



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Name of local authority: FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Report on Progress of the Play Sufficiency Action Plan 2022/2023

Forward planning priorities:

RAG Status:

- **Red**—no progress made
- **Amber**—some progress made
- **Green**-Action achieved

Matter: A Population			
Criteria (as under PSA toolkit)	Targets 2022/23	Objectives achieved / Progress during 2022/23	Red/Amber/Green rating with explanation if red or amber
<p>To ensure all service areas and partner organisations are aware of the links to statistics and population information.</p> <p>Utilising information forum 2021 census.</p>	<p>To provide services where most needed for the most vulnerable children, young people, and communities.</p>	<p>Provisions from partners across the county have been offered but unfortunately, we have not had the methods to capture this information.</p>	<p>Target for 2023/2024:</p> <p>will be to set up a Flintshire Strategic Play Sufficiency Action Group where we will invite the following departments and partners:</p> <p>FCC Planning Dept Aura Leisure and Libraries Flintshire Local Voluntary Council FCC Youth Services Flintshire Information Centre FCC Health and Safety FCC Children's Services FCC Social Services Action for Children Portfolio Lead for Education and Youth</p>

Matter: B Providing for Diverse needs

Criteria (as under PSA toolkit)	Targets 2022/23	Objectives achieved / Progress during 2022/23	Red/Amber/Green rating with explanation if red or amber
Development of inclusive play services and creating new opportunities to support vulnerable children and young people. Includes:	2,700 Children to attend the Summer Provision on an annual basis.	3, 970 children registered 2022 Summer playschemes across 57 sites around Flintshire. With a total of 15,556 overall attendances. All summer playschemes were in partnership with 30 Town and Community Councils across Flintshire.	
Children and young people with disabilities.	Delivery of Flintshire Buddy Scheme – offer to children and young people across the county via the summer holiday programme in partnership with 30 Town and Community Councils	Delivery of the Buddy Scheme was once again utilised very well with 33 children benefiting from the scheme over the summer, allowing for an inclusive service delivery.	
Looked after children and young people.	Offer to children and young people across the county via the summer holiday programme in partnership with 30 Town and Community Councils	16 Children registered for the Plas y Bellin Summer Playscheme with 226 attendances	
Refugee children and young people.		During the Summer of 2022 Flintshire Play Development Summer Playscheme saw a rise in the number of Refugee children attending due to the situation in Ukraine. Our register showed that there were 56 registered across the County.	

Gypsy Traveller children and young people.		A weekly session was provided for a Gypsy Traveller community with an average of 10 children and young people attending weekly.	
Children living in identified vulnerable communities		<p>Over the year there has been a number of provisions delivered for children living in identified vulnerable communities in Flintshire.</p> <p>Along our costal road and in other areas identified as vulnerable communities in Flintshire 1461 children registered to Flintshire Play Development Provisions with the overall attendance 7633</p>	<p>Target for 2023/2024</p> <p>With setting up the SPSAG we will start to gain other providers figures, and these will be included moving forward.</p>
Matter: C Space available			
Criteria (as under PSA toolkit)	Targets 2022/23	Objectives achieved / Progress during 2022/23	Red/Amber/Green rating with explanation if red or amber

To work in partnership to identify priorities within the Play Sufficiency Action Plans to identify actions for grant funding.

To work in collaboration with Aura Leisure and Libraries and other partners for the benefits of children and young people

Over the 12 months of 2022-2023 Play Development has continually worked in partnerships with Kicks for Kids (Wales) by delivering school and community-based sessions term time only.

We endeavour to create a more collaborative approach in the 2023 – 2024.

Due to recruitment delay there was no one in post from Nov – March to continue the partnership development.

