

Play Sufficiency Assessment Form



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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Date of completion:

Please note that the Play Sufficiency Assessment must be received by the Welsh Government by 31st March 2019



Conducting the Assessment – Play Sufficiency Assessment

As well as establishing a baseline of provision, the Play Sufficiency Assessment will enable the following:

- Identification of gaps in information, provision, service delivery and policy implementation
- Support the establishment of evidence to give an indication of distance travelled in relation to play sufficiency
- Highlight potential ways of addressing issues relating to partnership working
- The input and involvement of all partners increasing levels of knowledge and understanding
- A monitoring system which will involve and improve communication between professionals
- The identification of good practice examples
- Increased levels of partnerships in assessing sufficient play opportunities
- The identification of actions for the Securing Play Sufficiency Action Plan which accompanies the Play Sufficiency Assessment

A template has been produced to support a corporate appraisal of the matters that need to be taken into account as set out in the Statutory Guidance. The indicators listed within each matter are provided as sample indicators which should be amended to meet local issues as appropriate.

The Play Sufficiency Assessment must demonstrate that the Local Authority has taken into account and assessed the matters set out in The Play Sufficiency Assessment (Wales) Regulations 2012 and Statutory Guidance.

As well as providing baseline information, the Assessment can include examples of current practice that the Local Authority wishes to highlight.

Local Authorities might consider structuring the Play Sufficiency Assessment in the following way and as a minimum address all the identified sections.

Principle Statement

Flintshire County Council are committed to ensuring that all children, young people and communities children have access to enough time, space and permission for play as part of their everyday lives. We recognise our responsibility to ensure that children living in Flintshire have a right to play

Flintshire County Council recognize that play is central to children and young people's enjoyment of life and is essential to their physical and emotional well-being and their healthy development. We recognise that some aspects of our modern society can limit children's time and space for play and we will continue to create partnerships for play to help create environments where children can freely play and encourage communities to be more play friendly.

The Play Development Team works with other Local Authority departments and partner

agencies, encouraging individuals to recognise their own impacts on children's play; advocating for play to be considered in the planning of local services; enhancing the development and delivery of play work projects, and providing ongoing practical advice to families, communities and other professionals in their support of children's right to play.

Through the work of the Play Development Team, Flintshire place greater value on play and emphasis on children's right to play and, by increasing opportunities for play within local communities, we will enhance children's and young people's experience of growing up in Flintshire

Context

The local Authority has reviewed and assessed all of its play action plans since the baseline audit undertaken for the Play Sufficiency Assessment in 2013 and subsequent Play Sufficiency assessment during 2016 This review and assessment process has formed the basis for the Play Sufficiency Assessment 2019 and action planning thereafter.

Partnership working

The Local Authority continue to work closely in partnership with all town and community councils, both for equipped play area, match funding schemes and summer playschemes. The Local Authority also work closely with a range of other partners including third sector organisations and community groups for play projects delivered across the county.
e.g.

The Local Authority Play Development team work with Action for Children via the Families First grant to provide the P.A.L.S. Project – Play and Leisure Support for children and young people with disabilities

Flintshire delivered a countywide Summer Playschemes Programme for the 22nd year in partnership with 30 local town and community councils at 58 locations during 2018. Discussions are ongoing for summer 2019, early responses have shown an increase in duration for local playschemes in areas where both play deprivation and food poverty has been identified.

There is a well-established and popular match funding scheme with local town and community councils. This scheme is well subscribed for the upgrading of equipped play areas in the county on a RAG (Red; amber, green) system to identify those communities most in need. The lead organisation for the match funding scheme for capital projects is AURA Leisure and Libraries who work closely with the local authority

with regard to the Play Sufficiency duty. AURA is a charitable not-for-profit organisation which from 1st September, 2017 is responsible for managing the majority of leisure centres and libraries previously operated by the local authority. The company's legal model is a Community Benefit Society. The Play area design, maintenance and Inspection function now sits with AURA. Officers continue to work closely with the local authority with regard to Play Sufficiency.

The Play Development team work in partnership with Urdd Gobaith Cymru to provide play opportunities for children through the medium of Welsh as part of the county summer playscheme programme. Discussions for summer playscheme 2019 are ongoing. Early indications are that a longer duration for playscheme is desired.

Consultation and participation

All service areas and partners involved in the wider play network in Flintshire were asked to consider RAG status 2016 and 2019 and to comment with regard to any change. The Flintshire Play Development team were delegated to prepare the response for the Play Sufficiency Assessment 2019. Welsh Government have provided a grant of £10K to support administration and consultation for the PSA 2019

A briefing paper was circulated along with the Welsh Government Play Sufficiency template to all partners and stated -

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All children have the right to play as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This is recognised both by the UK Government, and by the Welsh Government.

