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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

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Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults

Report on the Findings of the Consultation Undertaken on the Proposals to Review Children's Centres – (Children and Young People)

1. Purpose of Report

This report informs Cabinet of the results of the phase 2 consultation on Children's Centre services, and the findings of the Equality Analysis and Health Impact Assessment, and makes recommendations for the reduction in opening hours of ten Children's Centres to two days a week.

2. Information and Analysis

It has been recognised and evidenced that the first five years of a child's life has a huge bearing on their health, well-being and development. Through the delivery of the Children's Centre Service, in conjunction with other universal and targeted services provided by Derbyshire County Council and partner organisations, the aim is to reach all the families who need support most and ensure that all children have a good start in life.

Derbyshire currently has 50 Children's Centres, organised in groups, which work together to deliver services from a range of venues. The services include early education and childcare, health services and parenting & family support, and are delivered to support the needs of the local communities they serve.

Children's Centre services can be delivered in a range of settings and do not necessarily require a purpose-built venue. Across the County, services are already being delivered in families' homes; at local community venues and in locations where partnerships with other agencies such as schools or health can strengthen the support to a family or child and deliver an integrated early offer of help.

Local Authorities across the country are facing unprecedented financial challenges, which for Derbyshire represent cuts to its budget of £157 million by 2018. In order to meet this target, Cabinet is being invited to review all contracts and review every service when the opportunity arises to make sure that services are now affordable.

As the local authority cuts its budget to achieve the £157m in savings, it is as important as ever that it ensures that the remaining budget meets legal requirements and complies with Government priorities of achieving value for money, especially for families in greatest need of support, when determining local arrangements.

On 4th February 2015, Council considered the revenue budget for 2015/2016 which indicated proposed budget reductions. A reduction in the number of Children's Centres was identified as a potential area for future Members' consideration, with a view to achieving a saving of £944,000 in the financial year 2015-16.

The Children's Centre Review is looking at ways to ensure that families with young children receive the support they need to enable them to be healthy and ready to learn. It is seeking to make savings whilst developing a clearer, more effective Children's Centre model that will maximise the impact on narrowing the gaps between those children who achieve well at school and those who under-achieve.

The Children's Centre Review process must have regard to the requirements of the Department for Education Sure Start Children's Centres: statutory guidance - April 2013. The guidance states that local authorities should not close an existing children's centre or make a significant change to the services provided without consulting all those who may be affected. Reorganisation of provision must not compromise the outcomes for children, particularly the most disadvantaged, or the duty to have sufficient children's centres to meet local need.

2.1 Children's Centre Consultation - Phase 1

In May 2014, Cabinet agreed to consult with residents, service users, interested organisations and other key partners to seek their initial views on:

- i) options for reducing the Children's Centre budget; and
- ii) criteria that would be applied to identify Children's Centres for more in-depth impact assessment work.

This was followed by a phase 1 public consultation and equality analysis.

2.2 Criteria to Determine the Future of Individual Centres in Derbyshire

Following the phase 1 consultation and consideration of the feedback received, a further report was submitted to Cabinet on 30th September 2014 to seek approval to apply the following proposed criteria to the 54 Children's Centres:

- i) Relatively low level of need/deprivation;
- ii) Relatively low engagement of the 0-5 population;
- iii) Relatively high level of centre running costs;
- iv) Ease of access to a children's centre;
- v) Availability of alternative local services.

Criteria i) to iii) above were used to generate the specific recommendations in the Cabinet report of 30th September 2014. Both the proposed criteria and the application of the criteria then formed the basis of a phase 2 consultation exercise. It was not considered feasible to develop a system of ranking or scoring for the two final criteria – ease of access and availability of other local services – and so these were not used to generate the proposals for consultation but have been explored further through the consultation and as part of the ongoing development of the Equality Analysis.

2.3 Children's Centres Consultation - Phase 2

A second phase of public consultation took place from 8th October 2014 to 21st January 2015 on proposals to:

- Close Ashbourne and Duffield Children's Centres;
- Transfer services at Castle Gresley and Langwith Children's Centres to other sites;
- Reduce opening hours at the 10 phase three Children's Centres to two days per week;
- Explore an alternative venue for the Children's Centre services in Gamesley.

470 responses were received via an on-line or paper questionnaire. In addition to this, 66 focus groups with current service users, potential service users and professionals were held at Centres that would be affected by the proposals.

In addition to the formal public consultation, a 'Health Impact Assessment' was carried out by a team from Public Health. This involved focus groups

with 221 Children's Centre users, and 1,048 individual comments were received.

The consultation feedback, Health Impact Assessment and other letters and representations from members of the public and professionals were considered, and informed the recommendations in a further report to Cabinet on 3rd March to close Ashbourne and Duffield Children's Centres and transfer services from Castle Gresley and Langwith to other sites. These proposals were agreed, and the closure and transfer of these services took place on 31st May 2015.

The 3rd March Cabinet report did not consider the proposal to reduce opening hours at the 10 Phase three Centres, due to the extensive analysis of the consultation responses and potential impact required. The work has now been completed, and this Cabinet report focuses on the future opening hours at the 10 Centres, which are located in:

Arkwright
Bakewell
Chapel en le Frith
Coton in the Elms
Crich
Killamarsh
Tupton
Sandiacre
West Hallam
Wirksworth

2.4 Recommendations

2.4.1. Overarching themes from consultation

Detail of the responses to the public consultation, including a centre-by-centre analysis, can be found within the Equality Impact Analysis (Appendix 1) and the Health Impact Assessment (background paper).

The key themes which emerged from the consultation were:

- i) The importance of the centres for social interaction of the child and the parent/carer. There was a level of anxiety about the reduction in opening hours leading to social isolation and the possibility of poor mental health of parents/carers;
- ii) Respondents felt that children's centres had contributed positively to their child's development and learning and feared that a reduction in opening hours would be detrimental to their child's early development;

- iii) Some respondents said they would have difficulty accessing another children's centre due to transport-related issues such as cost or inadequate public transport services;
- iv) Respondents valued the outreach service for family support provided by the children's centre workers and asked that this should be maintained
- v) Respondents wanted clear information about any changes to service delivery, so that they would not miss any new groups being delivered on a possible changed timetable.

2.4.2 Equality Analysis and Mitigations

The Equality Analysis considers each of the potentially negative impacts which have been identified, and discusses how they could be mitigated. It should be made clear that whilst it is possible to mitigate the impact to an extent there will still be an adverse impact experienced by families in each area and Members are asked to read the analysis and to consider the adverse impact identified and the degree of mitigation which is, or is not, possible.

In particular Members will wish to be satisfied that the outcomes for children, particularly the most disadvantaged, would not be adversely affected to the extent of compromising the duty to have sufficient children's centres to meet local need.

Overall, the Equality Analysis concludes, following a detailed examination of each Centre, that the impact of reducing opening hours at each of the 10 Centres would be relatively small. A service would remain in place at each of the Centres; albeit at a reduced level. Together with other existing local groups and activities, and the proposed mitigations, it is considered that whilst there will be some adverse impact on families' experience of services there should be no adverse impact on children's development and learning.

During the course of the consultation, a number of suggestions were made to mitigate the impact of reduced opening hours, including preferred days and times for the centres to be open and preferred services to be delivered during those times. These suggestions have been considered as part of the equality analysis and a number have been included in the action plan at Section 9.

It is recommended that these 10 centres reduce their opening hours to 2 days a week from 1st September 2015. This will allow time for a thorough

plan for each centre to be developed to respond to local needs and the views expressed during consultation.

With the mitigations that are proposed in the Equality Analysis (Appendix 1, section 9), the Strategic Director is satisfied that that closure would not have any adverse impact on children's outcomes.

3. Financial Considerations

As a result of reducing the opening hours of 10 centres from 5 days a week to 2 days a week it is anticipated savings of £81k can be made on building running costs and the cost of activities within those centres. These savings are shown below against the locality in which the centres operate.

In addition a further annual saving of £574k can be made as a result of the reduction in staffing levels. These saving have been allocated across the 6 Localities based on the resource allocation model the effect of which is detailed in the table below.

Localities	Children Centres Affected	Resource Allocation	Original Staff Budget Allocation	Revised Staff Budget Allocation	Saving on Staff Budget	Savings on Building & Service	Total Savings
Amber Valley	1	14.80%	721,076	636,053	85,023	4,636	89,659
Chesterfield	0	17.80%	867,239	764,981	102,258		102,258
Erewash	2	15.10%	735,692	648,945	86,747	24,647	111,394
High Peak & North Dales	2	14.40%	701,587	618,862	82,725	15,638	98,363
North East & Bolsover	3	25.40%	1,237,521	1,091,603	145,918	23,025	168,943
South Derbyshire & South Dales	2	12.50%	609,016	537,206	71,810	12,766	84,576
	10		4,872,131	4,297,650	574,481	80,712	655,193

In addition to this any reduction in Business Services posts, as a result of these proposals, will be held against the savings target for Business Services for the coming years. These posts will be looked at based on the service delivery requirement for each centre as it is the intention to utilise the buildings on the days they are not delivering children's centre services to achieve some income generation through letting of the available space.

4. Equality Consideration

Further work has been undertaken as part of the consultation process in order that the Council may have regard to its equality and human rights obligations when making final decisions. Information gathered during consultation and development of the Health Impact Assessment has informed the development of the Equality Impact Analysis (Appendix 1). Any adverse impact that has been identified during consultation has been mitigated, as far as possible.

5. Human Resources Considerations

As a result of the proposed reduced opening hours of the 10 Children's Centres, it would be necessary to reduce the number of posts by 3 FTE Children's Centre Coordinators (Grade 12) and 16 FTE Family Support Workers or Foundation Year Practitioners (Grade 8). The reduction in Children's Centre Coordinators would be achieved by ending any current secondment arrangements and by the deletion of an existing vacancy.

The new Early Help Locality structure has a total of 289.5 FTE Family Support Worker and Foundation Years Practitioner posts established. An analysis of turnover rates for this job group in the past three years has shown that there is an average annual turnover rate of 7.2%. It is, therefore, anticipated that the reduction in posts can be made in 12 months through natural turnover, and by utilising the flexibility of the new contracts and job profiles following the implementation of the recent Supporting Families Review.

It must be noted that any reduction in the numbers of opening hours of Children's Centres may also result in a corresponding reduction in Business Services requirements for each centre. The effect upon Business Services cannot be pre-judged and will have to be considered for each individual Children's Centre on its own merits

Consultation with employees and Trade Unions on the proposals to use turnover to achieve the reductions has already commenced and will continue following approval of the report.

It is anticipated that the proposed reductions will be achieved through natural turnover within the 12 months specified period. However, should this not be achieved due to unforeseen circumstances, consideration should be given for the group to be declared as a pocket of difficulty and as such be given access to the Council's Voluntary Early Release schemes. Should this be the case, a further report will be submitted to Cabinet.

6. Legal Considerations

Under section 5A of the Childcare Act 2006 local authorities have a duty to make arrangements to ensure that there are sufficient children's centres, so far as is reasonably practicable, to meet local need.

A Sure Start children's centre is defined in the Act as a place or a group of places:

- which is managed by or on behalf of, or under arrangements with, the local authority with a view to securing that early childhood services in the local authority's area are made available in an integrated way;
- through which early childhood services are made available (either by providing the services on site, or by providing advice and assistance on gaining access to services elsewhere); and
- at which activities for young children are provided.

It follows from the statutory definition of a children's centre that children's centres are as much about making appropriate and integrated services available, as they are about providing premises in particular geographical areas.

Under Section 5(D) of the Act, local authorities must ensure that there is consultation before any significant changes are made to children's centre provision in their area.

The authority is under an obligation to observe the contents of the statutory guidance referred to above.

In reaching a decision the Council has a duty to read and give conscientious, genuine consideration to the responses to the consultation process set out in the report (including its appendix). In assessing these proposals, the Council should also have regard to its statutory duties under the Equality Act 2010.

So far as the Equality Act 2010 is concerned, Cabinet Members are reminded that they are under a personal duty, when considering a decision, to have due regard to, in short, the need to protect and promote the interests of persons with protected characteristics (i.e. people who are vulnerable on account of age, gender reassignment, pregnancy or maternity, marriage/civil partnership, race, disability, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation).

In order to discharge this duty, Cabinet Members will need to give careful consideration to what is said in the report, the consultation feedback and the Equality Impact Analysis (Appendix 1) about the potential adverse impact of the proposed changes and the potential mitigation.

7. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime & disorder; and environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

8. Background Papers

1. Appendix 1 - Equality Impact Analysis containing phase 2 consultation results
2. Cabinet Reports – May 6th 2014, 30th September 2014, and 3rd March 2015
3. Department for Education Sure Start Children's Centres: statutory guidance- April 2013
4. Health Impact Assessment, held by the CAYA commissioning team

9. Key Decision

Yes

10. Call-In

Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report?

No.

11. Strategic Director's Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet notes the results of the phase 2 consultation, and the findings of the Equality Impact Analysis and Health Impact Assessment, and agrees to:

- I. The reduced opening hours of ten phase three Children's Centres with effect from September 1st 2015
- II. Agree the reduction in posts noting that the reduction will be achieved through turnover

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Derbyshire County
Council
Equality Impact
Analysis

Children Centre Review
Stage 2

Derbyshire County Council

Equality Impact Analysis Record



Department	CAYA
Service Area	Children Centres
Changes or proposals	Children Centre Review – Stage 2
Chair of Analysis Team	Eleanor Hedley, Children Centre Coordinator
Date of Analysis	24.03.2015
Version	3

1. Prioritising what is being analysed

a. Description of current service arrangements

A range of studies has proven that the first five years of a child's life has a huge bearing on their health, wellbeing and development. Through the delivery of the Children's Centre Service and other services delivered by Derbyshire County Council and partner organisations, the aim is to reach all the families who need support most and ensure that all children have a better start in life.

There are currently 50 Children's Centres offering a range of services within Derbyshire including early education and child care, health services, parenting and family support. The Department for Education Sure Start children's centre statutory guidance (April 2013) clarifies what local authorities and statutory partners must do to fulfil their statutory responsibilities. The guidance places a duty on the Local Authority to "improve the well-being of young children in their area and reduce inequalities between them".

To this end, Derbyshire Children Centres work in partnership with health, education, childcare providers, social care, voluntary sector organisations and local communities to reduce the gap between children who are underachieving and those who are reaching their developmental milestones.

A team of three children's centre workers and a Coordinator managing the centre deliver services to local communities they serve. Derbyshire's 50 Children Centres are currently organised in groups across the county; each grouping is subject to OFSTED inspections. In line with OFSTED guidance, Derbyshire children centre groups are "treated as one children's centre because it has shared leadership and management with integrated services that are accessed across the locality within" the local authority. A children centre group works together to utilise a range of venues to deliver services within a defined reach area and is informed by local need. Services are provided to families with children aged 0-5 years and are usually open five days a week (Monday to Friday) with occasional weekend hours. Some smaller centres within a group currently open on a part-time basis.

The Children's Centre Review is looking at how Derbyshire County Council can provide the right services in the right place for those young children and families who need the support the most. This may mean refocusing finances to consider savings while avoiding duplication where there are partners delivering services and putting Children's Centre support where it is most needed. The aim of the review is to reduce duplication in provision, improve effectiveness and focus on those areas in greatest need.

b. Details of proposals or changes

The proposals considered in this Equality Analysis have been developed through a two-staged process, namely:

Phase 1

In May 2014, the Council's Cabinet agreed to start a review of Children's Centres and agreed the proposed methodology. This was followed by a phase 1 consultation seeking initial views on options for reducing the Children's Centres budget and the criteria that would apply to select individual centres for in-depth impact assessment work.

Phase 2

Following the outcome of phase 1 consultation, Cabinet approved a subsequent report on 30th September, 2014 which outlined how the consultation feedback had been used to develop criteria and how these criteria had been applied to generate options for consultation. The Council agreed to proceed on the basis of consultation on proposals to:

- 1) The closure of two Children's Centres and the associated services located in Ashbourne and Duffield;
- 2) The closure of two Children's Centres (Langwith and Castle Gresley) where the buildings are not fit for purpose and the transfer of services to other sites;
- 3) Changes to opening hours and associated services of 10 phase three* centres;
- 4) The relocation of one Children's Centre's services to another site (Gamesley) to promote further engagement of service users in an area of high need.

On March 3rd, 2015 agreement was reached to proceed with the proposals 1) and 2) above.

This Equality Analysis considers the potential impact of proposal 3) above.

The review of proposal 4) above is ongoing.

Phase 2 consisted of a public consultation specific to the Centres identified for consideration as set out in the 30th September, 2014 Cabinet report. A public consultation on proposals relating to the identified Children Centres took place over 15 weeks from Wednesday 8th October, 2014 to Wednesday 21st January, 2015. There were 470 respondents to the Public Consultation via an online or paper questionnaire. In addition to this 66 consultation events with current service users, potential service users and professionals were held across the Centres that would be affected.

The Council's Public Health services collected further data to contribute to Phase 2 of the consultation utilising existing Children Centre groups. With the support of centre staff, 29 focus groups were conducted with people using the centres across the 15 Children's Centres affected by the proposed reconfiguration. The focus groups were held to determine the health impact needs of users and the use of health service provision within the centres. A broad cross section of Children's Centre service users were involved in the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) focus group consultations, in total 221 users were present and 1,048 individual comments were collated.

C. Rationale for proposed changes

With Derbyshire County Council facing large financial reductions, (a third of its budget by 2018) the council has looked at all 50 Children centres to see which are most used, most cost effective to run, and meet the greatest needs in their communities.

The Children's Centre Review is exploring ways to ensure children continue to be safe, and families with young children receive the support they need to enable them to be healthy and ready to learn. Due to significant financial pressures placed on the County Council a full review of the children's centre future provision is being undertaken, with options to make savings whilst developing a clearer, more effective Children's Centre model that will maximise the impact on narrowing the gaps between those children who achieve well at school and those who underachieve.

The proposals for consultation were identified by:

- a) Developing and consulting on criteria for the selection of individual centres for in-depth impact assessment work. Following the phase 1 consultation, the criteria approved by Cabinet in September 2014 were:
 - Needs of the centre's local population
 - Number of people using the centre
 - Financial bottom line of the centre
 - Ease of access to a children's centre
 - Availability of alternative local services

The first three of these criteria were applied to generate the recommendations for stage 1 of the consultation.

Stage 2 of the consultation applied a review of phase 3 centres which are generally in less deprived areas. The rationale behind this decision was to reduce the service in these 10 centre reach areas by proposing and consulting on a reduction of opening hours to two days a week. This proposal will potentially make savings of £655,193. Opening times would be staggered to ensure services are still available as part of the children centre group within the reach area. The 10 named centres under review are:

Arkwright
Bakewell
Chapel-en-le-Frith
Coton-in-the-Elms
Crich

Killamarsh
Sandiacre
Tupton
West Hallam
Wirksworth

b) **Brief Note on proposal 4) the review to relocate Gamesley Children Centre.**

It is essential to promote services in areas of highest need and to provide Children's Centres that are fit for purpose. Gamesley is situated in one of the highest areas of need in the county and set

up as a Phase one centre. As part of the review, options were assessed to re-locate some of the centre services at Gamesley to another site (the Early Excellence Centre building in the heart of the community), potentially saving £12,000. The review has identified there is not the available space required to provide additional services at the other site. Another community building (central to the area) has been assessed as an alternative second option to facilitate services. The review has identified the community building would not be fit for purpose for services to be relocated. The need to promote Gamesley services within the community still exists. It is proposed the existing services remain where they are as there is no further alternative solution at this time.

*The centres were originally established to meet different levels of need. Phase one centres serve communities where a high area of need was identified (high deprivation in LSOA); phase three centres serve communities with areas of least deprivation.

2. The team carrying out the analysis

Name	Area of expertise/ role
(Chair) Eleanor Hedley	Children Centre Co-ordinator – supporting Children Centre Consultation Phase 2
Tracy Marsh	Commissioning Manager: Previously Children's Centre Coordinator/ Multi Agency Team Manager. Seconded to lead the review
Barbara Ackrill	Research and Information- support to the Children's Centre Review consultation
Jane Hicken	Public Health
Julie Hirst	Public Health
	Derbyshire Management Information team
John Cowings	Senior Policy Officer-Equalities as critical friend

3. Existing information and consultation based feedback

Sources of data and consultation used

Source	Reason for using
Public Consultation October 2014 to January 2015	Public opinion obtained on proposed changes to determine impact on those using each centre and any potential ways to mitigate the impact
Consultation Events October 2014 to January 2015	Public opinion obtained on proposed changes to determine impact on those using each centre and any potential ways to mitigate the impact
Service User Information	To identify groups using the children's centres
Derbyshire management information	To provide data on monitoring of service users accessing children centres
Health Impact Assessment October to November 2014	Public opinion obtained on proposed changes to determine the health impact on those using each centre and any potential ways to mitigate the impact
Property Services – Suitability for services	Examine suitability of running services (health & safety, location and cost)
Sure Start Statutory Guidance April 2013	Defines the duties on local authorities to deliver an appropriate Children's Centre Service

Source	Reason for using
Petition submitted as part of Public Consultation for Tupton Children's Centre October 2014 to January 2015	Public opinion on the proposed reduction of hours to Tupton Children Centre
Derbyshire Safeguarding Board Protocols and Guidance	To ensure that safeguarding is considered as a priority when evaluating the impact of proposed service changes.
Children's Centre Performance Report – CAYA Management Information	To identify number of service users using children centres and report on data collected by Children Centres within Derbyshire
Derbyshire Observatory statistical information	Representation of data from 2011 Census to inform on representation of the population
HMI OFSTED Inspection Reports	Represent findings by inspectors on Derbyshire Children Centres
Children Centre Self Evaluation Framework	To identify & include local knowledge, current service provision by centre and local data

4. Known impact on different protected characteristic groups

From existing data and information:

Who is likely to be adversely affected, how & to what degree? Will anyone gain/ benefit from the proposals?

