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Introduction

The Survey of Childcare and Early Years Providers and COVID-19 (SCEYP COVID) was intended to assess the health of the childcare sector following the government's announcement of the temporary closure of childcare settings in March 2020 as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The study aimed to assess the impact of COVID-19 on early years settings' opening hours, attendance, income and workforce.

SCEYP COVID consisted of a 5-10 minute web survey asked of a nationally representative sample of group-based providers (GBPs), school-based providers (SBPs), and childminders (CMs) in England.

Multiple waves of the study, taking place several months apart, have been fielded in order to track both the shorter and longer term effects of the pandemic and the changing policy context. Each wave is designed to provide a representative, stand-alone snapshot of the early years market at a point in time. It is also possible to track changes over time in the circumstances of individual providers using data from the subset of providers that have taken part in every wave of the study.

This note relates to Wave 2 of the study which took place in September/October 2020. [Wave 1 of the study took place in July 2020.](#)

Sample

The sample design is the same as that taken on the annual Survey of Childcare and Early Years Providers in England (SCEYP). The sample for the 2020 SCEYP was drawn in February 2020. However, in March 2020 that study was postponed for 12 months in light of the COVID-19 pandemic before the sample could be issued. The SCEYP COVID study contacted a randomly selected sub-sample of providers from the SCEYP 2020 sample, the design of which followed the approach taken for SCEYP 2019.¹ The original SCEYP sample was stratified by provider and area characteristics to ensure good coverage of different providers.

The survey collected data from three distinct provider populations in England:

- GBPs: childcare providers registered with Ofsted and operating in non-domestic premises.
A sub-sample was drawn from the 2020 SCEYP sample, which was selected from the July 2019 Ofsted register and designed to be representative of all GBPs in England.
- School-based providers (SBP): nursery provision in schools, including before- and after-school provision and maintained nursery schools;

¹ See SCEYP 2019 [Technical Report](#) for further details of the sample design

A sub-sample was drawn from the SCEYP 2020 sample, which was selected from the School Census from January 2019 and designed to be representative of all SBPs in England.

- CMs: Ofsted-registered childminders providing early years care.
A sub-sample was drawn from the 2020 SCEYP sample, which was selected from the July 2019 Ofsted register and designed to be representative of all CMs in England.

Table 1: SCEYP COVID study sample sizes

Provider type	Issued to SCEYP 2020	Issued to SCEYP COVID Wave 1
GBP	15,121	8,000
SBP	5,882	4,000
CM	4,981 + 25,000 ²	8,000

Settings were eligible to take part in the SCEYP COVID study regardless of whether they were currently open or closed. Any setting which was temporarily closed or had closed since March 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic was eligible for the survey. Settings which had closed prior to March 2020 or for reasons unconnected to the pandemic were treated as ineligible.

20,000 providers were selected for the COVID study. The full sample of providers was issued at Wave 2 of the study regardless of whether or not they had taken part at Wave 1.

Questionnaire

The web questionnaire collected data on:

- The current status of the childcare provision
- Number of children currently attending settings, and how this differs from what would have been expected pre-COVID-19

² SCEYP consists of two related studies: The main SCEYP survey is a 20-minute web-CATI survey. In addition, a short 5-minute financial survey is issued to a top up sample of providers to enable financial estimates to be provided at local level. The GBP and SBP SCEYP COVID samples were drawn from the samples issued for the main SCEYP survey only. To ensure sufficient cases for the COVID study, the CM sample was topped up with 3,019 cases previously sampled for the financial survey. The top up sample was selected from among the 25,000 cases sampled for the financial survey using the same regional proportions as the main survey.

- Changes in staffing arrangements and finances as a result of the pandemic
- Intentions for January 2021

The Wave 2 questionnaire was mostly a repeat of Wave 1 but with questions asking about the autumn term rather than the summer term.

A copy of the questionnaire is provided in Appendix A.

Respondent communication

The SCEYP COVID study employed a communication strategy that involved multiple communications across different modes and using different motivational messages to maximise impact. Table 2 summarises the respondent communication schedule.