Section 11 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 places a statutory duty on all local authorities to assess and secure sufficient play opportunities for children. This is a task that involves working together to consider the many aspects of community life that affect play opportunities. These include use of the environment; traffic and transport; play and leisure provision, and parental and community involvement with play.

Wales – A Play Friendly Country, statutory guidance to local authorities, sets out a wide range of Matters across several policy areas that need to be taken into account:

- Matter A: Population
- Matter B: Providing for diverse needs
- Matter C: Space available for children to play
- Matter D: Supervised provision
- Matter E: Charges for play provision
- Matter F: Access to space/provision [*this includes travel access, as well as information and publicity*]
- Matter G: Securing & Developing the Play Workforce
- Matter H: Community engagement and participation

- Matter I: Play within all relevant policy and implementation agendas [*Education/schools, Town and Country Planning, Traffic and transport, Health and Wellbeing, Child Poverty, Early years/Childcare and Family policy and initiatives, Community Development, Inter-generational policy and initiatives, Community Safety, Health and Safety*]

Play Sufficiency Assessments were submitted to Welsh Government in March 2013 and March 2016. The next is due at the end of March 2019. Annual action plans and progress reports are also submitted to Welsh Government as part of the duties.

CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY

- We have circulated background information and the template (including specific areas for completion) to all relevant service areas:-
 - Planning Policy – Planning Environment & Economy
 - Integrated Youth Provision – Education & Youth Services
 - Flying Start – Social Services
 - Parenting Strategy
 - Family Information Service, Flintshire – Social Services
 - Health & Safety – Corporate Policy
 - Anti-social Behaviour Team
 - Youth Justice Service – Education & Youth
 - Education Welfare Service
 - Holway Task Group – Public Service Board
 - Families First
 - Rural North Family Centre
 - Streetscene & Transportation
 - Childcare Development – Social Services
 - Participation Team – Education & Youth
 - Countryside services
 - Health Wellbeing & Safeguarding – Education & Youth
 - Gypsy Traveller Services
 - Housing & Regeneration
- We held a Flintshire Play Sufficiency Seminar November 2018 in partnership with Play Wales and invited all services to attend.
- School Life Conference held to look specifically at Matter I Play in Schools held in November 2018
- We have circulated background information and the template (including specific areas for completion) to other partner organisations including third sector :
- In partnership with Playful Futures, 600 children have been consulted with regard to the Play Sufficiency Assessment

- The Play Development team have undertaken a major piece of research for Play Sufficiency by working closely with the community in the Holway since July 2018 to present. The Play Development team have engaged with all community members as part of the work commissioned by the Public Service Board (Resilient Communities) and the Holway Task Group.
- We commissioned Ludicology to consult in depth with children at Ysgol Bryn Coch, Mold and Ysgol Trefynnon, Holywell with regards to the Play Sufficiency Assessment.
- The Play Development Team have consulted with children attending Summer Playscheme and other play projects including Kicks For Kids and PALS (Play and Leisure Support - for children and young people with disabilities)
- The Play Development Team have consulted with 27 young people attending Ysgol Maes Hyfryd Special School with regard to the Play Sufficiency Assessment.
- The Play Development Team have consulted with the Flintshire Youth Council who have linked into School Councils with regard to the Play Sufficiency Assessment.
- The Play Development Team have circulated background information and the template to Flintshire Local Voluntary Council all local Town and Community Councils (and Local Members for information). This is the wider public consultation. The Play Development Team have attended town council meetings when invited to discuss play sufficiency and have advised others via email and phone calls and have responded to all requests to provide further details.
- The Play Development Team have circulated background information and the template to Urdd Gobaith Cymru and Menter Iaith Sir y Fflint who have circulated it to all Welsh medium provision.
- The Play Development Team have circulated background information and the template to Theatr Clwyd to respond with regard to the arts, culture and museum services.
- The Play Development Team have circulated background information and the template to Aura to respond with regard to all areas within leisure and libraries.
 - Sports Development
 - Leisure Centres
 - Library Services
 - Play Design and Inspection Team
- An in-depth report into Play Sufficiency was undertaken at Southdown Primary

School Buckley– November 2018-February 2019 with regard to a bespoke research project gathering information with regard to play sufficiency within an education setting where play has been implemented differently via a variety of play projects.

- The Play Development Team have consulted with 41 disabled children and their families who received a service during the Summer Playscheme via the Flintshire Buddy Scheme where support is provided as appropriate to the needs of the child or young person.

All of this information has been recognised and incorporated into the Play Action plan 2019/20

Maximising resources

The local authority has maintained its core budget for capital for children's play. However, due to financial austerity the Local Authority is seeking to find ways to meet the play needs of children and communities against a backdrop of financial austerity. This of course remains a challenge

The Play Opportunities Grant received from Welsh Government in recent years has enabled revenue funded projects to meet the targets within annual play action plans

This funding has proven invaluable in allowing the local authority and its partners to move forward on key matters within the play action plan
Including e.g.

