



Vale of Glamorgan

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment refresh

2014-15



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Introduction

The Vale of Glamorgan Council carried out its third full Childcare Sufficiency Assessment in 2013 to meet the duties under the Childcare Act 2006. This required every local authority to ensure there is sufficient childcare to enable parents to work or undertake education or training in order to make the transition to work.

A full sufficiency assessment is required every three years with annual updates to set out how local authorities are responding to the findings of their childcare sufficiency assessments and working to meet the sufficiency duty.

1.1 Aims and Objectives

Sufficient childcare, in Section 6 of the 2006 Act, is defined as 'sufficient to meet the requirements of parents in [the local authority's] area who require childcare in order to enable them –

- a To take up, or remain in, work, or
- b To undertake education or training which could reasonably be expected to assist them to obtain work.

In determining whether provision of childcare is sufficient a local authority:

- a Must have regards to the needs of parents in their area for-
 - The provision of childcare in respect of which the childcare element of the working tax credit is payable, and
 - The provision of childcare which is suitable for disabled children
 - The provision of childcare involving the use of the Welsh language.

1.2 The Childcare Sufficiency Duty

The sufficiency data relates to the formal childcare sector, in particular registered day care or sessional care offered by childminders, day nurseries, pre-school playgroups, out of

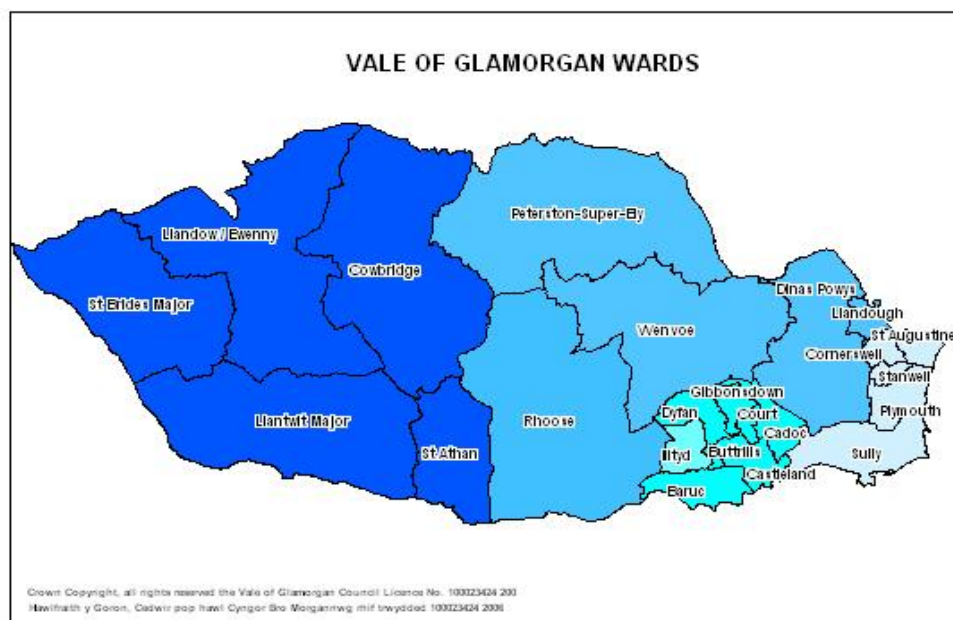
school childcare and maintained school nursery classes offering the free flexible entitlement.

1.3 Refresh 2014-15

This annual refresh will look at:

- Any new demographic data
- Any new employment data,
- supply of childcare,
- demand data
- gap analysis
- updated action plan for 2014-17

Demographic Data



2.1 Review of the population

Based on the 2013 mid-year estimate (released June 2014), the population of the Vale is 127,159 although the latest Welsh Government population projections (2011 based) expect the Vale's population to reach 132,529 by 2026. The 2011 Census estimated number of households in the Vale is 53,500; however, the latest Welsh Government household projections (2011 based) indicate that household will continue to grow and are expected to reach 59,179 households by 2026.

The Welsh Government population projections (2011-based) indicate that the age profile of the Vale is also expected to change; the number of children (age 0-15) is expected to change from 23,776 in 2011 to 23,250 by 2026.

2.2 Review on accommodation/housing patterns

The revised Deposit Local Development Plan (i.e. the Council's full draft Plan) underwent public consultation in the 6-weeks until 20th December 2013. The draft residential provision figure is 10,450 dwellings over the plan period from 2011 to 2026.

An alternative sites consultation (i.e. advertisement of the alternative sites suggested by third parties during the Deposit Plan consultation) was undertaken in the 6-weeks to 1st May 2014.

Responses to the public consultations are being finalised and it is anticipated that the LDP will be submitted to Welsh Government in May 2015 for independent Examination which will take place later in 2015.

Below is an up-date on the anticipated Housing Supply reported in the 2013-14 full report.

Development	Original Forecast 2013-14	Update 2014-15
Wenvoe Garden Centre	140 dwellings	on site and under construction
Llangan Garden Centre	40 dwellings	on site and under construction
Rhose Point	700 dwellings	not started -site to be developed in 2 areas - West- Taylor Wimpey (350 dwellings), East Bellway (126 dwellings) Persimmon (224 dwellings)
Rhose Trem Echni	87 dwellings Taylor Wimpey	on site and under construction
Barry Waterfront	1700 dwellings	The Quays on site and under construction – 3 developers Taylor Wimpey (128 dwellings) , Barratt Homes (139 dwellings) and Persimmon (111 dwellings)
St Athan Old Station yard	23 dwellings	on site and under construction
Ogmore by Sea Residential Centre	80 dwellings	on site and under construction
Leckwith Rd Old Quarry	40 dwellings	on site and under construction
Haydock House, Barry	15 dwellings	not started
Marine Hotel	20 dwellings	on site and under construction

2.3 Impact on Childcare

It is uncertain at present to estimate what, if any, additional childcare may be required as the new housing developments have only recently commenced. A clearer picture may become apparent once these developments are nearing completion.

Employment & Economic Data

3.1 New employment Data

During October 2013 – September 2014, there were 57,000 persons (71.1%) aged 16-64 in employment in the Vale of Glamorgan, with the Welsh average being 69.5% [source: Nomis].

The number of unemployed persons in the Vale of Glamorgan aged 16 – 64 was 3,800 (6.2%) with the Wales average being 6.9% [Source: Nomis].

Figure 1: Employment and unemployment (Oct 2013-Sep 2014)

	The Vale of Glamorgan (numbers)	The Vale of Glamorgan (%)	Wales (%)	Great Britain (%)
All people				
Economically active†	61,900	77.5	74.8	77.5
In employment†	57,000	71.1	69.5	72.4
Employee‡	48,700	61.8	59.8	61.9
Self employed‡	7,500	8.6	9.0	10.0
Unemployed (model-based)§	3,800	6.2	6.9	6.5

The new Asda store in Barry is complete and due to open in April 2015.

A total of **313** jobs have been created, **287** are colleague jobs and **26** leadership jobs.

All leadership jobs are full time 38 hours + and all colleague jobs are contracted and part time, the majority are between 18 hours and 24 hours and are set. There is usually an opportunity for all colleagues to pick up overtime if they want it.

Asda don't operate zero hour contracts.

Of the **287** colleague jobs, **14** were filled with internal colleagues already working for Asda (they live in Barry so transferred from other stores) and **273** colleagues are brand new to Asda and all from the Barry area.

From Jan – March 2015 the Family Information Service (FIS) received 257 enquiries for childcare info. The same time last year they received 157 enquiries. Even though there has been an increase in childcare enquiries to the Family Information Service, there is no direct evidence these were related to the new Asda development.

4.1 Introduction

This analysis of the supply of childcare is based on data held by the Vale of Glamorgan's Family Information Service (FIS). It shows data relating to childcare provision registered with the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW). Parents are able to claim help towards childcare costs through the childcare element of Working Tax Credit, or by using childcare vouchers, by using registered or approved childcare. It will also look at unregistered childcare that takes place for less than two hours. It will look at changes in childcare provision over the past year and compare data with the full CSA in 2014.

The analysis will cover the following topics:

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| ▪ Number of providers | Section 3.2 |
| ▪ Number of places – overall, by childcare type, by ward, gains and losses, by age group | Section 3.3 |
| ▪ Vacancies | Section 3.4 |
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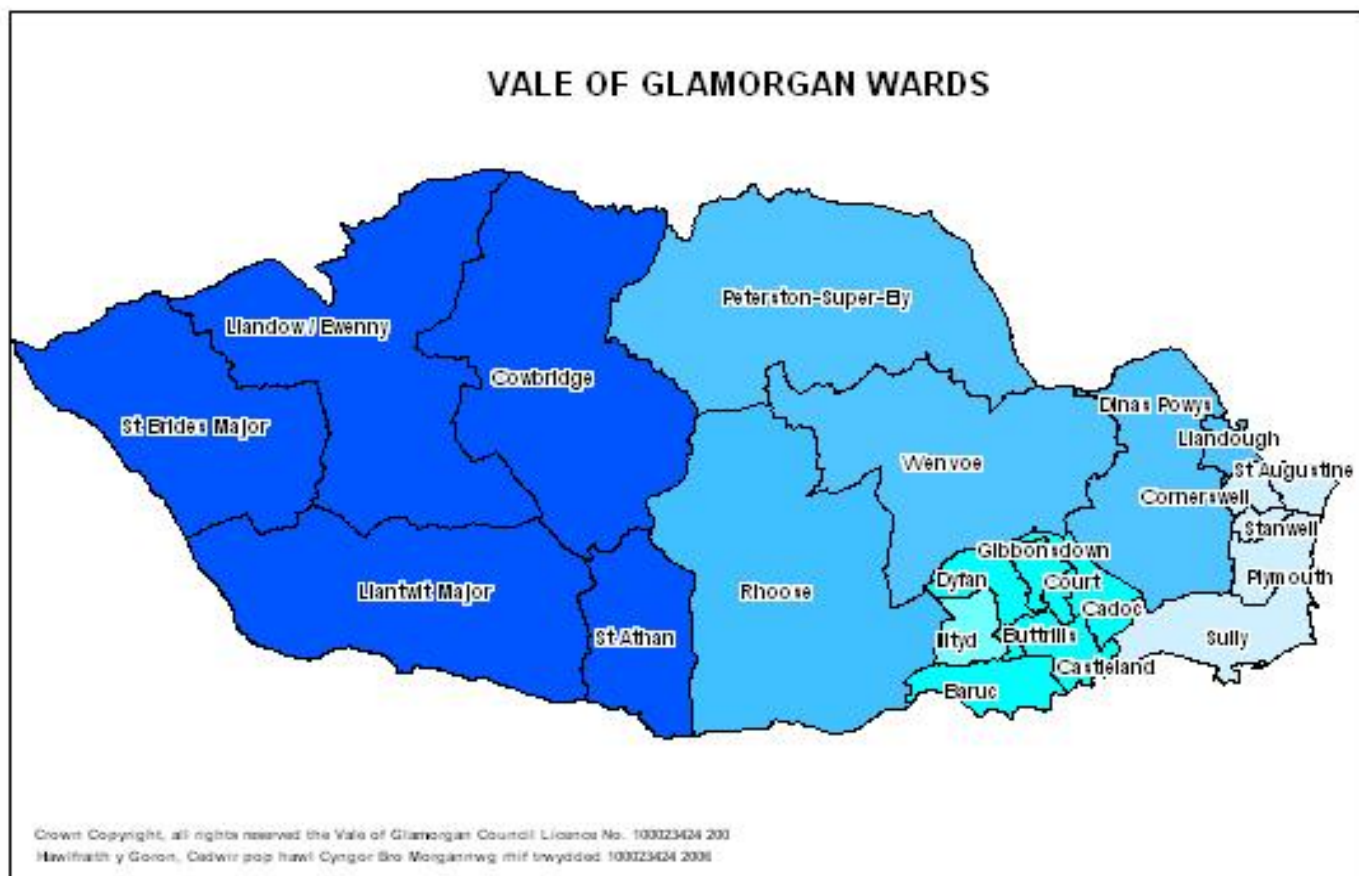
The analysis will be further split into age groups. A number of childcare providers offer places for age ranges which may not fit neatly into the age categories used in this report. It is very difficult to narrow the age groups down to the following: 0-2; 3-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-14 as required by the Childcare Act 2006. When providers are asked for the number of places offered and the number of vacancies available for these age groups, they are unable to meaningfully split them across the groups leaving the information blank. Therefore, for the purpose of this report the following broader age groups will be used:

- 0 - 4years
- 5 – 11 years

- 12 – 14 years
- 15 – 17 years for disabled children

Data is presented for the Vale of Glamorgan Council as a whole and for electoral wards – please see **figure 2**.

Figure 2: Wards in the Vale of Glamorgan



4.2 Number of providers

4.2.1 Number of Registered Providers

As of February 2015, there are a total of **284** registered childcare providers in the Vale of Glamorgan. All of these settings qualify for people to be able to claim the childcare element of Working Tax Credit.

The CSSIW use the following headings to categorise childcare settings: full day care, childminding, sessional care, out of school care and crèche. When using these categories, the number decreases to **268**. This is due to the amalgamation of separate clubs, for example, an after school club, breakfast club and holiday care scheme at the same venue are grouped and counted as out of school care.

The database used by the Vale Family Information Service allows for the recording of childcare settings in more detail. For example an out of school club may run a breakfast, after school and holiday care scheme, all providing a different number of places, different opening hours, vacancies etc. Therefore, they are recorded separately. For a more accurate picture of childcare and to allow for comparison with previous years, the settings have been broken down as follows and will be used throughout the report:

- Childminders
- Day nurseries
- Breakfast clubs
- After school clubs
- Holiday care schemes
- Playgroups
- Cylchoedd Meithrin
- Crèche

Of these:

191 (67%) are childminders

- **18 (6%)** are day nurseries
- **9 (3%)** are breakfast clubs
- **20 (7%)** are after school clubs
- **14 (5%)** are holiday care schemes
- **23 (8%)** are playgroups
- **6 (2%)** are Cylchoedd Meithrin
- **3 (1%)** are crèches

There are also **13** Approved Home Childcarers, registered under the Childcare at Home Approval Scheme, where children are looked after in the child's home. This is an increase of **5** since January 2014. Parents are able to use the childcare element of Working Tax

Credit to help pay for this childcare. 2 are based in Cadoc ward, 2 in Cornerswell, 1 in Court, 3 in Dinas Powys, 1 in St Augustine's 1 in Sully, 1 in Rhoose, 1 in Dyfan and 1 in Buttrills. However, only 1 Approved Home Childcarer has agreed for their information to be made available to the public and they live in Dyfan ward.

When comparing this data with data from the CSA in March 2014, there has been an overall decrease of 8 registered providers. The number of childminders has decreased by 7, breakfast clubs have decreased by 1, playgroups have decreased by 1 and crèches have decreased by 2. Whereas there has been an increase in 1 after school club, 1 holiday care scheme and 1 Cylchoedd Meithrin.

4.2.2 Number of Unregistered Providers

There are also a number of unregistered childcare settings:

- 13 after school clubs
- 1 Cylchoedd Meithrin
 - 2 breakfast clubs (there are also 39 schools that have a free breakfast club, which usually take place for an hour)
- 1 crèche
- 1 holiday club
- 5 playgroups

Sports and Play Development

The Vale of Glamorgan Sports and Play Development Team ran a number of playschemes, summer camps and projects for children. As the schemes are run on an 'open access' basis, they haven't been included in the figures for unregistered care. Below is a more detailed description.

Disability Summer Sports Camp

Disability Sport Camps ran during the summer school holidays over 4 days and also for 1 day during the October half-term. They attracted 23 participants aged 7 – 19, with a wide range of impairments ranging from learning disabilities, wheelchair users, Autism, Dyspraxia, along with non-disabled siblings. Disability Sport opportunities were also delivered at a Family Fun Day targeting disabled children and their families which was attended by 40 disabled children, in addition to their siblings.

Open Access Playschemes

In 2014 -2015 the Vale of Glamorgan Play Development Team ran Playschemes during the school holidays. The Playschemes are for children aged 4-11 years and run for 3 days per week, during the middle 4 weeks of the holidays. The first week of the holidays is a training week for all staff to attend and the training includes Introduction to Play, First Aid, Child Protection, Manual Handling and Disability Awareness. All Staff hold current DBS checks.

