

# London childcare providers survey 2010

## Results

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# Survey 2010

Second annual survey of a 4-year project

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Pre-school Learning Alliance

National Day Nurseries Association

National Childminding Association

4Children

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and through the Daycare Trust e-bulletin and website

*A big thank-you to all of you who contributed!*



## Survey 2010

- 284 responses
- 31 out of 33 local authorities

Where a borough was specified:

- 40 from Southwark and 39 from Havering  
... through to 0 from Hackney and Kingston!



## Who responded

• Childminders	122	(43%)
• Full day care	96	(34%)
• Sessional care / crèche	51	(18%)
• Out of school / holiday clubs	32	(11%)
• Nursery school/class	19	(7%)

➤ Representing at least 570 settings

# Top 5 issues currently being faced

## 2010

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| 1. Ofsted inspections                                      | 42% |
| 2. Improving outdoor play                                  | 40% |
| 3. Implementing the Early Years<br>Foundation Stage (EYFS) | 35% |
| 4. Training  | 32% |
| 5. Sustainability of your setting                          | 28% |

## 2009

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| 1. Implementing the EYFS | (69%) |
| 2. Ofsted inspections    | (63%) |



## Top 2 issues - by provider

### Childminders

Ofsted inspections	(59%)
Implementing the Early Years Foundation Stage	(53%)

### Full day care

Improving outdoor play	(43%)
Sustainability of your setting	(36%)

### Sessional / crèche

Improving outdoor play	(52%)
Level of free entitlement funding	(42%)

### Nursery schools / classes

Improving outdoor play	(61%)
Sustainability of your setting	(44%)

### Out of school /holiday clubs

Implementing the Early Years Foundation Stage	(45%)
Improving outdoor play / Training	(40%)

***A full breakdown is available in your packs***

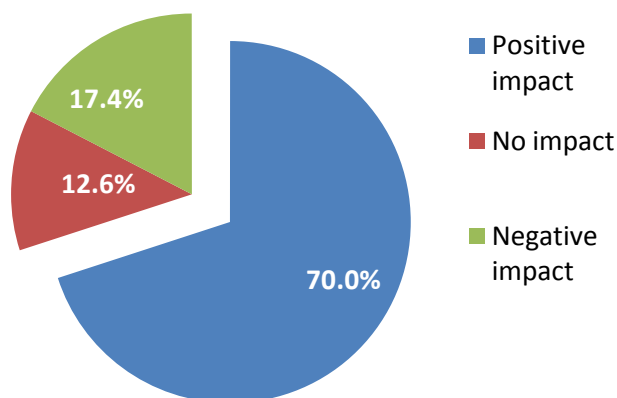
# Sustainability

## What impact has the recession had on you? (250 responses)

- Decreased demand for places 40%
- Increased running costs 36%
- Increased fee arrears 19%
- Increased demand for places 16%
- No impact 22%

# Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

**What impact do you feel the EYFS has had on childcare in general?**



**What problems have you had implementing it, if any?**

- Lack of time 51%
- Training 21%
- Not an issue 41%

## Links at a borough level

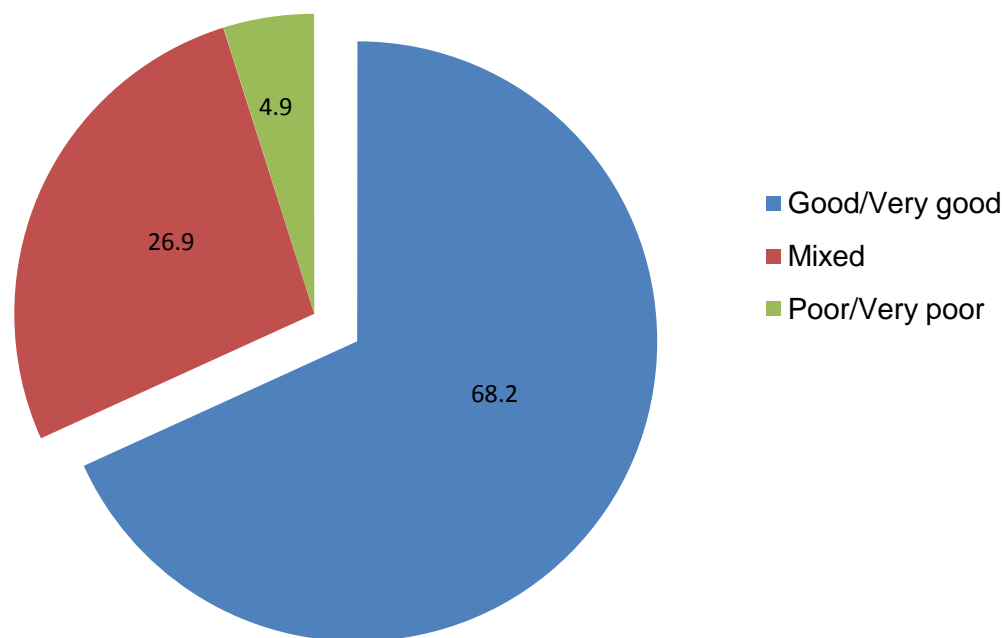
### What helps you link with other providers at a borough level?

- Borough provider network meetings 61%
- Joint training opportunities 46%
- Drop-in sessions & playgroups where providers meet 37%
- Exchange visits with other providers 31%
- Borough provider network newsletters 28%

*NB - Only 20% mentioned a need for help with cover costs*

## Links at a borough level

How do you view your communications with your LA?



## Some observations – including from narrative comments

- The Early Years Foundation Stage has bedded in
- Providers have good links with local authorities
- Ofsted inspections, the EYFS and the free entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds are in general seen as good for children, but need streamlining, resourcing and consistency
- In general, however, the childcare workforce continues to sometimes feel unheard and undervalued, and childminders can feel particularly isolated



*A summary is in your packs*

*All results, including analysis of  
narrative replies, will be available  
on: [www.daycaretrust.org/london](http://www.daycaretrust.org/london)*

***Thank you!***