- Has enabled key partnerships to develop play projects for the most vulnerable children and young people in the county area. I.e. sustained work within the Holway, Holywell and Parkfields, Mold areas
- Has enabled a unique partnership with the Flintshire benefits service, town and community councils and the business sector to provide food on a daily basis where food poverty was identified in 21 of our summer playscheme locations. Uniquely, this allowed food to be taken to where children were as opposed to children having to go somewhere to eat. There were 18,000 hot meals delivered during playscheme 2018 during a six week period.
- To allow the development in partnership of the P.A.L.S. (Play and Leisure Support) 'Playful Futures' and Kicks for Kids (Wales) Projects. All of these projects provide universal services which are integrated or targeted. Projects are based in schools or communities of need, working often specifically with the most vulnerable children.
- To continue a key partnership with Urdd Gobaith Cymru to provide Welsh medium playschemes during the summer playscheme 2018.

- Has enabled further vital support from Playwales to support the development of the infrastructure for play in the county.
- Enabled funding to deliver the summer playscheme programme 2018 in partnership with 30 local town and community councils at 58 locations 3,906 children and young people aged 5 to 12 years (5 to 15 for children with disabilities) attended Summer Playschemes during Summer holidays 2018 with 41 of these children and young people supported by the Flintshire Buddy scheme.

The Play Sufficiency Assessment and local Well-being Plans

This section should identify how the Play Sufficiency Assessments form part of the local needs assessment and to what extent the Play Sufficiency Assessment and Action Plan are integrated into the Well-being Plan and Public Service Board.

Monitoring Play Sufficiency

Following the most recent local government restructure during 2018, the Play Development Team are now situated within Integrated Youth Provision, within the Education and Youth Service. The Play Design, Maintenance and Inspection team for equipped play areas are now situated within AURA Leisure and Libraries. The Public Open Spaces portfolio, including the school grounds contracts, have also transferred to the 'Streetscene Service'. A partnership between all three service areas continues in place via a Play Sufficiency Working group. There is an intention that the Chief Officer for Education and Youth Services and/or the Lead member for Education and Youth will chair this new group and link matters into the Public Service Board.

Criteria

This section contains the “matters that need to be taken into account” as set out under section 10 of the Statutory Guidance.

The Criteria column: sets out the data that needs to be available and the extent to which Local Authorities meet the stated criteria.

The RAG status column: provides a drop down box, whereby the Local Authority can show its assessment of whether that criterion is fully met; partially met; or not met. These have been given Red, Amber Green markers, which appear as words in the drop down boxes. *(In the “RAG status column”, Double click on the word STATUS – this will bring up drop-down form fields options, use the arrow down key until the status required RED, AMBER or GREEN- is at the top then press ok)*

Red, Amber Green (RAG) status is a tool to communicate status quickly and effectively.

RAG status

Criteria fully met.	Fully met
Criteria partially met.	Partially met
Criteria not met.	Not met

The 2019 column enables the local authority to indicate the direction of travel with the insertion of arrows.

The Evidence to support strengths column: should be used to provide the reason for the chosen criteria status and how the evidence is held.

The Shortfall column: should be used to explain the areas in which the Local Authority does not fully meet the criteria.

The Identified Action for Action Plan column: should be used to show the Local Authority action planning priorities for that Matter.

The Comments section: asks some specific questions for each matter that should enable you to give a clear overview of how the Local Authority complies with the intention and implementation of this matter as set out fully in the Statutory Guidance. It also provides the opportunity to identify challenges and how they might be overcome.

Matter A: Population

What has changed in terms of population and demographic trends since Play Sufficiency Assessment 2016?

There has been an increase in the number of children with a disability. Rising from 740 children in 2002 to 1060 in 2017.

There has been a reduction in the number of Welsh speaking children in Flintshire. Welsh speakers form 13.2 of the population, lower than the average regionally.

How has/will the Local Authority use its population data to plan for sufficient play opportunities locally?

The data will be applied in number of ways. This can be at ward level with regard to identifying child population with regard to play areas, green spaces and staffed play provision. The data will be used to identify children in deprived areas to target specifically for play/food programmes. The data will also identify the number of children living in rural area, Welsh speaking children; children with disabilities and children from ethnic minorities.

The local authority working with partners has continued to use ‘shared knowledge’ to determine where services are provided across the county.

Comments

RAG Status for Matter A

Criteria partially met. 

The local authority provides links to key information for all services with regard to providing statistics and geographical demographics to enable service planning. This is via links to the Flintshire county Council infonet. AURA Leisure and Libraries, Flintshire Play Development team; AURA Sports Development; Integrated Youth provision and Theatr Clwyd will continue to work closely with partner agencies to identify need to secure and provide services for all children and young people in Flintshire. Children young people, families and other community members are all involved in any consultation with regard to play provision, in planning, monitoring and evaluation of projects.