April Easter 2014 Holidays – Held at Jenner Park Primary School.

122 Children registered, **35** of these were linked in. There were **485** participations over 3 days.

May 2014 Half Term – Held at Fairfield Primary School.

75 Children registered, **28** of these were linked in. There were **206** participations over 3 days.

July/August 2015 – Summer Holidays – Held at:

- Palmerston Community Learning Centre - **204** children registered, **30** of these were linked in. There were **921** participations over 6 days.
- Llanilltud Fawr Primary School - **239** children registered, **32** of these were linked. There were **613** Participations over 6 days.

October 2014 Half Term – Held at Barry Island Primary School.

75 children registered, **30** of these were linked in. There were **220** participations over 3 days.

February Half Term 2015 – Held at Cadoxton Primary school.

99 children registered, **23** of these were linked in. There were **329** participations over 3 days.

Cadoxton After School Club

A weekly afterschool club targeting children aged 4 – 11 years is currently running at Cadoxton Primary School with more than 90 children registered. A variety of activities are

available during the sessions to engage the children, with the more popular activities being role play, den building, sports and arts and crafts. This is a very popular provision with approximately 40 – 50 children attending each session.

Forest Schools

In partnership with the Council's Ecology team, the Play Development Officer delivered a 6 week Forest Schools project at Romilly School attended by 35 children aged 8 – 9 years. The project introduced the children to outdoor activities and over the period of the project it was observed that the confidence and self-esteem of the children was positively impacted upon. A case study example demonstrated that a child who would not normally socialise with his peers in a school environment was much more confident doing so within the outdoor play environment.

Outdoor Play at Palmerston Primary School

In partnership with Bristol Scrapstore, the Play Development Officer has delivered an outdoor play project at Palmerston Primary School. The school have purchased a Scrapstore Playpod which is located in their playground so that children can access a range of loose parts for play during their school breaks. The PlayPod contains specially sourced and chosen natural, recycled and re-engineered waste materials designed to enhance, facilitate, and stimulate children's play and kick-start a range of play types. The Play Development Officer has facilitated staff training to all school staff so they are now trained in the culture of play - allowing children to invent, explore and make their own risk assessments. The project has been a resounding success with all children at the school benefiting from increased play opportunities during their breaktimes. There have also been other benefits with less break time disputes and fewer play tumbles. It has also resulted in more positive interaction between children of different ages during breaktime.

Disability Teenscheme

The Disability Teen Scheme is a school holiday youth provision for young people with disabilities aged 12 to 19 years inclusive. They are run by Penarth Youth Project and funded through Families First.

The Teen Schemes are open during every school holiday. This includes identified days during Easter, Whitsun, Summer, October, Christmas Holidays and February half terms. The day is run from 10 am until 3 pm.

4.3 Number of places

4.3.1 Number of Registered Places

As of February 2015, there are **4,189** registered childcare places in the Vale of Glamorgan. Therefore, **4,189** childcare places are eligible for parents to claim the childcare element of Working Tax Credit. These include:

- Childminders **1,038** places (25%)
- After school clubs **624** places (15%)
- Breakfast clubs **273** places (7%)
- Holiday care schemes **462** places (11%)
- Day nurseries **1,000** places (24%)
- Playgroups **623** places (15%)
- Cylchoedd Meithrin **124** places (3%)
- Crèches **45** places (1%)

One quarter of childcare places are with childminders.

This is a decrease of **53** registered childcare places since the last CSA Review in March 2014.

4.3.2 Location of Registered Places

Figures 3 show that the number of places is not evenly distributed across the County. It also compares the number of places with last year and highlights where the greatest variations are.

Wards with the highest number of places are:

- Buttrills (**419** places)
- Cowbridge (**389** places)
- Illtyd (**336** places)
- Plymouth (**282** places)

Wards with the lowest number of places are:

- Castleland (36 places)
- Llandow/Ewenny (40 places)
- Dyfan (52 places)

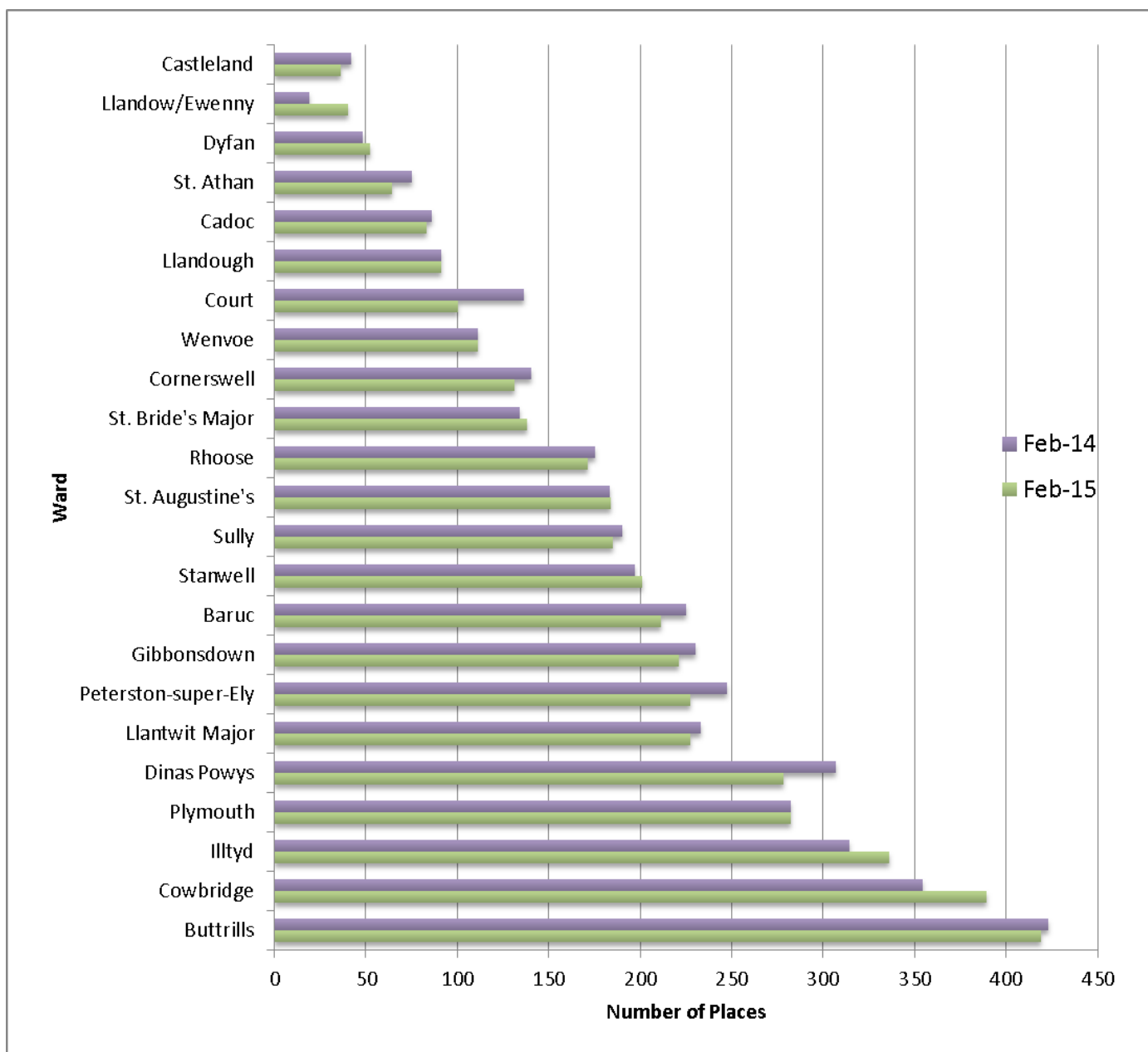
However, every ward has some form of childcare.

When comparing data with the last CSA in March 2014, there is only slight variation in most wards. Wards where there has been an increase of 20 places or more include: Cowbridge (increase of 35 places), Illtyd (increase of 22 places) and Llandow/Ewenny (increase of 21 places). Wards where there has been a reduction of 20 places or more include: Court (loss of 36 places), Dinas Powys (loss of 29 places), and Peterston-super-Ely (loss of 20 places). These will be looked at in more details in the 'Gains and Losses' section 3.3.4.

Figure 3: Number of registered places by ward and childcare type

Ward	Childcare Type								Total	Variation s from February 2014
	After School Club	Breakfast Club	Childminder	Creche	Cylch Meithrin	Day Nursery	Holiday Care Scheme	Playgroup		
Baruc	40		43			60	40	28	211	-14
Buttrills	45	45	65	33	24	15	95	97	419	-4
Cadoc	23		48	12					83	-3
Castleland			36						36	-6
Cornerswell	28	28	75						131	-9
Court		16	30					54	100	-36
Cowbridge	40		49		24	212	40	24	389	35
Dinas Powys	54	30	63			77	24	30	278	-29
Dyfan			28		24				52	4
Gibbonsdown	24		51		20	46	24	56	221	-9
Illtyd	66		125			55	66	24	336	22
Llandough	24	24	10			33			91	0
Llandow/ Ewenny	24							16	40	21
Llantwit Major	24		105		14	42		42	227	-6
Peterston- super-Ely	68	32	18			25	52	32	227	-20
Plymouth	32	32	12			181	25		282	0
Rhose			74			67		30	171	-4
St. Athan			34					30	64	-11
St. Augustine's			48		18	82	12	24	184	1
St. Bride's Major	48	32	4					54	138	4
Stanwell	50		32			49	50	20	201	4
Sully	34	34	51				34	32	185	-5
Wenvoe			25			56		30	111	0
Total	624	273	1037	45	124	1000	462	623	4188	-54

Figure 4: Number of registered childcare places by ward and year



4.3.3 Number of Unregistered Places

There are also **464** unregistered childcare places in the Vale of Glamorgan. Parents are unable to use the childcare element of Working Tax Credit, or childcare vouchers, with unregistered childcare. Some unregistered settings haven't let the FIS know how many places they have, so this data must be treated with caution. **Figure 5** shows the number of childcare places by childcare setting and ward. The majority of unregistered childcare places are in out of school clubs (**351**), which generally cater for the age group 4-11yrs. This includes **13** unregistered after school clubs (**1** of which is in a secondary school).

However, there are **103** unregistered places in **5** playgroups, which generally cater for the age group 21/2 – 4yrs. The ward with the highest number of unregistered places is Plymouth (**73**), which is due to Evenlode Breakfast Club.

There are also open access playschemes which take place after school and in the school holidays. These cater for a large number of children but it is not classed as 'childcare'. There is also a disability teen scheme that takes place in school holidays for young people aged 12-18yrs. These have not been included in the childcare figures.

Figure 5 Number of unregistered childcare places by ward and childcare type

Ward	After school club	Breakfast club	Holiday care schemes	Playgroup	Cylch Meithirn	Total
Buttrills	30			16		46
Cadoc				48		48
Castleland	31					31
Court				24		24
Illtyd			21			21
Gibbonsdown	40					40
Cornerswell	30					30
Plymouth		73				73
Cowbridge	42					42
Dinas Powys	16	10			10	36
Llandow/Ewenny	24					24
Llantwit Major	18					18
St Athan				15		15
Wenvoe	16					16
Total	247	83	21	103	10	464

4.3.4 Gains and losses

Since the last full Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) in March 2014, there has been a overall decrease of **53** registered childcare places. This is broken down as follows:

Childminders

There has been a loss of **53** places.

- **10** new childminders have registered and **17** have deregistered. This accounts for an overall loss of **45** places. The remaining loss of **9** places is due to a change in registration numbers for existing childminders.
- An overall increase in the following wards:
 - 8 places in St Augustine's
 - 4 places in Stanwell
 - 4 places in St Bride's Major
 - 4 places in Dyfan
 - 3 places in Dinas Powys
- An overall decrease in the following wards:
 - 16 places in Baruc
 - 12 places in Cowbridge
 - 6 places in Peterston-super-Ely
 - 6 places in Castleland
 - 5 places in Gibbonsdown
 - 5 places in Buttrills
 - 4 places in St Athan
 - 4 places in Rhoose
 - 3 places in Llandow/Ewenny
 - 1 place in Illtyd
 - 1 place in Cornerswell

Day nurseries

There has been a decrease of **23** childcare places. There has been no change in the number of day nurseries. Therefore, the decrease is within existing day nurseries.

Crèche

There has been a decrease of **32** places due to **2** crèches closing – Little Rascals Crèche in St Athan (**12** places) and Penarth Leisure Centre Crèche in Cornerswell (**20** places).

Sessional Care

There has been an overall increase of **12** places.

- 1 playgroup - Red Robyn Playgroup deregistered in Court (16 places). They have temporarily moved premises and are awaiting registration.
- 1 Cylch Meithrin – Dechrau Dysgu registered in Gibbonsdown, providing 20 places. The remaining increase is within the number of registered places in existing settings.

Out of school care

There has been an overall increase of 44 places:

Holiday Care Schemes:

- Simply Out of School Cowbridge Holiday Care Scheme has registered in Cowbridge ward, providing 40 places.

After School Clubs:

- Bramble Hedge After School Club has registered in Illtyd ward, providing 26 places.
- Time Out Childcare Ltd Llangan After School Club has registered in Llandow/Ewenny, providing 24 places.
- Active Play St Joseph's After School Club has deregistered in Dinas Powys, losing 16 places (it is now running as an unregistered club).

Breakfast Clubs:

- Active Play St Joseph's Breakfast Club in Dinas Powys has deregistered, losing 16 places (it is now running as an unregistered club).

4.3.5 Number of registered places for children by age group

To provide a realistic picture of likely provision for children by age group, this analysis has:

- Excluded breakfast clubs, after school clubs and holiday care schemes from the 0-4yrs age group. Although a small number of children age 4 and under attend these clubs, the majority of these providers will be catering for children aged 5-11yrs.
- Allocated childminder places evenly between the 0-4 age range and the 5-11 age range.
- Included the total number of places for playgroups and Cylchoedd Meithrin in the 0-4 age range. Although these settings can cater for children age 5 years, the majority of children of this age would attend school.

There are **2,303** registered childcare places for children aged 0-4yrs (**55%**). This has reduced by **78** places since last year.

There are **1,870** registered places for children aged 5-11yrs (**45%**). This has increased by **9** places since last year.

4.4 Vacancies

Please note that this data represents a snapshot in time during February 2015 and is dependent on providers reporting their vacancies to the FIS. Vacancy levels are constantly changing within settings. This data doesn't include holiday care provision, as there were no holiday care schemes taking place when the information was gathered. If this data was included, it would skew the results.

Figure 6 shows there are a total of **986** reported vacancies across the Vale. This represents an average vacancy rate of over $\frac{1}{4}$ of all registered childcare places (**26%**). The highest number of vacancies are available with childminders (**324**), followed by day nurseries (**266**). However, the highest average vacancy rate is with Cylchoedd Meithrin (**35%**), followed by crèches (**33%**). The lowest vacancy rate is reported in playgroups (**21%**).

When comparing vacancies with data in January 2014, the number of vacancies has risen by **17**, which is less than a **2%** increase.

When looking at vacancies by childcare type and comparing them with data in January 2014, vacancy rates have decreased with childminders (by **3%**) and playgroups (**16%**) and increased in breakfast clubs (by **14%**), crèches (**74%**), Cylchoedd Meithrin (**17%**) and day nurseries (**59%**). After school clubs have remained the same.

