



Demographic and Statistical Analysis Unit

Impact of Free ECE on Playcentres

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Appendix:

2007 Study of Early Effects of Free ECE on Playcentres

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Purpose of this Study: The primary purpose of the study is to provide the Ministry of Education and the Playcentre Federation with information on the early effects of Free ECE on Playcentres.

The Ministry of Education and the Playcentre Federation have agreed it is important to collect information on the early effects of Free ECE on Playcentre before the next RS61 roll return in July 2008.

Approximately 50% Playcentres are being invited to complete this survey. The information collected will be used in the development of policy advice and monitoring early childhood education.

Information Privacy: The data collected through this survey will be aggregated for reporting purposes.

RETURN DATE:	
DECLARATION: <i>I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained on this form is true and correct.</i>	
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- 1 How many Families were on your regular roll as at 29 June 2007? _____
- 2 How many families are on your regular roll as at 31 October 2007? _____
- 3 How many children aged under 3 are on your Playcentre's regular roll as at 31 October 2007? _____
- 4 Overall, how has the number of enrolments of children under 3 in your Playcentre changed since 1 July 2007?
 - a) More under 3's enrolled (go to question 5)
 - b) Fewer under 3's enrolled (go to question 6)
 - c) No change (go to question 6)
- 5 Why has the number of under 3's enrolled increased? (Please tick the most important reasons)
 - a) Increased promotional activities
 - b) SPACE Programme
 - c) More children under 3 in the area
 - d) Seasonal changes
 - e) Don't know
 - f) Other (please specify)-

- 6 How many children aged under 3 have left your Playcentre since 1 July 2007? _____ (If none, go to question 6)

- 7 Why do you think they left? Please tick the reasons for each child.

Child	Parent(s) no longer able to spend time at the Playcentre	Parent(s) moved them to a service providing Free ECE	Parent(s) moved them to another service not providing Free ECE	Family moved away	Don't know	Other: please specify
Child 1						
Child 2						
Child 3						
Child 4						
Child 5						
Child 6						

8 How many children aged 3 and over are on your Playcentre's regular roll as at 31 October 2007? _____

9 How has the number of enrolments of children aged 3 and over changed since 1 July 2007?

- a) More 3 and overs enrolled (go to question 8)
- b) Fewer 3 and overs enrolled (go to question 9)
- c) No change (go to question 9)

10 Why has the number of 3 and over's increased? (Please tick the most important reasons)

- a) Children already at the Playcentre turned 3
- b) More children aged 3-5 in the area
- c) More promotional activities
- d) Don't know
- e) Other (please specify)

11 How many children aged 3 and over have left your Playcentre since 1 July 2007?
 _____ (If none, go to question 11)

12 Why do you think they left? Please tick the reasons for each child.

Child	Child started school	Parent(s) no longer able to spend time at the Playcentre	Parent(s) moved them to a service providing Free ECE	Parent(s) moved them to another service not providing Free ECE	Family moved away	Don't know	Other: please specify
Child 1							
Child 2							
Child 3							
Child 4							
Child 5							
Child 6							

13 How has the number of parents holding Playcentre courses in your Playcentre changed since 1 July 2007?

- a) Same number of Playcentre trained parents
- b) More Playcentre trained parents
- c) Fewer Playcentre trained parents

14 Since 1 July, how many Playcentre trained parents have left since 1 July 2007 who helped meet supervisory requirements or were intended to help meet supervisory requirements in the next year? (If none, please go to question 14)

Level of Playcentre Training	Number of Parents
Course 1	
Course 2	
Course 3	
Course 4 or equivalent	
Course 5 or equivalent	
Total	

15 Why do you think they left? Please tick the reasons for each parent.

Parent	Child started school	Parent(s) no longer able to spend time at the Playcentre	Parent(s) moved them to a service providing Free ECE	Parent(s) moved them to another service not providing Free ECE	Family moved away	Don't know	Other: please specify
Parent 1							
Parent 2							
Parent 3							
Parent 4							
Parent 5							
Parent 6							

16 How often do you have difficulty meeting the Supervision requirements?

- a) Never
- b) Occasionally
- c) Every month
- d) Every week
- e) Every day

17 Overall, how do you think Free ECE has affected your Playcentre? (Please tick the most important reasons)

- a) No effect on our Playcentre
- b) Children have left
- c) More children attending another ECE service as well as Playcentre
- d) Parents more aware of importance of early education
- e) Parents holding Playcentre Courses have left
- f) Parents no longer paying fees at playcentre
- g) Other (please specify)

18 What changes (if any) has your Playcentre made to respond to Free ECE?
(Please specify)

19 How has parent contributions changed since the introduction of Free ECE?

20 Please add any other comments you wish to make.