Sources include:

InfoBase Cymru - Covers a wide range of data including themes such as people, economy, housing, transport etc.... Information is available about Wales from local authority level to a local area (lower super output area - LSOA) level.

Local Area Summary Statistics - A statistical overview of each local authority area. Includes data and statistics on health, the economy, education etc.

My Local Council - A tool that brings performance data to the public; allowing users to see how their council is performing compared to other councils across Wales.

Benchmarking Wales - A repository for local authority service improvement data, shared for the purpose of improving services. *Note - By using this system you agree not to make public any data relating to an individual authority without that authority's explicit consent, or to use the data for any other purpose other than that intended here.*

National Survey for Wales - The National Survey for Wales involves over 14,000 people a year across the whole of Wales. The results are used by the Welsh Government to help make Wales a better place to live.

StatsWales - A free-to-use service that allows you to view, manipulate, create and download tables from Welsh data, including Census Data.

Welsh Government Statistics & Research - Includes a variety of topics such as Education and Skills, Health and Social Care, Housing and Regeneration etc.

Office for National Statistics (ONS) - the UK's largest independent producer of official statistics and is the recognised national statistical institute for the UK. It is responsible for collecting and publishing statistics related to the economy, population and society at national, regional and local levels. It also conducts the census in England and Wales every ten years.

Matter B: Providing for Diverse Needs

The Play Sufficiency Assessment should present data about how the Local Authority and partners aim to offer play opportunities that are inclusive and encourage all children to play and meet together.

RAG Status:

Criteria partially met. 

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1	The play requirements of children living in isolated rural areas are understood and provided for			Continued delivery of the local authority Match-Funding Scheme for improvements to children’s play areas via AURA Leisure and Libraries (see Cabinet report, 20 Nov 2018).		
2	The play requirements of Welsh language speaking children are understood and provided for			All local authority owned play areas have bilingual information signs.		
3	The play requirements of children from different cultural background are understood and provided for			All services for children and young people provided by the local authority and partner organisations consider and are respectful of the needs of children and young people from different cultural backgrounds.	Not all services provided are translated into all languages evident in the local authority areas	

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4	The play requirements and support needs of disabled children are understood and provided for.			<p>Inclusivity is a key element of all existing play area refurbishments and designs for new play facilities.</p> <p>Inclusivity is a key element of all existing and any new play provision including staffed play provision delivered by the local authority and its partners</p> <p>The school sport survey is conducted every 2/3 years which is the largest survey of its kind in Europe. This enables us to understand inclusive needs Consultation is conducted with Clubs, families and health professionals</p>		For the Play Sufficiency Working group to support the further development for this key provision
5	Play projects and providers have access to a range of resources which support inclusion			Services delivered via local authority play projects have access to a wide range of resources to enable access to facilities and services.		
6	There is a well-known and			Youth, Disability and Well-		

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	<p>agreed mechanism which is used to identify the need for separate provision for disabled children</p>			<p>being and Disability Sport programmes sign post referrals to play, sport and recreation provision. This includes referrals from the Early Help Hub</p> <p>Families First have commissioned a Disability Consortia. Play is represented on this group via the P.A.L.S. project (Play and leisure Support)</p> <p>The Consortia offer a service that meets the deliverables and secures positive outcomes by sharing best practice and the expertise of our partners to deliver a needs-led approach that meets the holistic needs of the referred children, young people and families affected by disability.</p> <p>This collaboration delivers</p>		

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				<p>bespoke programmes of support to meet individual needs, including:</p> <p>Learning and Development interventions to support disabled young people develop healthy life skills e.g. budgeting, healthy eating and exercise</p> <p>Social activities for disabled YP to develop new skills and promote creativity</p> <p>Local community-based activities with members of the consortium e.g. Aura, Flintshire Buddy play scheme providing additional support to provide integrated activities of choice.</p> <p>Groundwork ‘Open mind, open spaces’ scheme supports disabled young people and their families to</p>		

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				<p>engage with Green Spaces to improve physical and mental wellbeing.</p> <p>Daffodils provide planned community based activities involving extended families and days out to community venues.</p> <p>Play activities are accessed as appropriate during weekends and evenings throughout the week and school holidays and our aim is always to be fully integrated into community activity.</p> <p>All partners within the consortium deliver services and support children and young people where two or more ACES have been identified; linking families to timely benefit and housing support enables them to access additional income or appropriate housing to better enable families to live healthy</p>		

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				<p>lives without financial hardship.</p> <p>In partnership with family support services peer support programmes are provided working with disabled young people and their parents. Within the consortium there are models of innovation such as AFC Parent Support Group and Daffodils Parent-lead Support ensures that the emotional wellbeing of families is promoted.</p> <p>Through AFC group activities young people develops natural, appropriate friendships which are promoted outside of the group. This approach is supported by:</p> <p>Aura's volunteer pathway — sustainable opportunities in community activities where young people are encouraged</p>		