Figure 6: Overview of reported vacancies in the Vale

Childcare Type	Total number of vacancies	Total number of places	Vacancy Rate
After School Club	143	624	22.92%
Breakfast Club	66	273	24.18%
Childminder	324	1037	31.24%
Creche	15	45	33.33%
Cylch Meithrin	43	124	34.68%
Day Nursery	266	1000	26.60%
Playgroup	129	623	20.71%
Total	986	3726	26.46%

4.4.1 Vacancies by Ward

Figure 7 shows that the highest number of vacancies are located in the following wards:

- Cowbridge (**201** vacancies, including **140** in day nurseries and 25 in after school clubs)
- Buttrills (**92** vacancies, including 27 with childminders, 21 in playgroups and 25 in out of school clubs)
- Illtyd (**64** vacancies, including 49 with childminders) Gibbonsdown (58 vacancies, including 19 with childminders)

The lowest numbers of vacancies are in:

- Llandow / Ewenny (**0** vacancies)
- St Athan (**11** vacancies, all of which are with childminders)
- St Bride's Major (**13** vacancies, including 7 in breakfast clubs and 4 in playgroups)
- Castleland (**13** vacancies, all of which are with childminders)

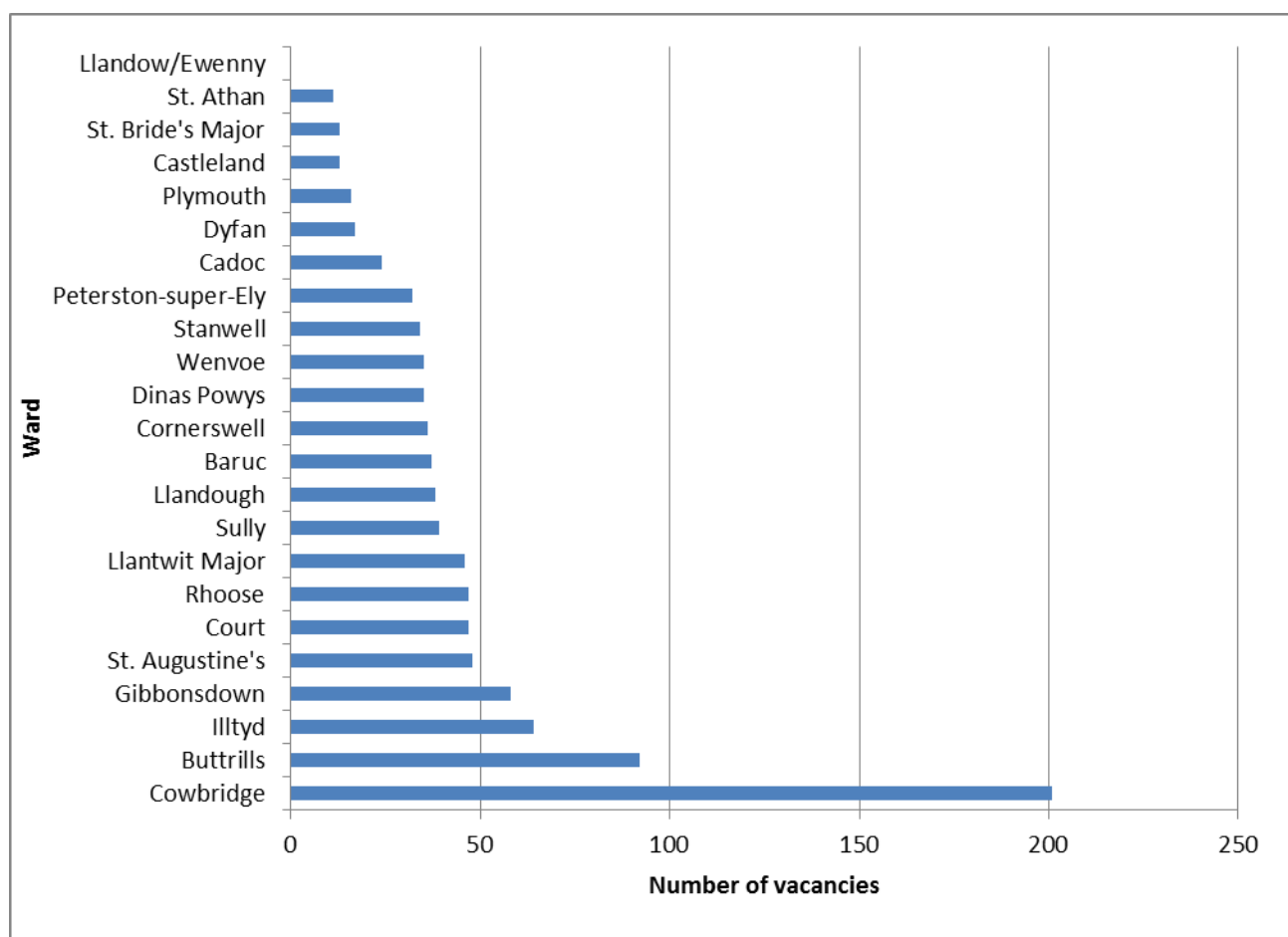
When comparing vacancies with last year there has been a significant increase in vacancies in the following wards:

- Cowbridge (increase of **94** vacancies, mainly in day nurseries)
- Buttrills (increase of **34** vacancies, 21 of which are in playgroups)
- Wenvoe (increase of **18** vacancies, all of which are in the day nursery)

Whereas there has been a significant decrease in vacancies in the following wards:

- Llantwit Major (decrease of **27** vacancies, including 18 in the day nursery and 7 with childminders)
- Plymouth (decrease of **19** vacancies, mainly in after school and breakfast clubs)
- St Bride's Major (decrease of **18** vacancies, all of which are in the playgroup)

Figure 7: Number of vacancies by ward



4.4.2 Vacancies by age group

Providers don't breakdown the number of vacancies they have by age group. Therefore, as explained in section 3.3.5, vacancies for childminders have been split equally between 0-4yrs and 5-11yrs.

There are **615** vacancies for children aged 0-4yrs (**62%**) and **371** vacancies for children aged 5-11yrs (**38%**).

4.5 Fees

4.5.1 Comparisons with national averages

Figure 8 shows the average fees for registered childcare the Vale of Glamorgan compared to Wales averages for different types of registered childcare provision.

The average hourly rate for all types of childcare in the Vale is above the national average. The greatest difference is with childminders where the average hourly rate in the Vale is **£4.58** compared to **£3.87** in Wales. This is the most expensive form of childcare on average per hour. However, the cost per week for a childminder is less than the national average (**£175.88**, compared to **£178.96**), whereas a day nursery is more expensive costing **£205.95** per week. After school clubs don't vary greatly from the national average and this is the cheapest form of childcare in the Vale. The national average for sessional care is unknown.

Figure 8: Comparisons in fees

Area	After School Club	Nursery		Childminder		Sessional care
	Per hour	Per hour	Per week	Per hour	Per week	Per session
Vale of Glamorgan*	3.47	4.12	205.95	4.58	175.88	9.67***
Wales**	3.32	3.98	199.42	3.87	178.96	unknown

* Source: Vale of Glamorgan FIS

** Source: Family and Childcare Trust Costs Survey 2015

*** Sessional care providers provide costs per session rather than per hour. Sessions range from 2.5 - 3 hours.

When comparing fees with data from last year, there has been an increase in cost per hour for all childcare providers, the most significant being in sessional care (9% increase).

Figure 9: Comparisons in fees over the past 2 years

Year	Out of school club	Nursery	Childminder	Sessional care
Mar 2014	£3.38	£4.08	£4.38	£3.54
March 2015	£3.47 (3% increase)	£4.12 (1% increase)	£4.58 (5% increase)	£3.87 (9% increase)

4.6 Welsh language

Figure 10 shows that where the language of the setting is known, over half of all registered places (**2255, 53%**) are in settings where the language is predominantly English with some use of Welsh. Just over a third (**36%**) of places (**1529**) are in English medium settings. **11%** of places (**481**) are in settings where Welsh is used a significant amount of time (includes English and Welsh medium, Bilingual, Welsh medium settings).

It is important to note that there are also **88** childcare places in unregistered Welsh medium settings.

Figure 10: Number of registered childcare places by language used in setting

English medium	Predominantly English with some use of Welsh	English and Welsh medium	Bilingual	Welsh medium
1529 36%	2255 53%	296 7%	11 0%	174 4%

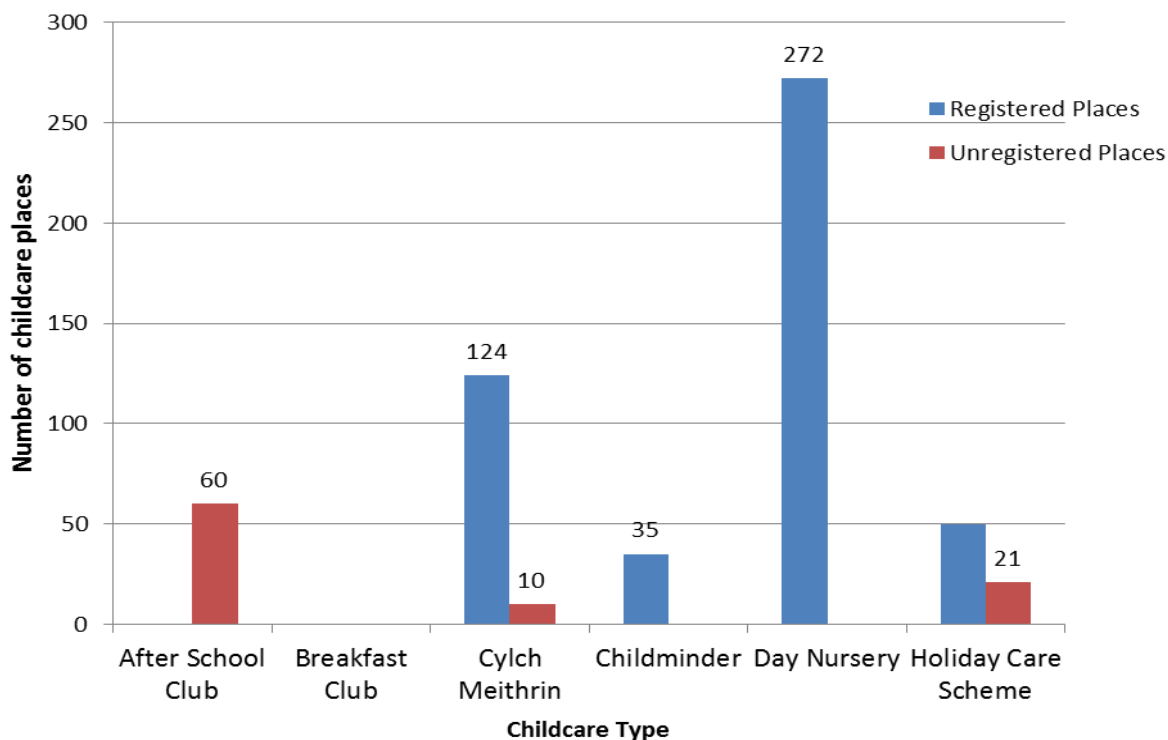
When comparing data with the previous year, the number of places where a significant amount of Welsh is used has increased by **103** childcare places. It now accounts for **11%** of all childcare places, which is very positive.

4.6.1 Welsh Language and Childcare Type

Figure 11 shows the number of childcare places where Welsh is used a significant amount, by the type of childcare.

- There are **2** day nurseries that are English and Welsh medium settings and have **272** places. These are in Cowbridge and Penarth.
- Although the majority of childminders are English medium settings, **7** childminders provide **35** places in either Bilingual or English and Welsh medium settings.
- The majority of settings providing Welsh medium care are Cylchoedd Meithrin (Welsh playgroups). There are **6** registered Cylchoedd Meithrin providing **124** places, **3** are in Barry, **1** in Penarth, **1** in Llantwit Major and **1** in Cowbridge. There is also **1** unregistered Cylchoedd Meithrin, providing **10** places in Dinas Powys.
- There is **1** Welsh medium holiday care scheme, providing **50** childcare places and **1** new unregistered holiday care scheme providing **21** places. This is due to be registered shortly and both are located in Barry.
- There are **3** unregistered after school clubs providing **60** places, 1 is in Barry, 1 in Penarth and 1 in Llantwit Major.

Figure 11: Number of childcare places where Welsh is used a significant amount, by childcare type and whether registered



4.6.2 Welsh Language by Ward

Figure 12 shows the number of registered childcare places where a significant amount of Welsh is used and where they are located. The highest number of places is in Cowbridge (**185**), which is due to an English and Welsh medium day nursery. Penarth has **146** childcare places, the majority of which are in the Plymouth ward. This is also due to an English and Welsh medium day nursery. There are **125** places in Barry, the majority of which are in Buttrills, due to a Welsh holiday care scheme.

Figure 12: Number of registered childcare places where Welsh is used a significant amount, by ward

Ward Description	Childminder	Cylchoedd Meithrin	Day Nursery	Holiday Care Scheme	Total
Barry					125
Buttrills		24		50	74
Dyfan		24			24
Gibbonsdown		20			20
Illtyd	7				7
Penarth					146
Cornerswell	17				17
Plymouth			111		111
St. Augustine's		18			18
Cowbridge		24	161		185
Llandough	6				6
Llantwit Major		14			14
Total	30	124	272	50	476

4.6.3 Welsh Language by Age Group

The majority of registered Welsh medium provision is for children aged 0-4yrs. There are **411** places (**86%**) for 0-4yr olds, compared to **65** places (**14%**) for 5-11yr olds. It is worth noting that there are also 3 Welsh medium unregistered after school clubs and 1 holiday care scheme, catering for the 5-11yr age group.

4.7 Disability

4.7.1 Holiday provision for children with disabilities

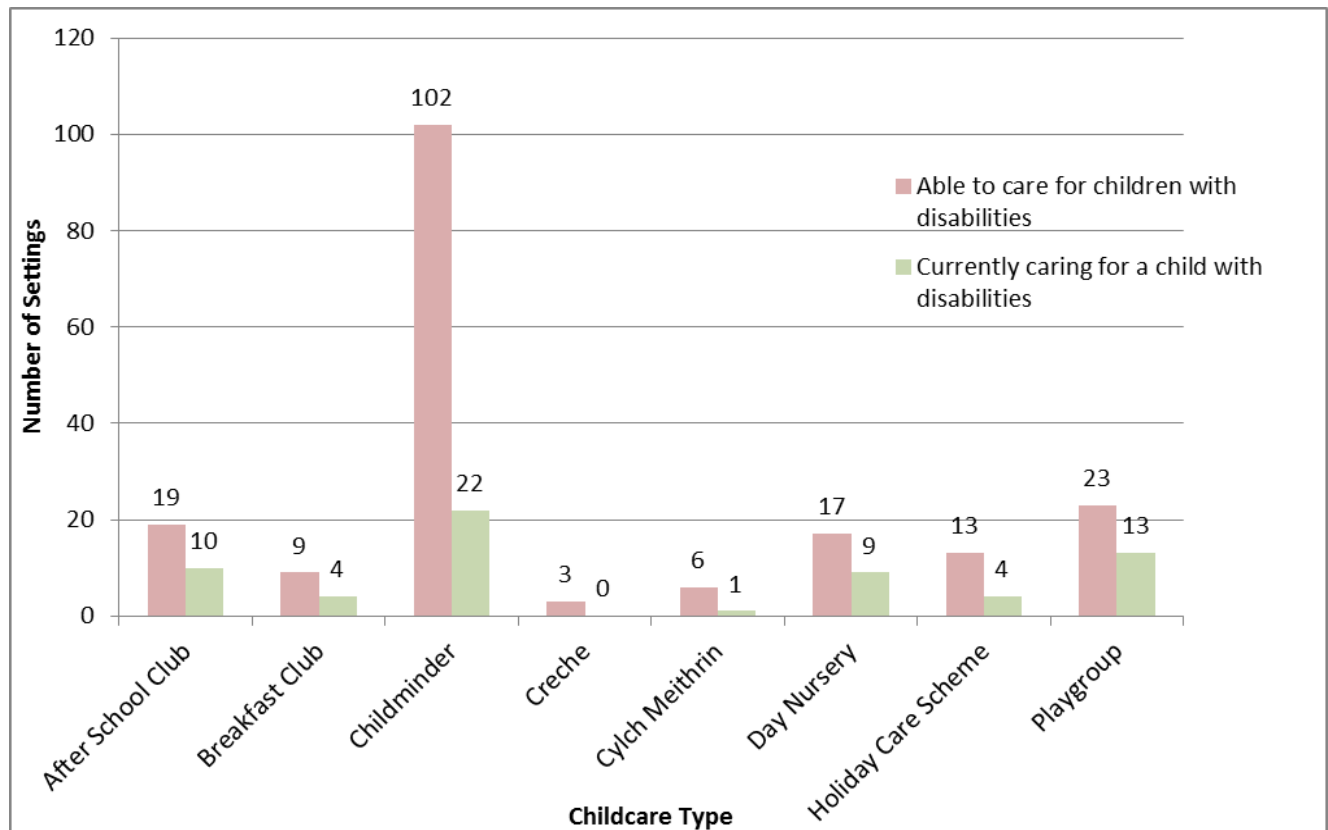
There is a Disability Teen Scheme that runs during the school holidays for young people aged 12-19 years. This is held in Penarth but is available to young people across the Vale. There are also open access playschemes that cater for children with disabilities and can provide 1 to 1 care, during the school holidays. These are for children aged 4-11 years.

