

Notice for registered childcare providers and places in England – a revision

The statistical release of registered childcare providers and places as at 30 September 2009 was published on 29 October 2009 at 9.30 am.

Also published is a revision to the providers and places releases as at 31 March 2009 and 30 June 2009. These revisions reflect changes in the methodology used to calculate the maximum number of childcare places.

The places figures have been revised to correct two separate issues. Firstly, inconsistencies had been identified in the administrative process used to record places on our childcare database. These inconsistencies only related to a small proportion of providers where changes had been made to their conditions of registration relating to numbers and ages of children they may care for since the Early Years Register was introduced in September 2008. In addition, the method used to calculate the maximum number of childcare places from both the Early Years Register and the compulsory part of the Childcare Register was inflated for some providers due to the maximum place numbers being double counted across the registers. The releases showing data as at 31 December 2008 and as at 31 March 2009 were affected by both of these processes. The release showing data as at 30 June 2009 did not include childcare places figures.

We intended to provide a revision to the release showing data as at 31 December 2008. Due to technical problems, we are unable to produce amended places data at this time. A revised version will be published in the near future. For now, we have removed the places data from the release showing data as at 31 December 2008.

The previously published providers and places releases as at 31 December 2008, 31 March 2009 and 30 June 2009 have been removed from the website.