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				<p>to support each other.</p> <p>Sports Development deliver Inclusive ‘playmaker’ training for Year 5/6 pupils, promoting support for disabled peers in physical activity.</p> <p>Disability Sport Wales delivers ‘Mini DIT’ (Disability inclusion training), where the main emphasis is on inclusion and having fun.</p> <p>Daffodils — peer support networks are naturally formed along with parent/carer support during activities/social events.</p> <p>The Consortia offer advice and guidance to families for them to understand the benefit system and support them to access support where there is financial hardship. This includes access to right information in right format. As a consortium, we have</p>		

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				<p>established working relationships which can be relied upon to 'join-up' services available and signpost to FISF, Newcis for parents of disabled child, parental informal advice and assistance (amongst others).</p> <p>Actif 4 – 16 whereby children on the scheme access AURA Leisure and Library facilities at a lower cost and direct debit which is at a lower rate.</p> <p>AURA Leisure and Libraries ice rink sessions exclusively for children with disabilities</p> <p>The Consortia offer a service that meets the deliverables and secures positive outcomes by sharing best practice and the expertise of our partners to deliver a needs-led approach that meets the holistic needs of the referred children, young people and families affected</p>		

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				by disability		
7	Access audits for all play provision as described in the guidance are undertaken			Access is a key consideration during the design or refurbishment of a play area.		
8	Designated play space is provided and well maintained on gypsy traveller sites			Housing and Assets commented that initial plans have been drawn up for a refurbished site which include provision for play. New site provision will be for 2023 and will be for green space area plus a community hub with wifi requested from young people as part of the consultation. Within the green space area there will be a mixture of age appropriate equipment, some of which will be cordoned off for the very young people	No provision until 2023.	
9	The requirements of young carers are understood and provided for					

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10	The requirements of lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB) children are understood and provided for			A youth club is being established in Deeside Leisure Centre which caters specifically for LGBT provision This is a partnership between Integrated Youth Provision and AURA Leisure and Libraries		

Providing for Diverse Needs

How has data been used (or how will the data be used) to address the barriers that children with diverse needs face in accessing inclusive and accessible opportunities for playing?

The data has been used to plan and deliver a wide range of services across the county both integrated and targeted specifically.

This has benefited children young people with disabilities and their families in Flintshire

Consortiums have been developed during the past 3 years to bring service areas and organisations together to work in partnership i.e. the Flintshire Disability consortium funded by the Welsh Government Families First Grant and the Welsh Government Play Opportunities Grant in partnership with local authority education and Youth services

Matter C: Space available for children to play: Open Spaces and Outdoor unstaffed designated play spaces

The Local Authority should recognise that all open spaces within their area are potentially important areas where children can play or pass through to reach other play areas or places where they go.

RAG Status

Criteria partially met. 

Open Spaces

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
1	The Local Authority has undertaken an Open Space Assessment (OSA) that maps areas that are used, or might be used for playing as listed in the Statutory Guidance			Work has commenced to update the 2007 Open Space Survey with representatives from Aura, FCC Planning & FCC Streetscene contributing to the revised document; target date for completion is 2019/20.		
2	The Local Authority has undertaken an Accessible Greenspace Study that maps areas that are used for playing			Green Spaces framework was approved by FCC Cabinet 3-4 years ago; best to speak to Tom Woodall / Andy Brown re current position.		
3	The Local Authority undertakes access audits at all open spaces and implements					

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	proposals to improve access and safety					
4	The Local Authority has developed its own Open Space Standards in accordance with the advice and requirements of Planning Policy Wales			The future Standard will/should be informed following the completion of the revised Open Space Survey. The future Standard will likely be determined by the Section 106 working group (chaired by Mandy Lewis, FCC Planning Development Manager). This group currently meets on a monthly basis and is attended by Aura's Play Design Officer.		
5	The Local Authority undertakes and actions play value assessments in public open space					
6	Brownfield sites owned by the Local Authority are assessed for the potential for the site to be reclaimed to provide for children's play					

Outdoor Unstaffed Designated Play Spaces

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7	The Local Authority has undertaken an Accessible Greenspace Study that maps areas that are used for playing			Work has commenced to update the 2007 Open Space Survey with representatives from Aura, FCC Planning & FCC Streetscene contributing to the revised document; target date for completion is 2019/20.		
8	The Local Authority keeps an up to date record of all designated play space as described in the Statutory Guidance			Held as a mapping data layer by the local authority's GIS Manager		
9	The Local Authority assesses play spaces for play value and potential to increase in play use as set out in the Statutory Guidance					
10	The Local Authority undertakes access audits at all designated play spaces and implements proposals to improve access and safety					
11	The Local Authority has developed and agreed a new			FCC Planning is the strategic lead in relation to		