Protected Group	Findings
Age including children and families, older people	<p>Families with children aged 0-5 years access the Children's Centres services.</p> <p>Throughout Derbyshire 80.1% of parents with children under 5 years in the population have registered with a centre and of those 77.1% have used the service within the last 12 months (CAYA Management Information Dec 2014 to Dec 2014).</p> <p>It is of interest to note 5.4% of the total population of Derbyshire are between the ages of 0-4 years with 12.4% of the total population of Derbyshire being between the ages of 5-15 years when considering the need for service provision according to age band. (Derbyshire Observatory, 2011 Census: Summary Profile)</p>
Disabled people including mobility, sensory, learning, mental health, HIV, and also include carers and relatives	<p>There are currently 221 disabled children under 5 registered with the children's centres in Derbyshire.</p> <p>Disabled children who do not meet the criteria for support from the county's disability team, based on their level of disability, may be signposted to a children's centre for support. Children may receive home support or attend a Children Centre as part of a universal group or as a group with similar needs (Every Child a Talker, Positive Play, Time for Two's etc.)</p> <p>There are currently 70 parents or carers of children under 5 who are Disabled and registered with a Derbyshire Children Centre.</p> <p>Parents who have a disability may receive support from a children's centre to help them with their parenting. There may also be a need for the children's centre to be alerted to the fact that, in some cases, the children are the "young carers" for their parents.</p>

	It is important that services remain accessible to children with disabilities and parents with disabilities.																											
Gender (Sex) including men and women, boys and girls	<p>Gender is not a key factor affecting the delivery of the service. Children's centres use Early Years information to inform them of local need. They may identify that a certain gender is underachieving in reaching its developmental milestones and therefore want to capture and increase the participation of that gender, but the centre is accessible to all. There are services to support all parents and carers.</p> <p>The following shows the number of under 5 children by gender who have participated over a 12 month period and have accessed children's centres in Derbyshire. (February 2015, CAYA Management Information)</p> <table><tr><th colspan="3">U5s that have participated 01/02/2014-31/01/2015</th></tr><tr><th>Gender</th><th>Population</th><th>Participated#</th></tr><tr><td>F</td><td>19967</td><td>12729</td></tr><tr><td>M</td><td>20853</td><td>13199</td></tr></table> <p>The following portrays the number of parents and carers by gender with children under 5</p> <table><tr><th colspan="3">Parents of an U5 that have participated 01/02/2014-31/01/2015</th></tr><tr><th>Gender</th><th>Population</th><th>Participated#</th></tr><tr><td>F</td><td>-</td><td>15399</td></tr><tr><td>M</td><td>-</td><td>5624</td></tr><tr><td>U</td><td>-</td><td>20</td></tr></table>	U5s that have participated 01/02/2014-31/01/2015			Gender	Population	Participated#	F	19967	12729	M	20853	13199	Parents of an U5 that have participated 01/02/2014-31/01/2015			Gender	Population	Participated#	F	-	15399	M	-	5624	U	-	20
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Gender reassignment – including impact if any on Transgender people	This would not be relevant to this analysis as gender reassignment is not a key factor affecting the delivery of this service.																											
Marriage and civil partnership – also include impacts on lone parents and unmarried couples	Services are not delivered on the basis of marital status. According to information provided by the Derbyshire Observatory in the 2011 Census summary profile, 27.6% of total households in Derbyshire have dependent children and of those 6.2% are lone parents. It is relevant to note that across the county 4,910 people are lone parents of children under 5 and of those 2,572 are parent/carers who are registered with a Children's Centre as lone parents. However, the true figure registered with centres may be higher as the option to register as a lone parent is via a self-completed registration form. Some users may find this a sensitive issue and do not want to be recognised as such.																											
Pregnancy and maternity – including new mothers/ parents	<p>The data for mothers accessing antenatal support through children's centres is not collected.</p> <p>There is a need to begin the collection of data on what percentage of ante natal parents use a children's centre and develop with the Health Impact Assessment of a centre to support the Child Health</p>																											

	Programme.
Race – including all racial groups, including impact if any on Gypsies and Travellers	<p>95.8% of residents in Derbyshire belong to the White British Group (Derbyshire Observatory, 2011 Census: Summary Profile)</p> <p>Review of individual centre data indicates traveller families and BME who are accessing the 10 Children Centres within Derbyshire. Based on this information individual decisions as to whether BME families will be adversely impacted upon by the proposal to Children Centres should be considered</p> <p>Children's centres have access to interpreters to communicate with parents. Multi-cultural reading material, toys and other resources are provided for families and children.</p>
Religion and belief including non-belief, including religious minority communities, Humanists	<p>Data available acknowledges that within Derbyshire 63.6% of the population consider themselves Christian with 28% of the Derbyshire population indication they are of no religion. (Derbyshire Observatory, 2011 Census: Summary Profile)</p> <p>Further data is not currently available but it would be useful to collect this information for more detailed assessments relating to the communities in the future.</p> <p>Culturally appropriate reading materials and other resources are available to families and children from children centres and partner agencies. Services can be adapted to take account of individual and family needs in respect to any of the proposals.</p>
Sexual orientation – including the impact if any on LGB people	<p>The sexual orientation of parents is not a determining factor in the delivery of Children Centre services. All families can access children's centres irrespective of sexual orientation. A small number of same sex parent households already use centres across the county and there is no reason to believe that the proposals will specifically adversely affect them due to their sexual orientation.</p>

Non-statutory

Poorer and disadvantaged communities and groups, including people who experience financial exclusion	<p>Derbyshire data shows varying levels of deprivation which can be ranked and applied to each children centre reach area and grouping. The more deprived the area is, the more likely families are to require support from children's centres to help their children reach their full potential. To ensure we are working to those families who need it most, the data, as a reflection of families' need for services, should be reviewed.</p> <p>A significant number (21.3%) of children under the age of 5 live in a workless household within Derbyshire.</p> <p>The centres were originally established to meet different levels of need. Centres designated as 'phase one' such as Gamesley centre serve communities where a high level of need was identified; phase three centres such as Bakewell, Tupton, West Hallam, Crich & Chapel-en-le-Frith, serve communities within areas of least</p>
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	deprivation within Derbyshire. However, phase three centres such as West Hallam, Coton-in-the-Elms, Killamarsh, Wirksworth and Sandiacre are situated in an area with some level of deprivation and have pockets of high need.
Rural communities	<p>Living in a rural or urban community has not been included as part of the consultation questionnaire; however in the development of the EIA due consideration has been given to where the Children centres are located and access to services to those users living in rural communities around Derbyshire.</p> <p>It is relevant to note 20.1% of the population living in Derbyshire do not own a car or van and therefore other transport would need to be accessed by this population to access services.</p>

Impact on employees of Derbyshire County Council or prospective employees

<p>This is a separate review involving Trades Unions and Staff who may be affected. The review was detailed as part of the September 30th 2014 Cabinet report: “Integrating Early Help and Safeguarding Services for Children, Young People and their Families”. This Cabinet report provided details of the staffing requirements in terms of equitable resource allocation between localities and revised job roles for staff in Children’s Centres. The majority of staffing changes required to support a more focused service have been addressed in the aforementioned report. All changes will be subject to consultation with the relevant Trades Unions and employees. However, as most of the employees working in these centres are female, it is women who will be in the majority, affected by the changes.</p>

From existing customer and other feedback:

Who is likely to be adversely affected, how and to what degree? Will anyone gain or benefit?

Who is likely to be adversely affected, how and to what degree? Will anyone gain or benefit?				
Protected Group	Overview of Findings Across all 10 Centres			
Age	The average age of those who responded to the Phase 2 consultation was 35			
Disability	An overview of those 470 respondents who indicated they consider themselves to have a disability. <div>No37294.7% Yes215.3% Total393100%</div>			
Gender (Sex)	92 % of the respondents to the Phase 2 consultation were female			
Gender reassignment	Not identified in the consultation questionnaire			
Marriage and civil partnership	Not identified in the consultation questionnaire			
Pregnancy and maternity	Prospective parents should be able to access health services and support which may have been delivered from a children's centre site. Data has not been collected for prospective parents within the consultation questionnaire.			

Race	An overview of respondents' race						
	White	Asian/Asian British	Black/Black British	Mixed	Chinese	Other	Total
	383	6	1	3	2	1	396
	96.7%	1.5%	0.3%	0.8%	0.5%	0.3%	100%
Religion and belief including non-belief	Not identified in the consultation questionnaire						
Sexual orientation	Not identified in the consultation questionnaire						

Non-statutory

Poorer and disadvantaged communities	<p>Not identified in the consultation questionnaire. However, see section 3.1 of the Health Impact Assessment (Quilt Table) highlighting health and related outcomes for the Children Centre reach area. This information highlights the link between deprivation and poorer health outcomes. A map with an overview of deprivation within Derbyshire is also highlighted within the HIA.</p> <p>A duty does exist to ensure those families living in areas of greatest need, being in a deprived area, have sufficient access to services for children and families (provided as part of a children's centre)</p> <p>Additional travel costs may be incurred by families living in the areas of the 10 centres outside of centre operational hours, if they have to travel further afield to a nearby Children's Centre or to an alternative provision. Families should not be put at a disadvantage and miss the opportunity to access groups or services; there is a responsibility to minimise any additional travel costs to service users by ensuring the communication of local community groups that can be accessed within the area.</p>
Rural	<p>A duty does exist to ensure those families living in rural communities where there is deprivation or who need support are able to access a service from a children's centre (preferably the nearest venue with associated services). If proposals do proceed, it will be necessary to ensure that information about centre opening hours is clearly promoted. Outside of opening hours, it will be necessary to communicate to all potential service user and registered users the alternative community groups within the local area. It will also be necessary to communicate as widely as possible the services and groups which could be accessed by service users from the next closest children centre on the days outside of opening hours.</p>

Employees or prospective employees

See earlier section on impact of employees of Derbyshire County Council

- a. Are there any **other** groups of people who may experience an adverse impact because of the proposals?

Some parents and carers may have poor literacy skills and require alternative methods of communication to be used to ensure information on proposed changes are received. There is a duty to ensure families are informed of changes and can access alternative local service provision within the community.

The safety and wellbeing of the children is of prime concern to the centres. . Swift and appropriate steps must be taken if children are at risk of harm. Children who are looked after, subject to child protection plans or children in need must continue to be well supported. To ensure support continues to be provided for children, processes need to be seamless between social care, education and health partners. Each partner has a responsibility to continue to support and monitor children. The early help process ensures that children and families can access timely support in times of difficulty and often pre-empts and prevents the need for statutory intervention.

- b. Gaps in data

What are your main gaps in information and understanding of the impact of your policy and services? Please indicate whether you have identified ways of filling these gaps.

Gaps in data	Action to deal with this
Pregnancy and maternity – including new mothers/ parents The data for mothers accessing ante natal support through children's centres is not collected.	Going forward there is a need to start collecting this data from health partners to understand what percentage of ante natal parents use a children's centre. This will be reviewed as part of Derbyshire County Council's partnership agreement currently under development with Children Centres.
Religion and belief including non-belief, including religious minority communities, Humanists. No collection of this data is currently available	It would be useful to collect this information for more detailed assessments relating to the communities in the future. We will review adding this to Children Centre forms as part of the single assessment and Children Centre registration process.

6. From the consultation you have carried out specifically in relation to proposed changes, what views or issues have been raised by those who have responded? (Include both their views and any issues they have raised which alludes to the likely impact)

- a) Please summarise the consultation which has been carried out

The aim of this Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is to explore the equality impact which may result from the proposed reconfiguration of Children's Centre provision by Derbyshire County Council. This EIA is assessing the proposal to change opening hours and associated services of 10 phase 3 centres to 2 days a week. The objective is to achieve the following:

- Identify and profile the population groups who will be affected by the proposals
- Identify the potential positive and negative equality impacts on those who will be affected by the proposals and,
- Inform decision making regarding the reconfiguration of children centres.

The initial phase 1 consultation was successful in reaching a wide audience and generating a high level of responses. The feedback from the phase 1 consultation was detailed and considered in an earlier Equalities Assessment.

Phase 2 consisted of a public consultation specific to the centres identified for consideration. A public consultation on the proposals took place over 15 weeks from Wednesday 8th October 2014 to Wednesday 21st January 2015. A variety of methods were used to allow members of the public the opportunity to respond to the consultation, these included:

- a paper-based questionnaire
- an online questionnaire
- by phone through the use of "Call Derbyshire" to register their views or,
- Attendance at one of the children centre sessions supported by the children centre workforce.

There were also opportunities to attend a health impact assessment focus group within each of the centres as part of regularly running sessions. Throughout the consultation time period resources were used to widely promote the proposals including posters, leaflets, circulation of the Derbyshire county council newsletter, news updates and displayed on the County Council website under "Have your say". The Children centre workforce further encouraged service users to complete questionnaires, updated Facebook pages, noted verbal comments and feedback and ensured all families registered with the affected centres were informed about the consultation either by text, email or letter.

The public consultation generated a total of 470 respondents via an online or paper questionnaire. Across 15 centres a further 66 sessions took place (some as specific consultation events, the majority being regularly run sessions) where the children centre workforce encouraged and supported feedback from service users and professionals throughout the consultation period. Written feedback in the form of letters from service users and professionals were received. Verbal feedback from service users was noted and collected by the children's centre workforce. Public health conducted a further 29 focus groups (with the support of centre staff) across 15 centres, to identify the health impact needs of users, which informed the analysis of the Health Impact Assessment included as an element of this EIA.

Methodology Used to Conduct the Consultation

A standard introduction to the questionnaire was employed by the Children Centre workforce and those handling calls within Call Derbyshire, explaining the rationale for the consultation. The questionnaire consisted of 27 questions split into sections; the first two questions related to taking part in Phase 1 of the previous consultation, the next four questions asked about usage of children's centres in Derbyshire in the last 12 months (to help determine access and local need), the third section reviewed what the specific impact would be on users of the proposed closures of Ashbourne and Duffield Children's Centres including the request for suggestions to reduce the impact of these two proposed closures.

Section 4 (and the focus of this EIA) asked respondents what the effect would be with the reduction of the opening hours to two days a week, what preference there would be for opening days and services to be retained including a request for suggestions to reduce the impact. Section 5 reviewed what the proposed relocation of Langwith, Castle Gresley and Gamesley children's centres would mean to families and a request for suggestions on how to reduce the impact of the proposed relocation. The final segment of the questionnaire asked questions about the respondents to have an understanding about the views of different demographic groups (which is also part of this EIA).

The responses to all 470 completed questionnaires were compiled into one document. The feedback about overall usage of children centres was analysed and the themed responses relating to the impact on families on the potential changes were highlighted for consideration. An overview for each of the 10 centres has been provided as part of this EIA. Relevant local information shared by service users as part of the general feedback during consultation sessions has also been included.

- b) Please summarise the feedback received. This should make clear where those who have responded have highlighted any potential adverse impact as well as their opinions on the proposals.

Summary of the Key Findings from the Phase 2 public consultation:

(These relate to all Centres which formed part of the Phase 2 consultation)

Overall, the vast majority of respondents felt that the proposals would have a negative impact on their families. The key themes were:

- Impact on children's social contact, activities they could access, and an impact on a child's early development
- Effect on social contact and networks resulting in isolation particularly for new parents
- Impact on travel costs (potential to be higher and travel more time-consuming, resulting in parents/users not being able to attend sessions at alternative venues)

Summary of the Key Findings from the Health Impact Assessment (HIA):

(These relate to all Centres which formed part of the Phase 2 consultation)

The HIA collates feedback from 221 Children's Centre users and 1,048 individual comments. The HIA identifies that Children's Centres as a whole are:

- Considered a safe, trusted place for support and information.
- Provides the ability for parent and child to socialise.
- Are valued for the support they offer on emotional well-being and mental health.
- A positive place to get health information from.
- An environment that promotes school readiness.

The HIA also identifies that any potential impact that reduces access to services will:

- Impact on travel costs (potentially higher).
- Reduce access to professionals/professional services and other services.
- Reduce access to reliable information.
- Affect social contact and networks that have formed.
- Restrict access to venues that are appropriate, child friendly and fit for purpose

7. Are there any ways of avoiding or reducing likely possible adverse impact on any groups of people, what are those actions, and how will they assist?

A number of suggestions have been made in the consultation feedback, and the HIA, to avoid or reduce the likely possible adverse impact. The suggestions can be grouped as follows:

1. Improve information about local services and make sure families are aware of alternative provision (EIA & HIA) to avoid concerns expressed in relation to possible social isolation and/or a negative impact on a child's early development.
2. Charge parents / carers for activity sessions and other income-generating activities
3. Financial support for parents who need to travel further
4. Maintain an outreach service

1. Improve information about local services and signpost families to alternative provision in all 10 centre reach areas

Recommended: if the proposals go ahead, it will be essential that local families are informed, and helped to access other services that meet their needs in an appropriate way, taking account of specific needs e.g. language, parents with poor literacy and associated services in the area.

2. Charge parents/carers for activity sessions and other income-generating activities

Not recommended: Charging and income generation was considered as part of the phase 1 consultation, and was rejected as it would be costly to administer whilst being unlikely to raise sufficient income. It could also deter vulnerable families which Children's Centres are particularly seeking to support. This assessment remains the same.

3. Financial support for parents/carers who need to travel further

Not recommended: In each of the 10 Children's Centre areas, some alternative local provision is available. A financial assistance scheme would be complex and costly to administer, since it would require an element of judgement about what services were appropriate for families to access and what financial help they needed. Consideration would also need to be given to families in other areas who may travel further to activities and would not be able to access financial support.

4. Maintain an outreach service

Recommended. The 10 children's centres are part of a group of centres. It would be advisable to use some of the staffing resource from the other centres in each group to support the outreach delivery service within the centre reach area. A reduction in opening hours will reduce the centre based activities at the affected centres but outreach provision should still continue.

8. Main conclusions and Recommendations

Conclusions

Based on the analysis the following is believed to be of importance and should be noted by decision-makers:

- The consultation was successful in reaching a wide audience and generating a good level of responses.
- The overall conclusion is that outcomes for children and families would not be adversely affected by the proposals and that the proposals would not compromise the duty to provide sufficient children centre services available to meet local need.
- The consultation has indicated there would be minimal impact to each of the 10 centres identified and therefore the recommendation is to reduce the opening hours at each of the 10 Centres to 2 days a week.

- The consultation analysis identified that access to alternative services (such as access to the nearest centres or local community groups) would support local need. However, to ensure that vulnerable families continue to be supported, wherever they live, the continued provision of outreach services is recommended, with families being able to contact staff at the nearest children centre on days when the 10 Children's centres are closed .

9. Action planning in response to the completed analysis

Objective	Planned action	Who	When	How will this be monitored?
What you want to achieve	What you intend to do	Responsible person or department	Timing of action	Monitoring and review arrangements
Children's Centres to plan days of opening and service delivery with information obtained from consultation feedback, with reference to the EIA report on each individual centre (and taking account of other activities within the reach area)	Continued provision of services	CAYA Locality Managers	Achieved by August 31st	Monitoring by Early Years Strategy Group
Vulnerable families in all 10 Children's Centre areas are identified and given the support they need. Provision of outreach service to continue with families being able to contact staff at the nearest children centre on days when the 10 Children's centres are closed	Continued provision of outreach services	CAYA Locality Managers	Ongoing	Monitoring by Early Years Strategy Group
Families currently using the 10 Children's Centres are informed of opening hours, signposted and helped to access alternative services or appropriate community provision within the reach area outside of centre hours	Write to all registered families at each centre with clear information about the changes and alternative local services All local children's service providers receive clear information about local groups and activities, so they can also signpost families	CAYA Locality Managers	By August 31st	Monitoring by Early Years Strategy Group
Monitor attendance and engagement at each of the 10 Children Centres with a view to reviewing the impact of the	Review impact of reduction of hours by centre Review ongoing	CAYA Locality Managers	From 1 st September to 31 st December 2015	Monitoring by Early Years Strategy Group

reduction of hours by centre				
Develop data collection for mothers accessing ante natal support through children's centres.	To understand what percentage of ante natal parents use a children's centre	CAYA Management Information	Ongoing	Monitoring by Early Years Strategy Group
Monitor and review the situation once the proposals are implemented to ensure no unforeseen effects have occurred	Ongoing monitoring of impact Inform Members and consider further mitigations if the outcomes are more negative than anticipated	Children's Centres Strategy Group	From September 1 st 2015	Monitoring by Early Years Strategy Group
Identify if there is a need to reach BME population in the area who are accessing the centre and ensure communication methods are put in place	To ensure service users with language barriers are not excluded from receiving information in relation to the change to service delivery	Childrens Centre Coordinator with assistance from interpreters	By August 31 st 2015	Monitored by Early Years Strategy Group

10. Monitoring and review arrangements

Please outline what steps will be taken to monitor and review the implementation of proposals if they are agreed here:

Monitoring and review will be overseen by the Early Years Strategy Group.

