	50
Winstanley	218	126
Worsley Mesnes	94	78

We can however show the level and supply and demand at ward level but this is combined private and non private provision

Ward	Supply Hours	Demand Hours
Abram	7,996	5,105
Ashton-in-Makerfield South	9,885	7,489
Aspull, New Springs & Whelley	6,285	5,903
Astley	15,675	14,784
Atherton North	18,315	13,005
Atherton South & Lilford	9,165	6,996
Bryn with Ashton-in-Makerfield North	10,980	8,985
Douglas	6,795	5,767
Golborne & Lowton West	12,435	9,937
Hindley	13,365	10,576
Hindley Green	5,910	4,672
Ince	12,750	7,380
Leigh Central & Higher Folds	21,795	15,133
Leigh South	12,075	10,786
Leigh West	11,475	9,292
Lowton East	10,650	8,723
Orrell	11,925	9,033
Pemberton	18,495	15,716
Shevington with Lower Ground & Moor	10,110	7,119
Standish with Langtree	13,908	10,835
Tyldesley & Mosley Common	20,665	13,895
Wigan Central	20,835	15,044
Wigan West	7,350	6,904
Winstanley	12,870	7,871
Worsley Mesnes	7,235	5,821

2. The current demand gap in Early Years places available (i.e. the difference between the total provision and level of demand). Please separate private and non-private places.

Overall, we are sufficient for places and are therefore meeting our sufficiency duty, we currently have total provision of that equates to 308,933 hours split between private of 230,853 hours and non-private of 78,080 hours. We have current demand 236,772 hours, but we cannot estimate what proportion will be taken up in private or non-private childcare providers as this will be down to parental choice and supply in the area children will attend, the overall surplus hours this term is estimated as 72,161 hours

3. The projected level of demand for Early Years places for the next 25 years. If this is not available, the projected level of demand as far into the future as is available.

We have projected forward until September 2025 and the number of places needed peaks in the summer term 2025 at 6,708 places

All places are a full time places so can accommodate more than one child, the number of children that can be accommodated per place varies dependent if the setting is full day care or sessional