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- FCC Planning Dept
- Aura Leisure and Libraries
- Flintshire Local Voluntary Council
- FCC Youth Services
- Flintshire Information Centre
- FCC Health and Safety
- FCC Children’s Services
- FCC Social Services
- Action for Children
- Portfolio Lead for Education and Youth

Matter D: Supervised provision			
Criteria (as under PSA toolkit)	Targets 2022/23	Objectives achieved / Progress during 2022/23	Red/Amber/Green rating with explanation if red or amber
Delivery of the universal county summer playscheme programme in Flintshire, which incorporates the Flintshire Buddy Scheme – offer to children and young people across the county summer holidays programme in partnership with 34 local Town and Community Councils. Delivery of bilingual provision.	2,700 children to attend county summer playscheme provision	3, 970 children registered 2022 Summer playschemes across 57 sites around Flintshire. With a total of 15,556 overall attendances. All summer playschemes were in partnership with 30 Town and Community Councils across Flintshire. <i>As mentioned in Matter B</i>	Target for 2023 – 2024 To included more information on provisions from external partners, this will be collected through our PSAG i.e. Aura Fit, Fed and Read summer provision.
To continue to work in partnership to identify and secure play opportunities for vulnerable children and young people.	Delivery of Flintshire Buddy Scheme – offer to children and young people across the county via the summer holiday programme in partnership with 30 Town and Community Councils	Delivery of the Buddy Scheme was once again utilised very well with 33 children benefiting from the scheme over the summer, allowing for an inclusive service delivery. <i>As mentioned in Matter B</i>	
	Delivery of provisions for homeless children and young people in Flintshire.	Flintshire Play Development delivered a standalone Playscheme at Plas y Bellin with 16 Children registered for Summer Playscheme with 226 attendances. This allowed for them children to enjoy play in the safety of their surroundings. <i>As mentioned in Matter B</i>	

	Children and young people in areas of social, economic, and play deprivation.	<p>36 Children registered to the Holway Summer Playscheme with the overall attendance being 580. This was a successful number of children benefitting from the provision.</p> <p><i>As mentioned in Matter B</i></p>	
Matter E: Charges for play provision			
Criteria (as under PSA toolkit)	Targets 2022/23	Objectives achieved / Progress during 2022/23	Red/Amber/Green rating with explanation if red or amber
To continue to provide low cost, no cost play projects and services for children, young people, families, and the communities.	Delivery of the Summer Playscheme Programme which is free for all children to attend and funded by Town and Community Councils	During the Summer of 2022, 57 Playscheme sites were delivered each week across the county, these were all funded by the Town and Community Council with support from the Playworks Holiday Funding. There were 3,970 children registered to the sites with an overall number of 15,556 attendances.	
	Delivery of schools and community projects in compliance with local authority Play Sufficiency Action Plans.	Flintshire Play Development work in partnership with Kicks for Kids who have been delivering provisions within several schools across the county. Primarily the schools that have been targeted have been Pupil Referral Units, and ALN Schools.	<p>Target for 2023 – 2024</p> <p>We will be creating a closer partnership with all schools in Flintshire and looking at our overall delivery offer.</p>

	<p>Free at point of access equipped Playgrounds</p>	<p>Based on Aura's Play Areas' Survey completed in 2020, there are 195 fixed equipment play areas in Flintshire, though this figure considers play facilities sharing the same site (e.g. a traditional children's play area and an adjoining skate park) to be two separate entities.</p> <p>In terms of capital investment (separate to ongoing maintenance costs supported via Aura's revenue budget), Flintshire County Council supports the annual match-funding scheme for improvement works to children's play area to the value of £0.105m per annum (with Town & Community Councils matching this sum); the County Council also supports play areas through an annual capital allocation of £0.200m per annum.</p> <p>The consultations with Town and Community Councils and other groups such as local action groups /volunteers are often the key to providing what the community wants ,whether that is an upgrade of a play area or providing a pathway to access play facilities.</p>	
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Matter F: Access to space/provision			
Criteria (as under PSA toolkit)	Targets 2022/23	Objectives achieved / Progress during 2022/23	Red/Amber/Green rating with explanation if red or amber
To develop a multi-agency working group to prepare a play guide / information for families regarding aspects of delivery of Play Service, as defined in the Play Sufficiency Assessment.	<p>To provide comprehensive county wide guide to play services as defined within Play Sufficiency including the arts, recreation, and cultural opportunities.</p> <p>This would be enabled via Flintshire County Council website and social media.</p> <p>Aura Leisure and Libraries website.</p> <p>Family Information Services</p> <p>Education and Schools</p>	We utilised the Flintshire County Council social media platforms and website for the promotion of Flintshire Play Development Provisions.	<p>Target for 2023 – 2024</p> <p>Although we have utilised the Local Authorities social media platforms and website, we need to improve our partners so that we ensure that Play Provisions from all partners are shared as far and wide as possible.</p> <p>Set up Play Development Social Media Platforms.</p> <p>Play will also be working on a one-stop shop webpage on FCC Website for parents to find all relevant information with regards to open spaces, fixed equipped areas, sharing of play information, signposting to other local partners provisions etc.</p>
Matter G: Securing and developing the workforce			
Criteria (as under PSA toolkit)	Targets 2022/23	Objectives achieved / Progress during 2022/23	Red/Amber/Green rating with explanation if red or amber