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	fixed play provision standard			providing specifications to developers; Aura provides developers with practical guidance.		
12	The Local Authority undertakes and actions play space assessments in designated play spaces			Aura has maintained and updated the 2010 Play Areas' Survey and its findings inform the annual match-funding programme (see Cabinet report, 20 Nov 2018).		
13	The Local Authority has introduced smoke-free playgrounds			This principle still remains in operation.		
14	The Local Authority has removed 'no ball games' signs to encourage more children playing in the community			This function resides with FCC Streetscene and Housing. Information to follow		
15	The Local Authority has erected signs, such as Play Priority Signs to encourage more children playing in the community			The first Play Priority Sign (funded via Section 106) is due to be erected in St. Mary's Park play area, Mold in early 2019.		
16	The Local Authority includes a recognition of the importance					

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	of playing fields to children’s play when any disposal decisions are made					
17	The Local Authority includes children and their families in any consultations regarding decisions to dispose of playing fields					
18	The Local Authority refers to guidance around creating accessible play space when refurbishing or developing new playgrounds	NEW		FCC, in partnership with Aura, adheres to all available guidance when developing or refurbishing a play area.		

Open Spaces

How has the Local Authority ensured collaboration between Open Space Assessments / Green Infrastructure Strategies and Play Sufficiency Assessments to improve spaces for play?

Aura Play Design commented : The Local Authority undertakes access audits at all open spaces and implements proposals to improve access and safety

Rural North Family Centre commented that some of the barriers to children play are :

- The availability of safe supervised spaces to play in. More of a barrier to parents / carers who feel the need for supervised play in safe spaces for younger children
- Lack of funding to develop play spaces
- Access to green spaces / sites for those living in satellite villages / hamlets

Rural North Family Centre commented that many dedicated areas given over to play.

- The superb quality of the play schemes taking place on adventure play areas/ green spaces, and the quality of the areas themselves. Consistently good feedback from parents/ carers, children/ young people and partners

Have there been challenges?

Access to capital funding.

How can these be overcome?

Working in partnership with local communities to achieve grant funding

Comments:

Aura Play Design commented :

When funding from Match funding or off site section 106 contributions are available the play environment is assessed by Aura Play Design and this includes improving Access into and through play spaces, whilst improving safety, the selection of Inclusive play features is integral in new or refurbished play features.

In 2019/20 an independent play area assessment will be commissioned to assess the play value of the Authorities fixed play areas the brief will include a requirement for Access & Safety and Inclusive Use, this is likely to be carried out on a phased approach.

Rural North Family Centre commented: There are less opportunities now than there were three years ago. A few years ago the adventure play area in Gronant was extremely well used during school holidays and after school in term time. Attendance levels were high and feedback from parents/ carers and school staff was excellent. The entire area and operation had a strong vibrancy and a good reputation. There does appear to be very little available for our children and young people to access out of school hours at the moment.

AURA Leisure and Libraries in partnership with the local authority presented a report to Cabinet in November 2018 with regard to issues relating to outdoor children's play areas. This is a significant report and as such is attached as an appendix to this document. Appendix A – Tuesday 20th November 2018 – Outdoor Children's Play Areas.

There is no bespoke formal mechanism for receiving comments from the community.

A website enquiry form is available for Aura Leisure and Libraries (Generic rather than play area-specific).

The telephone number that is placed on all play area signs is 01352 701234 (Streetscene switchboard); any relevant details forwarded to AURA

Outdoor unstaffed designated play spaces

Public Open Space and Transportation have been aligned to Streetscene and disseminated to the Area Working model

Matter D: Supervised provision

The Local Authority should aim to offer a range of supervised play provision.

RAG Status

Criteria partially met. 

Playwork provision

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1	The Local Authority keeps an up to date record of all supervised play provision as described in the Statutory Guidance			<p>The Play Development team, Childcare Development team and the Family Information Service Flintshire collate and maintain a comprehensive database with regard to supervised play provision</p> <p>There is an up to date record of all sites run by Aura Sports Development that provide for Sports and Recreation</p>	Links to organisations providing for older children both internally and external to those provided by the local authority	
2	The Local Authority offers play			See Cabinet report for 20		