Table 2. SCEYP COVID Wave 2 schedule of respondent communications

Mailing	Sample	Mailing date
Invitation letter	All providers	25 th September
Email nudge	All providers with an email address	30 th September
Reminder letter 1	All providers without an email address	2 nd October
Reminder Text 1	Non-respondents with mobile number	6 th October
Reminder email 1	Non-respondents with email address	7 th October
Reminder Text 2	Non-respondents with mobile number	13 th October
Reminder email 2	Non-respondents with email address	14 th October

Response

Fieldwork took place between the 25th September and 18th October.

In total 517 SBPs, 1,595 GBPs and 2,001 CMs completed the Wave 2 survey.

In addition to settings that took part at Wave 2, the final Wave 2 dataset includes information from 36 providers who took part at Wave 1 and reported that they had closed due to COVID-19. These settings were not invited to take part again at Wave

2 but the information they provided on operating conditions pre-COVID and reasons for closure was fed forward to Wave 2 to ensure that the Wave 2 data did not underrepresent closures due to COVID-19.

This represents a response rate at Wave 2 of 13.1% for SBPs, 20.5% for GBPs and 27.4% for CMs.³

Of the unproductive cases, 492 providers were classified as ineligible having contacted NatCen to report they were no longer open/offering childcare for reasons unrelated to COVID-19 or having indicated at the start of the survey that this was the case. As is usual with web surveys, nothing is known about the majority of unproductive outcomes. Thirty-seven providers contacted NatCen to opt out of completing the study or receiving any further communication about the study. Invitation letters could not be delivered to a further 362 and 1,410 accessed the survey but did not complete it. Table 3 shows the number of settings in each group.

Table 3. Number of responses to SCEYP COVID-19 Wave 2 survey

	SBPs	GBPs	CMs	All
Completed Wave 2 survey	517	1,595	2,001	4,113
Cases identified at Wave 1 as permanent closures due to COVID	1	6	29	36
Total productive cases Wave 2	518	1,601	2,030	4,149
Ineligible ⁴	23	106	363	492
Accessed survey but did not continue	223	531	656	1,410
Office refusal	5	9	23	37
Letters could not be delivered	5	301	56	362
Other unproductive	3,226	5,452	4,872	13,550
Total unproductive cases Wave 2	3,482	6,399	5,970	15,851

³ Response rate = (Productive cases/ ((productive + unproductive cases) – ineligible))*100. For the purposes of calculating the response rate, it assumed that a percentage of unknown cases (letter could not be delivered + other unproductive) are ineligible.

⁴ Includes settings that have closed for reasons unrelated to COVID-19 and childminders with no children currently registered.

Of the settings taking part at Wave 2, 2,406 had also taken part at Wave 1 and form a panel of settings which can be used to explore change over time among individual settings (see Table 4).

Table 4. Number of providers taking part in Waves 1 and 2 of the SCEYP COVID study

	SBPs		GBPs		CMs		All	
	N	% of issued sample	N	% of issued sample	N	% of issued sample	N	% of issued sample
Took part in Wave 1 only	219	5.5	577	7.2	810	10.1	1606	8.0
Took part in Wave 2 only	341	8.5	810	10.1	592	7.4	1743	8.7
Took part in Waves 1 and 2 ⁵	177	4.4	791	9.9	1438	18.0	2406	12.0
No participation	3263	81.6	5822	72.8	5160	64.5	14245	71.2

Weighting

Two sets of weights were produced for Wave 2.

First, **cross-sectional weighting** was used to ensure that the final achieved samples at Wave 2 were representative of early years and childcare providers in England. Survey weights were designed separately for the three provider types to correct for unequal selection probabilities and non-response bias. Grossing weights were created in order to ensure that the weighted achieved samples gross up to the population of early years and childcare providers in England.

Second, **longitudinal weights** were produced to ensure that the smaller panel of providers that had taken part at both Wave 1 and Wave 2 - and which can be used to track changes in individual providers over time – was also representative of early years and childcare providers in England. As with the cross-sectional weights, weights were designed separately for the three provider types to correct for unequal selection probabilities and non-response bias. Grossing weights were created in

⁵ Includes 36 cases identified at Wave 1 as permanent closures due to COVID-19.

order to ensure that the weighted achieved samples gross up to the population of early years and childcare providers in England.

Weighting for group-based providers

Population totals

The achieved sample of group-based providers was weighted to be representative of all active group-based childcare providers in England that were eligible for the study. The sampling frame did not allow for the exclusion of all ineligible institutions prior to sampling, therefore the eligible population size and profile needed to be estimated using information about institutions found to be ineligible. Any setting which was temporarily closed or had closed since March 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic was eligible for the survey. Settings which had closed prior to March 2020 or for reasons unconnected to the pandemic were treated as ineligible. The total eligible population was estimated at 22,477 establishments – 93.8%⁶ of the sample frame.