4.7.2 Childcare provision for children with a disability

66% of all registered childcare settings (**192** settings) are able to care for children with a disability, which is an increase of **1** setting since last year. However, only **22%** currently care for a child with a disability (**63** settings), which is an increase of **6** settings since last year.

Figure 13 breaks this down by childcare type. Over half of all settings able to care for a child with a disability are childminders (**53%**).

Figure 13: Number of registered childcare settings that either currently care for, or are able to care for a child with a disability, by childcare type



4.7.3 Childcare provision for children with a disability by ward

Figure 14 shows that all wards have some provision for children with disabilities. **39%** of settings (**75**) are based in Barry. The ward with the highest number of settings is Illtyd (**19**) and the ward with the lowest is Llandow/Ewenny (**2**). The number reduces when looking at those settings that currently care for a child with a disability. There are **3** wards where there are no settings currently caring for a child with a disability (Castleland, Llandow/Ewenny and Llandough). This doesn't vary significantly from last year.

Figure 14: Number of childcare settings that can cater for, or currently care for children with a disability or special need, and their location

Ward	Can care for children with disabilities	Currently caring for children with disabilities
Penarth	33	8
Cornerswell	12	3
St. Augustine's	8	1
Stanwell	8	2
Plymouth	5	2
Barry	75	28
Baruc	5	1
Buttrills	15	6
Cadoc	8	3
Castleland	3	0
Court	8	4
Dyfan	5	1
Gibbonsdown	12	7
Illtyd	19	6
Cowbridge	10	3
Llandow/Ewenny	2	0
Llantwit Major	14	4
St. Athan	4	1
St. Bride's Major	4	4
Rhose	11	4
Dinas Powys	13	3
Llandough	5	0
Sully	6	2
Peterston-super-Ely	7	3
Wenvoe	3	2
Total	192	63

4.7.4 Childcare provision for children with a disability by age group

There are 100 registered settings than can care for a child with a disability aged 0-4yrs (52%) and there are 92 settings that can care for a child with a disability aged 5-11yrs (48%). Please note that this doesn't include unregistered provision, including playschemes and the Disability Ten Scheme.

4.7.5 Childcare provision with wheelchair access

109 settings have wheelchair access (**38%** of all settings). These include:

- **17** after school clubs
- **7** breakfast clubs
- **33** childminders
- **3** crèche
- **5** Cylchoedd Meithrin
- **12** day nurseries
- **11** holiday care schemes
- **19** playgroups

The number has reduced by **15** settings since March 2014. This is mainly due to a reduction in the number of childminders.

4.7.6 Projects supporting childcare for children with disabilities

With regards to children and young people with a disability or additional need, there are many different projects taking place in the Vale.

- The Early Years Partnership have established an Assisted Places Scheme to support either Children in Need or Children with a disability/additional need in a childcare setting. During 2014-15, **52** different children aged between 18mths and 11 years with a disability and/or additional need, have received an assisted place (and/or 1:1 support) within a childcare setting to support the improvement in the welfare or quality of their life. Referrals come from a range of different services including Children & Young People's Services, Family Information Service, Specialist Health Visitor & generic Health Visitors, Child Health and Disability Team etc.

- The Early Years Partnership also run a 'Sense of Play project' which was set up and designed by professionals in the Vale of Glamorgan for pre-school & Key stage one age children with special or additional needs. The sessions run for a period of six weeks in the family home which meets the individual needs of the child and family - approximately 36 children have been supported over the past year.
- A joint project between Children & Young People's Partnership and Flying Start runs on a Wednesday afternoon in Holm View leisure centre. 'Rainbows' is a parent & toddler group for pre-school children with a disability and/or additional needs. Parents are able to take their children along to the play session in a safe and stimulating environment.
- Adventure Rangers is a project run by the Children & Young People's Partnership on a Monday evening in Ty Robin Goch. Children & young people aged 4 - 11yrs with a disability and/or additional need attend with their parent/guardian and are able to take part in different art and craft activities each week. The children are able to access the sensory room within the centre and have the opportunity to chat and meet new friends. Parents often ask the play workers for advice and support which our play workers are always happy to provide if they can or signpost to a different service.

The Early Years Partnership are currently in discussion with Ysgol Y Deri regarding supporting an afterschool club for children attending the school.

Information on all the above projects can be obtained from the Disability Index newsletter that Family Information Service produce, leaflets and via various service providers in the Vale.

4.8 Free part time education places for 3 -4 year olds

4.8.1 Description of data used

The Council is the Admissions authority for all maintained Community Nursery Schools and Nursery Classes in Community Schools.

Children are entitled to a part-time nursery place from the start of the term following their third birthday. This will be offered as either a morning or afternoon session. Where the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available, places will be allocated applying the authority's recognised admission oversubscription criteria. The authority adopts a mixed economy approach with places also available at non-maintained registered provider settings. Children in the Vale of Glamorgan are able to access free part time nursery education within a reasonable distance of their home address with demand being fully met. The authority regularly reviews birth and related data to ensure the sufficiency of nursery places for the 3 and 4 year old population of the vale of Glamorgan.

4.8.2 Places by type of setting

Information provided by the Learning and Skills Directorate indicates that there are **2,730** nursery places available for eligible 3 and 4 year old children living in the Vale. This is broken down into **2,504** places at maintained school settings (including Community schools, Denominational schools and Welsh medium schools) and **226** places available at registered non-maintained settings. For the 2013/14 academic year **2,378** places were required in total for eligible vale children compared to an overall capacity for **2,730** places. In total **2,352** places were filled overall, an occupancy rate of **86%** compared to the total number of available places (**2730**). A large percentage of eligible nursery age children in the vale receive their part time place within the vale maintained sector or at a vale registered provider setting. **Figure 50** shows the individual breakdown and take up of places at schools and funded playgroups for the academic year 2013/14. The highest take up of school place provision was in the Barry area (**92%**) and the lowest take up was in Cowbridge (**70%**). The Council provides sufficient nursery places to meet the demand for eligible 3 and 4 year old children living in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Less than half the number of places available in funded playgroups were taken up (**49%**).

Unfortunately data is unavailable as to the profile of children taking up a place, the ward where the children live and whether they take up a place in the ward where they live.

Figure 15: Take up of places at schools and funded playgroups for the academic year 2013/14

	No of places available at Sept 2013 Part-Time Equivalent Places	Take up of places at September 2013	Take up of places April 2014
<u>SCHOOLS</u>			
BARRY AREA			
All Saints C/W Primary - VOLUNTARY AIDED	56	32	61
Barry Island Primary	66	28	47
Cadoxton Nursery	100	71	100
Colcot Primary	54	38	55
Gladstone Primary	62	38	65
High Street Primary	72	30	69
Holton Primary	74	64	65
Jenner Park Primary	58	38	59
Oakfield Primary	82	10	42
Palmerston Primary	56	33	56
Romilly Primary	130	80	126
St Helen's RC Infant - VOLUNTARY AIDED	46	42	43
Ysgol Gwaun y Nant	60	44	51
Ysgol Sant Baruc	38	25	44
Ysgol Sant Curig	114	57	88
Ysgol Nant Talwg	32	34	45
Sub-Total	1100	694	1016
COWBRIDGE AREA			
Llanfair Primary	20	16	18
Llangan Primary	34	14	25
Llansannor - VOLUNTARY AIDED	68	25	50
Pendoylan C/W Primary -	42	25	25

VOLUNTARY AIDED			
Peterstone	56	15	28
Y Bont Faen Primary	52	27	52
Ysgol Iolo Morganwg	52	30	31
Sub-Total	324	152	229
LLANTWIT AREA			
Eagleswell Primary	52	25	34
Llanilltud Fawr Primary	62	41	56
Rhws Primary	90	51	90
St Athan Primary	52	28	50
St Illtyd Primary	76	52	66
Ysgol Dewi Sant	40	20	28
Sub-Total	372	217	324
PENARTH AREA			
Albert Nursery Unit	72	54	75
Bute Cottage Nursery	96	70	96
Cogan Nursery	120	58	100
Dinas Powys Infant	72	51	78
Llandough Primary	30	21	28
St Andrew's C/W Primary - VOLUNTARY AIDED	40	23	28
St Joseph's RC Primary - VOLUNTARY AIDED	48	25	42
Sully Primary	64	34	64
Victoria Primary	90	54	90
Ysgol Pen y Garth	76	33	71
Sub-Total	708	423	672
OVERALL TOTAL	2504	1486	2241

Funded Playgroups

Barry Area

Wenvoe Playgroup

30

11

14

Cowbridge area

Abracadabra P/group

32

7

18

Colwinston P/group

24

9

12

Y Bont Faen C/Meithrin

24

0

2

Llantwit Area

St Bride's P/group

24

7

18

St Donats P/Group

32

12

12

Swallow P/group

32

12

20

Wick P/group

28

10

15

Overall total

226

68

111

4.9 Flying Start

4.9.1

Description of data used

The Flying Start programme in the Vale of Glamorgan provides targeted support for children pre-birth to their fourth birthday. Flying Start is primarily aimed at improving outcomes for children in areas of significant deprivation. In the long term, the programme aims to reduce the number of people with very poor skills and develop a more highly skilled economy.

Flying Start childcare in the Vale of Glamorgan offers parents a choice of

- English or Welsh settings
- Morning or afternoon sessions
- Playgroups or childminders

Flying Start children are entitled to free childcare of two and a half hours per day, five days per week, 39 weeks per annum. Because some schools are starting children at 3 years, rather than the term after their third birthday, where possible Flying Start are offering those children to start the free childcare at two years to ensure they get one full year of childcare in preparation for school.

Flying start has a Childminding Network. This has a Flying Start Networking Facilitator who supports and trains 14 Childminders. These Childminders are given additional development and training opportunities. They provide some sessional provision but also some 'special circumstances' provision. The 'special circumstances' provision may be for parents who are identified as needing support on a time limited and assessed need basis.

4.9.2 Profile of children taking up a place

From January 2014 – December 2014

- **311** children accessed a childcare place (**88%** take up)
- **20** BME children accessed childcare
- **161** children accessed childcare at any one time (The date assessed for this was 18th of November 2014)

4.9.3 Places by type of setting

234 places are allocated to the following Flying Start settings:

- Red Robin Playgroup – (Cadoc) **40** places split between morning and afternoon sessions
- Cylch Meithrin Pili Pala (Welsh) – (Buttrills) **44** places split between morning and afternoon sessions
- Butterflies Playgroup – **48** places (Buttrills) split between morning and afternoon sessions
- Ladybirds Playgroup - **48** places (Court) split between morning and afternoon sessions
- Gibbonsdown Children's Centre – **44** places (Gibbonsdown) split between morning and afternoon sessions
- Kiddiewinkles Playgroup (Court)- **2** places allocated to morning sessions
- Little Peoples Playgroup (Colcot) - **8** places allocated to morning sessions

29 places were allocated to our Flying Start Childminders

- **14** Registered childminders : **4** in Cadoc ward, **1** in Castleland ward and **9** in Gibbonsdown ward.

A total of **46,396** sessions took place during the year.

4.10 Conclusions

There are **4,189** registered childcare places in the Vale of Glamorgan, of which the largest proportion is with childminders (**25%**). This means that **4,189** places are available for parents to be able to claim help with childcare costs through the childcare element of working tax credit and childcare vouchers. There has been a decrease of **53** registered places since March 2014. This is largely due to a loss of **45** places with childminders, **23** places in day nurseries and **32** places in crèches. However, there has been an increase of **12** places in sessional care and **44** places in out of school care.

There are also **23** unregistered childcare settings, which have increased by **4** since last year, due to a new playgroup, breakfast club and **3** after school clubs.

Wards with the highest number of registered places are Buttrills (Barry), Cowbridge and Illtyd (Barry), all of which also have the highest number of vacancies, suggesting a wealth of childcare in these wards. These remain the same as in March 2014.

Wards with the lowest number of places are Llandow/Ewenny, Dyfan (Barry) and Castleland (Barry). Llandow/Ewenny and Castleland, as well as St. Athan and St Bride's Major also have the lowest number of vacancies, suggesting sufficient or a lack of childcare in these wards. These remain the same as in March 2014, with the exception of St Athan and St Bride's Major.

The cost of registered childcare has increased by all childcare types since last year. The greatest increase has been in playgroups (9%).

The number of registered places where Welsh is used a significant amount has increased by 103 childcare places since last year. It now accounts for 11% of all childcare places. Over half of these places are in 2 day nurseries in Cowbridge and Penarth.

There are no registered settings that solely care for children with disabilities. 63 settings currently look after a child with a disability (22%), which is an increase of 6 settings from last year. 192 registered settings (66%) say they are able to care for a child with a disability, which has increased by 1 since last year. There are various unregistered holiday schemes that care for children with disabilities, including the Teenscheme, open access playscheme and disability sport. There is also the Assisted Places Scheme that helps support children with disabilities in childcare by funding the place or a 1 to 1 worker.

FIS Demand Data

The following information is taken from the Family Information Service (FIS) database. It analyses the childcare enquiries the FIS has received in the last year from November 2013 to October 2014 and compares data with the previous year.

5.1 Summary

More people are now accessing information about childcare online. This is evident as the FIS has seen a **32%** decrease in enquiries direct to the service since the previous year and a **63%** increase to the on-line childcare database. Hits to the FIS website have also increased by **13%**, which includes supporting information for parents, childcare providers and professionals working with families. However, there has been a steady increase in enquiries for childcare information over the past 3 years. This could be due to FIS targeting their outreach and marketing at new and expectant parents, as well as lone parents who are seeking work.

When looking at enquiries for specific childcare e.g. childminders, day nurseries etc. requests for childminders account for over a third of all childcare requests. Enquiries for all other forms of childcare have increased, apart from nannies, baby sitters and approved home childcarers.

The reasons why people have contacted the service remain largely the same as last year. However, enquiries for people seeking work, training / college / study and FIS carrying out a mailout on behalf of another organisation, have all increased. Whereas, enquiries for holiday activities, database updates and because they are employed, have significantly decreased.

How people found out about the service is a good indicator of where marketing is working and where it needs to be improved. There has been a significant increase in enquiries via outreach at schools and Barry Job Centre Plus, Facebook and the Holiday Childcare Flyer.

Over half of all enquiries for people looking for childcare were from people living in Barry. There has been a significant increase in enquiries from people living in Rhose, Llandough, Peterston-super-Ely, Cornerswell, Castleland, Gibbonsdown and Court. Almost one third (31%) of enquiries were for childminders.

206 people provided feedback from Jan – Dec 2014 and of these, only **33%** were looking for childcare and over two thirds were able to access childcare. The most important factor when choosing childcare was that childcare is close to home, followed by cost. For those who didn't access childcare, the majority reported either a change in circumstances or they didn't require childcare yet. This suggests that on the whole, people didn't struggle to find childcare.