11. Conformation that equality impact analysis (EIA) completed and read

Name of officer signing off EIA as completed

Date:

This Equality Impact Analysis has been read by

Name	Date	Position

Where and when published e.g. with Cabinet Report, on DCC website

Decision-making processes

Attached to report (title):

Date of report:

Author of report:

Audience for report e.g. Cabinet:

Web location of report:

Decision in relation to report

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Details of follow-up action or links to further EIAs

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Updated by:

Date:

Appendix A

Children Centre Review

Analysis by Children Centre

The following section reviews the analysis by each of the 10 Children Centres identified within Stage 2 of the review. The exploration by individual Children centre provides an opportunity for each centre to be put into context while the relating data, from the consultation findings, provides an understanding of how the reduction of hours will impact on the community.

Arkwright Children Centre

Overview of Arkwright Children Centre

Arkwright Children's Centre is a purpose built single storey building set in the grounds of Arkwright Primary School. The centre is grouped with Bolsover children centre which is open 5 days a week. At this time local arrangements have been made whereby the Arkwright Centre is already only operating on fewer than 5 days a week (currently 15 hours a week). These local arrangements mean service users are able to contact staff and have access to children centre services through contacting Bolsover Children Centre. Five other children centres are within a 4 mile radius of Arkwright children centre which are able to offer alternate services outside of opening hours.

The centre is in an area of mixed affluence and pockets of disadvantage. Housing is mainly owner occupied, with some social housing and private rented accommodation. The centre has a sensory room that can be booked out by parents and their children.

Known impact on different protected characteristic groups

From existing data and information – who is likely to be adversely affected, how, and to what degree? Will anyone gain or benefit from the proposals?	
Protected Group	Findings of Analysis for Arkwright Children Centre & Data:
Age including children and families, older people	<p>There are 270 children under 5 in the area where Arkwright children centre provides services.</p> <p>74% (199) children under 5 years in the Arkwright area have registered with the Children Centre and of those 59% have used the service within the last 12 months. (March 2015)</p> <p>Mean age of respondents completing the questionnaire from Arkwright Children Centre was 35,</p>

	respondents were between the ages of 24 and 57 (14% were aged 30).	
Disabled people including mobility, sensory, learning, mental health, HIV, and also include carers and relatives	Disabled Parents of Children Under 5's: Disabled Children Under 5's: Out of 34 respondents 1 indicated they consider themselves to have a disability. The sensory room at Arkwright Children's Centre is used by children with additional needs	2 1
Gender (Sex) including men and women, boys and girls	Out of the 34 respondents who answered 100% were female	
Gender reassignment – including impact if any on Transgender people	Gender reassignment is not a key factor affecting the delivery of the service and is therefore not relevant to the analysis.	
Marriage and civil partnership – also include impacts on lone parents & unmarried couples	Lone parent with children under 5:	
	# of population are lone parents:	35
	% of the population who are engaging with a Children Centre:	46%
	% of those families having interaction with the centre over 12 months:	37%
Pregnancy and maternity – including new mothers/ parents	The data for mothers accessing ante natal support through children's centres is not collected. Limited information by referrals through Health Visitor is received on a centre by centre basis. At this time no information is available for Arkwright.	
Race – including all racial groups, including impact if any on Gypsies and Travellers	Children under 5 Black and minority groups: Most families are of White British origin	
	# of population children under 5 BME:	0
	# registered children under 5 as BME:	15
	# of participating children under 5 as BME:	13
	Traveller Parents with children under 5: Under 5 travellers children:	2 1
	Traveller communities now reside within the Arkwright reach area. There are currently 5 children under the age of 5 years living on the Corbriggs site; all 5 children have monthly agency communication as part of a partnership with the Library Service and the Children Centre.	
	Out of the 34 respondents who answered 100% indicated they were of White British origin	
Religion and belief including non-belief, including religious minority communities, Humanists	Data relating to communities is not available and is not relevant for the purposes of this analysis	

Sexual orientation – including the impact if any on LGB people	The sexual orientation of parents is not a determining factor in the delivery of Children Centre services and is therefore not relevant to this analysis.
Non-statutory	
Poorer and disadvantaged communities and groups, including people who experience financial exclusion	Arkwright Children Centre reach area falls within the 40% to 50% most deprived areas of the county. It is ranked 28 th out of 54 Centres for deprivation (28 th least deprived) Local knowledge informs the centre workforce unemployment levels are high. About 27% of families within the Bolsover and Arkwright grouping are dependent on work-related benefits.
Rural communities	Arkwright is considered an urban community

Summary of Analysis for Arkwright Children Centre

The subsequent findings have been based on all respondents who specified they have used Arkwright Children Centre or worked at the centre in the last 12 months.

- 37 respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed reduction in opening hours of: Arkwright Children's Centre
- Of these 37 respondents, 28 had used the centre in the last 12 months.
- 9 respondents worked at Arkwright Children Centre in the last 12 months, 8 of these respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed changes and 1 would not be affected. 2 respondents had used Arkwright CC in the past.

Common themes identified by respondents in public consultation

Theme	# of respondents mentioning theme
The Children Centre has:	
helped with social interaction/meeting people	4
had an impact on child's development and learning	8
provided access to a sensory room and activities for disabled children	2
The reduction to hours would mean:	
Increased social isolation	4
A family could not travel to another Children's Centre	1
Loss of a community group held in the centre	1
Difficulty in accessing advice and other services (health, education)	1

Responses from Children's workforce – service is needed locally	2
Responses from Children's workforce – concerned about their jobs	2
Limited impact – centre not widely used although there is some need	4
Impact not specified	1

Summary of suggestions by respondents to reduce the impact of the proposal:

- Have half days (mornings) open rather than full days with clearly signposted and set opening times
- Clearly display telephone numbers to other centres
- Put additional activities on in remaining centres using marketing tools such as Facebook and word of mouth to advertise
- Hold a “use it or lose it” campaign open days to encourage those who use them already to bring other families
- Look at other ways of providing service in the local area
- Loan room out to third party/charity/child interest group/child parties
- Place council staff in one building to reduce running costs
- Provide transport for vulnerable families
- Charge for tea/coffee and crafts

Other specific comments identified by respondents

- Respondents would like the baby group currently held monthly to run more frequently on a weekly basis
- Have a baby group every week on a Friday instead of once a month on a Monday
- 1 respondent describe being able to attend groups and be out with their children has been a ‘lifeline’ without which friendships would not have been made.
- Another respondent indicated the group at the centre was the only play group they attended in the community.
- 3 respondents indicated due to work, other commitments and other groups they attend, it would be more difficult to attend when the centre was open.

Additional considerations relevant to the impact on the reduction to the hours of Arkwright Children Centre:

- 4 consultation sessions with families accessing the centre took place
- Building work is currently underway to develop a complex of new houses in the centre of Arkwright Town.
- A partnership arrangement is in place with Library Service at Corbriggs Traveller site. Outreach family support is offered to traveller families with children under 5 years and referrals received through the health visiting team.

Current provision for children and their parents from the centre consists of:

Monday: Baby Group 10:00a.m – 11:30a.m

(Health Visitor advice and baby weighing on the 2nd Monday of each month)

Tuesday:

- Play and Learn 1:30pm - 3:00pm
- 4th Tuesday of the month: N.E. Derbyshire Downs Syndrome Support Group 10- 12

Wednesday:

Baby Boutique 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Findings of Analysis:

Addressing the question of:

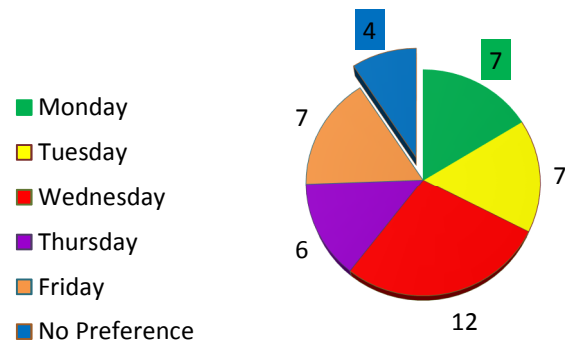
What would be the impact of reducing the opening hours of the children's centre for you or your family?

On review of section 4 of the questionnaire:

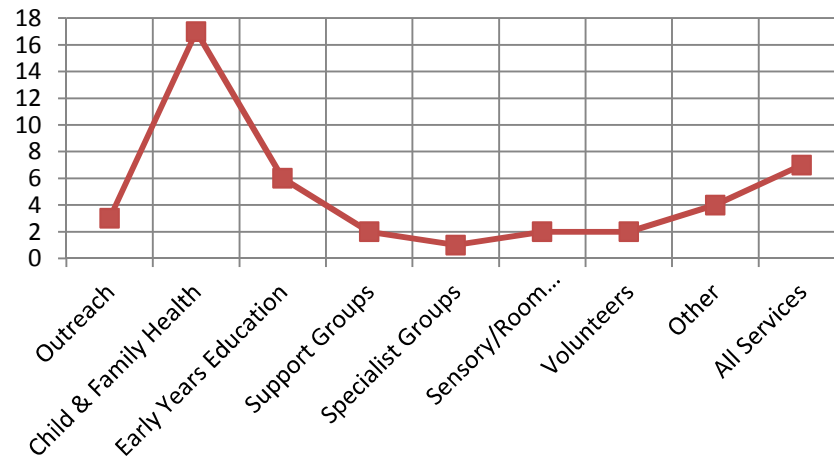
- Of the 37 respondents who use the Arkwright services the majority would like to see the Centre open Tuesdays & Wednesdays. The preferred retained services providing child & family health services such as the baby groups with health clinics and Early Education services providing sessions for toddlers such as PEEP & Pathways to Nursery.
- 50% of respondents (8 of the 16) indicated they would access another children centre, with 2 indicating they would not attend another children centre.
- Respondents indicated they would attend Brimington, Staveley, Bolsover, Shirebrook and Whaley Thorns
- 75% (28) Did not indicate where else they would access support

Overview of 37 respondents preferred days of opening

Preferred Day of Opening Hours



Overview of 37 respondents preferred retained services during opening hours



Sessions defined as the following:

Outreach refers to family support, advice and guidance
Child & Family Health includes baby groups with clinic
Early Years Education includes toddler groups, PEEP and Pathways to Nursery
Support Groups refers to parental support groups
Specialist Groups refers to evidenced based support programs such as positive parents
Sensory & Room bookings at centre
Volunteers
Other: Includes Swap Shop, Buggy Walk, Holiday Activities etc
Refers to all services being selected

Recommendations:

The consultation findings has found a minimal impact would be placed on the community within Arkwright Children Centre and it is reasonable to have a reduction of opening hours with other services being provided by neighbouring children centres. It would be the recommendation to open the centre on the respondents preferred days offering the preferred retained services.

As part of the alternate solutions suggested by respondents, information indicating the closest children's centre within the area and an overview of local community groups which could be accessed by children and families is provided below.

Distance to nearest Children's Centres:

Bolsover	3.5 miles	Hasland	3 miles
Clowne	6 miles	Chesterfield	4 miles
Creswell	10 miles	Brimington	3 miles
Staveley	3.2 miles	Brampton	4 miles
Holme Hall	6 miles	Birdholmes	5.6 miles

Community Groups available for Access in Arkwright & Surrounding Reach Area - April 2015

Little Spikes at Poolsbrook Primary School Cottage Close, Poolsbrook, Chesterfield Stay and Play session	Story And Rhyme At Holmewood Library Holmewood (3.3 Miles)
Mini Monkeys Eventide Rest Rooms, Cherry Tree Drive, Mastin Moor,	St Albans Toddle In At St Albans Church Centre Holmewood (3.3 Miles)

Chesterfield Stay and Play session	
Little Treasures Staveley And Barrowhill Community Rooms 47 High Street Staveley Stay and Play session	Holmewood Health & Baby Group , at St Albans Church Holmewood(3.3 Miles) The baby health clinic takes place on the second Wednesday of every month. The Health Visitor will be in attendance at these sessions. Library Book Swap
Barlborough Village Playgroup Village Hall, Barlborough	Stay And Play At Holmewood Cricket Pavillion Holmewood (3.3 Miles)
Stay And Play At Barrowhill Primary School Barrow Hill (2.69 Miles)	Activities At Chesterfield Library Chesterfield (2.75 Miles)
Story Makers Stonegravels (2.74 Miles)	Storytime, Baby Rhyme & Toddler Rhyme Chesterfield Library (2.75 Miles)
Junction Arts Limited (Bolsover) Chesterfield (2.75 Miles)	Creepers, Crawlers And Explorers At Chesterfield Library Chesterfield (2.75 Miles)

Bakewell Children Centre

Overview of Bakewell Children Centre

Bakewell Children's Centre is situated on a shared site in a privately owned building. Derbyshire County Council has a rental agreement with the landlord. The Children Centre is positioned on the second floor next door to the local library. Access is gained via stairs or lift and has entry keypads to both sections of the premises. Office is separated by a hallway to the main activity room, adjoining room, small kitchenette and 1:1 room. The centre is located close to all amenities at the centre of the town. Parking is an issue for the centre. The nearest city to Bakewell is Sheffield which sits 13 miles away and can be reached by regular public bus services. Nearby towns include Matlock (with Matlock Children Centre approximately 10 miles away), Chesterfield and Buxton which are also accessible by regular public buses. Chapel-en-le Frith is approximately 17 miles which borders the Hope Valley for service delivery by the centres.

Known impact on different protected characteristic groups

From existing data and information – who is likely to be adversely affected, how, and to what degree? Will anyone gain or benefit from the proposals?		
Protected Group	Findings of Analysis for Bakewell Children Centre & Data:	
Age including children and families, older people	<p>There are 644 children under 5 in the area where Bakewell children centre provides services.</p> <p>66% of parents with children under 5 years in the Bakewell area have registered with the Children Centre and of those 52% have used the service within the last 12 months (March 2015)</p> <p>The average age of respondents completing the questionnaire from Bakewell Children Centre was 35</p>	
Disabled people including mobility, sensory, learning, mental health, HIV, and also include carers and relatives	Disabled Parents of Children Under 5's: Disabled Children Under 5's:	6 1
Gender (Sex) including men and women, boys and girls	91% (19) of respondents being female and 9%(2) male	
Gender reassignment – including impact if any on Transgender people	Gender reassignment is not a key factor affecting the delivery of the service and is therefore not relevant to the analysis.	
Marriage and civil partnership – also include impacts on lone parents & unmarried couples	Lone parent with children under 5:	
	# of population are lone parents:	25
	% of the population who are engaging with a Children Centre:	80%
	% of those families having interaction with the centre over 12 months:	72%
Pregnancy and maternity – including new mothers/ parents	The data for mothers accessing ante natal support through children's centres is not collected. Limited information on Health Visitor referrals is received on a centre by centre basis. At this time no information is available for Bakewell.	
Race – including all racial groups, including impact if any on Gypsies and Travellers	Children under 5 Black and minority groups: Most families are of White British origin	
	# of population children under 5 BME:	0
	# registered children under 5 as BME:	12

	# of participating children under 5 as BME:	10
	Traveller Parents with children under 5:	NA
	Under 5 travellers children:	NA
	The centre covers a large rural geographic area and has a mainly white British population. Information in the community profiles suggests that very few people within the population are from an ethnic minority group, 0.9% in the Bakewell reach area.	
	Out of the 20 respondents who answered 100% indicated they were of White British origin	
Religion and belief including non-belief, including religious minority communities, Humanists	Data relating to communities is not available and is not relevant for the purposes of this analysis	
Sexual orientation – including the impact if any on LGB people	The sexual orientation of parents is not a determining factor in the delivery of Children Centre services and is therefore not relevant to this analysis.	
Non-statutory		
Poorer and disadvantaged communities and groups, including people who experience financial exclusion	Bakewell Children Centre reach area falls within an affluent area of the community with pockets of deprivation in smaller communities. It is ranked as being located in the least area of deprivation out of the 54 Children's Centre reach areas across the county	
Rural communities	Within the northern area of the Bakewell reach area 50 to 60 new builds to support social housing is being reviewed; the proposal for these developments could change but at this time there is planning to develop over the next couple of years. The Bakewell centre sits within a large rural area which includes national parks.	

Summary of Analysis for Bakewell Children Centre

The subsequent findings have been based on all respondents who specified they have used Bakewell Children Centre or worked at the centre in the last 12 months.

- 22 respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed reduction in opening hours of: Bakewell Children's Centre

- Of these 22 respondents 17 had used the centre in the last 12 months.
- 6 respondents worked at the centre in the last 12 months, 5 of these respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed changes and 1 would not be affected. 1 respondent has used Bakewell CC in the past.

Common themes identified by respondents in public consultation:

Theme	# of respondents mentioning theme
The Children Centre has:	
helped with social interaction/meeting people	7
had an impact on child's development and learning	5
The reduction to hours would mean:	
Increased social isolation	7
A family could not travel to another Children's Centre	3
Difficulty in accessing advice and other services (health, education) including families who felt they would not have any support	3
Responses from other professionals – would lose ability to refer to Children's Centre or lose a local venue for meetings	2
Responses from Children's workforce – service is needed locally	2
Responses from Children's workforce – concerned about their jobs	1
Impact not specified	2

Summary of suggestions by respondents to reduce the impact of the proposal:

- Still run a group each day
- Respondents would like to see support of other groups at other venues
- Having the ability to speak to workers on the phone or have opportunity to meet at another centre
- Provide support for parents with information sheets and marketing tools such as Facebook
- Extend the remit of the groups and age limitations
- Funding for nursery for more parents

- Shorten the length of sessions to be able to fit more in on opening days
- Make sure services are still available when other toddler groups not available locally

Other specific comments identified by respondents

- Bakewell Bunnies has been noted as one of the few groups found locally being able to support siblings under the age of 5
- Lack of local provision on a Wednesday has been identified which Bakewell Bunnies currently provides a session for particularly in inclement weather
- Concern regarding access to transport and the cost associated with travel has been identified
- Respondents indicated the advantage to Bakewell is that many buses pass through it from a number of different rural locations
- Some social isolation and the acknowledgement of how difficult it is to open up to someone new is a concern for respondents
- Due to working pattern some families may be further isolated by not being able to attend on open days

Additional considerations relevant to the impact on the reduction to the hours of Bakewell Children Centre:

- There is a proposed housing development of approximately 189 houses which could impact on the number of Under 5's requiring access to services.
- 4 consultation sessions with families accessing the centre took place
- Currently there is 1 Health Visitor covering two areas
- Bakewell borders the area of Matlock where there is a Health clinic held in Eyam and in Hathersage
- Bakewell has a large farming community which needs to be considered for alternate service provision if proposals proceed as there are implications surrounding isolation and emotional wellbeing based on the local knowledge provided to the children centre workforce.
- Review of children age 7 & 8 years old not meeting their developmental milestones is ongoing however, trends indicate there is a correlation between farming communities and a good level of development based on information/data provided by the children centre workforce.
- The area of Moore Hall estate within Bakewell is mainly made up of social housing; the junior school in the area is located on this estate
- The children centre is working with the infant school in Rowsley to increase the school's 2 year funding to reduce the possibility of school losing a class in 2015 because there are not enough children attending the places. If amenities are lost within this area families would have to travel to Bakewell, Chatsworth or Darley Dale by bus
- Within the community of Calver the nursery closed approximately a year ago and no other group is available locally
- Craft sessions take place at the Medway centre, approximately £5
- Childminders and foster carers access the Bakewell children centre
- Library runs a group on a Wednesday which is then linked in to another session at the children centre
- The closest jobcentre is Matlock and the Citizen Advice Bureau runs sessions through the centre which could have an impact on service
- The farmer's market is held on a Monday which has been found to be a day where groups sessions are generally not held at the centre
- Residents within the area tend to do most of their shopping online, according to local knowledge, this could have an impact due to rural isolation of service users if families are in an area such as Calver and Hathersage where internet connection is patchy and not reliable

Current provision for children and their parents from the centre consists of:

Tuesday: PAN (Parenting Additional Needs) 12.30pm-2.30pm

Wednesday:

- Bakewell Bunnies 10.30 am-12 noon 0-4years
- Little Learners 1.30-3.00pm. aged 1 & 2 years aimed at preparing children for starting nursery / pre-school

Thursday:

- New Parents Group 10.00am-11.30am this is a 6 week course
- Baby Massage, on Thursday Mornings, a 5 week course.
- Baby Stay & Play (Formerly Ducklings) 1.30pm-3.00pm A weekly drop in group. A Health Visitor will attend on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

Friday: ASD Support Group Coffee Afternoon 1.00pm –2.30pm (Running on the 3rd Friday of every month)

Findings of Analysis:

Addressing the question of:

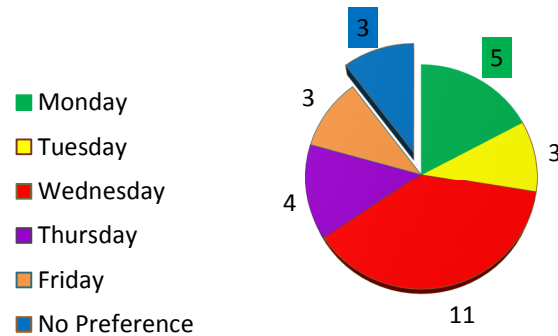
What would be the impact of reducing the opening hours of the children's centre for you or your family?