Weighting process

Design weights

Design weights were first calculated to correct for unequal selection probabilities arising from the fact that establishments in North East were oversampled to enable more robust comparisons between regions.

Calibration weighting

Calibration weighting was used to remove the (measurable) bias introduced through non-response to the survey and align the profile of the achieved sample to the profile of the eligible population defined by: region, register type, ownership type, and deprivation band based on Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI).

Longitudinal weights

A logistic regression model was used to model non-response behaviour of the Wave 1 respondents to Wave 2. A binary outcome variable was used to indicate whether or not a group-based provider that had taken part in Wave 1 went on to complete Wave 2. The independent variables used to predict this outcome included a range of area-level and provider characteristics taken from the sampling frame and Wave 1 interview.

⁶ Following data cleaning, 24,055 cases were included in the modelling of the eligible population.

The regression was run using a combination of forced variables and a stepwise procedure. The characteristics that were used in the Wave 1 weighting (region, register type, ownership type, and deprivation band based on IDACI) were forced into the model to ensure the longitudinal weights recovered the population profile on these measures. In addition, the stepwise procedure included any additional characteristics that were significantly related to response behaviour. For the group-based providers only one additional variable was significant: the usual number of two year olds who attended that provider.

For each provider, the model generates the predicted probability that the provider would take part in Wave 2, given their provider and area characteristics. A set of weights were derived as the inverse of these predicted probabilities. These model-based weights correct for non-response bias between Wave 1 and Wave 2. The model-based weights were combined with the Wave 1 weights to create a final longitudinal weight that accounted for initial sample selection, differences in non-response behaviour at Wave 1 and differences in non-response behaviour at Wave 2.

Weighting for school-based providers

Population totals

To create a sampling frame of school-based providers the Schools' Census database from January 2019 was used, enhanced with further information from a Get Information About Schools extract. Any setting which was temporarily closed or had closed since March 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic was eligible for the survey. Settings which had closed prior to March 2020 or for reasons unconnected to the pandemic were treated as ineligible. The total eligible population was estimated at 8,912 – 96.6% of the initial sample frame⁷.

Weighting process

Design weights

Design weights were calculated to correct for disproportionate sampling of different types of schools.

Calibration weighting

Calibration weighting was used to remove the (measurable) bias introduced through non-response to the survey and align the profile of achieved sample to the profile of

⁷ Following data cleaning, 9,224 cases were included in the modelling of the eligible population.

the eligible population on the following variables: school type (main stratum), region, type of establishment, quintile of number of places registered.

Longitudinal weights

A logistic regression model was used to model non-response behaviour of the Wave 1 responding school-based providers that also took part at Wave 2. A binary outcome variable was used to indicate whether or not a provider that had taken part in Wave 1 went on to complete Wave 2. The independent variables used to predict this outcome included a range of area-level and provider characteristics taken from the sampling frame and Wave 1 interview.

The regression was run using a combination of forced variables and a stepwise procedure. The characteristics that were used in the Wave 1 weighting for school-based providers (namely, school type, region, type of establishment, and quintile of number of places registered) were forced into the model to ensure the longitudinal weights recovered the population profile on these measures. In addition, the stepwise procedure included any additional characteristics that were significantly related to response behaviour. The only additional variable that was significantly related to Wave 2 response was whether or not the school-based providers had used the Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme.

For each provider, the model generates the predicted probability that the provider would take part in Wave 2, given their provider and area characteristics. A set of weights were derived as the inverse of these predicted probabilities. These model-based weights correct for non-response bias between Wave 1 and Wave 2. The model-based weights were combined with the Wave 1 weights to create a final longitudinal weight that accounted for initial sample selection, differences in non-response behaviour at Wave 1 and differences in non-response behaviour at Wave 2.

Weighting for childminders

Population totals

The childminders' data was weighted to be representative of the eligible population of childminders in England as of July 2019. Any setting which was temporarily closed or had closed since March 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic was eligible for the survey. Settings which had closed prior to March 2020 or for reasons unconnected to the pandemic were treated as ineligible. Following the approach taken for the main SCEYP study, responding childminders were weighted to the profile of population excluding cases with zero registered places in the sample frame. The total eligible population was 36,980.

