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## **Numbers of Sure Start Children's Centres as at 30 April 2010**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This publication reports on the number of phase 1, 2 and 3 designated (open) Sure Start children's centres as at 30 April 2010. Data is given for the total number of children's centres designated as a percentage of the total number of children's centres planned to reach all under 5 year olds in a local authority area.

### **KEY POINTS**

- The aggregate total number of children's centres planned by LAs was 3620.
- As at 30 April the total number of designated children's centres was 3,631.
- As at 30 April four London local authorities had not reached their planned number of children's centres. Others had opened more than their planned number, resulting overall in 11 more children's centres open than planned across England.

### **TABLES**

Table 1.1      Number and Percentage of Designated Children's Centres as at 30 April 2010

### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

- Sure Start children's centres provide services for children under the age of five and their families. This includes access to: family support, health care, advice and support for parents, outreach services, childcare and to training and employment advice.
- The aggregate number of planned children's centres is based on the total numbers of centres from phases 1 and 2 (those designated up to March 2008) plus the planned numbers of centres for phase 3 (those centres designated from April 2008). These figures take account of any mergers that were agreed by the then Department for Children, Schools and Families.
- The process under which local authorities agreed their planned numbers of children's centres for phase 3 involved the then Department for Children, Schools and Families and its delivery partner, Together for Children, agreeing an indicative number of phase 3 centres needed to reach all under 5 year olds in a local authority area (based on child benefit data and an average reach figure of 800 children per centre).
- The overall number of children's centres expected by local authorities remains at 3638, once the remaining 7 centres in London have been designated.

- Together for Children is responsible for designating children's centres. As a minimum, children's centres can be designated when:
  - activities for children and families and provided on site, (such as 'stay and play' sessions or childcare)
  - links with Jobcentre Plus are operating
  - plans are in place to provide or link to health, outreach and family support services.
- The process used by Together for Children to collect evidence to designate children's centres includes:
  - face to face meetings with the local authority and children's centre staff
  - visits to the children's centre
  - local authorities completing a designation checklist
- Data collected on the number of children's centres per local authority was used to inform the previous Government's National Indicator 109: Delivery of Sure Start children's centres. The rationale for which was to measure progress against the national target to deliver 3,500 Sure Start children's centres, one for every community, by 2010.

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Table 1.1

**DELIVERY OF SURE START CHILDREN'S CENTRES:  
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF DESIGNATED  
CHILDREN'S CENTRES**

Figures as at 30 April 2010

England

By Local Authority Area and Government Office Region in England <sup>(1)</sup>

	Number of Expected Phase 1, 2 & 3 Children's Centres <sup>(2)</sup>	Number of Designated Children's Centres (As at 30 April 2010) <sup>(3)</sup>	Percentage of Designated Children's Centres
<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>3,620</b>	<b>3,632</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>100%</b>
841 Darlington	7	7	100%
840 Durham	43	43	100%
390 Gateshead	15	15	100%
805 Hartlepool	8	8	100%
806 Middlesbrough	13	13	100%
391 Newcastle upon Tyne	18	18	100%
392 North Tyneside	12	12	100%
929 Northumberland	20	20	100%
807 Redcar and Cleveland	12	12	100%
393 South Tyneside	12	12	100%
808 Stockton-on-Tees	11	11	100%
394 Sunderland	17	17	100%
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>101%</b>
889 Blackburn with Darwen	13	13	100%
890 Blackpool	13	13	100%
350 Bolton	18	18	100%
351 Bury	14	14	100%
895 Cheshire East	19	19	100%
896 Cheshire West and Chester	20	20	100%
909 Cumbria	28	28	100%
876 Halton	8	8	100%
340 Knowsley	15	15	100%
888 Lancashire	79	79	100%
341 Liverpool	26	26	100%
352 Manchester	40	40	100%
353 Oldham	15	16	107%
354 Rochdale	16	16	100%
355 Salford	16	16	100%
343 Sefton	15	15	100%
342 St. Helens	12	12	100%
356 Stockport	19	19	100%
357 Tameside	17	17	100%
358 Trafford	15	16	107%
877 Warrington	12	12	100%
359 Wigan	20	20	100%
344 Wirral	16	16	100%

