**School Readiness – Early Education Funded Places Uptake**

1. **National Data**

* The national data is taken from the spring census, which is a snapshot based on children on roll/attending during the 3rd week of January. This includes all children that are accessing provision in Lancashire, regardless of where the children live. It therefore includes children that live outside of Lancashire's administrative boundaries and excludes children that are accessing provision in another local authority area.
* As can be seen from the table below, Lancashire has made considerable progress in the percentage of two year olds that are accessing provision.
* 80.2% of two year olds were accessing provision in the spring census 2023 compared to 69.1% in 2019.
* The take up of 2 year old provision in Lancashire is now above both the England and Northwest averages for the first time.
* The take up of 3 & 4 year old provision remains consistently high.

Table 1: 2,3 & 4 Year Old Take Up

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| **Area** | **Description** | **2-year-olds** | | | | | **3 and 4-year-olds** | | | | |  |
| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |  |
| England | Number of registered children | 148,751 | 143,439 | 124,543 | 135,410 | 124,211 | 1,277,137 | 1,271,544 | 1,211,991 | 1,212,234 | 1,196,031 |  |
| Estimated percentage of eligible children registered | 67.8% | 69.2% | 61.8% | 71.9% | **73.9%** | 93.4% | 92.9% | 89.7% | 92.3% | **93.7%** |  |
| Northwest | Number of registered children | 24,286 | 23,724 | 21,082 | 22,655 | 20,785 | 171,016 | 171,376 | 164,200 | 163,124 | 161,485 |  |
| Estimated percentage of eligible children registered | 73.6% | 72.2% | 67.3% | 76.2% | **79.1%** | 96.2% | 96.3% | 93.5% | 95.5% | **97.3%** |  |
| Lancashire | Number of registered children | 3,243 | 3,210 | 2,705 | 3,279 | 3,027 | 27,019 | 27,153 | 26,223 | 25,790 | 25,707 |  |
| Estimated percentage of eligible children registered | 69.1% | 68.6% | 62.2% | 76.0% | **80.2%** | 96.9% | 98.0% | 96.6% | 98.2% | **99.6%** |  |

1. **Local Data**

* Local data is calculated based on the number of children accessing provision across the full term, rather than the snapshot census week.
* The local data only includes children that live in Lancashire and access provision in Lancashire. It does not include Lancashire children that access provision elsewhere as we do not hold that data.
* As can be seen from the table below, improvements have been made in two year old take up across all Lancashire districts.
* Target areas for the last twelve months have been Preston, Pendle, Hyndburn, Rossendale, and Burnley and apart from Preston, we now have over 80% of children in these areas taking up a two year old funded place, which is considerable progress. Although Preston is the area with the lowest take up, good progress is still being made.
* The reason take up is above 100% in some areas, is due to the timing of the population figures from the DfE as some families may have become eligible and accessed provision since the latest DfE data was provided. In addition, Lancashire also has 5 categories of 'discretionary criteria' (e.g. children in need, child protection, portage, GRT families and children of armed forces personnel residing in Lancashire), so these children are included as taking up a place but are not included in the DfE population figures supplied to us.

Table 2: Local Data 2 Year Old Take Up

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **District** | **Spring Term 2021** | | | **Spring Term 2022** | | | **Spring Term 2023** | | | **% Increase from 2021** |
| **Eligible Population (DfE)** | **No. of children** | **% take up** | **Eligible Population (DfE)** | **No. of children** | **% take up** | **Eligible Population (DfE)** | **No. of children** | **% take up** |
| Burnley | 547 | 385 | 70.4 | 560 | 463 | 82.7 | 500 | 422 | 84.4 | 14.0 |
| Chorley | 304 | 221 | 72.7 | 286 | 266 | 93.0 | 239 | 250 | 104.6 | 31.9 |
| Fylde | 177 | 112 | 63.3 | 174 | 131 | 75.3 | 114 | 120 | 105.3 | 42.0 |
| Hyndburn | 447 | 275 | 61.5 | 470 | 364 | 77.4 | 407 | 339 | 83.3 | 21.8 |
| Lancaster | 458 | 364 | 79.5 | 410 | 389 | 94.9 | 404 | 382 | 94.6 | 15.1 |
| Pendle | 467 | 279 | 59.7 | 504 | 372 | 73.8 | 392 | 326 | 83.2 | 23.4 |
| Preston | 662 | 426 | 64.4 | 672 | 514 | 76.5 | 604 | 473 | 78.3 | 14.0 |
| Ribble Valley | 76 | 51 | 67.1 | 84 | 69 | 82.1 | 85 | 94 | 110.6 | 43.5 |
| Rossendale | 272 | 175 | 64.3 | 249 | 200 | 80.3 | 206 | 177 | 85.9 | 21.6 |
| South Ribble | 287 | 205 | 71.4 | 267 | 246 | 92.1 | 254 | 219 | 86.2 | 14.8 |
| West Lancashire | 340 | 229 | 67.4 | 344 | 313 | 91.0 | 291 | 269 | 92.4 | 25.1 |
| Wyre | 314 | 235 | 74.8 | 286 | 243 | 85.0 | 248 | 213 | 85.9 | 11.0 |
| Unknown |  | 2 |  | 11 | 6 | 54.5 | 28 | 16 | 57.1 | 57.1 |
| **Total** | **4351** | **2959** | **68.0** | **4317** | **3576** | **82.8** | **3772** | **3300** | **87.5** | **19.5** |