Weighting process

Design weights

Design weights were first calculated to correct for unequal selection probabilities arising from the oversampling of smaller regions.

Calibration weights

Calibration weighting was used to remove measurable bias introduced through non-response to the survey and to align the profile of achieved sample to the profile of the population. The population targets used for calibration weighting included: region, whether on all three registers (Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register and Voluntary Childcare Register), registration year, and deprivation band based on IDACI.

Longitudinal weights

A logistic regression model was used to model non-response behaviour of the Wave 1 responding childminders that also took part at Wave 2. A binary outcome variable was used to indicate whether or not a childminder that had taken part in Wave 1 went on to complete Wave 2. The independent variables used to predict response included a range of area-level and provider characteristics taken from the sampling frame and Wave 1 interview.

The regression was run using a combination of forced variables and a stepwise procedure. The characteristics that were used in the Wave 1 weighting (namely, region, whether on all three registers (Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register and Voluntary Childcare Register), registration year, and deprivation band based on IDACI) were forced into the model to ensure the longitudinal weights recovered the population profile on these measures. In addition, the stepwise procedure included any additional characteristics that were significantly related to response behaviour amongst childminders. These additional variables were: the number of days the provider planned to open in September, the fees per week that parents paid before Covid-19, and the usual number of two year olds who attended that provider.

For each provider, the model generates the predicted probability that the provider would take part in Wave 2, given their provider and area characteristics. A set of weights were derived as the inverse of these predicted probabilities. These model-based weights correct for non-response bias between Wave 1 and Wave 2. The model-based weights were then combined with the Wave 1 weights to create a final longitudinal weight that accounted for initial sample selection, differences in non-response behaviour at Wave 1 and differences in non-response behaviour at Wave 2.

Coding and editing

The SCEYP COVID survey did not contain any open-ended questions requiring coding. Responses to one question (Qmanage) including an “Other (please specify)” code were coded into the existing code frame by researchers at NatCen.

Data have not been cleaned further but have been left as reported to be used at the discretion of the analyst. Internally inconsistent responses (e.g. providers saying they are open on 0 days but for 1 or more hours, providers reporting a number of fulltime + part time staff higher than the total number of staff) have been left as reported. Responses to the questions on weekly fees have not been trimmed for outliers.

Appendix A. Questionnaire

P15414 Childcare and Early Years and COVID-19 Wave 2 - Web Survey

Version : V1

Date: 15/09/2020

Logos

Include logos from left to right:

DFE: W:\P15414\4. Documents\Wave 1\Logos\DfE 2955_CMYK.jpg

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NatCen: W:\P15414\4. Documents\Wave 1\Logos\NatCen_MasterLogo.png

URL

survey.natcen.ac.uk/childcare

Website

www.natcen.ac.uk/childcaresurvey

Privacy notice

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OUTCOME CODES

0 = Accessed, not complete

110 = Complete

410 = Office refusal

780 = Ineligible

PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTIONS

All questions to have hidden DK (-8) and REF (-9) codes unless otherwise specified.

Please generate timestamps at the locations indicated in the spec

All questions are single code unless otherwise specified using G_Multi instructions below.

All instructions for CAWI respondents to display in *italics*.

G_Single_II1 "Singlecode instructions 1"

_WEB: "Please select one option only"

G_Multi_II1 "Multicode instructions 1"

_WEB: "Please select all that apply"

G_Estimate_II1 "Estimate instructions 1"

_WEB: "Please provide a number for each. An estimate is fine if you're not sure of the exact number"

G_Estimate_II2 "Estimate instructions 2"

_WEB: " Please give an amount per week. An estimate is fine if you're not sure of the exact amount"

Sample Variables

Provtype

1 = SBP

2 = GBP

3 = CM.

Provider_name

Address1

Wave1

1= Took part in wave 1

0 = Did not take part in wave 1

Feedforward variables

Qdaysbefw1 (0..7)

Qhoursbefw1(1...24)

A. INTRODUCTION

{ASK ALL}

CAWI Landing page

 Survey of Childcare and Early Years Providers and COVID-19

Thank you for your interest in this important research for the Department for Education.

To access the survey please enter your unique access code and click 'NEXT'.