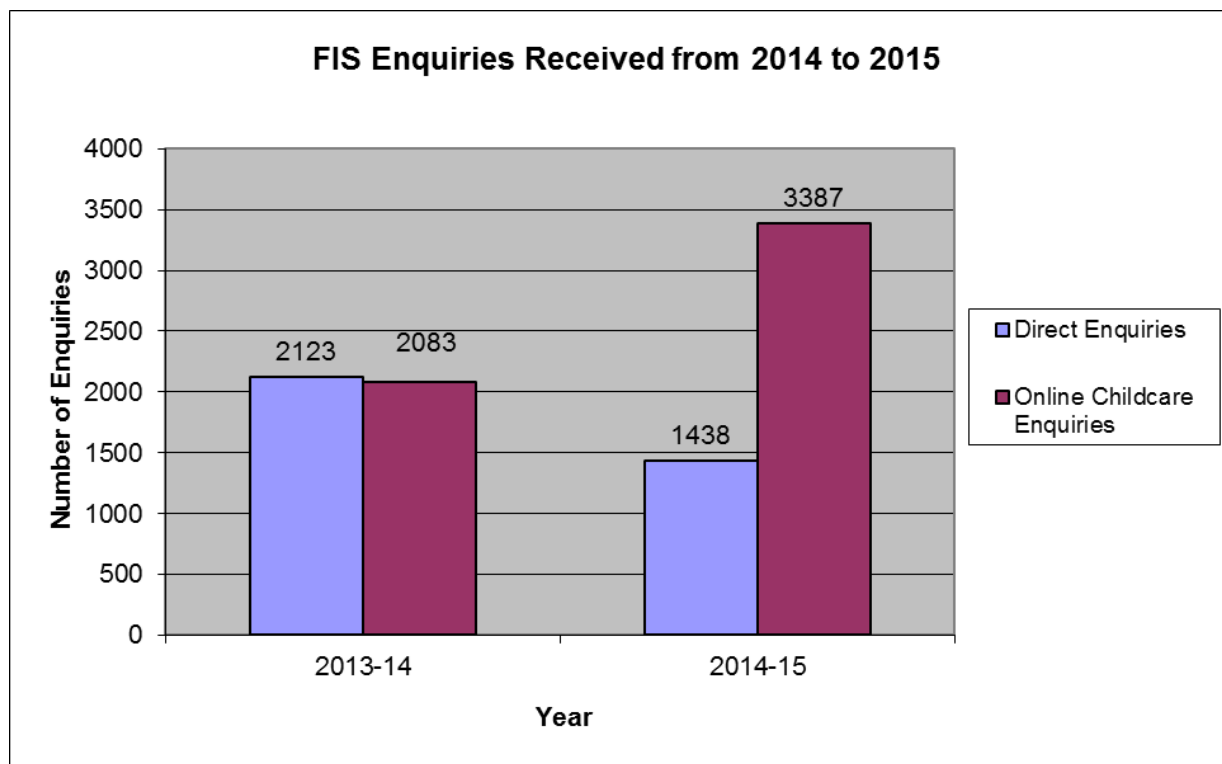
People who accessed childcare reported that it had allowed them to take up work, remain in work or take up training / study. **80%** of all respondents said that the information had made a difference to them and their family. **97%** were either very satisfied or satisfied with the service they received from FIS.

5.2 Number of enquiries to the FIS

Over the past year FIS has received **1,438** direct enquiries, which is an average of **120** enquiries per month. This is a decrease of **32%** from the previous year.

Childcare enquiries are also carried out on-line and for the same time period **3,387** enquiries were made, which is an average of **282** per month. This is an increase of **63%** from the previous year. See figure 16. Direct enquiries to the service have decreased steadily over the past four years, as more people are now using the Internet to search for childcare.

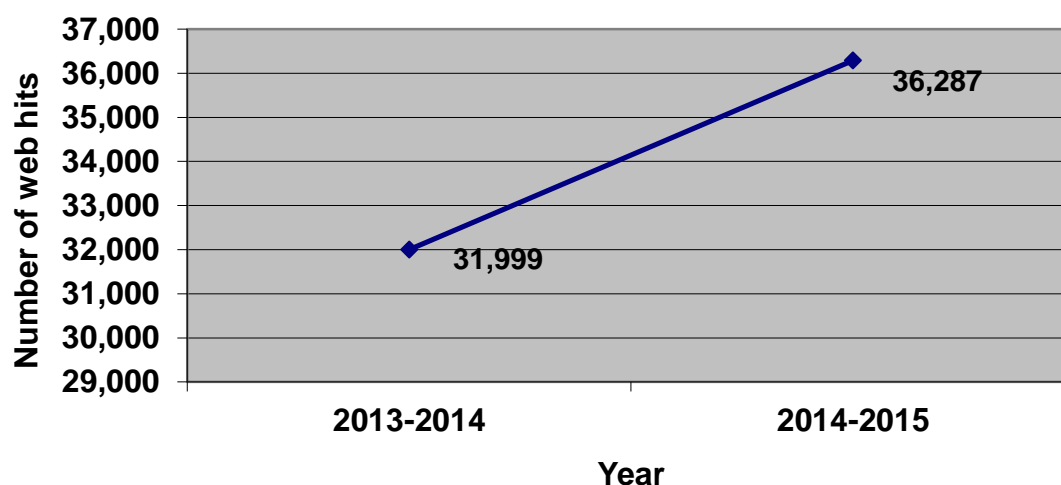
Figure 16 Number of enquiries received by FIS and on-line over the past two years



4.3 Number of web hits to the FIS website

The FIS website contains a whole host of information for parents and carers, professionals and providers on childcare, family support, holiday activities and services for children and young people. Figure 17 shows that over the past year, over **36,000** hits have been made to the web pages, which is a **13%** increase from the previous year. Hits were particularly high over the summer months when the FIS produced their online Summer Holidays Activity Programme.

Figure 17 Number of web hits made to the FIS website over the past two years

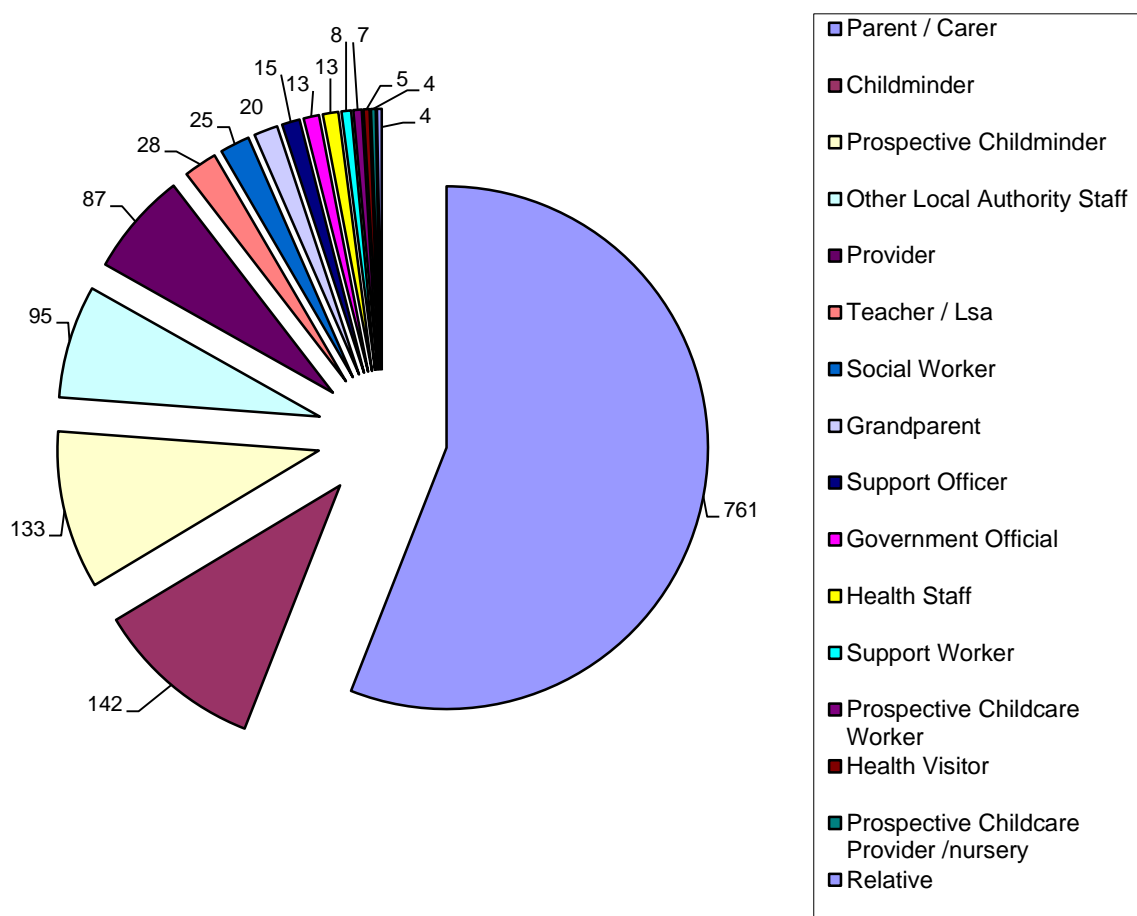


The following reports only take into account enquiries made directly to the service, as unfortunately enquiries made online cannot be analysed.

5.4 Type of enquirer

Figure 18 shows that over half of all direct enquiries were from parents and carers (761, 55%). When making comparisons with enquiries in the previous year, there has been a decrease in enquiries from all except social workers and government officials. There has been a significant decrease in enquiries from childminders.

Figure 18 Number of enquiries by type of enquirer



5.5 Childcare information requested

For the same time period, the service received 719 requests for information about childcare. This includes unregistered childcare such as nannies, approved childcarers,

baby sitters, open access playschemes and au pairs. This number of requests for childcare information has increased by **28%** from the previous year, where **563** childcare requests were received. When combining the number of online childcare enquiries with direct enquiries, the total number of requests for childcare information / online searches has increased by **55%** from the previous year (see Fig 19). There has been a steady increase in enquiries for childcare information over the past three years.

Figure 19 Number of requests for childcare information including online childcare enquiries

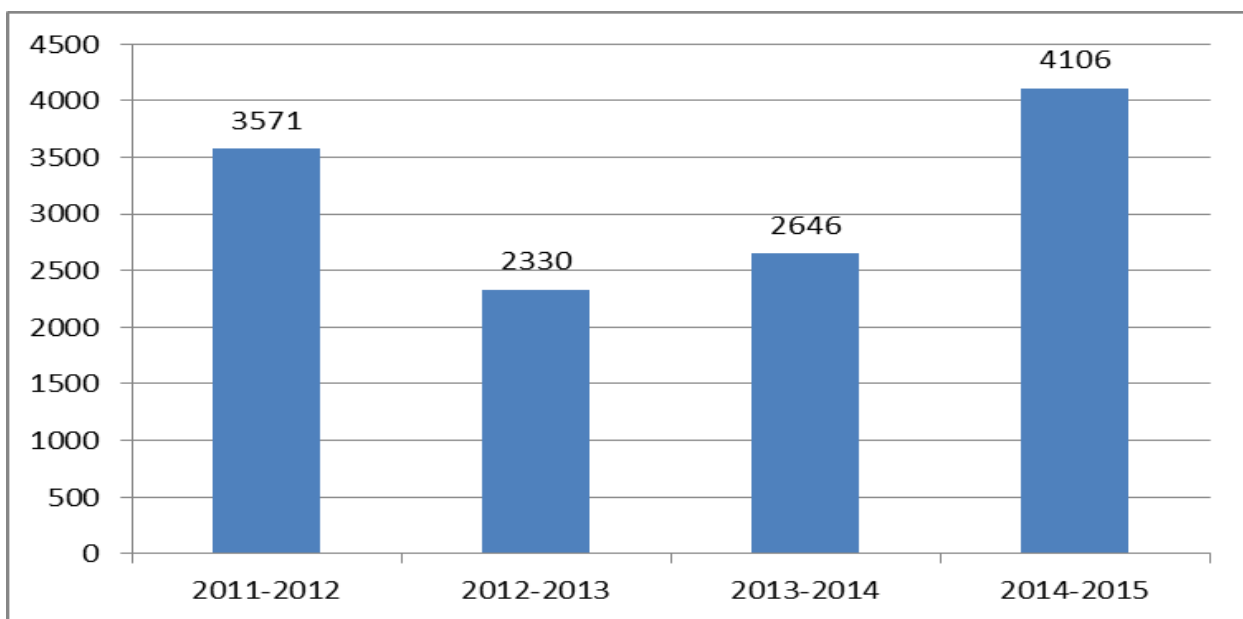
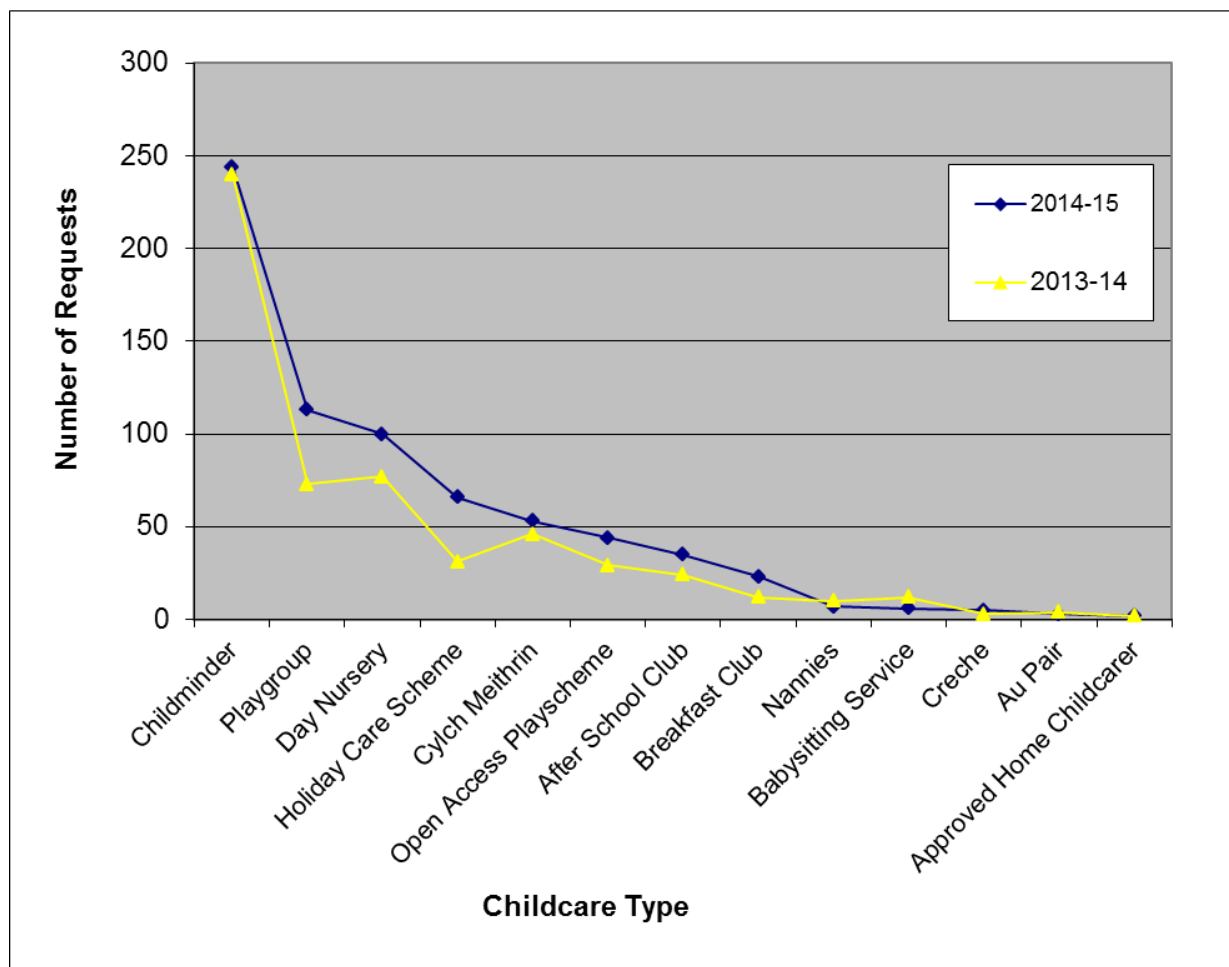


Figure 20 shows the number of requests for childcare by childcare type and year. The number of requests follows a similar pattern to the previous year, where the highest number of requests was for childminders (**244, 34%**). Requests for all other types of childcare have increased, with the exception of nannies, babysitters and approved home childcare providers.

Figure 20 Number of requests for childcare by childcare type and year



5.6 Specific requirements

92 enquiries were received where the child has a specific requirement. The most common requirement relates to 'Autistic Spectrum Disorder' (**29** enquiries), followed by 'Behavioral, Emotional and Social Difficulties' (**21** enquiries).