1. **Take up by Vulnerable Groups**

* The following two tables show the take up of 2,3 &4 year old places by vulnerable group.
* The BSiL Senior Children's Operational Group has identified take up for vulnerable groups a stretch priority for the coming year.
* Education Service, Children & Family Well Being Service and Children's Social Care are working closely to ensure improvements are made in these areas.

Table 3: Local Data 2 Year Old Take up Vulnerable Groups

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Vulnerable Group** | **Spring 22** | | | **Summer 22** | | | **Autumn 22** | | | **Spring 23** | | | **% Changes** | |
| **No. of 2 Year Olds** | **No. of  Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **No. of 2 Year Olds** | **No. of  Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **No. of 2 Year Olds** | **No. of  Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **No. of 2 Year Olds** | **No. of  Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **% Change from Previous Term** | **% Change From Same Term Last Year** |
| **Children Looked After** | 94 | 59 | 62.8 | 95 | 55 | 57.9 | 79 | 46 | 58.2 | 71 | 30 | 42.3 | **-16.0** | **-20.5** |
| **Children In Need** | 75 | 51 | 68.0 | 76 | 53 | 69.7 | 67 | 35 | 52.2 | 70 | 45 | 64.3 | **12.0** | **-3.7** |
| **Child Protection** | 45 | 32 | 71.1 | 39 | 28 | 71.8 | 56 | 34 | 60.7 | 50 | 35 | 70.0 | **9.3** | **-1.1** |
| **Children & Family Well Being Cases** | 159 | 92 | 57.9 | 175 | 102 | 58.3 | 159.0 | 100.0 | 62.9 | 174.0 | 103.0 | 59.2 | **-3.7** | **1.3** |

Table 4: Local Data 3 & 4 Year Old Take up Vulnerable Groups

| **Vulnerable Group** | **Spring 22** | | | **Summer 22** | | | **Autumn 22** | | | **Spring 23** | | | **% Changes** | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total No. of 3&4 Year Olds** | **No. of  Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **Total No. of 3&4 Year Olds** | **No. of  Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **Total No. of 3&4 Year Olds** | **No. of  Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **Total No. of 3&4 Year Olds** | **No. of  Children Accessing** | **% Take Up** | **% Change from Previous Term** | **% Change From Same Term Last Year** |
| **Children Looked After** | 108 | 77 | 71.3 | 108 | 75 | 69.4 | 132 | 88 | 66.7 | 149 | 97 | 65.1 | **-1.6** | **-6.2** |
| **Children In Need** | 148 | 133 | 89.9 | 151 | 124 | 82.1 | 159 | 134 | 84.3 | 158 | 128 | 81.0 | **-3.3** | **-8.9** |
| **Child Protection** | 62 | 48 | 77.4 | 97 | 77 | 79.4 | 122 | 101 | 82.8 | 108 | 91 | 84.3 | **1.5** | **6.8** |
| **CFW** | 317 | 252 | 79.5 | 404 | 313 | 77.5 | 353.0 | 261.0 | 73.9 | 363.0 | 293.0 | 80.7 | **6.8** | **1.2** |

1. **Quality of Access**

* The percentage of children accessing good or outstanding provision remains high at just under 96% for 2 3 & 4 year olds with just under 96% as can be seen in the tables below:

Table 5: Quality of Access 2 Year Olds

| Year | Term | District | % Good or Outstanding |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Burnley | 99.48 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Chorley | 100.00 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Fylde | 92.44 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Hyndburn | 88.01 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Lancaster | 99.22 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Pendle | 86.34 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Preston | 97.72 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Ribble Valley | 91.76 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Rossendale | 100.00 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | South Ribble | 96.92 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | West Lancashire | 98.19 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Wyre | 100.00 |
| **2022/23** | **Spring** | **Lancashire** | **95.92** |

Table 6: Quality of Access 3 & 4 Year Olds

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Term** | **District** | **% Good or Outstanding** |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Burnley | 98.1 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Chorley | 99.0 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Fylde | 95.7 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Hyndburn | 89.1 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Lancaster | 97.5 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Pendle | 93.6 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Preston | 94.8 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Ribble Valley | 95.2 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Rossendale | 99.3 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | South Ribble | 92.3 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | West Lancashire | 96.8 |
| 2022/23 | Spring | Wyre | 94.7 |
| **2022/23** | **Spring** | **Lancashire** | **95.6** |