TS1 : [SET TIME STAMP HERE]

{ASK ALL}

CAWI Intro

Welcome to this Survey of Childcare and Early Years Providers and COVID-19 Wave 2.

This is the second wave of the Survey of Childcare and Early Years Providers and COVID-19. You may have taken part in the first wave of the survey in July, and we are very keen to hear from you again. If you did not take part in wave 1, now is your chance to have your say.

The survey should take around 5-10 minutes to complete.

You will be asked questions about how your setting is currently operating. You will also be asked about how your setting was operating before the government announced closure of early years provision to all but children of critical workers and vulnerable children in March 2020 (referred to here as “Before COVID-19”).

{TEXTFILL IF ProvType = GBP “If your setting is part of a chain, please only answer about provision run by your branch”}

Please complete the survey even if your setting is now closed.

All the answers you give will be anonymised and treated in strict confidence. No individuals or settings will be able to be identified.

If you need to pause the questionnaire, you can simply click 'STOP' and log back in later using the same link you used to get here. You may need to wait 10 minutes before you can re-enter the survey. Please note that if someone else from your provision logs into the survey, they will be able to see the answers that you have provided.

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, or have difficulties completing the survey online, please email childcaresurvey@natcen.ac.uk or call 0800 652 4572.

More information, including a link to the privacy notice, is also available on the project website: www.natcen.ac.uk/childcaresurvey.

Click 'NEXT' to continue.

TS2: [SET TIME STAMP HERE]

B. DELIVERY MODELS

{ASK IF ProvType = GBP AND Wave1=0}

Qmanage

What type of group, organisation or individual owns or manages {Textfill: "Provider_name"}?

</>If your setting is part of a chain, *please only answer about provision run by the branch that is based at* {Textfill: "Address1"}</>

G_Single_II1

1. A private (for profit) company (including employer-run childcare for employees)
2. A voluntary or community group or charity (including church(es) or religious group(s))
3. A local authority
4. Other

{ASK ALL}

QStatus

What is the current status of your early years childcare provision?

G_Single_II1

1. Open (this may be different days/hours from before COVID-19)
2. Temporarily closed and not offering any childcare provision at the moment
3. Permanently closed and will no longer be offering childcare provision

NO DK

NO REF

{ASK IF QStatus = 2 or 3}

Qclosed

When did {TEXTFILL IF ProvType = GBP "your setting" IF ProvType = SBP "your nursery" IF ProvType = CM "you"} close?

G_Single_II1

1. Before the start of the COVID-19 closure in March 2020
2. After the COVID-19 closure but for reasons unrelated to the pandemic
3. After the COVID-19 closure as a result of the pandemic

NO DK

NO REF

{ASK IF Qclosed = 1 OR 2}

IneligThanks

We are only looking for settings that are open, or that have closed due to COVID-19, and therefore you are not eligible to take part in this survey. Thank you very much for taking the time to contribute. If you have any questions you can visit www.natcen.ac.uk/childcaresurvey or email childcaresurvey@natcen.ac.uk

Press 'Next' to end the survey.
NCOutcome = 780

PAGE START

{ASK IF (Qstatus=1 OR Qclosed=3) AND Wave1=0}

Qdaysbef

Before COVID-19, how many days per week were you open in a typical week?

0...7

{ASK IF QStatus=1}

Qdaysnow

{TEXTFILL IF Wave1=0 "And how" IF Wave1=1 "How"} many days per week are you currently open?

0...7

PAGE END

PAGE START

{ASK IF (Qstatus=1 OR Qclosed=3) AND Wave1=0}

Qhoursbef

Before COVID-19, how many hours were you open on a typical day?

By this we mean the total number of hours of childcare you offer throughout the day

1...24

{ASK IF QStatus=1}

Qhoursnow

{TEXTFILL IF Wave1= 0 "And how" IF Wave1=1 "How"} many hours are you currently open on a typical day?

By this we mean the total number of hours of childcare you offer throughout the day

1...24

PAGE END

CALCULATE DV: Qreducedv=0.

If wave1=0 and ((Qdaysnow<Qdaysbef) OR (Qhoursnow<Qhoursbef))

Qreducedv=1,

If wave1=1 and Qstatus=1 and ((Qdaysnow<Qdaysbefw1) or

(Qhoursnow<Qhoursbefw1)) qreducedv=1.