Development of working group for Playwork training	To ensure that the county is compliant regarding the national minimum standards and qualifications for delivery within all play services.	<p>Flintshire Play Development Offer a full and comprehensive training programme to all new Community Play Team Member and Supervisors before the Summer Playschemes commence. This training includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dealing with Challenging Behaviour First Aid Level 2 Child Protection and Safeguarding Autism Awareness Health and Safety in play delivery Playfully Resilient in Challenging Situations Welsh Language in play and the benefits Adapting Play for Inclusion – Facilitating UN Right to Play 	
Delivery of accredited training courses to level 2 and 3 standards.	The local authority supports the workforce to achieve the accepted qualification levels. Delivery of accredited training course for Playwork to Level 2 and 3 standards.	<p>Two of our current members of the team achieved the level 2 in 2022</p> <p>The Play Development post has been amended to Lead Officer to work at a strategical level to work on the future of Play Development in Flintshire. We have also created another post to lead on operational work and holiday provisions.</p>	<p>Target 2023 – 2024</p> <p>With the appointment of a new Lead Officer there is a much broader and strategical training programme being created for Flintshire employees and volunteers in the near future.</p>
Matter H: Community engagement and participation			

Criteria (as under PSA toolkit)	Targets 2022/23	Objectives achieved / Progress during 2022/23	Red/Amber/Green rating with explanation if red or amber
Working with the Holway Community as part of Flintshire Public Service Board – Creating Resilient Communities commitment via the Holway task group and multi-agency approach.	All community members, particularly children, young people, and families.	A successful consultation day was held at the Holway in the summer. There was a big turnout and lots of positive engagement and input from local residents and groups.	It is an ongoing process.
	To undertake Playwork with the children and young people as part of the wider Public Service Board consultation to change for the community. Will include both capital and revenue projects e.g. development of an adventure playground idea.	A consultation was run in 2022 with the community in conjunction with Social Services and Play Development regarding the possibility of an adventure Playground in the Holway. The application is now at Stage 2 of the UK Share Prosperity Grant.	We are currently waiting on a decision from stage 2 of this grant funding.
Matter I: Play within all relevant policy and implementation agendas			
Criteria (as under PSA toolkit)	Targets 2022/23	Objectives achieved / Progress during 2022/23	Red/Amber/Green rating with explanation if red or amber
To continue to with the Local Authority Health and Safety Team to enable compliance regarding delivery of all play projects in schools and community. To aid comprehensive effective risk-management for service delivery.	Bespoke training provided for Local Authority service delivery.	This is a continuing process that Flintshire Play Developments takes great pride in. We aim to ensure the safety of all, but also consider the need for some risk taking for children Development and write our risk assessments accordingly.	It is an ongoing process.

<p>Development of and Education and Youth based group to specifically move forward on Matter I in relation to play in schools.</p>	<p>Continued delivery of Playwork on Kicks for Kids (Wales) in Flintshire schools and communities in partnership with Community Organisations.</p> <p>Information provided and good communication for schools to respond to opportunities to utilise capital funds via grants effective and quickly.</p>	<p>Kick for Kids are a big partnership with Flintshire Play Development, and we utilise their services as far as is feasible within the constraints of budgets.</p>	<p>Target for 2023 – 2024</p> <p>We need to create a much better communication strategy with other organisations and to create better partnerships moving forward.</p> <p>To set up the Flintshire Strategic Play Sufficiency Action Group.</p>
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