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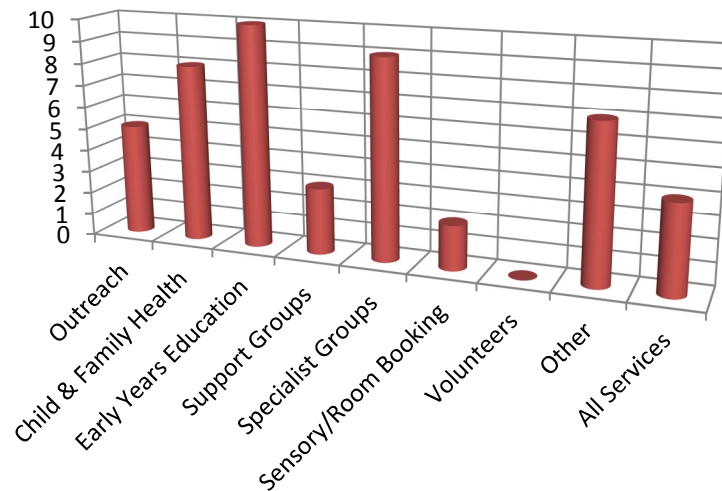
- Of the 22 respondents who use the Bakewell services the majority would like to see the Centre open Mondays & Wednesdays. The preferred retained services providing Child & Family Health services such as the Baby Groups with health clinics (Bakewell Bunnies) and Early Education services providing sessions for Toddlers such as Little Learners.
- 11% of respondents (2 of the 18 respondents) indicated they would access another children centre, with (61%)11 indicating they would not attend another children centre and 5 (28%) undecided.
- 82% (18) Did not indicate where else they would access support
- 3 Respondents indicated they would attend Matlock Children Centre

Overview of 22 respondents preferred days of opening hours

Preferred Day of Opening Hours



Overview of 22 respondents preferred retained services during opening hours



Sessions defined as the following:

Outreach refers to family support, advice and guidance
Child & Family Health includes baby groups with clinic
Early Years Education includes toddler groups, Little Learners and Pathways to Nursery
Support Groups refers to parental support groups
Specialist Groups refers to evidenced based support programs such as positive parents
Sensory & Room bookings at centre
Volunteers
Other: Includes Swap Shop, Buggy Walk, Holiday Activities etc
Refers to all services being selected

Recommendations:

The consultation findings has found a minimal impact would be placed on the community within Bakewell Children Centre and it is reasonable to have a reduction of opening hours with other services being provided by neighbouring children centres. It would be the recommendation to open the centre on the respondents preferred days offering the preferred retained services.

As part of the alternative solutions suggested by respondents, information indicating the closest children's centre within the area and an overview of local community groups which could be accessed by children and families in the area is provided below.

Further consideration and review of the Children Centre building arrangements is ongoing.

Distance to nearest Children's Centres:

The centre is grouped with Matlock children centre which is open 5 days a week.

Matlock	9 miles
Wirksworth	13 miles
Crich	15 miles
Chapel-en-le-Frith	17 miles approximate

Community Groups available for Access in Bakewell & Surrounding Reach Area - January 2015

Come And Play At The Crofts Bakewell	Tansley Tots Community Hall, Church Street Tansley, nr Matlock
Forest School At Bakewell Park Bakewell	TIPTOES Parents & Toddlers Group Steep Turnpike Church Matlock
Bakewell School Of Dance & Theatre Arts Bakewell Comprehensive theatre training for young people age 3 upwards in Ballet, modern jazz, tap, street and disco, boys' classes, under-5s dance, drama. Regular performances at Buxton Opera House.	Teddy Bears Club At Bradwell Methodist Church Bradwell (8.37 Miles) A parent and toddler group in Bradwell for families in the Hope Valley area...

Chapel-en-le-Frith Children Centre

Overview of Chapel-en-le-Frith Children Centre

Chapel-en-le-frith Children's Centre is a phase 3 centre situated on a school site. The centre is located between the infant and junior building with limited parking in front of the building. There is ample street parking surrounding the site. There is a shared foyer and open reception area. Access is gained through the main reception area to both school and the children's centre. The centre itself has one main activity room and a small health/1:1 meeting room.

Chapel-en-le-frith children centre is located in the centre of an estate a short walk from the centre of the market town in the high peak area with a population of approximately 10,000. The location of the centre is a short distance from local amenities. The children's centre covers a large rural outreach area and includes the villages of Chapel Milton, Buxworth, Hope (approximately 11 miles from the centre), Peak Forest (5 miles from centre), Bradwell (12 miles from centre), Castleton (7 miles from centre), Whaley Bridge (5 miles from centre), Furness Vale (5 miles from centre), Edale (7 miles from centre), Foolow (11 miles from the centre), Great Hucklow (10 miles from centre) and Bamford (13 miles from centre). The furthest farm within the reach area is approximately 20 miles from the centre. A large majority of the housing is owner occupied; approximately 10% of housing is social rental accommodation and 9% private rental accommodation.

Known impact on different protected characteristic groups

From existing data and information – who is likely to be adversely affected, how, and to what degree? Will anyone gain or benefit from the proposals?		
Protected Group	Findings of Analysis for Chapel-en-le-Frith Children Centre & Data:	
Age including children and families, older people	<p>There are 979 children under 5 in the area where Chapel-en-le-Frith children centre provides services.</p> <p>78% of parents with children under 5 years in the Chapel area have registered with the Children Centre and of those 56% have used the service within the last 12 months.</p> <p>Mean age of respondents completing the questionnaire from Chapel-en-le- Frith Children Centre was 34, between the ages of 21 and 51.</p>	
Disabled people including mobility, sensory, learning, mental health, HIV, and also include carers and relatives	<p>Disabled Parents of Children Under 5's:</p> <p>Disabled Children Under 5's:</p> <p>Out of 21 respondents 3 responded who indicated they consider themselves to have a disability.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>2</p>
Gender (Sex) including men and women, boys and girls	With 92% (22) of respondents being female 8% (2) male	

Gender reassignment – including impact if any on Transgender people	Gender reassignment is not a key factor affecting the delivery of the service and is therefore not relevant to the analysis.	
Marriage and civil partnership – also include impacts on lone parents & unmarried couples	Lone parent with children under 5:	
	# of population are lone parents:	65
	% of the population who are engaging with a Children Centre:	32%
	% of those families having interaction with the centre over 12 months:	22%
Pregnancy and maternity – including new mothers/ parents	The data for mothers accessing ante natal support through children's centres is not collected. Limited information on Health Visitor referrals is received on a centre by centre basis. At this time no information is available for Chapel.	
Race – including all racial groups, including impact if any on Gypsies and Travellers	Children under 5 Black and minority groups: Most families are of White British origin	
	# of population children under 5 BME:	7
	# registered children under 5 as BME:	20
		15
	# of participating children under 5 as BME:	15
	Traveller Parents with children under 5: Under 5 travellers children:	NA NA
	The centre covers a large rural geographic area and has a mainly white British population. Information in the community profiles suggests that very few people within the population are from an ethnic minority group, 0.9% in the Chapel-en-le-Frith reach area.	
	Out of the 23 respondents who answered 100% indicated they were of White British origin	
Religion and belief including non-belief, including religious minority communities, Humanists	Data relating to communities is not available and is not relevant for the purposes of this analysis	
Sexual orientation – including the impact if any on LGB people	The sexual orientation of parents is not a determining factor in the delivery of Children Centre services and is therefore not relevant to this analysis.	
Non-statutory		
Poorer and disadvantaged communities and groups, including people who experience financial exclusion	Data for the group highlights that a very small minority of families with children under 5 years live in workless households (11%). Chapel en le Frith Children's Centre is 7 th out of 54 in the least area of deprivation A direct link to the centre on public transport is not available which does mean accessing services can be difficult for some users, particularly with more than one child. Travel costs can	

	be incurred as a result.
Rural communities	<p>The centre provides open access sessions within the centre and from community venues across the reach area such as a SMART session (Story, Music, Action and Rhyme Tour) as an outreach sessions held at various locations in the high peak. This enables those with rural access issues to be able to access services.</p> <p>It has been identified there are several pockets in the surrounding reach area of Chapel-en-le-Frith with poor mobile service. There are mobile black spots that exist in the further rural regions of the area.</p>

Summary of Analysis for Chapel-en-le-Frith Children Centre

The subsequent findings have been based on all respondents who specified they have used Chapel-en-le-Frith Children Centre or worked at the centre in the last 12 months.

- 26 respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed reduction in opening hours of: Chapel-en-le-Frith Children's Centre
- Of these 26 respondents 23 had used the centre in the last 12 months.
- 4 respondents worked at the Centre in the last 12 months, 0 respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed changes or had used the in the past.

Common themes identified by respondents in public consultation:

Theme	# of respondents mentioning theme
The Children Centre has:	
helped with social interaction/meeting people	9
had an impact on child's development and learning	8
provided access to a sensory room and activities for disabled children	-
The reduction to hours would mean:	
Increased social isolation	2
A family could not travel to another Children's Centre	6
Loss of a community group held in the centre	-
Difficulty in accessing advice and other services (health, education) including families who felt they would not have any support	3
Responses from other professionals – would lose ability to refer to	3

Children's Centre or lose a local venue for meetings	
Impact not specified	1

Summary of suggestions by respondents to reduce the impact of the proposal:

- Make more people aware of the local groups available
- More outreach from other children centres in the area
- Close the buildings but keep the staff ,Keep staff in other venues so within the community, Use a local room
- Ask people to pay for sessions
- Rather than cancel complete sessions, reduce the frequency of sessions
- Run more drop in, self-led activities, Work within the community to increase the number of services

Other specific comments identified by respondents

- Respondents indicated a 'massive impact' could be felt on a child's 'support system' with reduction to access of services
- Further transportation concerns due to low income were identified as an impact
- Respondents indicated it would be difficult to find a venue where professionals could meet with parents and discuss services in a confidential setting. It would limit some of the services agencies could run because they run from the centre.

Additional considerations relevant to the impact on the reduction to the hours of Chapel-en-le-Frith Children Centre:

- Within Chapel-en-le-Frith, the main employer in the area is Federal Mogul who makes brake linings; other employers include supermarket and small manufacturing industries. Within the Hope Valley, a large proportion of employment comes from tourism, Hope Cement works and Wearnes Cambion (Electronic Components).
- There are two proposed housing developments for the area with the development of the Freedo site currently under development. These developments could impact on the number Under 5's requiring access to services and further pressure on housing needs within the area.
- A total of 9 consultations events were held within the children centre as part of regularly running group sessions. Two of these events were held with a specific focus for the consultation.

Current provision for children and their parents from the centre consists of:

Wednesday:

- Stay, Play & Monthly Weigh (Health Visitor & Well Baby Clinic):
Every 4th Wednesday of the month
- Snowflake Parent & Toddler Group

Thursday:

- Together Time (PEEP)

- Messy Play
- Baby Coo and Doo

Findings of Analysis:

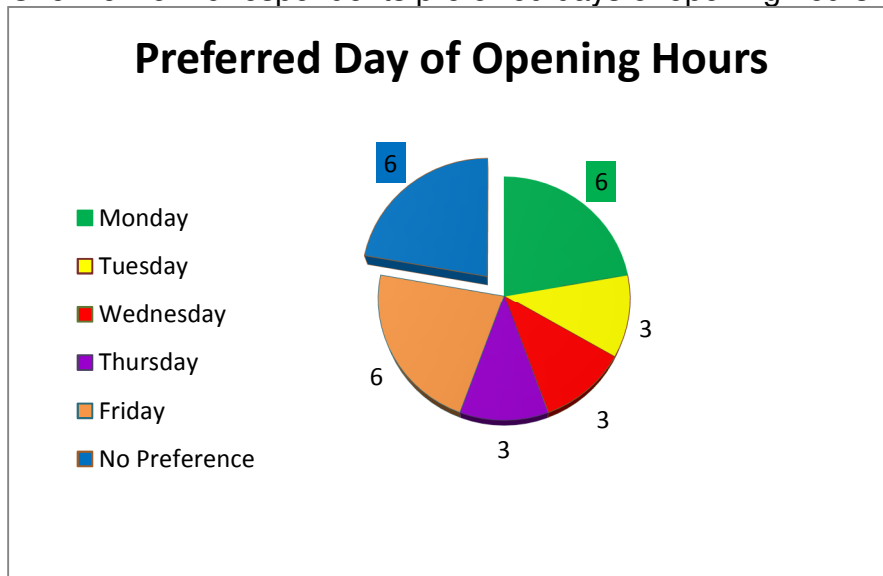
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What would be the impact of reducing the opening hours of the children's centre for you or your family?

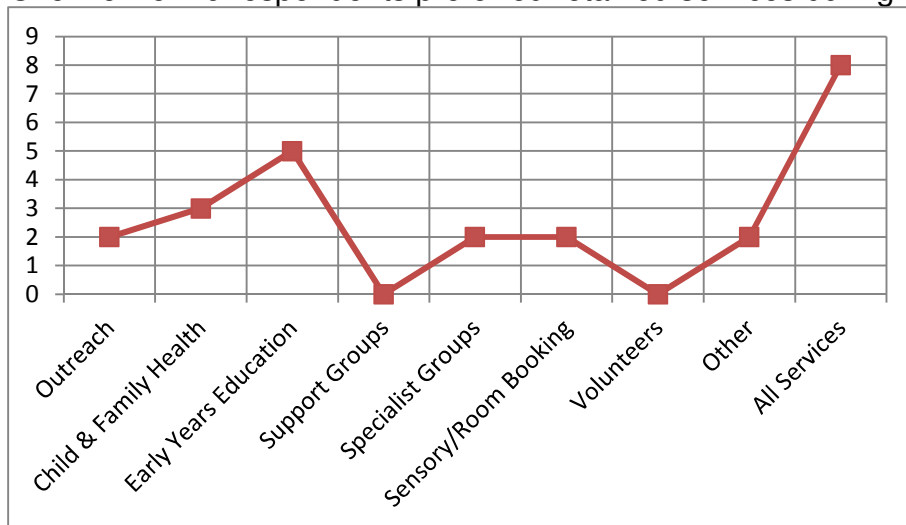
On review of section 4 of the questionnaire of the 26 respondents who use the Chapel services the majority would like to see the Centre open Mondays & Fridays. The preferred retained services providing Child & Family Health services such as the Baby Groups with health clinics and Early Education services providing sessions for toddlers

- 12.5% of respondents (2 of the 16) indicated they would access another children centre, with (44%)7 indicating they would not attend another children centre and 7 (44%) undecided
- 89% (23) Did not indicate where else they would access support
- 1 Respondent indicated they would attend New Mills Children Centre

Overview of 26 respondents preferred days of opening hours



Overview of 26 respondents preferred retained services during opening hours



Sessions defined as the following:

Outreach refers to family support, advice and guidance

Child & Family Health includes baby groups with clinic

Early Years Education includes toddler groups, Little Learners and Pathways to Nursery

Support Groups refers to parental support groups

Specialist Groups refers to evidenced based support programs such as positive parents

Sensory & Room bookings at centre

Volunteers

Other: Includes Swap Shop, Buggy Walk, Holiday Activities etc

Refers to all services being selected

Recommendations:

The consultation findings has found a minimal impact would be placed on the community within Chapel-en-le-Frith Children Centre and it is reasonable to have a reduction of opening hours with other services being provided by neighbouring children centres on the days the centre will be closed. It would be the recommendation to open the centre on the respondents preferred days offering the preferred retained services. It has been identified through the consultation there is a need for outreach provision within the area and the reduction in hours would need to take this into consideration when implementing alternative solutions for families to access services outside of centre opening times.

As part of the alternative solutions suggested by respondents, information indicating the closest children's centre within the area and an overview of local community groups which could be accessed by children and families in the area is provided below.

Further consideration needs to be given to the current arrangement with the school. The school is interested in reclaiming the children centre space. Review of children centre buildings is ongoing.

Distance to nearest Children's Centres:

The centre is grouped with New Mills children centre which is open 5 days a week.

Glossop	9 miles
Gamesley	11 miles
Bakewell	17 miles approximate
Fairfield	5.5 miles

Harpur Hill	7.4 miles
New Mills	7.2 miles
Stockport: Marple Sure Start Children Centre	10 miles

Community Groups available for Access in Chapel & Surrounding Reach Area - January 2015

Baby Babble At Chapel-En-Le-Frith Library Chapel-en-le-frith Early Communication programme for babies aged 4-9 months. 5 week programme	Buxton Radio Amateur Society Buxton (4.23 Miles) Promotes amateur radio by enabling people who are interested to gain qualifications for a licence.
Stay, Play And Weigh At Uniting Church, Whaley Bridge, (3.15 Miles) every 2nd Tues of the each month.	Chinley Buxworth & Brownside Community Association Chinley (1.86 Miles) deliver a range of community and leisure improvements in the Parish.
Toddler Group at Hayfield Primary School Hayfield (4.58 Miles away)	Baby Babble at New Mills Library New Mills (5.03 Miles)
Weigh, Stay & Play At Buxton Library A fortnightly drop-in clinic Buxton (4.83 Miles away)	Little Explorers Castleton Primary School Castleton (5.69 Miles)
Baby Babble At Buxton Library Buxton (4.83 Miles away)	Teddy Bears Club At Bradwell Methodist Church Bradwell (6.93 Miles) A parent and Toddler group in Bradwell for families in the Hope Valley area....
Hartington Stay Play Hartington Primary School Hartington	Loud And Proud Cheerleading Glossop (8.52 Miles) Cheerleading for all ages and abilities.
Baby Babble At Glossop Library Glossop (8.77 Miles)	High Peak Trampolining & Rebound Therapy Club Glossop (8.52 Miles) British Gymnastics sports based in High Peak,
Stay And Play At Pure Vibes Ebenezer Street Glossop (8.15 Miles)	

Coton-in-the-Elms Children Centre

Overview of Coton-in-the-Elms Children Centre

Coton-in-the-Elms Children's Centre is co-located with Coton-in-the-Elms Primary School; when sessions are not being run by the Children Centre the school utilise the centre facilities and make use of the sensory resources. The centre is a phase 3 centre in an affluent area serving largely rural villages and farming communities. Coton-in-the-Elms reach area borders with Leicestershire and Staffordshire counties. Families within the centre reach area access services across county borders as well as within Derbyshire. Local arrangements have been made whereby the centre is already only operating activities on fewer than 5 days a week (currently 19 hours). These local arrangements mean service users are able to contact staff and have access to children centre services through contacting Woodville Children Centre; Centre workers for Coton centre are already based at Woodville Children Centre where outreach support is provided.

Known impact on different protected characteristic groups

From existing data and information – who is likely to be adversely affected, how, and to what degree? Will anyone gain or benefit from the proposals?		
Protected Group	Findings of Analysis for Coton-in-the-Elms Children Centre & Data:	
Age including children and families, older people	<p>There are 340 children under 5 in the area where Coton-in-the-Elms children centre provides services.</p> <p>77% of parents with children under 5 years in the Coton-in-the-Elms area have registered with the Children Centre and of those 73% have used the service within the last 12 months.</p> <p>The average age of respondents completing the questionnaire from Coton-in-the- Elms Children Centre was 34, respondents were between the ages of 27 and 40.</p>	
Disabled people including mobility, sensory, learning, mental health, HIV, and also include carers and relatives	<p>Disabled Parents of Children Under 5's:</p> <p>Disabled Children Under 5's:</p> <p>None of the 5 respondents indicated they consider themselves to have a disability.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2</p>
Gender (Sex) including men and women, boys and girls	All 5 respondents were female	
Gender reassignment – including impact if any on Transgender people	Gender reassignment is not a key factor affecting the delivery of the service and is therefore not relevant to the analysis.	
Marriage and civil partnership – also include impacts on lone parents & unmarried couples	Lone parent with children under 5:	

	# of population are lone parents:	35
	% of the population who are engaging with a Children Centre:	37%
	% of those families having interaction with the centre over 12 months:	20%
Pregnancy and maternity – including new mothers/ parents	The data for mothers accessing ante natal support through children's centres is not collected. Limited information on Health Visitor referrals is received on a centre by centre basis. At this time no information is available for Coton.	
Race – including all racial groups, including impact if any on Gypsies and Travellers	Children under 5 Black and minority groups: Most families are of White British origin	
	# of population children under 5 BME:	3
	# registered children under 5 as BME:	8
	# of participating children under 5 as BME:	8
	Traveller Parents with children under 5:	2
	Under 5 travellers children:	1
	Out of the 5 respondents who answered 100% indicated they were of White British origin	
Religion and belief including non-belief, including religious minority communities, Humanists	Data relating to communities is not available and is not relevant for the purposes of this analysis	
Sexual orientation – including the impact if any on LGB people	The sexual orientation of parents is not a determining factor in the delivery of Children Centre services and is therefore not relevant to this analysis.	
Non-statutory		
Poorer and disadvantaged communities and groups, including people who experience financial exclusion	Coton-in-the-Elms is located in an affluent area with a lower level amount of deprivation It is ranked 12 th out of 54 Children's Centres in an area of least deprivation	
Rural communities	It has been identified there are several pockets in the surrounding reach area of Coton in the Elms with poor mobile service. There are mobile black spots that exist in the further rural regions of the area.	

Summary of Analysis for Coton-in-the-Elms Children Centre

The subsequent findings have been based on all respondents who specified they have used Coton-in-the-Elms Children Centre or worked at the centre in the last 12 months.

- 6 respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed reduction in opening hours of: Coton-in-the-Elms Children's Centre
- Of these 5 respondents 4 had used the centre in the last 12 months.
- 0 respondent worked at the Centre in the last 12 months, 1 respondent indicated they would be affected by the proposed changes . 1 respondent had used Coton Centre in the past.