{ASK IF Qreducedv =1} i.e. if current opening days/hours less than opening hours/days before COVID-19

QWhyReduced

Which, if any, of these reasons, explain why you are now operating at reduced opening hours compared with the period before COVID-19?

G_Multi_I11

1. Need time to introduce COVID-19-related infection and prevention control measures
2. Lack of staff available or willing to work
3. Lack of demand from parents for the hours
4. Not financially sustainable to open for more hours
5. Cannot adhere to COVID-19 related infection and prevention control measures if open for more hours
6. Other reason

Not Applicable

{ASK IF Qclosed=3}

QWhyClosed

Which, if any, of these reasons led to the closure of your setting?

G_Multi_I11

1. Lack of demand from parents
2. Lack of staff available or willing to work
3. Increased costs of adhering to COVID-19-related infection and prevention control measures

4. No longer financially sustainable to open
5. Cannot adhere to COVID-19-related infection and prevention control measures
6. Other reason

C. INTENTIONS GOING FORWARD

{ASK IF QStatus = 1 OR (Qstatus = 2 and QClosed =3)}

QJandays

How many days per week do you expect to be open in January 2021?

0..7

{ASK IF QStatus = 1 OR (Qstatus = 2 and QClosed =3)}

QJanhours

How many hours per day do you expect to be open in January 2021?

0..24

D. ATTENDANCE

{ASK IF Qstatus=1 OR Qclosed=3}

Qexpectage [GRID QUESTION: ONE PAGE]

In the absence of the COVID-19 restrictions, how many children would you have been expecting to attend your setting in a typical week during the 2020 autumn term?

Please give a number for each of the following age groups. If you would have not expected to have any children in an age group, please input 0

G_Estimate_II1

GRID ROWS

1. QexpectU2age	Under age two	0...999
2. Qexpect2age	Age two	0...999
3. Qexpect34age	Three and four year old pre-school children	0...999

4. Qexpectschage School-aged children aged 4 or over 0...999

{ASK IF QStatus =1}

Qattendage [GRID QUESTION: ONE PAGE]

How many children *<i>actually</i>* attended your setting last week?

<i>Please give a number for each of the following age groups. If no children in an age group attended, please input 0. </i>

<i> Please note, this should be the number of children that actually attended, rather than any places that parents are paying for, but children are not attending </i>

GRID ROWS

1. QattendU2age	Under age two	0...999
2. Qattend2age	Age two	0...999
3. Qattend34age	Three and four year old pre-school children	0...999
4. Qattendschage	School-aged children aged 4 or over	0...999

**E. FINANCIAL HEALTH
INCOME**

{ASK IF (Qstatus=1 OR Qclosed=3) AND Wave1=0}

Qpropincome

Before COVID-19, roughly what proportion of your total income typically came from parent-paid fees?

0...100%

{ASK IF Qstatus = 1 OR Qclosed =3}

Qfeesbef

In the absence of the COVID-19 restrictions, roughly how much income would you have been expecting to receive from parent-paid fees for a typical week during the 2020 autumn term?

G_Estimate_II2

Please give a figure to the nearest whole pound

£ 0...200,000

{ASK IF QStatus = 1}

Qfeesnow

How much income will you have received from parent-paid fees for last week?

<i> This should include any fees paid by parents whether or not their children are currently attending childcare. That is including any retention fees charged <i>

G_Estimate_II2

Please give a figure to the nearest whole pound

£ 0...200,000

{ASK IF QStatus =1 AND (Provtype = GBP OR CM)}

QContinue

Based on what you know about the current situation and upcoming developments (for example, the end to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme from November onwards) are you reasonably confident that it would be financially sustainable to continue to run your childcare provision:

G_Single_II1

1. For another year or longer
 2. At least until July 2021
 3. At least until Easter 2021
 4. At least until January 2021
 5. Only until the end of October
-

{Ask If Qstatus =2 AND Qclosed=3}

Qopen

“When do you expect {*TEXTFILL IF ProvType = GBP “your setting” IF ProvType = SBP “your nursery” IF ProvType = CM “your provision”*} to open again?

G_Single_II1

1. By the end of October 2020
 2. By January 2021
 3. By Easter 2021
 4. By July 2021
 5. Not for another year at least
-

Workforce

{ASK IF (Qstatus = 1 OR Qclosed =3) AND (ProvType = GBP or SBP) AND Wave1=0}

Qpaystaff

Before COVID-19, excluding apprentices, how many **paid staff** were involved in the delivery of your provision at this setting?