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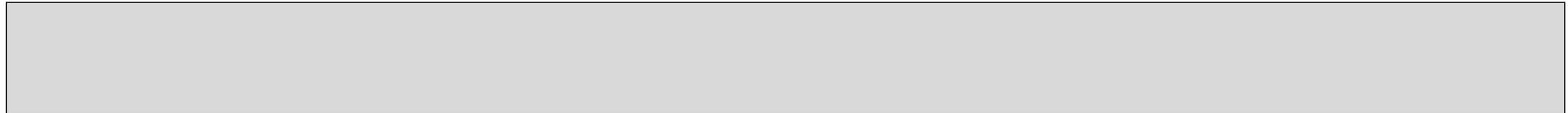
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	provision which offers a rich play environment as described in the Statutory Guidance			<p>Nov 2018 which outlines FCC commitment to fixed play areas in terms of match-funding scheme and three-year (2017-20) capital programme allocation.</p> <p>All local authority staffed play provision aim to provide a rich play environment via the introduction of loose parts and training for team members.</p>		
3	The Local Authority ensures that partners are supported to offer rich play environments as described in the Statutory Guidance			<p>The partners in FCC's match-funding programme are Town & Community Councils and they have supported fixed play provision for the past 9 years. Other partners include community action groups e.g. Sychdyn Coronation Playing Fields Association.</p> <p>All local authority staffed play provision aim to provide</p>		The Local Authority will support the workforce to achieve the accepted

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				a rich play environment via the introduction of loose parts and training for team members.		qualification levels set out by SkillsActive via the planned Delivery of accredited training course for playwork to a level 2 and level 3 standard
4	Staffed play provision that the Local Authority provides meets the regulatory requirements and National Minimum Standards			This meets National Minimum Standards through Risk Assessments/NGB and activity guidelines for activities provides by AURA Sports Development		
5	Staffed play provision that the Local Authority funds meets the regulatory requirements and National Minimum Standards			This meets National Minimum Standards through Risk Assessments/NGB and activity guidelines for activities provides by AURA Sports Development		
6	Staffed play provision that the Local Authority's partners provide meets the regulatory requirements and National Minimum Standards			This meets National Minimum Standards through Risk Assessments/NGB and activity guidelines for activities provides by AURA Sports Development		
7	Staffed play provision across the Local Authority works to a recognised quality assurance programme			The Local Authority will support the workforce to achieve the accepted qualification levels set out by SkillsActive via the		

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				planned Delivery of accredited training course for playwork to a level 2 and 3 standard		
8	The Local Authority prioritises quality issues when engaging with/ commissioning the private sector to deliver recreational activities for children.			AURA Sport Development work to UK Coaching and CIMSPA recognised standards		
9	The Local Authority provides council premises and space free of charge to organisations which provide free (at the point of access) play provision for children			All local authority owned fixed play areas are free to access.		



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10	Local authority sport, physical activity, and active recreation plans are contributing to increasing free play and recreational activities			<p>AURA Sports Development provide the following:-</p> <p>Parklives – Summer provision</p> <p>Community Hubs x 7</p> <p>YDW – 10 weeks on referral</p> <p>Dragon Sport and 5 x 60 – 15,000+ sessions free per year</p> <p>Daily Mile</p> <p>Playground Leaders delivering in schools</p>		
11	The sports agenda contributes to the provision of sufficient recreational activities for children			<p>AYP - yearly funding from Sport Wales, in principle agreement for 2019-20</p> <p>(Dragon Sport, 5X60, playground leaders, daily mile)</p> <p>YDW - yearly funding from Families First</p>	Annual funding year on year for all except disability Sport	

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				<p>Disability Sport - agreement to fund until 2021</p> <p>Parklives - street games funding annual application</p> <p>Community Hubs - various one off bids and Sport Wales funding</p> <p>Actif 4 – 16 whereby children on the scheme access AURA Leisure and Library facilities at a lower cost and direct debit which is at a lower rate.</p> <p>AURA Leisure and Libraries ice rink sessions exclusively for children with disabilities</p>		
12	The cultural and arts agenda, is contributing to the provision of sufficient recreational activities for children			Theatr Clwyd provides the following at low cost/no cost and works in partnership to enable all children and young people to both cultural and artistic opportunities		

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				<p>Weekly Drama Workshops</p> <p>Drama workshops held throughout the week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturdays) for children and young people aged 4 – 25 during term time (35 weeks)</p> <p>Low cost with 20% discount for families in receipt of benefit.</p> <p>Supervised Play.</p> <p>Welsh language group on Tuesdays.</p> <p>230 places available.</p> <p>16.5 hours in total per week</p> <p>FUSE/FUSE On Weekly Drama Workshops</p> <p>Two weekly drama groups held on Monday evenings for children and young</p>		

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				<p>people with additional learning needs aged 7 – 25.</p> <p>During term time (35 weeks in the year)</p> <p>Low cost with 20% discount for families in receipt of benefit.</p> <p>Supervised Play.</p> <p>30 places available.</p> <p>2.5 hours per week.</p> <p>Greenfield Valley Weekly Drama Workshops</p> <p>Held in Greenfield Valley in partnership with the Youth Integrated Services.</p> <p>For young people aged 11+.</p> <p>Free of charge.</p>		

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				<p>Supervised Play.</p> <p>25 places available.</p> <p>2 hours per week during term time.</p> <p>Summer School</p> <p>Summer programme of activities held at the theatre for children and young people aged 6 – 16 (3-4 weeks during the summer holidays).</p> <p>Low cost with 20% discount for families in receipt of benefit.</p> <p>Supervised Play.</p> <p>250 places available.</p> <p>Hours range from 6 – 8 hours per week.</p> <p>Family Arts Festival</p>		