Common themes identified by respondents in public consultation:

Theme	# of respondents mentioning theme
The Children Centre has:	
helped with social interaction/meeting people	4
had an impact on child's development and learning	3
provided access to a sensory room and activities for disabled children	-
The reduction to hours would mean:	
Increased social isolation	-
A family could not travel to another Children's Centre	-
Loss of a community group held in the centre	-
Difficulty in accessing advice and other services (health, education) including families who felt they would not have any support	1
Responses from other professionals – would lose ability to refer to Children's Centre or lose a local venue for meetings	2
Impact not specified	-

Summary of suggestions by respondents to reduce the impact of the proposal:

- Keep afternoon groups running
- Maximise remaining open days with activities

Other specific comments identified by respondents

- Respondents indicated a concern surrounding social isolation as the centre group sessions are used as a social event and bonding time with children
- Respondents indicated difficulty in attending group sessions during opening hours due to working pattern.
- The stay and play session has been identified as a local group where both siblings under the age of 5 can attend.
- The lack of community venues within the area provided respondents with a gap in services being available locally and travel with more than one child poses difficulties.

Additional considerations relevant to the impact on the reduction to the hours of Coton in the Elms Children Centre:

- 4 consultation sessions with families accessing the centre took place
- Cross boundary working is a consideration for the Coton Children Centre with families visiting sessions from Warwickshire and shared delivery of some services with local authorities in Leicestershire and Staffordshire.
- Health services are provided by Staffordshire health services in three of the Local Super output areas within Coton in the Elms reach area. Currently a service level agreement is not in place with Staffordshire which has had an impact on Derbyshire registrations. The Nether Seal area has health services predominantly provided by Leicestershire.
- Alternative services are accessible within the local area from nearby Children's Centres such as Newhall and Woodville.
- The centre is close to local amenities such as the village store and community venues including the village hall from where the local Pre-school runs.
- The transfer of services from Castle Gresley to the Rickman's corner community venue has provided access to families in Linton.
- The area of Linton currently has a does not have enough funded provision for two year olds. Alternative venues could be reviewed within this area to determine the need for provision.
- Within Coton-in-the-Elms, Walton-on-Trent and Rosliston areas having poor mobile access with regularly not having any signal coverage has been identified. Similarly access to the internet through Wifi is patchy and service speeds tend to be slow which could impact on parental isolation if they do not have a landline or access to wifi. Access to other Children's Centres could be made available to those who have limited mobile access and are unable to access a landline when appropriate
- Housing in the area is mixed with a majority of accommodation being privately owned or rented. Assisted housing is administrated by South Derbyshire District Council Housing.
- Access by families within the Coton-in-the-Elms reach area can be hampered by poor transport links. Coton-in-the-Elms is a rural area where there are few buses scheduled with any frequency to the Coton-in-the Elms Children's Centre. Public footpaths are poor meaning families are not safely able to walk to the Children's Centre.
- The Centre is located in an area where there is a predominant rural community of relatively small villages which is made up of housing, farming and small businesses. Walking from village to village in the reach area is difficult for families with small children and pushchairs as the footpaths are often through fields (public footpaths) and not roadside.

- Isolation is the most apparent issue within the reach area largely owing to families relocating to rural villages due to the easy commuter links accessible via the M42 which is approximately 6 miles from the village centre.
- Families access primary healthcare, schools, hospitals and other Children's Centre services within Swadlincote and Burton on Trent.
- Shared resource in the South Derbyshire locality with partner agencies and the wider MAT would be able to fill any identified gaps due to the reduction in hours to the Children Centre so as to ensure the reach area has access to services.
- The local area is approximately 5 miles from the centre of Swadlincote town and is bordered by Leicestershire 3 miles in one direction and Staffordshire 2 miles in another direction.
- Coton-in-the-Elms has a much smaller population than that of Woodville Children's Centre. There are a lower number of workless households in the area than those in the Woodville area.

Findings of Analysis:

Addressing the question of:

What would be the impact of reducing the opening hours of the children's centre for you or your family?

On review of section 4 of the questionnaire:

- Of the 6 respondents who use the Coton services the majority would like to see the Centre open Tuesday & Wednesdays. The preferred retained services indicated were Early Education services such as messy play at a Stay and Play session for Toddlers
- 1 out of 5 respondents indicated they would access another children centre, with 2 indicating they would not attend another children centre and 2 undecided.
- 1 respondent indicated they would attend Newhall or Woodville Children Centre and identified parking and transportation issues

Current provision for children and their parents from the centre consists of:

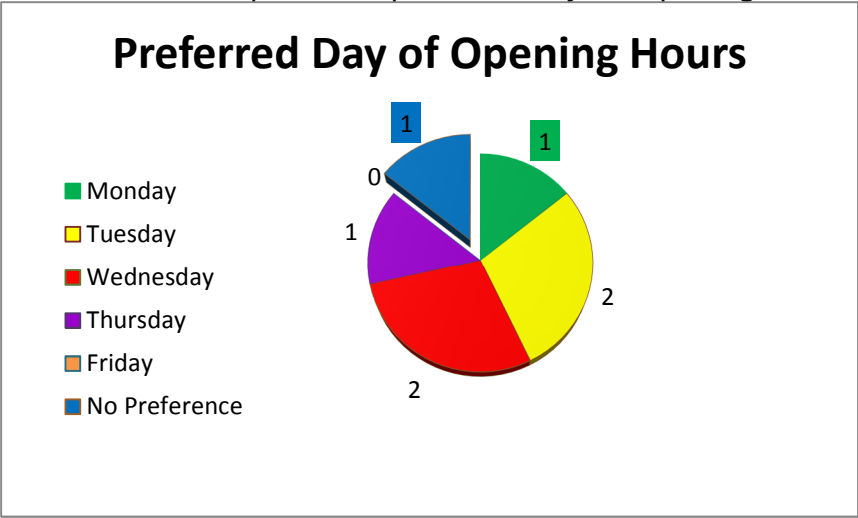
Tuesdays: Messy Play 10 – 11:30

Wednesdays: Seedlings Baby Group (Including Peep Babies) 10 - 12

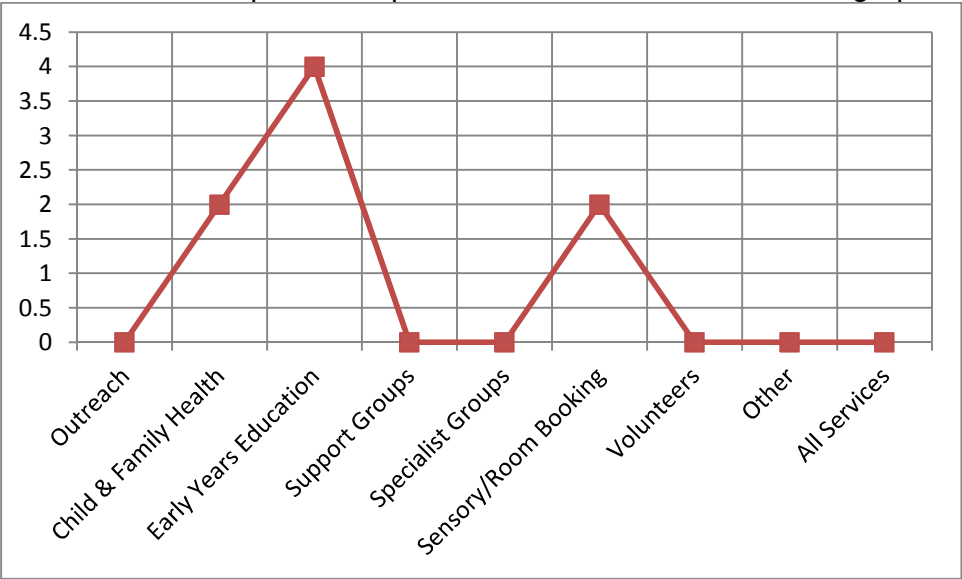
Thursdays: Elms Stay and Play 1 – 3

- Twinkle Time: A sensory room is available for bookings & used by the adjacent school

Overview of 6 respondents preferred days of opening hours



Overview of 5 respondents preferred retained services during opening hours



Sessions defined as the following:
Outreach refers to family support, advice and guidance
Child & Family Health includes baby groups with clinic
Early Years Education includes toddler groups, Little Learners and Pathways to Nursery
Support Groups refers to parental support groups
Specialist Groups refers to evidenced based support programs such as positive parents
Sensory & Room bookings at centre
Volunteers
Other: Includes Swap Shop, Buggy Walk, Holiday Activities etc
Refers to all services being selected

Recommendations:

The consultation has found that a minimal impact would be placed on the community within Coton in the Elms Children Centre and it is reasonable to have a reduction of opening hours with other services being provided by neighbouring children centres. It would be the recommendation to open the centre on the respondents preferred days offering the preferred retained services.

Respondents requested information indicating the closest children's centre within the area and an overview of local community groups which could be accessed by children and families in the area. This is provided below.

Further consideration needs to be given to the current arrangement with the school. The school is interested in utilising the children centre space. Review of children centre buildings is ongoing.

Distance to nearest Children's Centres:

The centre is grouped with Woodville children centre which is open 5 days a week and serves a larger area.

Derbyshire:

Woodville Children Centre	6 miles
Newhall Children Centre	6.4 miles

Staffordshire:

Stapenhill	3.9 miles	Ilstock Children Centre	13 miles
Barton under Needwood	4.2 miles	Measham Children Centre	7 miles
Queen Street	4.4 miles	Moirs Children Centre Swadlincote Derbyshire	7 miles
East Staffordshire	5.2 miles		
Winhill	5.4 miles		

Leicestershire:

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St George And St Mary's Church Church Gresley (3.4 Miles)	Messy Church At St George & St Mary's Church Church Gresley (3.4 Miles)
'Drop In' At St George And St Mary's Church Community Hall	Toy Library Play Session At The Adult Education Centre Swadlincote (4.25 Miles)
Sharecroft Gymnastics Club Blackfordby (5.48 Miles)	Under 1s Group At Hilton Village Hall Hilton (9.36 Miles)

Crich Children Centre

Overview of Crich Children Centre

Crich children's centre is a phase three centre in a standalone building with office space, storage and a small activity room. The reach area is made up of several villages and farms in a large rural setting. Rural isolation compounded by limited transportation options, makes it difficult for some families to access services they may need; for example the nearest Job Centres workless families can access are located in Belper, Matlock or Alfreton. There is no access to supermarkets or a large retail centres within at least six miles, no leisure facilities, and no adult education centres within the reach area which impacts on the training availability for parents.

Secondary schools for children in Crich are located in Matlock, Wirksworth, Alfreton, Belper and Swanwick. Local amenities are sparse/dispersed due to the rural aspect of the reach area.

Known impact on different protected characteristic groups

From existing data and information – who is likely to be adversely affected, how, and to what degree? Will anyone gain or benefit from the proposals?		
Protected Group	Findings of Analysis for Crich Children Centre & Data:	
Age including children and families, older people	<p>There are 640 children under 5 in the area where Crich children centre provides services.</p> <p>71.4% of parents with children under 5 years in the Crich area have registered with the Children Centre and of those 48.8% have used the service within the last 12 months.</p> <p>The average age of respondents completing the questionnaire from Crich Children Centre was 33 respondents were between the ages of 23 and 37.</p>	
Disabled people including mobility, sensory, learning, mental health, HIV, and also include carers and relatives	<p>Disabled Parents of Children Under 5's:</p> <p>Disabled Children Under 5's:</p> <p>0 of the 12 respondents indicated they consider themselves to have a disability.</p>	2 1
Gender (Sex) including men and women, boys and girls	All 12 respondents were female	
Gender reassignment – including impact if any on Transgender people	Gender reassignment is not a key factor affecting the delivery of the service and is therefore not relevant to the analysis.	
Marriage and civil partnership – also include		

impacts on lone parents & unmarried couples	Lone parent with children under 5:	
	# of population are lone parents:	40
	% of the population who are engaging with a Children Centre:	40
	% of those families having interaction with the centre over 12 months:	17.5
Pregnancy and maternity – including new mothers/ parents	The data for mothers accessing ante natal support through children's centres is not collected. Limited information on Health Visitor referrals is received on a centre by centre basis. At this time no information is available for Crich	
Race – including all racial groups, including impact if any on Gypsies and Travellers	Children under 5 Black and minority groups: Most families are of White British origin	
	# of population children under 5 BME:	3
	# registered children under 5 as BME:	13
	# of participating children under 5 as BME:	1
	Traveller Parents with children under 5:	0
	Under 5 travellers children:	0
	Out of the 12 respondents who answered 100% indicated they were of White British origin	
Religion and belief including non-belief, including religious minority communities, Humanists	Data relating to communities is not available and is not relevant for the purposes of this analysis	
Sexual orientation – including the impact if any on LGB people	The sexual orientation of parents is not a determining factor in the delivery of Children Centre services and is therefore not relevant to this analysis.	
Non-statutory		
Poorer and disadvantaged communities and groups, including people who experience financial exclusion	Limited bus routes, further travel would incur costs to users. Crich is situated in an area where there are pockets of deprivation. It is ranked 6 th out of 54 childrens centres for being situated in the least area of deprivation	
Rural communities	Small villages in a partially rural and urban area	

Summary of Analysis for Crich Children Centre

The subsequent findings have been based on all respondents who specified they have used Crich Children Centre or worked at the centre in the last 12 months

- 8 respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed reduction in opening hours of Crich Children's Centre , 4 stated they would not

- Of the 12 respondents 8 had used Crich Children Centre in the last 12 months.
- 1 respondent worked at Crich Children Centre in the last 12 months and indicated they would be affected by the proposed changes.

Common themes identified by respondents in public consultation:

Theme	# of respondents mentioning theme
The Children Centre has:	
helped with social interaction/meeting people	5 respondents
had an impact on child's development and learning	5 respondents
provided access to a sensory room and activities for disabled children	
The reduction to hours would mean:	
Increased social isolation	1 respondent
A family could not travel to another Children's Centre	2 respondents
Loss of a community group held in the centre	
Difficulty in accessing advice and other services (health, education) including families who felt they would not have any support	1 respondent
Responses from other professionals – would lose ability to refer to Children's Centre or lose a local venue for meetings	
Responses from Children's workforce – service is needed locally	
Responses from Children's workforce – concerned about their jobs	
Limited impact – centre not widely used although there is some need	
Impact not specified	
Breastfeeding support	1 respondent

Summary of suggestions by respondents to reduce the impact of the proposal:

- Get parents more involved
- Conduct a survey asking what parents want
- Share facilities with other organisations to reduce running costs - e.g. Scout building, glebe centre. Investigate opportunities to join with citizens advice to provide some support services. Investigate potential to recruit volunteers to support some groups/services - encourage the local community to play a more active role. Parents could be trained by staff to run some groups themselves. Improve the way groups and services are promoted so that more people are aware of what's available.

Current provision for children and their parents from the centre consists of:

- Tuesday: New Parents Group: Wesley Chapel Crich
- Thursday: Little Learners at Heage: Heage School

Distance to nearest Children's Centres:

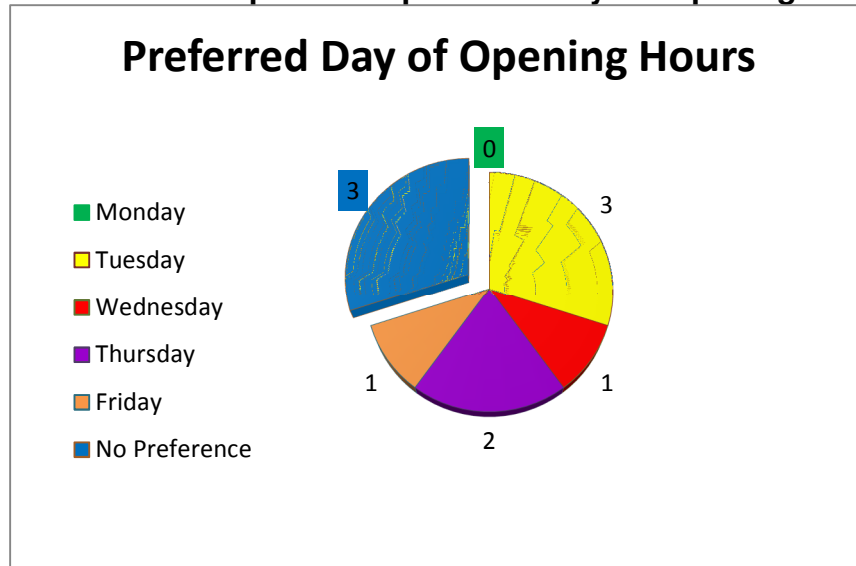
The centre is grouped with Belper Children Centre which is open 5 days a week

Belper:	6 miles
Alfreton	5.5 miles
Ripley:	5 miles
Wirksworth	5.5 miles
Matlock	7 miles

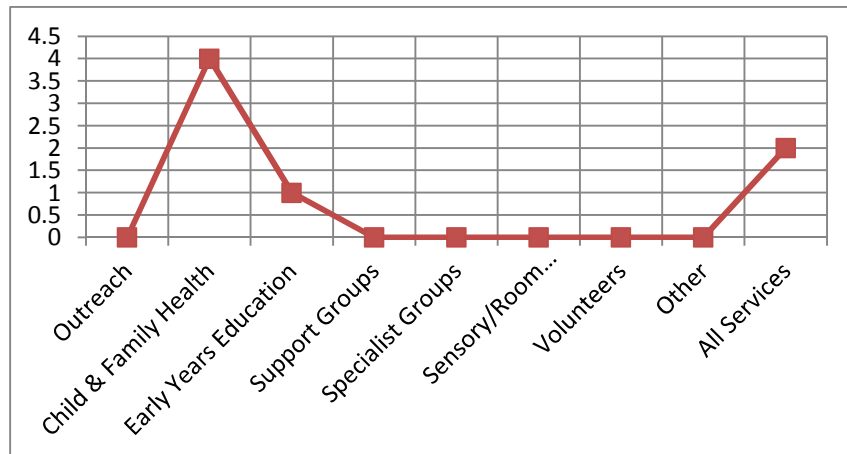
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- Popalong Group at Wesley Chapel, Crich, Friday mornings
- Munchkins Toddler Group Holloway Chapel Rooms 2. 5 miles (£2.50 charge per family including lunch)
- Hulland Hippos Baby & Toddler Group meets every Wednesday morning (including during school holidays) at Hulland Ward Millennium Village Hall from 10.00 - 11.30 a.m
- Fritchley Under Fives' Playgroup, Congregational Hall Chapel Street, Fritchley, DE56 2FR
- Crich Toy Library At The Glebe Field Centre

Overview of respondents preferred days of opening hours



Overview of respondents preferred retained services during opening hours



Findings of Analysis:

Addressing the question of:

What would be the impact of reducing the opening hours of the children's centre for you or your family?

On review of section 4 of the questionnaire:

- Of the 12 respondents who use the Crich services the majority would like to see the Centre open Tuesdays & Thursdays providing Tiny Tots sessions(3 respondents), Stay ,Weigh and Play(1 respondent), Baby Massage(2 respondents) and all groups(1respondent).
- Respondents indicated they would attend Alfreton or Belper Children's Centre and 1 indicated they would use Belper Children Centre
- Mean age of respondents completing the questionnaire from Crich Children Centre was 33, between the ages of 23 and 37, all 12 respondents were female.

Other considerations relevant to the impact of the proposal to reduce the hours of Crich Children Centre and deliver services from alternative venues:

- 4 consultation sessions with families accessing the centre took place (12 held across Belper Group (Belper/Duffield/Crich)
- There is a proposed housing development within the area which could impact on the number of Under 5's requiring access to services.

Recommendations

The consultation findings has found a minimal impact would be placed on the community within Crich Children Centre and it is reasonable to have a reduction of opening hours with other services being provided by neighbouring children centres. It would be the recommendation to open the centre on the respondents preferred days offering the preferred retained services.

In consideration of the opening days the services available to families within the Crich area should also be considered to ensure services are available for families to access locally to mitigate against the need for extensive and frequent travel

Killamarsh Children Centre

Overview of Killamarsh Children Centre

Killamarsh is a phase 3 centre located on the same site as Killamarsh Infants School.

The reach area includes smaller surrounding villages in the more rural parts of the locality. Killamarsh is situated close to the border of South Yorkshire, and sits between Sheffield and Chesterfield. Families living across the reach area can access services from Killamarsh, Dronfield and Eckington although many identify more strongly with those centres closest to where they live, as public transport is costly and not very frequent. Some outreach provision is located in local village halls and the local libraries.

In some parts of the reach area families experience high levels of unemployment, social exclusion and poverty with 13.6% (295) of children under five years living in households dependent on workless benefits.