5.7 Welsh medium provision

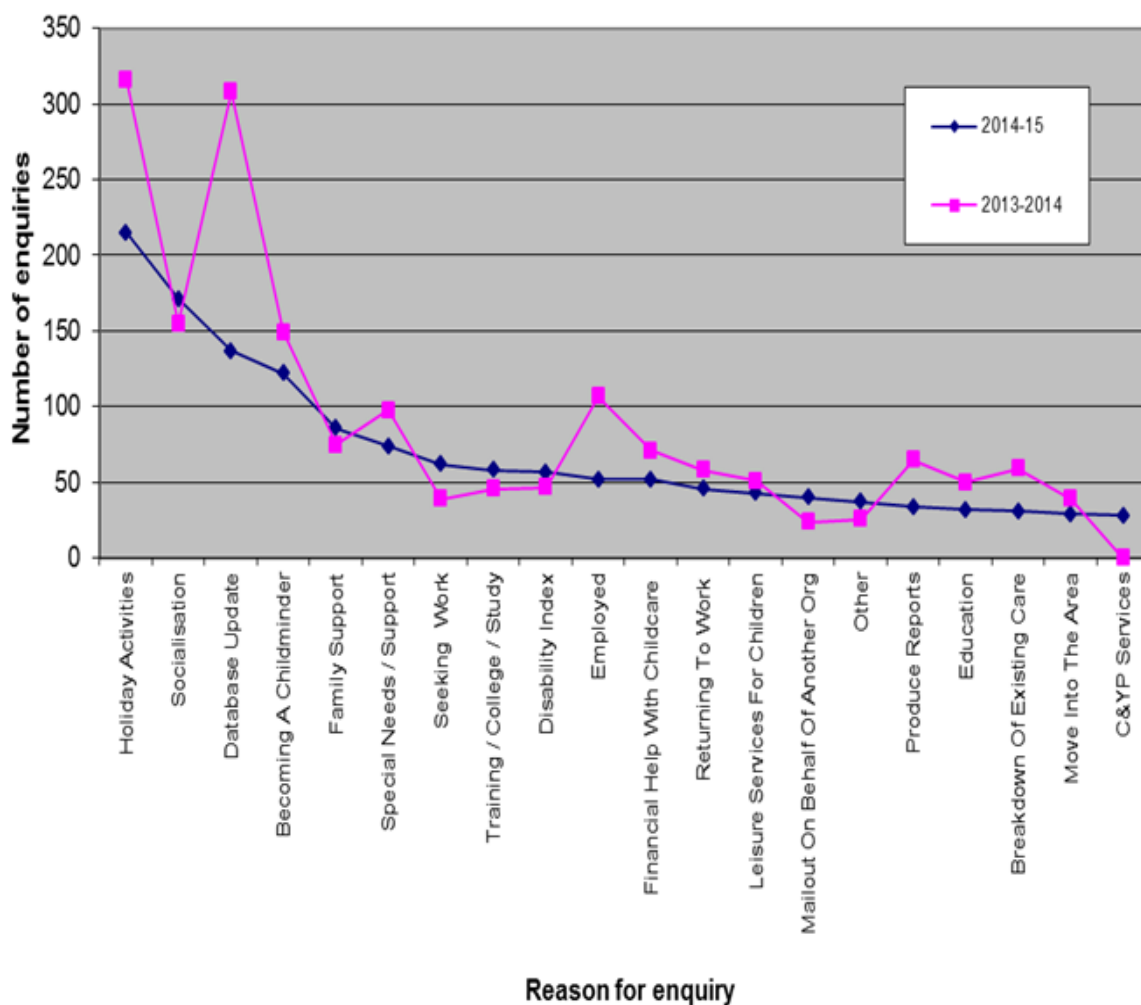
Only **2** enquiries for Welsh medium information were received, which has decreased from last year, when **7** were received. When someone asks for playgroups, we always ask if they would also like information on Cylchoedd Meithrin. When we include this data, the number of requests creases to **53**

5.8 Reason for enquiry

Figure 21 compares the top 20 reasons why people have contacted the service with the previous year. These 20 reasons are the same for both years, with the exception of calls for Children and Young People Services, which accounted for **28** enquiries in 2014-2015. This is due to people using Google to search for 'family services', which returns the 'FIS' web page as a contact.

The most significant differences are a reduction in enquiries for holiday activities, database updates and because people are employed; and an increase in enquiries for people seeking work, training / college / study and carrying out a mail out on behalf of another Organisation. –ASDA development?

Figure 21 Number of enquiries by the reason why people contacted the FIS and year



5.9 Enquiry source

Figure 22 compares the most common sources of enquiries over the past two years. A fairly similar pattern follows, with the majority of customers having contacted the FIS in the past (**443** enquiries). The referrals that have significantly increased over the past year include:

- Outreach at schools (**109** enquiries, **60%** increase)
- Facebook (**81** enquiries, **88%** increase)
- Outreach at Job Centre Plus (**50** enquiries, **100%** increase as this is a new initiative)
- Holiday Childcare Flyer (**18** enquiries, **100%** increase as this was produced to promote the holiday activity brochure through schools)

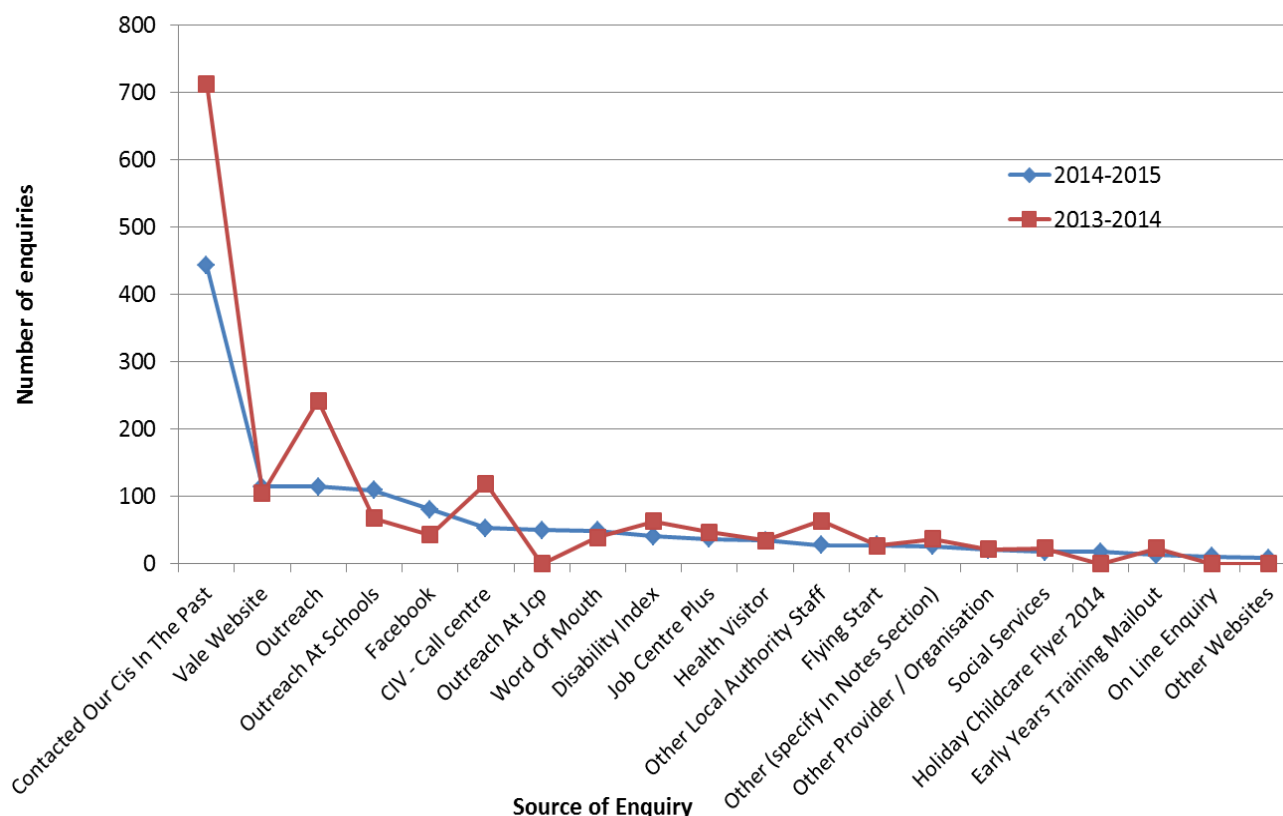
The FIS have used social media as an effective way to promote the service and engage with parents. We have also worked closely with schools, especially through the Families First 'Putting Families First' project and the FIS School Certificate. In September 2014 we started a new initiative with Barry Job Centre Plus, where we attend sessions for lone parents whose youngest child is coming up to 5yrs. We provide them with information and advice about childcare and help with childcare costs.

The referrals that have decreased significantly are:

- Contacted FIS in the past (**38%** decrease)
- Outreach (**52%** decrease)
- Contact OneVale (**55%** decrease)
- Other Local Authority staff (**53%** decrease)
- FACT Team (**77%** decrease)

This indicates where FIS need to target more marketing and outreach. However, the reduction in calls from Contact OneVale could be a result of more people knowing to contact FIS directly.

Figure 22 Number of Enquiries by Enquiry Source and Year



5.10 Ward where enquirer lives

Figure 23 compares the number of enquiries received from people looking for childcare, and the ward they live, over the past two years. This indicates where the demand for childcare is. It also informs the FIS where more marketing of the service needs to take place.

The number of enquiries is not distributed evenly by ward. The highest number of enquiries were from people living in the Cadoc ward (**83**), followed by Castleland (**65**), Buttrills (**58**) and Illtyd wards (**56**). All of these are in Barry.

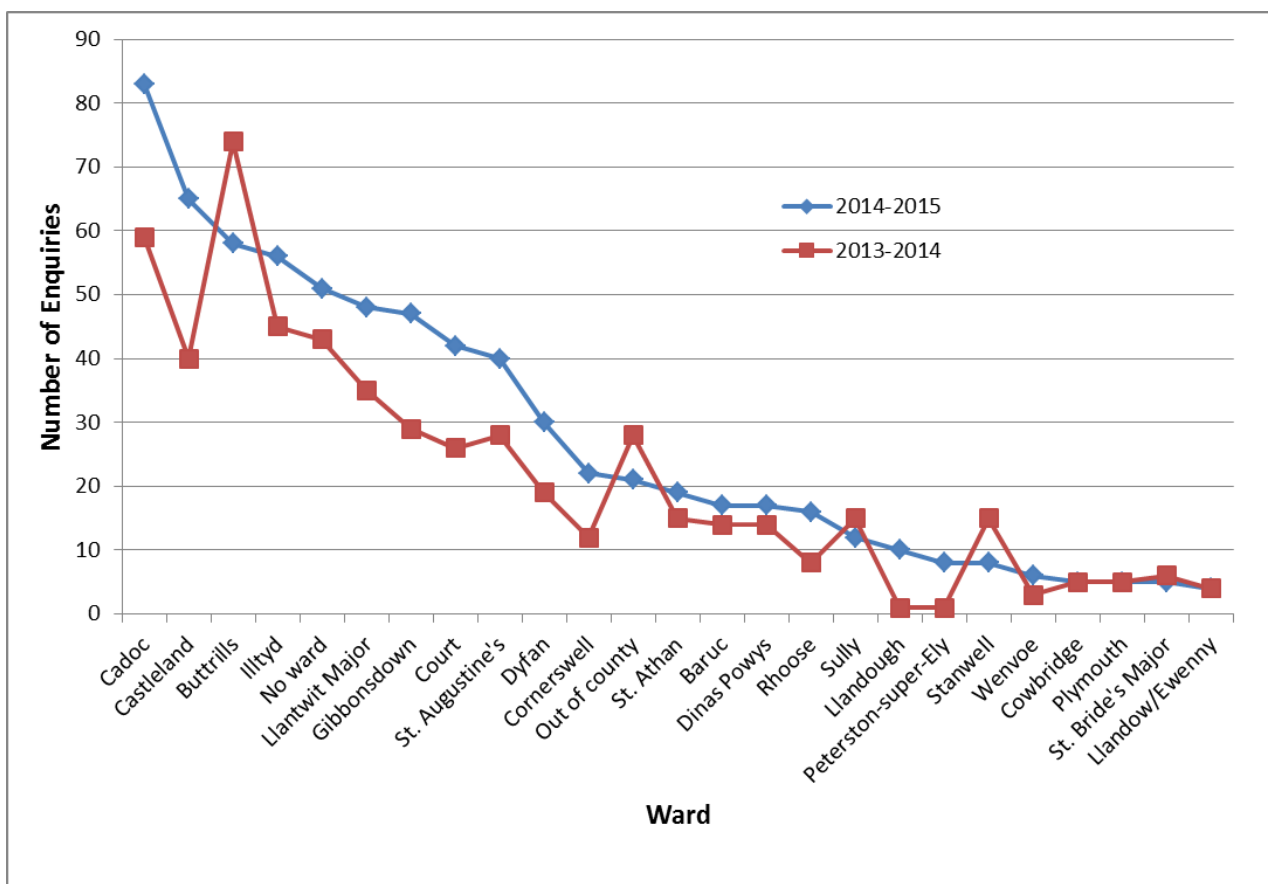
The number of enquiries where the ward has been recorded has increased by **27%** from last year. The majority of enquiries for childcare come from Barry (**398, 57%**), which has increased by **30%** since last year. Enquiries from the Western Vale have also increased from last year (**97** enquiries, **33%** increase).

Only four wards have seen a decrease in enquiries: Buttrills (**58, 22%** decrease), Sully (**12, 20%** decrease), Stanwell (**8, 47%** decrease) and St Bride's Major (**5, 17%** decrease). There

has been an increase in enquiries from all other wards and the most significant increase is in:

- Rhoose (**16, 100%** increase), including 4 enquiries for playgroups
- Llandough (**10, 900%** increase) , including 4 for enquiries for childminders
- Peterston-super-Ely (**8, 700%** increase)
- Cornerswell (**22, 83%** increase), including 10 enquiries for childminders
- Castleland, Gibbonsdown and Court have also seen an increase of more than **60%**, including almost one third (31%)of enquiries for childminders

Figure 23 Number of Enquiries by the Ward where the Customer Lives and Year



5.11 Feedback from customers who have contact the FIS

The FIS gather feedback from customers who have used the service to help develop the service in line with their needs and to help inform the CSA.

From January to December 2014, feedback was gained from **206** customers, which is an average of **17** responses per month. FIS wait for 4-6 weeks after the customer made the enquiry, before contacting them for feedback.

One third of customers were looking for childcare (**68** people, **33%**). The majority of customers were accessing other information on activities and services for children and family support (**138** people, **67%**).

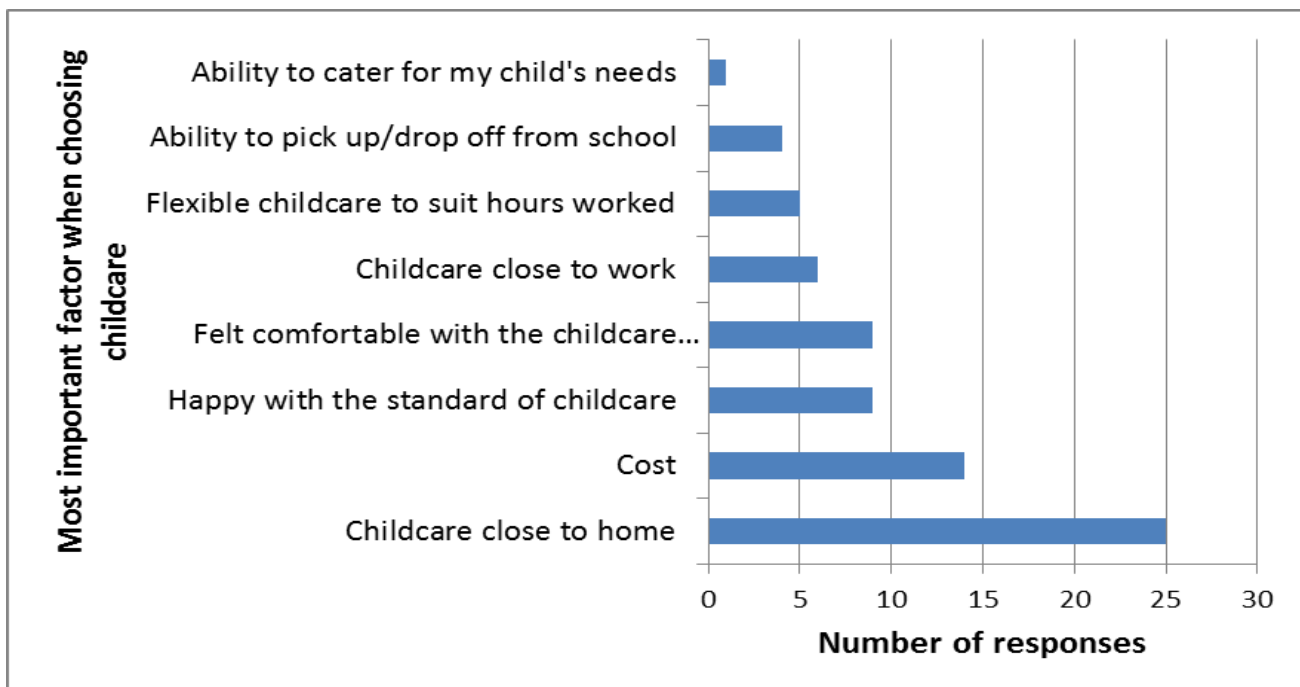
5.12 Ability to access childcare

Of those people looking for childcare, the majority were able to find childcare (**67%**). Of those who couldn't find childcare, the majority either didn't require it yet or they had a change in circumstances (**75%**).