<i> Please only include the senior manager(s) and people working with the children, not specialist staff such as accountants. *</i>*

1....300

{ASK IF (Qstatus = 1 OR Qclosed =3) AND (ProvType= GBP or SBP) AND Wave1=0}

Qstaffbef

Before COVID-19, of these [INSERT #QPAYSTAFF] staff how many were...

Variable name	Working hours	Number of paid staff
Qstaffbefft	Working full-time (30 hours or more a week)	0...300

QStaffbefpt	Working part-time (less than 30 hours a week)	0...300
	TOTAL	COUNTER FUNCTION SUM OF NUMERIC FIELDS

SOFT: IF (TOTAL <> Qpaystaff) “You reported that there are {#Qpaystaff} paid staff involved in delivering your provision. Please check that the figures entered in the grid are consistent with the total number of paid staff.”

{ASK IF QStatus =1 AND ProvType = GBP or SBP}

Qstaffnow [GRID QUESTION: ONE PAGE]

Excluding apprentices, how many of your paid staff are currently ...

<i> Please only include the senior manager(s) and people working with the children, not specialist staff such as accountants. <i>

<i>Please make sure each member of staff is included in one box only<i>

GRID ROWS

1. **QStaffnowft** Working full-time (30 hours or more a week) and not on furlough 0...300
2. **Qstaffnowpt** Working part-time (less than 30 hours) and not on furlough 0...300
3. **Qstaffnowfur** On furlough as part of the government’s job retention scheme and not currently working 0...300
4. **Qstaffnowfurpt** On part-time furlough (flexible furlough scheme) 0...300

{ASK IF (Qstaffnowfur = 0 AND Qstaffnowfurpt = 0) OR (Qstaffnowfur = DK/REF AND Qstaffnowfurpt = DK/REF).OR ((ProvType = GBP or SBP) AND Qclosed = 3)}
i.e. if provider has not previously stated they had staff on either full or PT furlough.

Qfurlough

{TEXTFILL IF ProvType = GBP “Has your setting” IF ProvType = SBP “ Has your nursery” IF ProvType = CM “ Have you”} used the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furloughing) at any point?

1. Yes
2. No

-

{ASK IF ProvType = CM)

QCMfunding

Since the government's announcement of the closure of early years provision due to COVID-19 in March 2020, have you applied for any financial support from the government due to loss of income, for example via the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme or the Small Business Grant Scheme?

1. Yes, applied for but not (yet) received support
2. Yes, applied for and received support
3. No

TS3 [SET TIME STAMP HERE]

[COMPUTE NCOUTCOME 110 (FULLY COMPLETE) HERE]

{ASK IF Qstatus = 1 OR Qclosed =3 AND ProvType =GBP or SBP}

Qcontactname

You have reached the end of the main questions.

In order to make it easier for NatCen to re-contact [*TEXTFILL If ProvType = SBP "your nursery" If ProvType =GBP "your setting"*] to keep in touch about this research to track the impact of COVID-19 on the early years sector, it would be useful for us to have a named contact.

If you are happy to be the named contact please enter your name in the box below.

Text [1..100]

1.Prefer not to answer

NODK

{ASK IF Qstatus = 1 OR Qclosed =3}

Qcontactem

[Textfill IF ProvType = CM “You have reached the end of the main questions.

It is important that NatCen have the correct contact details for you so that we can keep in touch about this research to track the impact of COVID-19 on the early years sector”].

Can you please provide the best work e-mail address at which to reach you.

Please be assured that your details will only be used for the purpose of contacting you in relation to our research and will not be shared with anybody outside of our research team.

Text [1..100]

1. *Prefer not to answer*

NODK

{ASK IF Qcontactem<>1}

Qcontacechk

Please confirm your correct email address

TEXT[100]

HARDCHECK: If answer provided does not include @ or full-stop: “Please check and amend. E-mail addresses should contain an @ character and a full stop.”

HARDCHECK: IF Qcontactem<> Qcontacechk

“The two email addresses you have entered are not the same. Please check and amend”

{ASK ALL}

TS4: [SET TIME STAMP HERE]

Qthanks

You have reached the end of the survey.

Many thanks for your help with this research. We really appreciate your time and your contribution.

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