Known impact on different protected characteristic groups

From existing data and information – who is likely to be adversely affected, how, and to what degree? Will anyone gain or benefit from the proposals?		
Protected Group	Findings of Analysis for Killamarsh Children Centre & Data:	
Age including children and families, older people	<p>There are 500 children under 5 in the area where Killamarsh children centre provides services.</p> <p>84% of parents with children under 5 years in the Killamarsh area have registered with the Children Centre and of those 59% have used the service within the last 12 months</p> <p>The average age of respondents completing the questionnaire from Killamarsh Children Centre was 35, respondents were between the ages of 22 and 57.</p>	
Disabled people including mobility, sensory, learning, mental health, HIV, and also include carers and relatives	<p>Disabled Parents of Children Under 5's:</p> <p>Disabled Children Under 5's:</p> <p>Out of 27 respondents 3 responded who indicated they consider themselves to have a disability.</p>	2 10
Gender (Sex) including men and women, boys and girls	67% (18) of the respondents were female, 33% (9) of respondents were male	
Gender reassignment – including impact if any on Transgender people	Gender reassignment is not a key factor affecting the delivery of the service and is therefore not relevant to the analysis.	
Marriage and civil partnership – also include impacts on lone parents & unmarried couples		

	Lone parent with children under 5:	
	# of population are lone parents:	45
	% of the population who are engaging with a Children Centre:	36%
	% of those families having interaction with the centre over 12 months:	18%
Pregnancy and maternity – including new mothers/ parents	The data for mothers accessing ante natal support through children's centres is not collected. Limited information on Health Visitor referrals is received on a centre by centre basis. At this time no information is available for Killamarsh.	
Race – including all racial groups, including impact if any on Gypsies and Travellers	Children under 5 Black and minority groups: Most families are of White British origin	
	# of population children under 5 BME:	8
	# registered children under 5 as BME:	16
	# of participating children under 5 as BME:	13
	Traveller Parents with children under 5: Under 5 travellers children:	1 NA
	The centre covers a large rural geographic area and has a mainly white British population. Information in the community profiles suggests that very few people within the population are from an ethnic minority group, 0.9% in the Killamarsh reach area.	
	Out of the 23 respondents who answered 100% indicated they were of White British origin	
Religion and belief including non-belief, including religious minority communities, Humanists	Data relating to communities is not available and is not relevant for the purposes of this analysis	
Sexual orientation – including the impact if any on LGB people	The sexual orientation of parents is not a determining factor in the delivery of Children Centre services and is therefore not relevant to this analysis.	
Non-statutory		
Poorer and disadvantaged communities and groups, including people who experience financial exclusion	Killamarsh is situated in an area where there is some deprivation. It is ranked 15 th out of 54 Children's centres for being in an area of least deprivation	
Rural communities	Killamarsh is considered an urban community	

Summary of Analysis for Killamarsh Children Centre

The subsequent findings have been based on all respondents who specified they have used Killamarsh Children Centre or worked at the centre in the last 12 months.

- 29 respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed reduction in opening hours of: Killamarsh Children's Centre
- Of these 29 respondents 28 had used the centre in the last 12 months.
- 4 respondents worked at Killamarsh Children Centre in the last 12 months, 3 of these respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed changes and 1 would not be affected. 1 respondent had used Killamarsh Centre in the past.

Common themes identified by respondents in public consultation:

Theme	# of respondents mentioning theme
The Children Centre has:	
helped with social interaction/meeting people	11
had an impact on child's development and learning	13
provided access to a sensory room and activities for disabled children	
The reduction to hours would mean:	
Increased social isolation	3
A family could not travel to another Children's Centre	5
Loss of a community group held in the centre	
Difficulty in accessing advice and other services (health, education) including families who felt they would not have any support	2
Impact on mental health e.g. postnatal depression	1
Responses from other professionals – would lose ability to refer to Children's Centre or lose a local venue for meetings	1
Responses from Children's workforce – service is needed locally	3
Limited impact – centre not widely used although there is some need	1
Impact not specified	-

Summary of suggestions by respondents to reduce the impact of the proposal:

- Charge a small fee for groups
- Workers at centres transferring to local alternative centres on closed days
- Use it or Lose it campaign

Other specific comments identified by respondents

Respondents indicated a room was required to be used twice weekly to meet as part of a local community group supporting children

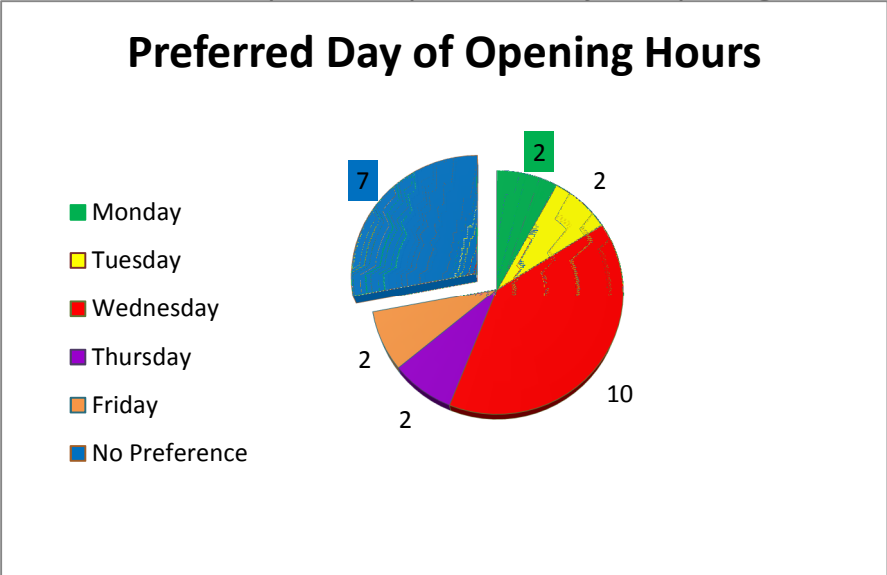
Additional considerations relevant to the impact on the reduction to the hours of Killamarsh Children Centre:

- 2 consultation sessions with families accessing the centre took place
- The area has a strong coal mining history and the area has suffered as a result of the closure of the coal fields. Some regeneration funding has enabled small light manufacturing to become established and small and medium size businesses now proliferate where mining, steel production and engineering used to thrive.
- Strong intergenerational family networks have impacted on the take up of childcare
- Many working families travel to Chesterfield and Sheffield to go to work on a daily basis. Pockets of deprivation vary across the reach area but overall 69% (1497) of children under 5 years of age are living in the 30% most deprived areas.
- The majority of children enter early years education with skills and knowledge at levels expected for their age.

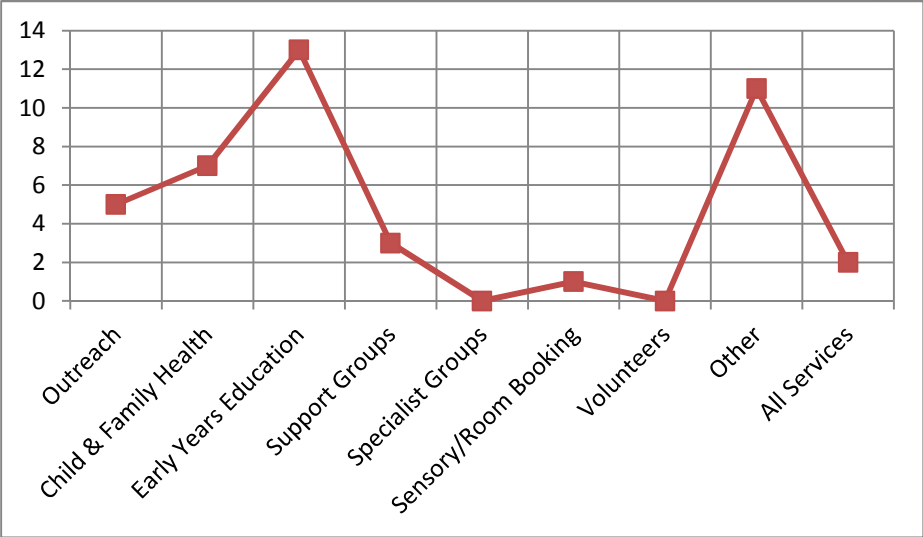
Current provision for children and their parents from the centre consists of:

- Baby Clinic: with Health Visitors
- Every 4 weeks (Last Saturday of the month): Let's Play Dad's
- Stay & Play: Parent Led Play at the Children Centre

Overview of 29 respondents preferred days of opening hours



Overview of 29 respondents preferred retained services during opening hours



Sessions defined as the following:
Outreach refers to family support, advice and guidance
Child & Family Health includes baby groups with clinic
Early Years Education includes toddler groups, Little Learners and Pathways to Nursery
Support Groups refers to parental support groups
Specialist Groups refers to evidenced based support programs such as positive parents
Sensory & Room bookings at centre
Volunteers
Other: Includes Swap Shop, Buggy Walk, Holiday Activities etc
Refers to all services being selected

Findings of Analysis:

Addressing the question of:

What would be the impact of reducing the opening hours of the children's centre for you or your family?

On review of section 4 of the questionnaire:

- Of the 29 respondents who use the Killamarsh services the majority would like to see the Centre open on a Wednesday afternoon providing Child & Family Health services such as the Baby Groups with health clinics such as Messy Monkeys and Early Education services providing sessions for Toddlers. 6 respondents indicated a desire to keep the Dad's Group running on a Saturday. 4 respondents indicated a preference to retain specialist groups such as parent support programmes such as positively me, Living with Teenagers, HENRY and moving on up
- 86% of respondents did not answer the question of where they would access another children centre, 1 respondent indicated they would attend nursery, toddler groups and churches. 2 respondents indicated transportation would be an issue.

Recommendations:

The consultation has found that a minimal impact would be placed on the community within Killamarsh and it is reasonable to have a reduction of opening hours with other services being provided by neighbouring children centres. It would be the recommendation to open the centre on the respondents preferred days offering the preferred retained services.

As part of the alternative solutions suggested by respondents, information indicating the closest children's centre within the area and an overview of local community groups which could be accessed by children and families in the area is provided below.

Distance to nearest Children's Centres:

The centre is grouped with Dronfield and Eckington Children Centres which are open 5 days a week.

Dronfield	8.5 miles	Clowne	5 miles
Eckington	3.5 miles	Creswell	7.5 miles
Bolsover	9 miles	Brimington	6 miles

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Noah's Ark Toddler Group At Ebenezer Gospel Hall, Killamarsh	Rhythm And Rhyme At Killamarsh Library Killamarsh (0.41 Miles away)
Dizzy Ducks Toddler Group At Eckington Church Hall Eckington (2.14 Miles away)	Funky Monkeys Toddler Group At Renishaw Community Centre
Baby Talk At Eckington Health Centre, Gosber Road Eckington (2.4 Miles)	Mk Dance (Clowne) (3.7 Miles) Dancing Lesson (ballet, modern, tap, free style, street dance) working towards shows and displays.
Ridgeway Toddler Group At St John's Church Ridgeway (3.74 Miles)	Ridgeway Under 5's At St John's Church A music group for ages 0 to 5. Ridgeway (3.74 Miles)
Story Time Fun At Clowne Library Clowne (3.83 Miles)	Marsh Lane Toddler Group At The School Hall, Marsh Lane (3.91 Miles)
Super Tots Pre-School Programme - Balanceability (Level 1) Clowne (4.12 Miles) Balanceability is the UK's first and only progressive accredited 'learn to cycle' programme for children between 3 and 6 years old.	Super Tots Pre-School Programme - Mini Movers Clowne (4.12 Miles) Mini Movers is a fun based session for young girls and boys aimed at confident walkers up to 4 years.
Super Tots Pre-School Programme - Mini Dribblers Clowne (4.12 Miles) Mini Dribblers is a fun football based session for young boys and girls.	Stay And Play At Barrowhill Primary School Barrow Hill (4.57 Miles)
Story Time Fun At Whitwell Primary School Whitwell (5.2 Miles)	Stay And Play At Hodthorpe Primary School Hodthorpe (5.7 Miles)
Story, Craft & Rhyme Time At Creswell Library Creswell (5.76 Miles)	Stay, Weigh and Play at Bolsover Health Centre Bolsover (6.74 Miles) Play session, runs alongside baby clinic

Sandiacre Children Centre

Overview of Sandiacre Children Centre

The Sandiacre Children's Centre is a purpose built facility situated next to and on the same site as Ladycross Infant School. Parking is available from the free car park accessed by a short footpath between the centre and the local library. The original plans for the centre contained a large hallway with a small kitchenette, a reasonable sized main office leading to a private office suitable for supervisions and two members of staff working confidentially. A further room acts as a meeting room and sensory room. An old classroom was originally part of the children centre and provided a large space for activities and larger advisory meetings; the School has since acquired this area due to the numbers of children attending the school and the need for rooms. As a result group sessions and other services are largely provided outside of the centre within local community venues. There is a Youth Centre located in Borrowash where activities are provided by the centre. Sandiacre lies to the south of the Erewash district of Derbyshire. Sandiacre is situated seven miles east of Derby and is part of the Greater Nottingham urban area. Sandiacre is neighboured by Long Eaton to the south and Risley to the west, extending to Borrowash. The Sandiacre Children's Centre serves a mixed urban and rural community. The meeting room is equipped with sensory equipment and families with children are able to book the room.

Known impact on different protected characteristic groups

From existing data and information – who is likely to be adversely affected, how, and to what degree? Will anyone gain or benefit from the proposals?		
Protected Group	Findings of Analysis for Sandiacre Children Centre & Data:	
Age including children and families, older people	<p>There are 1365 children under 5 in the area where Sandiacre children centre provides services.</p> <p>69% of parents with children under 5 years in the Sandiacre area have registered with the Children Centre and of those 49% have used the service within the last 12 months (March 2015)</p> <p>The average age of respondents completing the questionnaire from Sandiacre Children Centre was 36, respondents were between the ages of 16 and 59.</p>	
Disabled people including mobility, sensory, learning, mental health, HIV, and also include carers and relatives	<p>Disabled Parents of Children Under 5's:</p> <p>Disabled Children Under 5's:</p> <p>Out of 25 respondents 2 responded who indicated they consider themselves to have a disability.</p>	14 6
Gender (Sex) including men and women, boys and girls	88%(22) of the respondents were female, 12% (3) of respondents were male	
Gender reassignment – including impact if any on Transgender people	Gender reassignment is not a key factor affecting the delivery of the service and is therefore not relevant to the analysis.	

Marriage and civil partnership – also include impacts on lone parents & unmarried couples	Lone parent with children under 5: (Reports manager)	
	# of population are lone parents:	165
	% of the population who are engaging with a Children Centre:	32%
	% of those families having interaction with the centre over 12 months:	16%
Pregnancy and maternity – including new mothers/ parents	The data for mothers accessing ante natal support through children's centres is not collected. Limited information on Health Visitor referrals is received on a centre by centre basis. At this time no information is available for Sandiacre	
Race – including all racial groups, including impact if any on Gypsies and Travellers	Children under 5 Black and minority groups: (Reports manager) There are a significant number of BME origin families within the centres reach area.	
	# of population children under 5 BME:	54
	# registered children under 5 as BME:	58
	# of participating children under 5 as BME:	48
	Traveller Parents with children under 5: Under 5 travellers children:	NA
	NA	
	Out of the 24 respondents who answered 20 indicated they were of White British origin, the 4 remaining respondents indicated they were of Asian/Asian British (2), Chinese (1) and Mixed (1) origin.	
Religion and belief including non-belief, including religious minority communities, Humanists	Data relating to communities is not available and is not relevant for the purposes of this analysis	
Sexual orientation – including the impact if any on LGB people	The sexual orientation of parents is not a determining factor in the delivery of Children Centre services and is therefore not relevant to this analysis.	
Non-statutory		
Poorer and disadvantaged communities and groups, including people who experience financial exclusion	The limited bus routes between areas have a significant impact on families accessing services. The centre reach area is ranked 15th out of 54 children's centres for being in the least area of deprivation	
Rural communities	Sandiacre is considered an urban community	

Summary of Analysis for Sandiacre Children Centre

The subsequent findings have been based on all respondents who specified they have used Sandiacre Children Centre or worked at the centre in the last 12 months.

- 25 respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed reduction in opening hours of: Sandiacre Children's Centre
- Of these 25 respondents 17 had used the centre in the last 12 months.
- 4 respondents worked at Sandiacre Children Centre in the last 12 months, 3 of these respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed changes and 1 would not be affected. 1 respondent had used Sandiacre Centre in the past.

Common themes identified by respondents in public consultation:

Theme	# of respondents mentioning theme
The Children Centre has:	
helped with social interaction/meeting people	8
had an impact on child's development and learning	12
provided access to a sensory room and activities for disabled children	2
The reduction to hours would mean:	
Increased social isolation	5
A family could not travel to another Children's Centre	3
Loss of a community group held in the centre	2
Difficulty in accessing advice and other services (health, education) including families who felt they would not have any support	7
Responses from other professionals – would lose ability to refer to Children's Centre or lose a local venue for meetings	2
Responses from Children's workforce – service is needed locally	2
Responses from Children's workforce – concerned about their jobs	
Limited impact – centre not widely used although there is some need	2
Impact not specified	-

Summary of suggestions by respondents to reduce the impact of the proposal:

- A presence at other venues within the community
- Possible multi use of buildings
- Advertising and fundraising days to get the community involved
- Ensure lots of sessions run when centre open so everyone has an opportunity to attend
- Would happily pay for sessions if it meant they could sustain themselves

Other specific comments identified by respondents

Respondents indicated the children centre has had significant impact on a family's confidence within the community. The concern would be any negative impact resulting in services decreasing and being able to provide service users with the appropriate support that is needed as part of emotional and mental health wellbeing.

The children centre has been described as a place for respondents to access advice and information during times of crisis and general stresses.

The review has a responsibility to ensure social isolation is not part of any adverse effects to respondents by providing alternate solutions similar to what outreach services currently are provided for within the centre.

Additional considerations relevant to the impact on the reduction to the hours of Sandiacre Children Centre:

- 6 consultation sessions with families accessing the centre took place
- The Sandiacre Children's Centre reach area borders with Derby City, and Nottingham as part of a commuting area.
- The main employment within the area is light industrial, textiles and retail.
- The children centre works with three different health teams. The health centres are located in Long Eaton, Ilkeston and Derby, occasional information is further shared with the Nottingham based Health team in Stapleford.
- The reach area is mixed with pockets of 30% deprivation spread through the four catchment areas
- The area of Town Street, Norbury Way and those living on the Borrowash estate are within the 20% most deprived. Petersham estate has families living in the most 10% deprived.
- There is a significant number of Black Minority Ethnic origin families within the centres reach area, with families moving into the area regularly as part of an upward trend. Any changes made as a result of the proposals would need to seek an appropriate alternative to ensure services remain equal in opportunity to BME families within this area.

Current provision for children and their parents from the centre consists of:

Monday: Stay and Play Petersham Hall 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Sunshine Group Clinic (1st Tuesday of each month)

- Volunteers Positive Steps Sandiacre CC 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
- Little Talkers Methodist Hall, Sandiacre 1:30 to 3:00 p.m

Wednesday: Ready for Nursery Methodist Hall, Sandiacre 9:15 to 10:45 a.m.

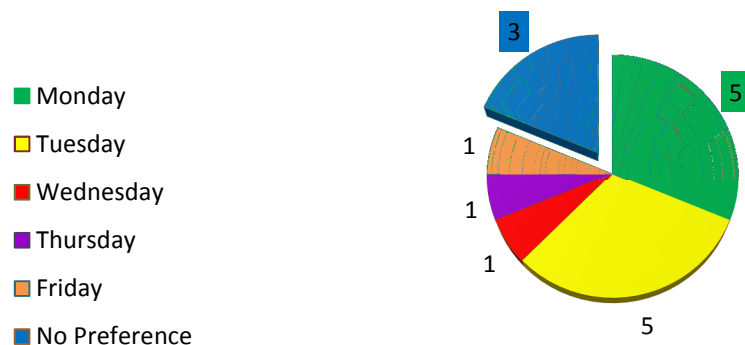
Thursday: Baby First Methodist Hall, Sandiacre 1:00 to 3:00 p.m

Other:

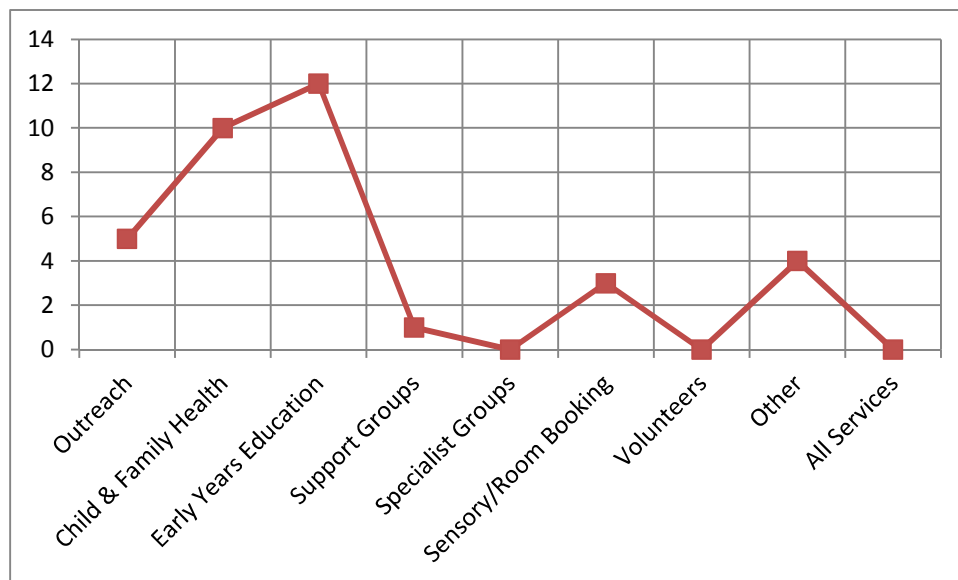
- Time for Two's
- Positive Parents
- Rhyme Time at Sandiacre Library with Toy Library
- Holiday activities at Petersham Hall
- Holiday activities at Borrowash Youth Centre

Overview of 25 respondents preferred days of opening hours

Preferred Day of Opening Hours



Overview of 25 respondents preferred retained services during opening hours



Sessions defined as the following:

Outreach refers to family support, advice and guidance
Child & Family Health includes baby groups with clinic
Early Years Education includes toddler groups, Little Learners and Pathways to Nursery
Support Groups refers to parental support groups
Specialist Groups refers to evidenced based support programs such as positive parents
Sensory & Room bookings at centre
Volunteers
Other: Includes Swap Shop, Buggy Walk, Holiday Activities etc.
Refers to all services being selected

Findings of Analysis:

Addressing the question of:

What would be the impact of reducing the opening hours of the children's centre for you or your family?