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<b>YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100%</b>
370 Barnsley	19	19	100%
380 Bradford	41	41	100%
381 Calderdale	16	16	100%
371 Doncaster	21	21	100%
811 East Riding of Yorkshire	20	20	100%
810 Kingston upon Hull, City of	20	20	100%
382 Kirklees	32	32	100%
383 Leeds	58	58	100%
812 North East Lincolnshire	14	14	100%
813 North Lincolnshire	12	12	100%
815 North Yorkshire	37	37	100%
372 Rotherham	22	22	100%
373 Sheffield	36	36	100%
384 Wakefield	23	23	100%
816 York	9	9	100%
<b>EAST MIDLANDS</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>100%</b>
831 Derby	18	18	100%
830 Derbyshire	54	54	100%
856 Leicester	23	23	100%
855 Leicestershire	41	41	100%
925 Lincolnshire	48	48	100%
928 Northamptonshire	50	50	100%
892 Nottingham	18	18	100%
891 Nottinghamshire	58	58	100%
857 Rutland	2	2	100%
<b>WEST MIDLANDS</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>100%</b>
330 Birmingham	75	75	100%
331 Coventry	23	23	100%
332 Dudley	20	20	100%
884 Herefordshire	12	12	100%
333 Sandwell	21	21	100%
893 Shropshire	18	18	100%
334 Solihull	14	14	100%
860 Staffordshire	54	54	100%
861 Stoke-on-Trent	16	16	100%
894 Telford and Wrekin	13	13	100%
335 Walsall	18	18	100%
937 Warwickshire	39	39	100%
336 Wolverhampton	18	18	100%
885 Worcestershire	33	34	103%

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<b>EAST OF ENGLAND</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>101%</b>
822 Bedford Borough	15	15	100%
873 Cambridgeshire	40	40	100%
823 Central Bedfordshire	22	22	100%
881 Essex	85	85	100%
919 Hertfordshire	82	82	100%
821 Luton	23	23	100%
926 Norfolk	54	54	100%
874 Peterborough	15	15	100%
882 Southend-on-Sea	14	14	100%
935 Suffolk	48	48	100%
883 Thurrock	14	15	107%
<b>LONDON</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>INNER LONDON</b>			
202 Camden	17	17	100%
201 City of London	1	1	100%
204 Hackney	20	20	100%
205 Hammersmith and Fulham	15	15	100%
309 Haringey	19	19	100%
206 Islington	16	16	100%
207 Kensington and Chelsea	8	8	100%
208 Lambeth	27	29	107%
209 Lewisham	19	19	100%
316 Newham	20	20	100%
210 Southwark	21	21	100%
211 Tower Hamlets	23	23	100%
212 Wandsworth	23	23	100%
213 Westminster	15	15	100%
<b>OUTER LONDON</b>			
301 Barking and Dagenham	18	18	100%
302 Barnet	21	20	95%
303 Bexley	16	16	100%
304 Brent	18	19	106%
305 Bromley	21	18	86%
306 Croydon	26	26	100%
307 Ealing	28	28	100%
308 Enfield	24	24	100%
203 Greenwich	24	24	100%
310 Harrow	16	16	100%
311 Havering	14	14	100%
312 Hillingdon	18	17	94%
313 Hounslow	18	18	100%
314 Kingston upon Thames	11	11	100%
315 Merton	11	11	100%
317 Redbridge	22	22	100%
318 Richmond upon Thames	12	10	83%
319 Sutton	14	14	100%
320 Waltham Forest	17	17	100%

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<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>102%</b>
867 Bracknell Forest	8	8	100%
846 Brighton and Hove	15	15	100%
825 Buckinghamshire	35	35	100%
845 East Sussex	35	36	103%
850 Hampshire	77	81	105%
921 Isle of Wight	8	8	100%
886 Kent	96	96	100%
887 Medway	19	19	100%
826 Milton Keynes	20	20	100%
931 Oxfordshire	44	45	102%
851 Portsmouth	12	16	133%
870 Reading	13	13	100%
871 Slough	10	10	100%
852 Southampton	14	14	100%
936 Surrey	69	69	100%
869 West Berkshire	10	10	100%
938 West Sussex	48	49	102%
868 Windsor and Maidenhead	10	10	100%
872 Wokingham	10	10	100%
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>100%</b>
800 Bath and North East Somerset	11	11	100%
837 Bournemouth	9	9	100%
801 Bristol, City of	30	31	103%
908 Cornwall	40	40	100%
878 Devon	43	43	100%
835 Dorset	23	23	100%
916 Gloucestershire	39	39	100%
420 Isles of Scilly	1	1	100%
802 North Somerset	14	14	100%
879 Plymouth	17	17	100%
836 Poole	8	8	100%
933 Somerset	41	41	100%
803 South Gloucestershire	15	15	100%
866 Swindon	14	14	100%
880 Torbay	7	7	100%
865 Wiltshire	30	30	100%

(1) Local Authority data has been given according to current Local Authority Areas at April 2010.

(2) Phase 1 and 2 are those centres designated up to March 2008, phase 3 are those designated from April 2008

(3) Coin Street Children's Centre has been counted for both Southwark and Lambeth so the designated England total is 3631 centres