

Play Sufficiency in Flintshire



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The right to play



- All children have the right to play as enshrined in Article 31 of the United Nations convention on the Rights of the Child
- *Every child has the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts.*



Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010

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CHILD POVERTY, PLAY AND PARTICIPATION

CHAPTER 1

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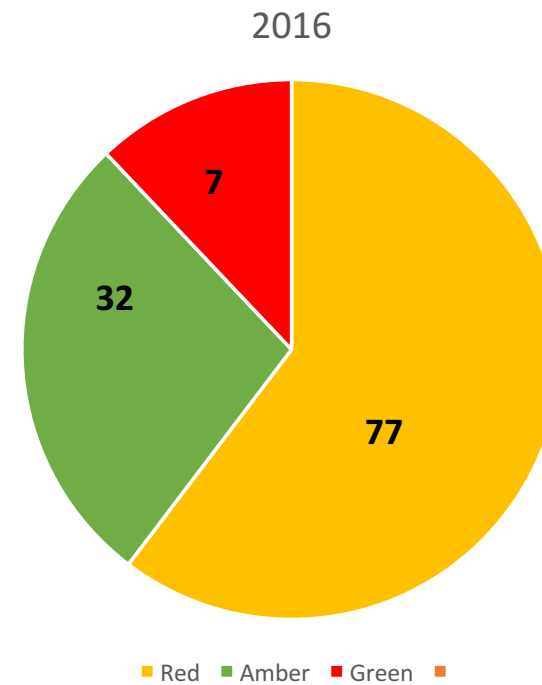
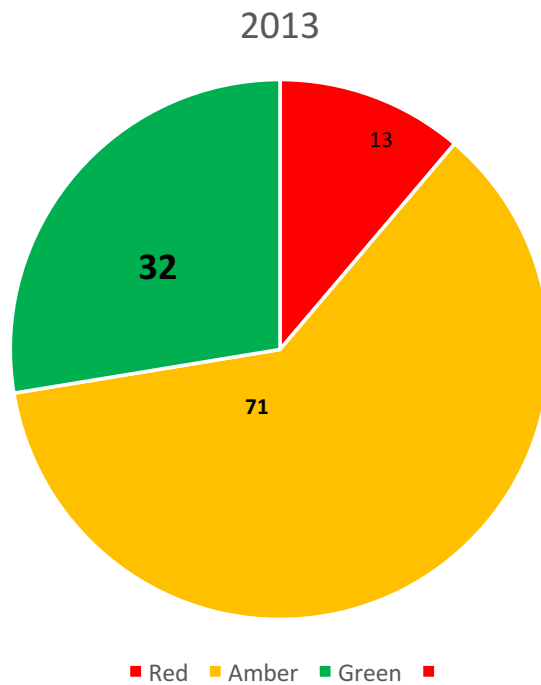
The Welsh Government's Play Sufficiency Duty

- **A: Population**
- **B: Providing for diverse needs**
- **C: Space available for play**
- **D: Supervised provision**
- **E: Charges for play provision**
- **F: Access to space/provision**
- **G: Securing and developing the Play Workforce**
- **H: Community engagement and participation**
- **I: Play within all relevant policy and implementation agendas**



Assessment of Play Opportunities in Flintshire

RAG status 2013 & 2016 based on 116 criteria in WG toolkit



What stops you from playing out?

- Busy roads/traffic
- Bullying
- Disapproving adults
- Lack of provision locally
- Parents lifestyle
- Weather
- Strangers (perceived stranger danger)
- Parents fears
- Lack of provision
- Lack of information regarding provision
- Safer routes to play areas (away from busy roads)
- Lack of supervised play areas and Play Ranger provision
- After School provision not affordable
- Poorly maintained provision
- Quality of the provision available
- Insufficient indoor provision



Celebrating Success

- Flintshire Play Memories Project
- Play Sufficiency Workshop
- Playful Schools project
- Match Funding Programme, in partnership with local town and community councils, for equipped play areas
- Summer holiday playscheme programme, in partnership with local town and community councils



Areas of concern

- Significant infrastructure changes, within the Play Unit
- There is a lack of capacity within some service areas to deliver the actions agreed in the Action Plan
- Current national and local funding priorities has resulted in many of the actions to improve Play Opportunities being dependent on available funding from Welsh Government grants and these are at 'stand still' or being reduced year on year.



Opportunities

- Professional Development Programme
- Good track record to forge working arrangement with Streetscene and Aura
- Excellent and well-regarded reputation regarding holiday playscheme provision
- Opportunities to work more closely with Education colleagues



Priorities going forward

Can be generally grouped under three broad themes:

- Revitalise the strategic planning for children's play
- Ensure that vulnerable groups are able to access good quality play opportunities.
- Ensure sufficient open space and good quality play opportunities in our communities.





Thank you



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