On review of section 4 of the questionnaire:

- Of the 25 respondents who use the Sandiacre services the majority would like to see the Centre open Mondays & Tuesdays providing Child & Family Health services such as the Baby Groups with health clinics, particularly the sunshine group and new parents group and Early Education services providing sessions for Toddlers such as PEEP & the Stay and Play session currently held at Petersham Hall.
- 4 respondents indicated the preference to ensure services on advice and guidance as part of the family support outreach services is retained.
- Of the 13 respondents 54% indicated they would NOT access another children centre, with 2 indicating they were undecided.
- 84% (25) did not indicate where else they would access support, 2 respondents indicated they would access Long Eaton Children Centre and 1 respondent they would access Lime Grove Children Centre in the neighbouring area

Recommendations:

The consultation has found that there would be some potential impact on the community within Sandiacre. It is however reasonable to have a reduction of opening hours with the implementation of alternative solutions such as ensuring outreach provision is maintained and other services are provided by neighbouring children centres on the days the centre will be closed. It would be the recommendation to open the centre on the respondents preferred days offering the preferred retained services.

As part of the alternative solutions suggested by respondents, information indicating the closest children's centre within the area and an overview of local community groups which could be accessed by children and families in the area is provided below.

The school is interested in taking over the remainder of the office space from the Children Centre, further review is ongoing.

Sandiacre reach area has a significant need for continued service provision which could be operated from other Children Centre or MAT locations while ensuring no adverse effects on vulnerable service users. Sandiacre has a growing population of Black Minority Ethnic groups which the children centre is engaging with and any alternative solutions to the provision of the service need to ensure the needs of this group are taken into account.

Distance to nearest Children's Centres:

Sandiacre children centre is part of the Kirk Hallam grouping within Erewash.

Kirk Hallam	4 miles
Long Eaton	2.5 miles
Cotmanhay	6 miles
Nottingham: Stapleford Children Centre	2 miles
Derby: Spondon Children Centre	5 miles

Community Groups available for Access in Sandiacre & Surrounding Reach Area - April 2015

Oakwood Parent Toddler Group Oakwood Community Centre Springwood Drive, Oakwood	Ockbrook Parent Toddler Group The Parish Hall, Church Street, Ockbrook
Dads Group At Oasis Christian Centre Long Eaton (1.72 Miles)	Wiggle And Giggle At Sawley Community Centre Long Eaton (2.96 Miles) Music and Movement group for 1-5 Year olds.
Borrowash Clinic Play & Weigh At Borrowash Youth And Community Centre Borrowash (3.62 Miles) Baby weighing and health visitor checks	Draycott & Long Eaton Table Tennis Club Draycott (3.01 Miles)
Sawley Stay, Weigh And Play At Sawley Community Centre	Getting Ready For Nursery At Larklands Nursery & Infants School Ilkeston (3.11 Miles) Help your child get ready for nursery
Toy Library at Ilkeston Library Ilkeston (3.25 Miles)	Library Story And Rhyme Time At Ilkeston Library Ilkeston (3.25 Miles)
Long Eaton Art Room Long Eaton (1.83 Miles) Voluntary organization anyone can benefit from the therapeutic qualities of art and craft making.	Clinic & Stay & Play At Kirk Hallam Community Hall Kirk Hallam (2.62 Miles)
Charnos Hall Stay & Play Clinic At The Ilkeston Community Hospital, Ilkeston (4.57 Miles) Held in Charnos Hall at the Ilkeston Community Hospital on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. Baby weighing and Health Visitor checks	Magical Movers Music And Dance Group At Kirk Hallam Community Hall Ilkeston (4.64 Miles) A fun, active session for under-fives.

Tupton Children Centre

Overview of Tupton Children Centre

Tupton Children Centre is a purpose built building on the same site as the Tupton Primary School. A nursery is also on the same site adjacent to the main building of the school. The children centre is in the centre of the community on the estate surrounded by the school, two churches and GP surgery; the secondary school is located at the furthest end of the estate. The centre is close to the A61 where regular bus services are available, particularly for access to Chesterfield.

The area surrounding Tupton is largely rural covered by the adjoining children centres, the centre is a phase 3 centre serving an urban community with pockets of deprivation. Around Tupton itself there are a number of small towns and isolated ex mining villages. The children centre combined reach area has high levels of deprivation including, in North Wingfield and Clay Cross; areas within the 10% most deprived in the county. Many families live on benefits, and unemployment is inter-generational. In some households in the area no family member has ever worked.

Known impact on different protected characteristic groups

From existing data and information – who is likely to be adversely affected, how, and to what degree? Will anyone gain or benefit from the proposals?		
Protected Group	Findings of Analysis for Tupton Children Centre & Data:	
Age including children and families, older people	<p>There are 504 children under 5 in the area where Tupton children centre provides services.</p> <p>71% of parents with children under 5 years in the Tupton area have registered with the Children Centre and of those 55% have used the service within the last 12 months. (March 2015)</p> <p>The average age of respondents completing the questionnaire from Tupton Children Centre was 33, respondents were between the ages of 20 and 56.</p>	
Disabled people including mobility, sensory, learning, mental health, HIV, and also include carers and relatives	<p>Disabled Parents of Children Under 5's:</p> <p>Disabled Children Under 5's:</p> <p>Out of 33 respondents 3 responded who indicated they consider themselves to have a disability.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3</p>
Gender (Sex) including men and women, boys and girls	With 94% (31) of the respondents were female, 6% (2) of respondents being male.	
Gender reassignment – including impact if any on Transgender people	Gender reassignment is not a key factor affecting the delivery of the service and is therefore not relevant to the analysis.	
Marriage and civil partnership – also include		

impacts on lone parents & unmarried couples	Lone parent with children under 5:	
	# of population are lone parents:	25
	% of the population who are engaging with a Children Centre:	36%
	% of those families having interaction with the centre over 12 months:	28%
Pregnancy and maternity – including new mothers/ parents	The data for mothers accessing ante natal support through children's centres is not collected. Limited information on Health Visitor referrals is received on a centre by centre basis. At this time no information is available for Tupton	
Race – including all racial groups, including impact if any on Gypsies and Travellers	Children under 5 Black and minority groups: Most families are of White British origin	
	# of population children under 5 BME:	0
	# registered children under 5 as BME:	8
	# of participating children under 5 as BME:	6
	Traveller Parents with children under 5: Under 5 travellers children:	NA NA
	Out of the 34 respondents who answered 31 indicated they were of White British origin, the 3 remaining respondents indicated they were of Asian/Asian British (1), and Mixed (2) origin.	
Religion and belief including non-belief, including religious minority communities, Humanists	Data relating to communities is not available and is not relevant for the purposes of this analysis	
Sexual orientation – including the impact if any on LGB people	The sexual orientation of parents is not a determining factor in the delivery of Children Centre services and is therefore not relevant to this analysis.	
Non-statutory		
Poorer and disadvantaged communities and groups, including people who experience financial exclusion	Tupton is located in an area where there are pockets of deprivation. It is ranked 5 th out of 54 childrens centres in the least area of deprivation	
Rural communities	Tupton is considered an urban community with patches of rurality	

Summary of Analysis for Tupton Children Centre

The subsequent findings have been based on all respondents who specified they have used Tupton Children Centre or worked at the centre in the last 12 months.

- 36 respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed reduction in opening hours of: Tupton Children's Centre
- Of these 36 respondents 25 had used the centre in the last 12 months.
- 9 respondents worked at Tupton Children Centre in the last 12 months and indicated they would be affected by the proposed changes.

Common themes identified by respondents in public consultation:

Theme	# of respondents mentioning theme
The Children Centre has:	
helped with social interaction/meeting people	2
had an impact on child's development and learning	9
provided access to a sensory room and activities for disabled children	-
The reduction to hours would mean:	
Increased social isolation	-
A family could not travel to another Children's Centre	7
Loss of a community group held in the centre	1
Difficulty in accessing advice and other services (health, education) including families who felt they would not have any support	2
Responses from other professionals – would lose ability to refer to Children's Centre or lose a local venue for meetings	2
Responses from Children's workforce – service is needed locally	4
Responses from Children's workforce – concerned about their jobs	1
Limited impact – centre not widely used although there is some need	1
Impact not specified	1

Summary of suggestions by respondents to reduce the impact of the proposal:

- Ensure access to similar services on closure days
- Run 4 groups in two days
- Run groups through holidays
- Use local community members to set up funded sessions for 2,3,4 year olds
- Ensure reduced hours activities are the most popular

Other specific comments identified by respondents

Respondents indicated they would struggle with a reduction to opening hours due to the social interaction the centre provides to the community on a daily basis.

Respondents also indicated due to work commitments there could be a resulting impact on service users not being able to attend groups when the centre is open.

Additional considerations relevant to the impact on the reduction to the hours of Tupton Children Centre:

- 93 signatures as a petition to not make any changes to Tupton Children Centre were received from the local holiday club within Tupton
- 6 consultation sessions with families accessing the centre took place
- There are 2 proposed housing developments currently underway surrounding the reach area of Tupton and the closest children centres within the area which could impact on the number of Under 5's requiring access to services and impact the school cluster.
- The proposals could impact the school as part of the hub of the community
- The centre currently works with 5 teams of Health Visitors covering the centre reach area (Amber Valley, Tibshelf, Stonebroom, Clay Cross and Mickley)

Current provision for children and their parents from the centre consists of:

Monday: Young Parents

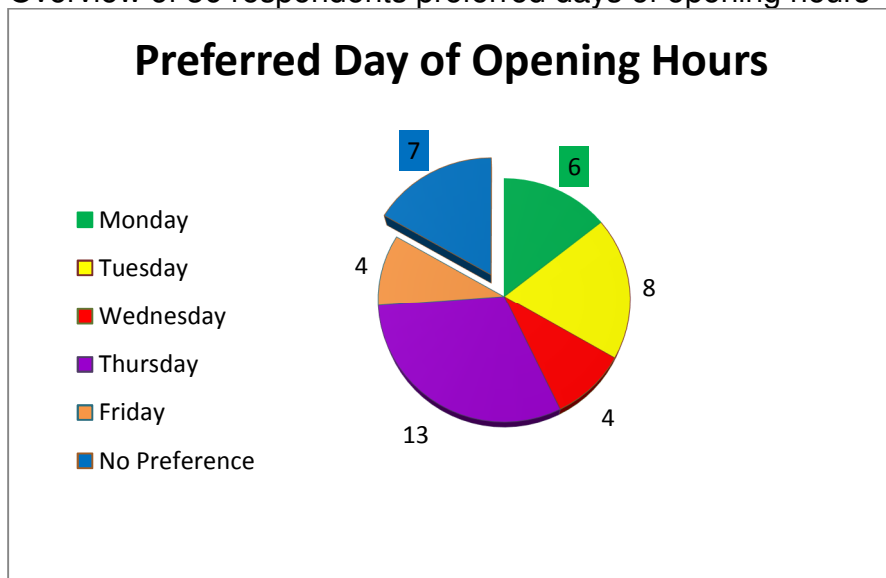
Tuesday: Crawlers and Climbers: 9-10:30

Thursday:

- Time to Talk: 9-10:30

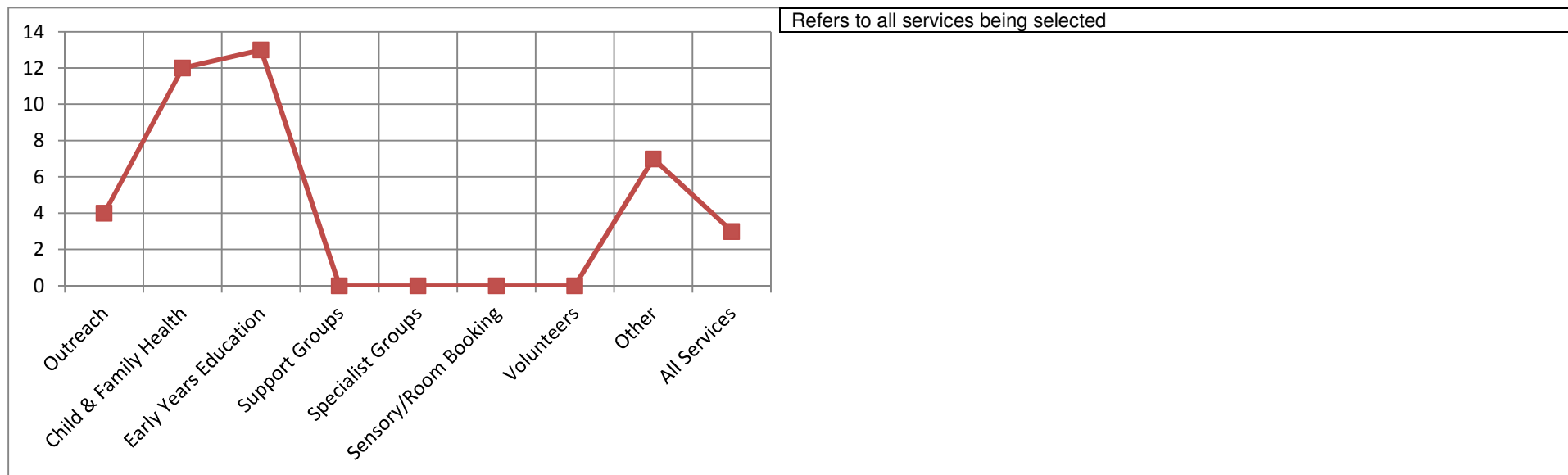
- Baby Time 11-12
- Messy Tots 1:15 – 3

Overview of 36 respondents preferred days of opening hours



Overview of 36 respondents preferred retained services during opening hours

Sessions defined as the following:
Outreach refers to family support, advice and guidance
Child & Family Health includes baby groups with clinic
Early Years Education includes toddler groups, Little Learners and Pathways to Nursery
Support Groups refers to parental support groups
Specialist Groups refers to evidenced based support programs such as positive parents
Sensory & Room bookings at centre
Volunteers
Other: Includes Swap Shop, Buggy Walk, Holiday Activities etc.



Findings of Analysis:

Addressing the question of:

What would be the impact of reducing the opening hours of the children's centre for you or your family?

On review of section 4 of the questionnaire:

- Of the 36 respondents who use the Tupton services the majority would like to see the Centre open Tuesdays & Thursdays providing Child & Family Health services such as the Baby Groups with health clinics with messy play and Early Education services providing sessions for Toddlers such as Time to Talk and Walkers and Talkers. 5 respondents indicated a preference to retain a young mum's group.
- 22% of the 18 respondents indicated they would access another children centre, 56% indicating they would not attend another children centre and 22% remaining undecided.

Respondents indicated they would attend Chesterfield, and Clay Cross, respondents also indicated they would access services from local community centres, schools, adult education, GP surgeries, libraries, parks, and leisure centres.

- 83% (30) Did not indicate where else they would access support

Recommendations:

The consultation has found that there would be some minimal impact placed on the community within Tupton Children Centre however the consultation analysis has concluded that it would be reasonable to have a reduction of opening hours with other services being provided by neighbouring children centres on the days the centre will be closed. It would be the recommendation to open the centre on the respondents preferred days offering the preferred retained services. It has been identified through the consultation there is a need for outreach provision within the area and the reduction in hours would need to take this into consideration when implementing alternative solutions for families to access services outside of centre opening times.

Distance to nearest Children's Centres:

Tupton Children Centre is part of the Alice View grouping with a number of surrounding children centres.

Alice's View	2 miles
Clay Cross	2 miles
Old Whittington	6.5 miles
Holme Hall	6.5 miles
Hasland	2.7 miles
Chesterfield Town Centre	4 miles
Brimington	6.3 miles
Brampton	4.5 miles
Birdholme	2.8 miles
Stonebroom	6 miles

Community Groups available for Access in Tupton & Surrounding Reach Area - January 2015

- Wednesday: New Tupton Toddler Group at Tupton Evangelical Church (next to Cornerstone Café) from 9.00am—11.00am
- St John's Mother and Toddler Group Meet every Friday morning at St John's Church in Tupton from 9am—11.00am
- Baby Time Bring your baby to play every Tuesday 1.30—3pm at Wingerworth Parish Rooms

Holmegate:

- Ashover Baby and Toddler Group: Meets at Ashover Village Hall Every Wednesday 10am -12noon
- Holmgate School Toddler Group: Meet every Friday 9.15am—11.30am
- Rainbow Toddlers: Toddler group held at Holmgate Church, Valley Road, Holmgate, Clay Cross Wednesdays 10am - 11.30am

Wingerworth:

- Baby and Toddler Group Monday 9.00am - 11.30am All Saints Church Centre, Wingerworth
- Wingerworth Mother and Toddler Group Tuesday 1.00pm—2.30pm at Wingerworth Parish

Junction Arts Limited (Bolsover)	Activities At Chesterfield Library
Chesterfield (3.45 Miles)	Chesterfield (3.2 Miles)
Creepers, Crawlers And Explorers At	Story & Rhyme At Holmewood Library

Chesterfield Library Chesterfield (3.2 Miles)	And Clay Cross Library Holmewood (2.32 Miles)
Stay And Play At Holmewood Cricket Pavillion Holmewood (2.32 Miles)	Holmewood Health & Baby Group , at St Albans Church Holmewood. Holmewood (2.32 Miles)
St Albans Toddle In At St Albans Church Centre Holmewood (2.33 Miles)	Kanga & Roo Parent & Toddler Group At Abundant Life Christian Church Holmewood (2 Miles)
Pilsley Penguins Toddler Group At Pilsley Village Hall Pilsley (2.77 Miles) £1 then 50p per additional child.	Small Wonders Stay & Play At Hepthorne Lane Community Centre North Wingfield (1 Miles)
Story And Rhyme At Clay Cross Library Clay Cross (1.6 Miles)	Small Wonders Song & Rhyme At Hepthorne Lane Community Centre North Wingfield (1 Mile)
New Tupton Toddler Group At Tupton Evangelical Church	St Johns Mother & Toddler Group At St Johns Church, Tupton New Tupton

West Hallam Children Centre

Overview of West Hallam Children Centre

West Hallam Children Centre shares a site with Scargill Primary school on the outskirts of the village. The centre is close to local amenities such as the post office, a chemist, GP surgery and other small businesses. The centre is a few miles away from Ilkeston which has a library and community hospital. The centre is a phase 3 centre located in an affluent area serving an urban community with pockets of deprivation. Two of the wards which are 30% of the most deprived are situated away from the children centre, near Ilkeston. Services are delivered within the Children's Centre and also at external venues within the community at Charnos Family Support Centre, Ilkeston library and Little Eaton Village Hall. Children Centre workers run sessions at West Hallam centre and use Cotmanhay as another base within the community closer to Charnos. The majority of the groups are delivered away from the centre, within the community at Charnos Family Support Centre. A room within the centre is equipped as a sensory room and available for bookings to families with children.

Known impact on different protected characteristic groups

From existing data and information – who is likely to be adversely affected, how, and to what degree? Will anyone gain or benefit from the proposals?		
Protected Group	Findings of Analysis for West Hallam Children Centre & Data:	
Age including children and families, older people	<p>There are 955 children under 5 in the area where West Hallam children centre provides services.</p> <p>77% of parents with children under 5 years in the West Hallam area have registered with the Children Centre and of those 60% have used the service within the last 12 months. (March 2015)</p> <p>The average age of respondents completing the questionnaire from West Hallam Children Centre was 34, respondents were between the ages of 21 and 59.</p>	
Disabled people including mobility, sensory, learning, mental health, HIV, and also include carers and relatives	<p>Disabled Parents of Children Under 5's:</p> <p>Disabled Children Under 5's:</p> <p>Out of 19 respondents 1 responded who indicated they consider themselves to have a disability.</p>	9 7
Gender (Sex) including men and women, boys and girls	With 95% (18) of the respondents were female, 5% (1) of respondents being male.	
Gender reassignment – including impact if any on Transgender people	Gender reassignment is not a key factor affecting the delivery of the service and is therefore not relevant to the analysis.	

