

Designated Children Centre Buildings and Rationale

Dewsbury and Mirfield Early Help Area

Designated Children Centre:

Dewsbury Moor Children Centre

- Sited adjacent to Westmoor Primary School is in the centre of the community which makes it both convenient and accessible to local families.
- The centre currently also has a private day nursery which provides the 2 year old offer to children in the area; the nursery has a long lease on these premises with no break clause built in.
- It is proposed that this be used as a multi-agency hub, as it is a purpose built site and has flexible space that could be used for multiple services.
- The Centre has high levels of deprivation in its immediate vicinity. The average household income is the lowest in the Dewsbury and Mirfield locality (£20,421 vs. a Kirklees average of £33,121) and has the highest percentage of 0-18s living in out of work households (37% vs. a Kirklees average of 15.9%).
- Numbers of families eligible for the Stronger Families cohort and the number of Children in Need are also high. School readiness is a matter of concern.
- The area around the Centre has the lowest percentage of children achieving a good level of development in the Early Years Foundation Stage in the Dewsbury and Mirfield locality (35.6% vs. a Kirklees average of 66.2%) and a high percentage of children are persistently absent from school (8.7% vs. a Kirklees average of 3.5%).
- The feedback from the consultation was that this was a more preferable choice for the designated children centre due to its location in a high area of deprivation and accessibility to people in the wider Dewsbury and Mirfield area.
- This building was originally proposed to support school place planning, opportunities to work with the emerging school to fully utilise this as a true community asset could be explored in the future.

Batley & Spennings Early Help Area

Designated Children Centre:

Birstall & Birkenhead Co Location Children's Centre

- It is proposed to use this building as the designated Children Centre and delivery site for the new model.
- The building is a large, standalone purpose built co-location site, with flexible spaces that could be used to deliver a range of services
- It is situated at the centre of the Fieldhead community and accessible to local families from this estate.
- It is sited adjacent to Fieldhead Primary Academy and although it is not central to the area it is on a main bus route.
- The analysis of data supports this being a designated Children Centre due to the high level of need in the Fieldhead area, directly around the Children Centre, along with a further Super output area in the 20 – 30 % area (Nova Estate) combined with the appropriateness of the building
- The data shows that although there are only 2 areas of identified deprivation within 11 other super output areas, the indicators show high levels of need, particularly around

the number of families who meet the Stronger families criteria, and domestic violence repeat initial contacts

Huddersfield Early Help Area

Designated Children Centre:

Chestnut Children's Centre

- The centre is a large, standalone co-location site. It is proposed that this be used as a Children Centre and as a delivery site as it is a purpose built site and has flexible space that could be used for multiple service delivery.
- The building is well located and accessible for the local community for easy access. It is accessible from local bus routes.
- The analysis of data supports this being a designated Children Centre due to the high level of need and appropriateness of the building.
- The data shows the centre this is situated in an area of high need with 13 Super output areas, 8 of which are in the 10-30 % areas of deprivation 4 of which are in the lowest 10 %.
- The indicators within the 0 -30% demonstrate there is a high need in the area in particular in the number of looked after children, based on their home post code, and the number of families eligible for the Stronger Families Cohort.

Kirklees Rural Early Help Area

Designated Children Centre:

Colne Valley Children's Centre (Slaithwaite Town Hall)

- It is proposed that the Colne Valley Children Centre site located in Slaithwaite Town Hall in the new model is the designated children centre for the rural area.
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- The data shows the centre this is situated in an area of high need with 22 Super output areas, 2 of which are in the lowest 10 - 30 %.
- The indicators within the 0 -30% of families eligible for the Stronger Families Cohort, children receiving outreach family support and FSP score are lower than Kirklees average.