

London childcare providers survey 2009

Quantitative results = Total 363 responses

Q1. What kind of childcare provider are you?

Provider	%	No.
Childminder	70.1%	253
Full day care (private)	13.6%	49
Sessional	5.0%	18
Full day care (maintained/in children's centre)	4.2%	15
Full day care (voluntary)	3.3%	12
Out of school club	3.3%	12
Holiday club	2.5%	9
Full day care (social enterprise)	2.5%	9
Nursery school (private)	1.7%	6
Full day care (independent)	1.1%	4
Primary school with nursery and/or reception	0.6%	2
Nursery school (voluntary)	0.3%	1
Nursery school (independent)	0.3%	1
Other	3.9%	14

Q2. How many full-time equivalent registered places are in your setting?

	%	No.
0-24 children	78.7%	284
25-49 children	10.2%	37
50-99 children	8.0%	29
100+	3.0%	11

Q4. Which provider network are you a member of, if any?

	%	No.
National Childminding Association	64.9%	229
Local authority networks	29.2%	103
Pre-school Learning Alliance	12.2%	43
National Day Nurseries Association	9.1%	32
Other voluntary sector networks	5.1%	18
4Children	2.8%	10
Other	4.5%	16
None	4.5%	16
Don't know	2.0%	7

Q5. What are the top 5 issues currently facing you as a provider? (please tick up to 5)

Issue	%	No.
Implementing the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)	68.7%	226
Ofsted inspections	62.9%	207
Improving quality	43.5%	143
Impact of the recession	32.5%	107
Responding to policy change	29.5%	97
Sustainability of your setting	28.0%	92
Understanding tax credits and other help with costs, for parents	21.6%	71
Improving outdoor play	20.7%	68
Working in partnership with local authorities	20.1%	66
Supporting children with disabilities and special educational needs (SEN)	18.5%	61
Level of free entitlement funding (single funding formula)	14.3%	47
Partnership working between the private, voluntary, independent and maintained sector	9.7%	32
Implementing the free 2-year-old offer	9.7%	32
Staffing issues - e.g. recruitment, pay and retention	9.4%	31
Implementing the flexible free nursery offer	9.1%	30
Staff needing to gain qualifications	8.2%	27
Working with Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities and children, and families with English as an additional language	7.3%	24
Rising rents	5.8%	19
Outreach work	4.6%	15
Emergency packages to help families in the recession	3.3%	11

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 Answered question 329

Q6. Any comments relating to the question above?

Answered question 91

Q7. What impact has the recession had on you, if any? (e.g. occupancy rates, sessional demand, turnover of children, owed fees, workforce, etc)

Answered question 243

Q8. If rising rent is an issue for you, who is your landlord?

	%	No.
Private	36.9%	31
Local authority	35.7%	30

Church/diocesan	13.1%	11
Other (please specify below)	14.3%	12

Answered question 84

Q9. If staffing is an issue for you, which of the following are causing you the most concern?

	%	No.
Staff training and qualifications	53.9%	41
Pay levels - can't afford to increase	52.6%	40
Staff retention	23.7%	18
Pay levels (too high)	6.6%	5

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Answered question 76

Q10. If sustainability is an issue for you, what is putting most financial strain on your service?

	%	No.
Impact of the recession	68.1%	94
Level of free entitlement funding	34.1%	47
Rising rents	16.7%	23

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Answered question 138

Q11. If implementing the free entitlement is an issue for you, what aspect of this is proving the most challenging?

	%	No.
Level of funding	50.6%	44
Implementing flexible entitlement	41.4%	36
Implementing the 2-year-old offer	35.6%	31

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Answered question 87

Q12. List the key themes/activities your borough should focus on in the next three years to support the childcare sector.

Answered question 190

Q13. What helps you link with other providers and share best practice, at a borough level?

	%	No.
Joint training opportunities	55.2%	153
Borough provider network meetings	53.8%	149
Visits to other providers	40.8%	113
Borough provider network newsletters	34.7%	96
Help with paying for cover when participating in networking activities	21.3%	59
Mentors advising in the workplace	20.2%	56
Voluntary sector networks	8.7%	24
Other (please specify)	15.5%	43

Answered question 277

Q14. Is there anything else you would like to add, on how to help providers link more with each other, and engage with policy-making?

Answered question 69

Q15. Please describe a success story that you have had.

Answered question 121

Q16. Any other comments?

Answered question 39

Q17. Your details

Gave name: 235
Gave email address: 227

Q18. Future contact

Requested no future emails 54