Marriage and civil partnership – also include impacts on lone parents & unmarried couples	Lone parent with children under 5:	42
	# of population are lone parents:	110
	% of the population who are engaging with a Children Centre:	26%
	% of those families having interaction with the centre over 12 months:	17%
Pregnancy and maternity – including new mothers/ parents	The data for mothers accessing ante natal support through children's centres is not collected. Limited information on Health Visitor referrals is received on a centre by centre basis. At this time no information is available for West Hallam.	
Race – including all racial groups, including impact if any on Gypsies and Travellers	Children under 5 Black and minority groups: Most families are of White British origin	
	# of population children under 5 BME:	8
	# registered children under 5 as BME:	51
	# of participating children under 5 as BME:	41
	Traveller Parents with children under 5 (within Cotmanhay Grouping):	2
	Under 5 travellers children:	NA
	Out of the 19 respondents who answered 18 indicated they were of White British origin and 1 indicated they were of Asian/Asian British origin.	
Religion and belief including non-belief, including religious minority communities, Humanists	Data relating to communities is not available and is not relevant for the purposes of this analysis	
Sexual orientation – including the impact if any on LGB people	The sexual orientation of parents is not a determining factor in the delivery of Children Centre services and is therefore not relevant to this analysis.	
Non-statutory		
Poorer and disadvantaged communities and groups, including people who experience financial exclusion	There are pockets of deprivation within the West Hallam reach area, particularly in Charnos (close to Ilkeston)	
Rural communities	By centre if known – any identified concerns around rurality	

Summary of Analysis for West Hallam Children Centre

The subsequent findings have been based on all respondents who specified they have used West Hallam Children Centre or worked at the centre in the last 12 months

- 19 respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed reduction in opening hours of: West Hallam Children's Centre
- Of the 19 respondents 12 had used the centre in the last 12 months.
- 4 respondents worked at the Centre in the last 12 months, 0 respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed changes. 1 respondent had used West Hallam Children's Centre in the past.

Common themes identified by respondents in public consultation:

Theme	# of respondents mentioning theme
The Children Centre has:	
helped with social interaction/meeting people	2 respondents
had an impact on child's development and learning	5 respondents
provided access to a sensory room and activities for disabled children	-
The reduction to hours would mean:	
Increased social isolation	-
A family could not travel to another Children's Centre	3 respondents
Loss of a community group held in the centre	-
Difficulty in accessing advice and other services (health, education) including families who felt they would not have any support	-
Responses from other professionals – would lose ability to refer to Children's Centre or lose a local venue for meetings	-
Responses from Children's workforce – service is needed locally	1 respondent
Responses from Children's workforce – concerned about their jobs	-
Limited impact – centre not widely used although there is some need	2 respondents

Summary of suggestions by respondents to reduce the impact of the proposal

- Allow community groups to run activities
- Put groups on at other times
- Encourage use of other premises
- Replace with alternative activities elsewhere

- Transfer staff and resources to other centres within the area and continue outreach

Other specific comments identified by respondents

Respondents indicated if staff and resources were moved to either Cotmanhay or Kirk Hallam Children Centres the option to run outreach groups could be continued to be provided by the children centre.

Additional considerations relevant to the impact on the reduction to the hours of West Hallam Children Centre:

- West Hallam lies to the East of the Erewash district; there are pockets identified within the reach area as being the second most deprived area of Ilkeston
- 1 consultation session with families accessing the centre took place

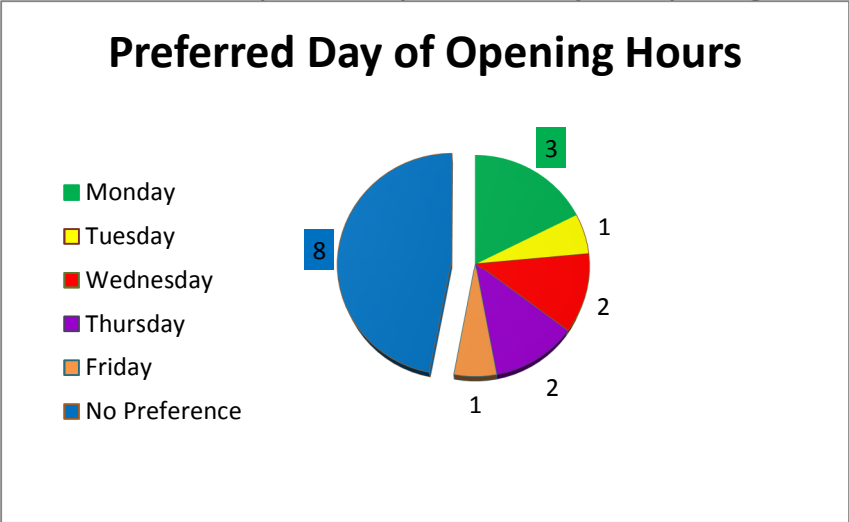
Current provision for children and their parents from the centre consists of:

Monday: Ladybirds Weigh, Stay and Play at Charnos Family Support Centre 1:00pm - 2:30pm

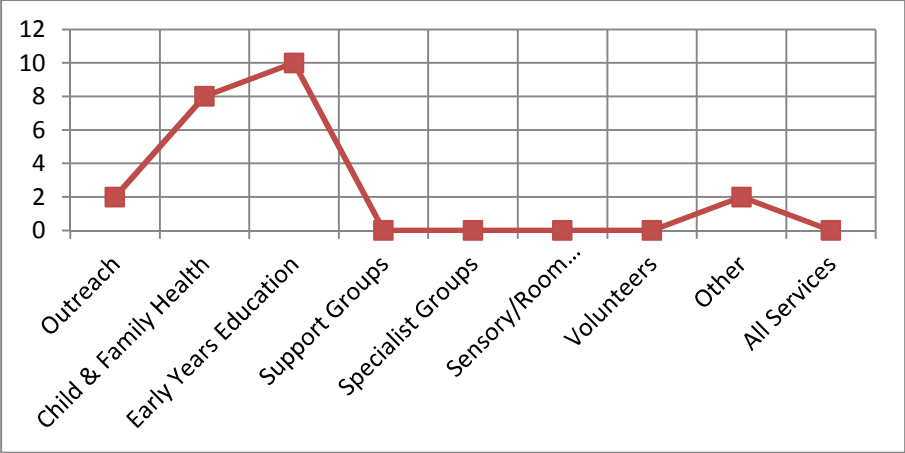
Thursday:

- Little Learners at Charnos Family Support Centre 9:15am-10:45am
- On the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at West Hallam Children's Centre, Bright Beginnings, Weigh, Stay and Play 1.30-3.00pm

Overview of 19 respondents preferred days of opening hours



Overview of 14 respondents preferred retained services during opening hours



Sessions defined as the following:
Outreach refers to family support, advice and guidance
Child & Family Health includes baby groups with clinic
Early Years Education includes toddler groups, Little Learners and Pathways to Nursery
Support Groups refers to parental support groups
Specialist Groups refers to evidenced based support programs such as positive parents
Sensory & Room bookings at centre
Volunteers
Other: Includes Swap Shop, Buggy Walk, Holiday Activities etc.
Refers to all services being selected

Findings of Analysis:

Addressing the question of:

What would be the impact of reducing the opening hours of the children's centre for you or your family?

On review of section 4 of the questionnaire

- Of the 19 respondents who use the West Hallam services the majority would like to see the Centre open on a Monday providing Child & Family Health services such as the Baby Groups with health clinics (1 respondent indicated the Little Eaton Clinic) and Early Education services providing sessions for Toddlers such as the centre provision of Ladybirds running out of Charnos and Little Learners
- 2 (33%) out of 6 respondents indicated they would access another children centre, with 1 indicating they would not attend another children centre and 3 undecided.
- 1 Respondent indicated they would attend Kirk Hallam Children Centre and 1 respondent a Doctor's surgery.

Recommendations:

The consultation findings has found a minimal impact would be placed on the community within West Hallam Children Centre and it is reasonable to have a reduction of opening hours with other services being provided by neighbouring children centres. It would be the recommendation to open the centre on the respondents preferred days offering the preferred retained services. The consultation has indicated there is need for service provision to be continued within the Charnos area which would need to be taken into consideration as part of ensuring alternate provision is delivered to those areas in most need, review is ongoing.

As part of the alternate solutions suggested by respondents, information indicating the closest children's centre within the area and an overview of local community groups which could be accessed by children and families in the area is provided below.

Distance to nearest Children's Centres:

The centre is in the Cotmanhay grouping which is a phase one centre in a high deprivation area and open 5 days a week. The other centres within Erewash are in close proximity to each other.

Sandiacre	6 miles
Kirk Hallam	3 miles
Cotmanahay	5 miles

Community Groups available for Access in West Hallam & Surrounding Reach Area - April 2015

Oakwood Parent Toddler Group Oakwood Community Centre Springwood Drive, Oakwood	Ockbrook Parent Toddler Group The Parish Hall,,Church Street,Ockbrook
Getting Ready For Nursery At Larklands Nursery & Infants School Ilkeston (2.87 Miles)	Clinic & Stay & Play At Kirk Hallam Community Hall Kirk Hallam (1.94 Miles away)
Toy Library at Ilkeston Library Ilkeston (2.36 Miles)	Library Story And Rhyme Time At Ilkeston Library Ilkeston (2.36 Miles away)
Charnos Hall Stay & Play Clinic At The Ilkeston Community Hospital Ilkeston (4.57 Miles) Held in Charnos Hall at the Ilkeston Community Hospital on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. Baby weighing and Health Visitor	Magical Movers Music And Dance Group At Kirk Hallam Community Hall Ilkeston (4.64 Miles) A fun, active session for under-fives.

Wirksworth Children Centre

Overview of Wirksworth Children Centre

Wirksworth Children Centre is located in the centre of the town within the village memorial hall. The large community hall provides an area for activities to take place with families and larger county meetings. On the 2nd level of the hall there is an open plan office which the Children Centre workforce uses as a base and share premises with a local social worker. There are two other meeting rooms, one of which can be used for parent meetings, small group work (such as Talking Toddlers) and partner meetings. Storage is provided for the centre resources and holds the local Toy Library resources. The Wirksworth reach area is made up of several villages and hamlets scattered over a large rural setting. Wirksworth has an approximate population of 7,000 with the closest towns being Matlock and Ashbourne. The closest children centre is situated in the centre of Matlock approximately 6 miles away. Wirksworth town has a higher number of under 5's than within the surrounding rural settings put together. The town of Wirksworth has a thriving commercial centre situated in the centre of local amenities.

Known impact on different protected characteristic groups

From existing data and information – who is likely to be adversely affected, how, and to what degree? Will anyone gain or benefit from the proposals?		
Protected Group	Findings of Analysis for Wirksworth Children Centre & Data:	
Age including children and families, older people	<p>There are 433 children under 5 in the area where Wirksworth children centre provides services.</p> <p>The average age of respondents completing the questionnaire from Wirksworth Children Centre was 38, respondents were between the ages of 22 and 68.</p> <p>59% of parents with children under 5 years in the Wirksworth area have registered with the Children Centre and of those 43% have used the service within the last 12 months. (March 2015)</p>	
Disabled people including mobility, sensory, learning, mental health, HIV, and also include carers and relatives	<p>Disabled Parents of Children Under 5's:</p> <p>Disabled Children Under 5's:</p> <p>None of the 44 respondents indicated they consider themselves to have a disability.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1</p>
Gender (Sex) including men and women, boys and girls	With 87% (40) of the respondents were female, 13% (6) of respondents being male	
Gender reassignment – including impact if any on Transgender people	Gender reassignment is not a key factor affecting the delivery of the service and is therefore not relevant to the analysis.	

Marriage and civil partnership – also include impacts on lone parents & unmarried couples	Lone parent with children under 5: (Reports manager)	
	# of population are lone parents:	40
	% of the population who are engaging with a Children Centre:	13%
	% of those families having interaction with the centre over 12 months:	10%
Pregnancy and maternity – including new mothers/ parents	The data for mothers accessing ante natal support through children's centres is not collected. Limited information on Health Visitor referrals is received on a centre by centre basis. At this time no information is available for Wirksworth	
Race – including all racial groups, including impact if any on Gypsies and Travellers	Children under 5 Black and minority groups: Most families are of White British origin	
	# of population children under 5 BME:	0
	# registered children under 5 as BME:	8
	# of participating children under 5 as BME:	8
	Traveller Parents with children under 5: Under 5 travellers children:	NA NA
	Out of the 44 respondents who answered 43 indicated they were of White British origin and 1 respondent indicated they were of Chinese origin.	
Religion and belief including non-belief, including religious minority communities, Humanists	Data relating to communities is not available and is not relevant for the purposes of this analysis	
Sexual orientation – including the impact if any on LGB people	The sexual orientation of parents is not a determining factor in the delivery of Children Centre services and is therefore not relevant to this analysis.	
Non-statutory		
Poorer and disadvantaged communities and groups, including people who experience financial exclusion	Worklessness is an issue within the area Identified travel costs, limited bus routes Wirksworth sits in an area where there is a level of need and some deprivation	
Rural communities	By centre if known – any identified concerns around rurality	

Summary of Analysis for Wirksworth Children Centre

The subsequent findings have been based on all respondents who specified they have used Wirksworth Children Centre or worked at the centre in the last 12 months

- 51 respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed reduction in opening hours of: Wirksworth Children's Centre
- Of these 51 respondents 33 had used the centre in the last 12 months. 1 respondent worked at Wirksworth Children Centre in the last 12 months, 3 of these respondents indicated they would be affected by the proposed changes

Common themes identified by respondents in public consultation:

Theme	# of respondents mentioning theme
The Children Centre has:	
helped with social interaction/meeting people	16 respondents
had an impact on child's development and learning	9 respondents
provided access to a sensory room and activities for disabled children	-
The reduction to hours would mean:	
Increased social isolation	4 respondents
A family could not travel to another Children's Centre	12 respondents
Loss of a community group held in the centre	7 respondents
Difficulty in accessing advice and other services (health, education) including families who felt they would not have any support	4 respondents
Responses from other professionals – would lose ability to refer to Children's Centre or lose a local venue for meetings	3 respondents
Responses from Children's workforce – service is needed locally	13 respondents
Responses from Children's workforce – concerned about their jobs	2 respondents
Limited impact – centre not widely used although there is some need	1 respondent
Would access another centre	1 respondent
Impact not specified	1 respondent
Breastfeeding support	1 respondent

Summary of suggestions by respondents to reduce the impact of the proposal:

- Co-locate the MAT team and children centre to reduce costs
- Run on days when groups for younger children such as Tuesdays and Thursdays

Other specific comments identified by respondents

- Both Crich and Wirksworth children centres have provided respondents with breastfeeding, and confidence in supporting their child's development, without which 'it would have been a lot harder bringing up my child'.
- Respondents have indicated there is a concern of becoming further isolated from access to services due to travel costs and being on a low income household.
- 1 respondent indicated the consequence of the reduction of hours would 'greatly affect their family' as support to the family would be reduced.
- Respondents have indicated some concern around not being able to access affordable weekly fruit and vegetables.
- The children centre workforce identified a potential gap of service being available to the local community with the reduction of centre opening hours which would impact the mental health needs of the local people of Wirksworth. Access to transport was highlighted as a contributing factor in addition to the community feeling at ease within the centre.
- There would be many teenage parents unable to obtain valuable parenting and advice.
- The centre is part of a strong community in Wirksworth and surrounding areas and would severely restrict act to a social network; In particular the most vulnerable parents and those without access to transport within Wirksworth.

Additional considerations relevant to the impact on the reduction to the hours of Wirksworth Children Centre:

- 5 consultation sessions with families accessing the centre took place
- Rural isolation has a significant impact on families within the area, compounded by limited amenities and transportation options outside of the town; putting them at risk of social exclusion.
- The largest local employer is the public sector. Other employment is found with small businesses in light industry and the service sector. Tourism brings seasonal opportunities with lower wages on offer.
- Workless families within Wirksworth have to travel to Matlock to use the job centre. Housing is a mix of private and rented accommodation. Many people travel outside of the immediate area for work
- The overwhelming majority of people who live in the area are white British, with 98% of the population having English as their first language.

- The outlying villages within the Wirksworth reach area have outreach services delivered on a rolling programme in order to support families that cannot access the centres easily.
- To access larger shopping outlets, cinemas and other leisure facilities, families have to travel approximately 16 miles to the nearest City, which is Derby. If families do not have access to a car they have to rely on public transport.

Current provision for children and their parents from the centre consists of:

Monday:

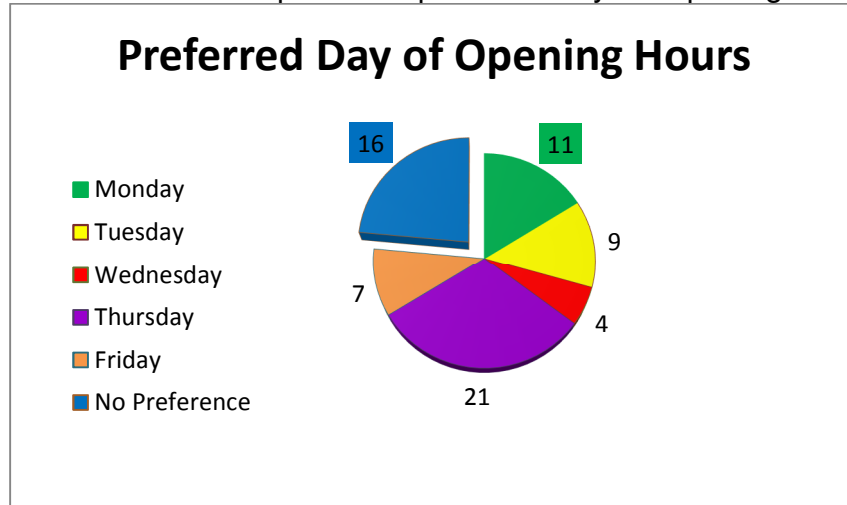
- Breast friends 12:30 -1:30
- Baby Club: 1:30 – 3

Thursday:

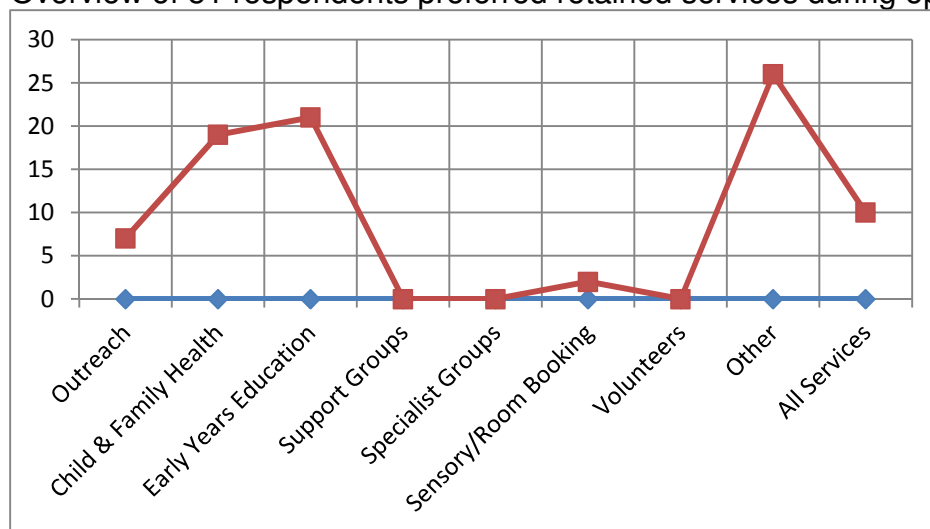
- Healthy Harvest 9- 10:30
- Stay and Play, Baby and Toddler Group 9:45 – 11:45
- Talking Toddlers

Friday: Talking Mental Health (Counselling) held within the centre
Holiday Activities provided

Overview of 51 respondents preferred days of opening hours



Overview of 51 respondents preferred retained services during opening hours



Sessions defined as the following:

Outreach refers to family support, advice and guidance
Child & Family Health includes baby groups with clinic
Early Years Education includes toddler groups, Little Learners and Pathways to Nursery
Support Groups refers to parental support groups
Specialist Groups refers to evidenced based support programs such as positive parents
Sensory & Room bookings at centre
Volunteers
Other: Includes Swap Shop, Buggy Walk, Holiday Activities etc.
Refers to all services being selected

Findings of Analysis:

On review of section 4 of the questionnaire:

- Of the 51 respondents who use the Wirksworth services the majority would like to see the Centre open Mondays & Thursdays providing Child & Family Health services such as the Baby Groups with health clinics, respondents particularly mentioned breastfeeding support. Early Education services providing sessions for Toddlers such as Vulnerable 2's (Chatter Matters) sessions, Stay & Play and transition groups.
- Specialist services such as mental health support (counselling), affordable fruit & vegetable, benefit and careers advice were also noted as preferred services to be retained under other.
- 0 of the 22 respondents indicated they would access another children centre, with 46% of the respondents indicating they would not attend another children centre and 54% undecided
- 1 respondent indicated they would access services through health visitors, and another respondent indicated they would not attend in the local area.
- 92% (47) Did not indicate where else they would access support

Recommendations:

The consultation findings has found a minimal impact would be placed on the community within Wirksworth Children Centre and it is reasonable to have a reduction of opening hours with other services being provided by neighbouring children centres. The analysis has indicated there is a need to provide outreach provision within the area particularly around the reduction of social isolation and emotional and mental health wellbeing support for the local community. It would be the recommendation to open the centre on the respondents preferred days offering the preferred retained services.

As part of the alternate solutions suggested by respondents, information indicating the closest children's centre within the area and an overview of local community groups which could be accessed by children and families in the area is provided below.

Distance to nearest Children's Centres:

Wirksworth was previously grouped with Ashbourne Children Centre which is due to close May 31st 2015.

Matlock	5 miles
Bakewell	13 miles
Crich	5.5 miles

Community Groups available for Access in Wirksworth & Surrounding Reach Area - April 2015

Singalong Group At Wirksworth Library Wirksworth (9.92 Miles)	Wirksworth Leisure Centre
Wirksworth Toy Library - Wirksworth Memorial Hall	Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Belper (3.88 Miles)
Chucklebutties Play And Party Centre Belper (3.88 Miles)	Spring Crafts At Hurst Farm Community Centre Matlock (4.62 Miles)
Eco Centre Activities – Wirksworth	Carsington Water Activities