5.13 The most important factors when choosing childcare

Figure 24 shows the most important factors to customers when choosing childcare. The most important factor was that 'childcare is close to home' (**25** responses, **34%**). This was followed by 'cost' (**14** responses, **19%**), 'Happy with the standard of care' (**9** responses, **12%**) and 'Felt comfortable with the childcare setting' (**9** responses, **12%**). What is quite surprising is that only **2** customers said 'cost' was the most important factor last year and this has now risen to **14** customers.

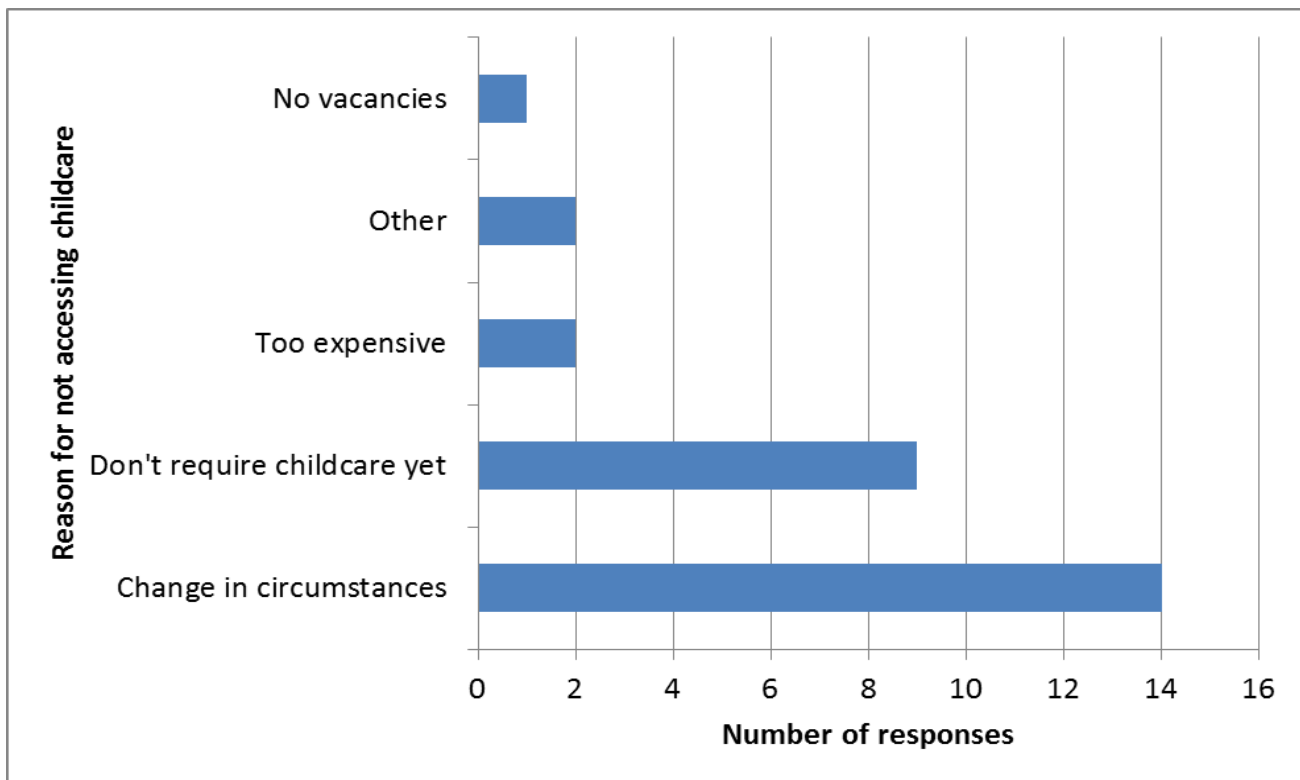
Figure 24 Most important factors when choosing childcare



5.14 Reasons for not accessing childcare

Figure 25 lists the reasons why some customers did not access childcare. 14 reported a change in circumstances and 9 reported that they didn't need childcare yet. Only 2 reported that it was 'too expensive' and 1 said that there were 'no vacancies'. This suggests that on the whole, customers didn't struggle to find childcare.

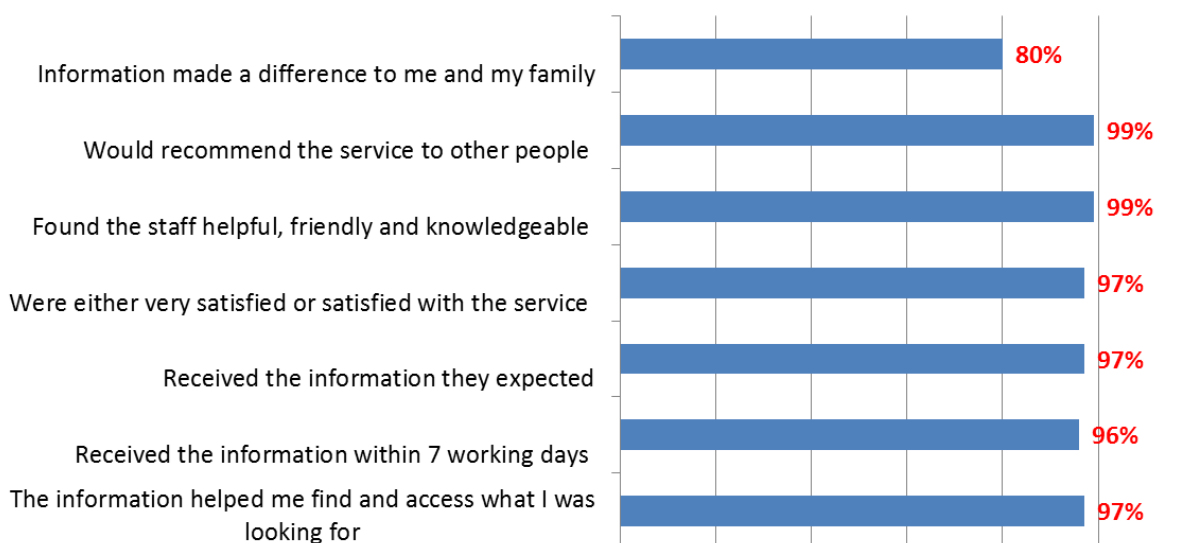
Figure 25 Reasons for not accessing childcare



5.14 How using childcare has affected their family

21 customers responded to this question. Over a third said they had been able to take up work (7, 35%), over a third said they had been able to remain in work (7, 35%), just under a third were able to take up training/study (6, 30%) and 1 said they were unable to take up work (1, 5%).

5.15 General feedback about the service



When asked how they thought the service could be improved, 3 customers suggested sending the summer brochure out sooner so they can plan for childcare activities. 1 customer said to listen more, 2 customers said to change the format that information is sent out so that it's easier to read and 1 customer said that they couldn't access the online childcare search on their I-pad.

Gap Analysis

6.1 Update on the wards with lowest number of childcare places

As reported in 4.5, the wards with the lowest number of places are:

- Llandow/Ewenny (34 places)
- Castleland (42 places)
- Dyfan (48 places)

6.2 Geographical gap

In the last CSA, Cowbridge had one of the highest number of places and the highest vacancy rate, suggesting an over-supply of childcare. This is still the case as places have increased by 35 and vacancies have increased by 94.

Llandow/Ewenny was highlighted as an area of need for greater access to childcare, as the number of places was low and low vacancy rates. There has been an increase of 21 places since last year but there are still no vacancies.

6.3 Update on Specific Needs gap

There is a Disability Teen Scheme that runs during the school holidays for young people aged 12-19 years. This is held in Penarth but is available to young people across the Vale. There are also open access play schemes that cater for children with disabilities and can provide 1 to 1 care, during the school holidays. These are for children aged 4-11 years.

Families First currently provide funding for pre-school children with a disability and/or additional needs to attend childcare. 35 pre-school children have benefitted from attending a childcare placement in 2014-15.

The Early Years Assisted Childcare places scheme which supports the improvement in the welfare or quality of life of a child with a disability/additional need, or a child in need by providing good quality childcare to support the child's need. The scheme continues to move forward and is continually developing.

29 children in need and **18** children with a disability and/or additional need have benefited from an assisted childcare placement in 2014-15.

6.4 Update on Income gap

From April 2014 to March 2015, Family Information Service (FIS) offered information on help with childcare costs to 719 enquirers.

13 were specific requests for information on childcare vouchers

39 were specific requests for information on financial help with childcare.

240 referrals received from Job Centre Plus.

FIS telephone number has been set up as direct dial free phone number in Barry Job Centre Plus reception area.

FIS have worked with JCP to set up weekly sessions for lone parents, whose child is between age 3-5yrs. Lone parents whose youngest child is 5yrs will move onto JSA and will need to be looking for work. FIS attend these group sessions and let them know about the childcare that's available to them, help with childcare costs and alleviate some of the concerns that parents may have when using childcare for the first time. The JCP Advisor also tells them about changes to their benefits and courses that are available to them. This has generated 180 enquiries over the past year and although parents may not need childcare straight away, they have the information and knowledge for when the time is right.

6.5 Specific needs gap

As above, the gap still remains

6.6 Time Gaps

A lack of holiday care was reported in the last CSA. This gap still remains as there has only been an increase of 1 holiday care scheme in Cowbridge, offering 40 places. Childminders also offer holiday care and there has been a loss of 45 places.

6.7 Age Gaps

There were no gaps reported in the last CSA but there has been a loss of 78 places for children aged 0-4yrs, due to the decrease in places with childminders and crèches. There has been an increase in 9 places for children aged 5-11yrs.

6.8 Type gaps

The last CSA suggested that there may be a gap in Welsh medium childcare. However there has been an increase of 103 childcare places where Welsh is used a significant amount. It now accounts for 11% of all childcare places

6.9 Update on Welsh Medium Provision gap

Welsh Medium holiday provision

As mentioned above, the last CSA suggested that there may be a gap in Welsh Medium childcare. As a result, following consultation with parents, a portion of the Out of schools childcare funding would be used to target the development of Welsh medium childcare. Therefore, discussions were held with Menter Bro Morgannwg in May 2014 to consider the demand for Welsh Medium holiday childcare.

Further to these discussions, in early July 2014, Menter distributed questionnaires to parents in Welsh Medium School primary schools with regards to finding out the need for childcare provision during the school holidays. 182 responses were received with 75% saying they require childcare. The highest percentage of responses for childcare came from the Barry area.

Menter submitted an application for an Out of School Childcare grant to support the set-up of Welsh Medium holiday childcare in the Vale. Funding was agreed to support staffing and resources for a February half term start. 21 children attended. Due to the initial success of the February half term holiday club and with further enquiries from parents, Menter have agreed that they will continue to provide holiday provision during Easter holidays.

Welsh Medium after school club

Out of School Childcare funding was also granted to Ysgol Dewi Sant primary, Llantwit Major to support the set-up of an out of school club. In June 2014, the school distributed

questionnaires to parents within the school and initially 6 parents expressed an interest in afterschool provision.

The school made an application for an Out of School Grant to set-up provision to start September 2014 and initially numbers were around the 4/5 children attending each night. However, results in January 2015 shown below demonstrate there has been a significant increase in numbers per night - Friday night remains fairly quiet.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery 3-4	1	3	3	4	
Reception 4-5	2	4	6	5	2
Year 1 5-6	4	5	4	6	3
Year 2 6-7		2	4	4	1
Year 3 7-8	1				
Total	8	14	17	19	6

6.10 – Sustainability of existing out of school childcare

One of the major issues that affect early years and childcare settings is sustainability; the 2013-14 full report highlighted this as an area to support. With additional monies made available from Welsh Government in 2014-15, an Out of School Childcare grant was awarded to 15 out of school childcare settings to support their sustainability. An end of grant report shows how the grant has helped to support the setting.

6.11 Update on evaluation of full CSA

We have analysed the total number of childcare places by age but as there has only been slight variations in places since the full CSA in 2014, we did not feel it beneficial to analyse every topic by age range.

6.12 Reducing the gaps

The Early Years Development & Childcare Partnership and other partners in the Vale have worked closely together to discuss and update the action plan to look at bridging the gaps. A new Action Plan was developed in 2013-14 and has been update in April 2015. A copy of the Action Plan is attached.

Out of schools childcare grants were made available to schools and childcare settings within the Vale of Glamorgan. Priority was given to areas which were identified within the Action Plan. For example:

- To support the increase of Welsh Medium childcare. A Welsh Medium holiday club has been set up by Menter Bro Morgannwg which has been supported by funding from the Out of School Childcare Grant. The club opened for February 2015 with 21 children attending.
- A total of **18** assisted childcare places were offered to children in need.

A total of **52** assisted places were offered to support children with disabilities/special education needs.

Other specific needs groups were offered funding to support children through the out of school childcare grant in 2014-15.

- Ashgrove School received funding to support a week long holiday club during the school holidays for children on the Autistic Spectrum – **15** children benefitted.

Children and young people aged 11yrs + were able to benefit from attending disability holiday club throughout summer holidays - **20** children and young people attended.,

Action Plan

The Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Action Plan was developed by a task & finish group to address the gaps highlighted within the full Childcare Sufficiency Assessment report carried out in 2013-14. This was submitted to the Welsh Government in May 2014.

All persons with actions are responsible for monitoring, reviewing and updating them which are then discussed mid-year at the Early Years Development & Childcare Partnership meeting.

Progresses on actions contained within the plan are updated as part of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment refresh 2014-15 - see Action Plan attached. .

Early Years Development & Childcare Partnership

Action Plan to address gaps in Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2014-17

Priority 1: support parent/carers on low incomes to access childcare						
Key Actions	Success criteria	Timescales	Funding	Lead responsibility	Update Feb 2015	Update March 2016
Information on help with childcare costs, benefits for parents and changes as a result of welfare reform are made available to parents	Parents are made aware of national and local initiatives that makes childcare more affordable	April 2014 – onwards and during introduction of Universal Credit in the Vale (2016) and the new tax relief replacing the childcare voucher scheme (2015)	Existing FIS funding	Becky Wickett	<p>Every enquirer is offered information on help with childcare costs. Flyer produced and distributed through all primary schools promoting help with childcare costs and summer holiday childcare (July 2014).</p> <p>Information Officer is a member of the Financial Inclusion Group in the Vale and keeps up to date with welfare reform changes.</p> <p>Awaiting new childcare payments 'top up scheme' to be introduced</p>	
	Information is up to date and available via the Family Information Service website		None required	Becky Wickett	FIS web pages updated with information on financial help and welfare reform: Financial Help	
	Attend at least 3 events per year involving Job Centre Plus and back to work programme to	3 per year	None required	Becky Wickett	Working with Barry JCP and attend weekly sessions for lone parents advising on changes to benefits when child reaches 5yrs and advising them on childcare, training, financial help etc.	

	increase awareness of FIS with lone parents				Since Sept 2014 126 parents have received information and 66 made further enquiries. Also attended Penarth JCP team meeting.	
Information and advice to parents in the Flying Start area on free childcare	Parents are provided with a choice of childcare in the Flying Start areas.	April 2014 - onwards	Flying Start funding	Amber Constant	All parents offered information and advice – all eligible children offered childcare	
Information is developed to provide parents, of Primary and comprehensive age children, information on after school activities and holiday provision	Parents have relevant information on after school activities. Holiday activity brochures produced online and in hard copy and promoted via schools	April 2014 – onwards April & July annually	Existing FIS funding Existing FIS funding	Becky Wickett Becky Wickett/Teresa Harvey	40 enquiries received for information on after school clubs. 140 enquiries received for holiday activities. 181 enquiries received for play and leisure activities. Online childcare, play and leisure search also available – 2,864 searches made. Easter and Summer Holiday Activity Programmes produced and available online. Summer programme generated 15,000 web hits.	

