



Childcare in Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

Aims

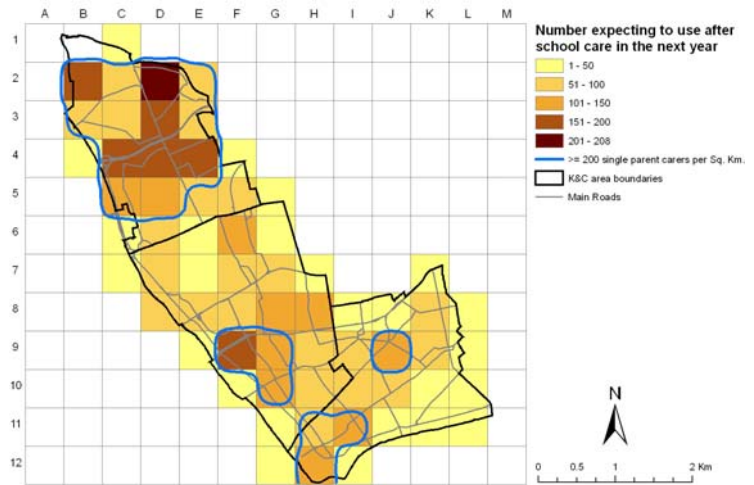
Section 6 of the Childcare Act 2006 gives a new duty of securing sufficient childcare care in every borough. This project involved a detailed examination of childcare supply and demand in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea during 2007/2008. RBKC is a well to do borough with child care markets split along socio-economic lines. Consequently there was a rich an varied range of childcare services available.

What we did

The work was based on a combination of administrative data sources from the RBKC and Kensington Primary Care Trust (PCT), a survey of over 500 parents in the Borough and parent focus groups carried out by RBKC. It included an analysis of the supply of formal childcare including place availability for each age group, opening hours, and geographical access. It provided a comprehensive analysis of the demand for childcare, including markets for different types of childcare, access, cost and affordability to different population sub-groups.

Results

There were numerous findings, one illustration of which is shown in the map above. It shows the intentions of parents to use after school care in the coming year. Especially highlighted are areas of social housing and single parent families. The table segments parents according to the use made of different forms of childcare. In the table A is social housing, B single parent households and C signifies a household on benefits. For example 70.7% and 88.4% of the market for nannies and childminders is accounted for by two adult households in private tenure not on benefits.



0.5 x 0.5 sq km map of RBKC showing intentions to use after school care

Tailoring services to local needs

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row	ABC	child minder	nanny	day nursery	pre school	after school	holiday	neighbours/friends
1	000	70.7	88.4	69.8	59.9	39.4	39.9	51.4
2	100	3.2	0.9	5.9	6.2	5.7	7.7	9.8
3	010	16.0	8.7	2.5	6.3	13.6	11.6	13.6
4	001	0.0	0.0	8.6	7.2	14.6	11.9	5.7
5	110	4.9	2.0	5.1	5.8	10.0	12.5	6.8
6	101	0.0	0.0	1.1	4.0	1.5	1.6	3.7
7	011	0.0	0.0	1.8	4.5	3.9	4.6	0.9
8	111	5.2	0.0	5.3	6.2	11.3	10.2	8.1
	% total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table showing usage of different forms of childcare by socio-demographic group