	Flyers produced promoting holiday childcare and help with childcare costs and distributed to all primary school pupils	June 2014	Childcare Strategy Grant	Becky Wickett	Bilingual flyer produced promoting childcare during the summer holidays, summer holiday activity programme, help with childcare costs and dates for the summer. Copies distributed through all primary schools	
Develop additional community based play provision	Additional play provision is available to children aged 4yrs plus.	April 2014- 2015	Out of School Childcare Grant	Joanne Jones	Community based play provision has been developed in Partnership with Cadoxton school. Each session is attended by a minimum of 45 children. Margaret alexander community play programme being developed with the local community.	
Develop holiday play provision for disabled children.	Additional play opportunities for disabled children aged 4-11 years.	April 2014 - onwards	Families first – Disability strand	Joanne Jones	Holiday play provision is developed to support disabled children access play sessions during school holiday.	
	Information on open access play is provided to parents who enquire to FIS	April 2014 -onward	No Cost	Becky Wickett	Promoted via Twitter and Facebook, 48 direct enquiries for open access playchemes and information available online via 'childcare, play and leisure search'	
Provide Assisted places to children in need, parents on low income	Parents are provided with a leaflet for information on the Assisted Places scheme for children in need – referral process	April 2014 – March 2015	Out of Schools childcare Grant & childcare strategy funding	Becky Wickett & Debbie Maule	300 Leaflets revised in April 2014 and purchased. Distributed to referrers and parents.	

	<p>Assisted places promoted for children from low income families, families in need</p> <p>Children and families access subsidised childcare</p>	April 2014 – March 2015	Out of Schools childcare grant & childcare strategy funding	Debbie Maule	Currently 38 children have received a subsidised childcare place – these include child in need or child with disability/additional need	
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Priority 2: to set up & support additional childcare provisions delivered through the medium of Welsh						
Key Actions	Success criteria	Timescales	Funding	Lead responsibility	Progress update March 2015	Progress update March 2016
Develop out of school childcare provision through the medium of Welsh.	<p>Initial discussions around childcare gaps with Menter Caerdydd and Menter Bro Morgannwg set up</p> <p>Menter Caerdydd/Bro Morgannwg to design and distribute a questionnaire to gauge the need for additional Welsh medium out of school provision.</p>	<p>May 2014</p> <p>May – June 2014</p>	<p>No cost</p> <p>No cost</p>	<p>Debbie Maule/Becky Wickett</p> <p>Menter Caerdydd/Bro Morgannwg</p>	<p>Further to discussions in May and July, Menter submitted an application for a grant to support the set-up of Welsh Medium holiday childcare in the Vale</p> <p>In July 2014, Menter distributed questionnaires to parents in Welsh Medium school with regards to provision of childcare during the school holidays. 182 responses</p>	

	Creation of additional Welsh language childcare places/setting developed in identified areas	July 2014 – March 2015	Out of School Childcare Grant	Debbie Maule	<p>were received with 75% say they require childcare.</p> <p>The highest percentage of responses for childcare came from the Barry area. Funding was agreed to support staffing and resources for a February half term start/ Menter identified a setting for the provision to run from starting February 15.</p>	
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Priority 3: to support childcare providers to increase the use of the Welsh Language in their setting						
Key Actions	Success criteria	Timescales	Funding	Lead responsibility	Progress update March 2015	Progress update March 2016
Identify training needs required	Develop and offer a range of training courses in response to the identified need	April 2014- March 15	Childcare Strategy	Debbie Maule	A training programme has been developed for the next financial year. The programme has a wide range of both legal & regulatory along with Continuous Professional Development to respond to identified need.	
Information and advice is offered to Welsh medium Childcare providers	Support is available to childcare providers through the Medium of Welsh	April 2014 onwards	Existing Mudiad Meithrin funding	Rhian Thomas	All cylchoedd meithrin registered with Mudiad Meithrin have received monthly visits (at least)	

					<p>Mudiad Meithrin's newly developed 'Business Toolkits' have been completed with every registered cylch meithrin, identifying areas for improvement.</p> <p>Assistance and advice given regarding CSSIW registration (CM Dinas Powys).</p> <p>Committees at CM Y Bontfaen and Llanilltud Fawr received advice and guidance regarding policies and staffing issues.</p> <p>Data collection undertaken by Development Officer for Welsh Government on a termly basis. Extension of provisions at CM Bethesda (Wrap around) and CM Y Bontfaen (who have recommenced providing wrap around for St Aubin's day Nursery).</p> <p>Committees of CM Y Bontfaen and Llanilltud Fawr attended</p>	
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					Management Induction Training at Mudiad Meithrin's offices in December 2014 Rhian Thomas will attend Management Training in March 2015 (organised by Vof G)	
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Priority 4: Children with disabilities and/or additional needs are able to access childcare & other activities						
Key Actions	Success criteria	Timescales	Funding	Lead responsibility	Progress update March 2015	Progress update March 2016
Provide assisted places to children with disabilities and/or additional needs	Parents and childcare providers are provided with a leaflet for information on the Assisted Places scheme for children in need – referral process.	April 2014	Existing childcare strategy funding		300 Leaflets revised and purchased. Distributed to referrers and parents.	
Information and advice is provided to childcare providers on accessibility for children and young people with disabilities	Information is contained within the Disability Index newsletter	April 2014 - onwards	Families First (Disability Strand)	Becky Wickett	Article promoting childcare and Assisted Places Scheme placed in the Disability Index newsletter July 2014	
	Assisted Places scheme promoted in the Disability	July 2014	Disability Strand –	Becky Wickett & Debbie Maule	As above	

Work with key stakeholders to raise awareness of childcare & sense of play support for children with disabilities/additional needs	Index newsletter		Families First			
	Children and families access subsidised childcare	April 2014 – March 2015	Out of School Childcare Grant & Childcare Strategy Grant	Becky Wickett	Families referred to the Assisted Places Scheme via Disability Index and FIS.	
	Details of those childcare settings that can cater for children with disabilities is supplied to Family Information Service annually and promoted to parents	April 2014 – March 2015	Existing FIS funding	Becky Wickett	Annual childcare update completed Jan 2015. 204 childcare settings (74%) can cater for children with SEN. 69 settings (25%) currently care for a child with SEN. (including unregistered settings)	
	Parents are given information on accessing suitable childcare/play schemes & support groups	April 2014 – onwards	Existing FIS funding	Becky Wickett	77 parents accessed information on childcare, services and activities for children with special needs. 328 children registered on Disability Index and receiving information regularly via emails and Index newsletter 4 yearly.	
	Disability Family Fund Day Held	April 2014 – March 2015	Families First (Disability Strand funding)	Becky Wickett	Fun Day held in Aug 2014 and over 200 people attended. Over 20 organisations provided stands and activities.	
	Special Needs Schools gain the FIS School	Summer 2014	Existing FIS funding	Becky Wickett/Teresa	Working with the Engagement Officers in	

	Certificate of Achievement			Harvey	the new school Ysgol Y Deri. Article promoting the facilities placed in Index newsletter in Jan 2015.	
	Disability Strand co-ordinator will provide advice and support to parents of children with disabilities/additional needs.	July 2014	Families First funding	Disability Strand co-ordinator	<p>24 Families accessing Sense Of Play sessions</p> <p>Families accessing Adventure rangers 2 existing & 10 new</p> <p>Families accessing Rainbows 4 existing & 2 new</p> <p>Families accessing Assisted Places scheme provision 15 existing & 9 new .</p>	

Priority 5: to provide a wide range of information, advice and assistance to parents and prospective parents						
Key Actions	Success criteria	Timescales	Funding	Lead responsibility	Progress update March 2015	Progress update March 2016
Information and advice is developed to provide relevant information to parents via a	Increase number of schools that have gained FIS school Certificate of Achievement Levels 1 & 2 Pilot FIS School Certificate in Secondary Schools	<p>July 2015 and annually</p> <p>April 2014 – July 2015</p>	<p>Existing FIS funding</p> <p>Existing FIS funding</p>	<p>Becky Wickett</p> <p>Becky Wickett &</p>	<p>2 schools achieved FIS Certificate Level 2. 16 schools in total have achieved level 1 (pre April 14)</p> <p>On hold due to staff vacancy</p>	

range of different sources	Summer activities brochure is developed and available online and promoted through the schools.	July 2014 and annually	Existing FIS funding	Becky Wickett	Summer Holiday Programme produced July 2014 and available online. Generated 15,000 web hits. Flyers promoting the programme distributed via all primary schools.	
	FIS website is developed and enquiries to the FIS website increase	April 2014 - on going	Existing FIS funding	Becky Wickett	31,472 web hits received (0.5% decrease). 2,864 online childcare searches carried out (41% increase).	
	Promotion of FIS in rural areas is increased via various media resources	April 2014 - on going	Existing FIS funding	Becky Wickett	Attended 12 outreach activities in Western Vale. Distributed leaflets and posters to health centres, libraries and health visitors in Western Vale.	
	Increase use of provider portal where childcare providers and other providers can update their details	April 2014 - onwards	Existing FIS funding		33 settings updated their details using provider portal and submitted 76 forms. (13% decrease).	
Information and advice is provided to prospective parents and new parents	Work with midwives to attend Parent Craft sessions for expectant parents (monthly)	April 2014 and onwards every month	Existing FIS funding	Becky Wickett	Carried out presentations at 16 parent craft sessions in Barry, Penarth and Cowbridge and 157 parents received info.	
	New parents receive FIS leaflets in their registers pack	50 per month	Existing FIS funding	Becky Wickett	Packs no longer produced by registrars but FIS leaflets are handed out to every parent registering	

	FIS attend Health Visitors meetings and Health Visitors promote FIS	December 2014	Existing FIS funding	Becky Wickett	<p>child's birth.</p> <p>Health Visitors meeting cancelled – awaiting new date. Posters and leaflets posted to every health visitors and followed up with an email. 24 enquiries received to the FIS via health visitors.</p>	
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Priority 6: Working parents to be better informed about childcare through their employer						
Key Actions	Success criteria	Timescales	Funding	Lead responsibility	Progress update March 2015	Progress update March 2016
Engage with local employers (links with priority 1)	<p>Benefits of childcare vouchers for employers and employees and FIS is promoted</p> <p>All new Vale Council parent employees are aware of FIS and childcare vouchers</p>	<p>April 2014 – March 2015</p> <p>Sept 2014 - on-going</p>	<p>None required</p> <p>None required</p>	<p>Becky Wickett</p> <p>Becky Wickett</p>	<p>Outreach event held at Tesco's in Barry and 30 enquiries received.</p> <p>FIS posters and leaflets placed in Alps Depot.</p> <p>FIS leaflets given out at corporate induction for new employees to Vale Council. In discussion as to whether FIS staff can give talk at CI.</p>	

Priority 7: On-line booking system is available to staff for booking training and updating relevant workforce information

Key Actions	Success criteria	Timescales	Funding	Lead responsibility	Progress update March 2015	Progress update March 2016
Childcare staff are able to search for training and book on-line	Staff are able to view training courses	April 2014 - onwards	Childcare Strategy	Debbie Maule	All training courses are made available through the on-line booking system. Courses and their outline are also available to view via the Family Information Service webpage.	
	Staff can successfully book onto and attend training courses.	April 2014 - onwards	Childcare Strategy	Debbie Maule	Only a small percentage of people have managed to successfully set themselves up with an account and book on training. Further instruction on this process will be administered with the new training programme in February/March 2015.	
	Increase numbers of childcare staff gaining further qualifications and increase their Continuous Professional Development	April 2014 - onwards	Childcare Strategy	Debbie Maule	Training needs were identified for the year with additional courses added where and when necessary. 5 child protection courses – 80 people trained 2 Epi pen training courses	

	Quality of childcare offered raised	April 2014 - onwards		Umbrella Organisations	<p>– 26 people trained</p> <p>4 Food Safety courses – 73 people trained</p> <p>1 Fire Safety course – 7 people trained</p> <p>3 Health & Safety courses – 42 trained</p> <p>Stages 1 – 8 in Makaton – 12 places available for each stage</p> <p>1 Manual Handling course – 17 attending</p> <p>6 Paediatric First Aid courses – 122 trained</p> <p>1 Managing Children's Behaviour course – 20 trained</p> <p>1 forest School course – 15 trained.</p> <p>3 child minding briefing sessions held –</p> <p>1 Risk Assessment course – 7 trained</p> <p>2 art courses were advertised but no-one signed up.</p> <p>2 Management Committee training sessions were advertised with only 1 person booked on.</p> <p>Wales PPA to raise awareness of training opportunities available and encourage providers to attend</p>	
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Priority 8: Engage with and support childcare providers

Key Actions	Success criteria	Timescales	Funding	Lead responsibility	Progress update March 2015	Progress update March 2016
Attend childminding groups to promote role of FIS and Childminding Network Facilitator	Childminders aware of FIS and Childminding Network Facilitator, childminders consulted and the service developed accordingly	May 2014 – March 2015	Existing childcare strategy funding	Becky Wickett & Sue O'Neill	Attended 5 childminding groups in Barry, Penarth, Dinas Powys and Llantwit Major and held focus groups. Feedback given to childminders and FIS service developed.	
FIS to visit every new childcare provider	New childcare providers are aware of and engage with FIS	April 2014 – onwards	Existing FIS funding	Becky Wickett	All new childcare settings are contacted and details added to the database. Visits in progress	
Update details of all childcare settings to inform CSA	Childcare records up to date	Oct 2014 and annually	Existing FIS funding	Becky Wickett	Annual childcare update completed in Dec 2014. Very poor response so FIS staff phoned all settings. (74% updated).	
Inform childcare providers of training, grants and other relevant information	e-newsletters sent to all childcare providers – at least 6 annually	Every other months	Existing funding	Becky Wickett	Following childminding focus groups, agreed to send 3 e-bulletins per year to childminders and 3 to other childcare providers – 2 Sent in Aug and 2 in Dec 14.	

Priority 9: sufficient childcare to address geographical gaps

Key Actions	Success criteria	Timescales	Funding	Lead responsibility	Progress update March 2015	Progress update March 2016
Identify areas where a need for childcare has been identified	Areas identified & further investigation into need of type of childcare i.e. out of school provision, wraparound – specifically within the Western Vale	April 2014 – March 2015	Out of School Funding	Debbie Maule/Becky Wickett	Due to parent demand for out of school childcare in Ysgol Dewi Sant, Llantwit Major, funding was offered to set up a club. 58 different children aged 3-7yrs are registered at the club with an average of 15 on 4 evenings, 5 children are attending on a Friday at present	
	CYPOP5 panel target new childminders in areas where gaps are identified	April 2014 - onwards	Childcare Strategy funding	Debbie Maule/Sue O'Neill		
	Childcare home approval scheme promoted to parents and potential childcare staff in areas needed	April 2014 - onwards	Existing FIS funding	Becky Wickett	<p>CAS promoted to potential childminders as an alternative career at childminder briefing sessions.</p> <p>13 Approved Childcarers in the Vale but only 1 has agreed to be promoted to parents.</p> <p>21 childcare settings offer wknd care; 30 offer evening / late care; 60 offer flexible care for shift workers.</p> <p>21 children in need and 17</p>	

	<p>Information is gathered by FIS as to those childcare providers who offer weekend care, flexible care for shift workers</p> <p>Funding is provided to successful applicants to develop childcare in identified areas</p>	<p>April 2014 – onwards</p> <p>June 2014 - onwards</p>	<p>Existing FIS funding</p> <p>Out of School childcare Funding</p>	<p>Becky Wickett</p> <p>Debbie Maule</p>	<p>children with a disability/additional need have received an assisted childcare place. 15 children on the autistic spectrum attended a week long provision during the summer holiday. Presently, 12 out of school childcare providers have received funding for sustainability. 32 young people (aged 7 – 18yrs) with a disability attended holiday schemes in May and summer holidays. 16 children in need attended Easter, 16 in May, 20 during the summer holidays, 18 during October and approx. 16 due at the February holiday scheme.</p>	
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