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				<p>For children and their families.</p> <p>An annual three day arts festival with shows, films, participatory activities, interactive performances in a variety of genres.</p> <p>Participatory activities and interactive performances in public areas all free of charge.</p> <p>Discounted show tickets with prices between £1.00 and £5.00 maximum.</p> <p>Over 5,000 attendees in 2018.</p> <p>Family Programme at Theatr Clwyd</p> <p>For children and their families.</p> <p>Reduced ticket prices.</p>		

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				<p>A monthly programme of shows and activities for family audiences.</p> <p>We run a Clwb Teulu (Family Club) for families to advise on Welsh productions and activities.</p> <p>Stori a Chan – a weekly Welsh language story and song session for children up to 4 years old and their parents during term time.</p> <p>Delivered by Cymraeg i Blant in partnership with Theatr Clwyd.</p> <p>Supervised Play.</p> <p>Free of Charge.</p> <p>Approximately 20 attendees per week.</p> <p>One hour a week.</p> <p>We also offer a Flintshire</p>		

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				<p>Schools Festival, various visual art projects including Criw Celf, Portffolio and currently a weekly drama session in Shotton's Pupil Referral Unit.</p> <p>In 2018 we offered a free summer school in Greenfield Valley (this was funded by Greenfield Valley Heritage and Museum). It is hoped that we will offer another this year but not confirmed. We are also currently working with Integrated Youth Provision and providing drama workshops in Saltney Youth Club.</p>		
13	The Local Authority Youth Service provides for children's opportunities for leisure and association			Participation Team within Integrated Youth Provision Education and Youth commented that young people are signposted to local facilities to take part in sport and leisure activities.		

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				In some of the open access youth provisions there are opportunities to take part in sports.		

Supervised play provision

Flying Start :

Early Years and Flying Start plans and services recognise the importance of play and contribute to the provisions of rich play opportunities for younger children

Evidence to support strengths

Flying Start ensures that all children in receipt of the service have access to play opportunities throughout their time with Flying Start. We have a range of services which promotes and encourages play for young children and their families. Flintshire Flying Start provide opportunities for play to both Flying Start and non-Flying start children and their families.

Each locality (Four localities in total) runs two drop in sessions per week throughout the year (including school holidays). As stated in the Welsh Government Parenting guidance the sessions “*gives parents the opportunity to have a fun time playing with their child and the opportunity*

to meet with others. It also introduces parents to new ways of playing with their child to support their child's cognitive, social and language development." The sessions are informal and run for 1 hour. Each session incorporate play, singing and story time. Some of the items available allow parents to recreate the play opportunities within the family home for example- messy play using food items, building dens with blankets, musical instruments using kitchen items. Our sessions are run within our Family centers and community centers across Flintshire, where possible the children have access to both indoor and outdoor play throughout the sessions.

Within Flying Start we are also able to support children's opportunists to play by offering every child within Flying Start 15 hours of Childcare per week for 39 weeks following the term after their second birthday. The Welsh Government Flying Start Quality Childcare guidance states *"Play is crucial to the way children become self-aware and the way in which they learn the rules of social behaviour. Play is also fundamental to intellectual development. Play supports children in 'learning how to learn' and in acquiring high aspirations, a positive self-image and a disposition to learning."* The children are able to access Flying Start approved private nurseries, play groups and childminders for their sessions.

Flying Start also supports play one to one within the family's homes as and when required. These session provide parents with the knowledge and skills on how to support and develop their children's play development. The sessions provide an opportunity to share new ideas, activities and evidence to support a children's play. The staff will bring along toys to the sessions which can be left for the children to play with following the end of the session. However Flying Start will also encourage play using items that the children already have access too for example pots and pans, water play, cardboard boxes or creating treasure baskets using household items.

Flintshire Flying Start ensures that staff and childcare providers have access to training that supports and develops children's play opportunities. Recently some team members have been trained in Forest School. Forest school state *"It believes in children's right to play; the right to access the outdoors (and in particular a woodland environment); the right to access risk and the vibrant reality of the natural world; and the right to experience a healthy range of emotions, through all the challenges of social interaction, to build a resilience that will enable continued and creative engagement with their peers and their potential."*

Identified actions for Action plan

Within Flying Start we are always striving to ensure our families and staff have access to the most up to date research which supports play and child development and therefore we are always striving to develop our knowledge and skills.

We are also looking to ensure that other services have access to our Children's Centers and recourses to ensure that all children across Flintshire have opportunities to play.

Where the Local Authority has assessed settings as part of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessments (CSAs), how have these settings been assessed in respect of the quality of play opportunities they provide and offer?

Supervised play provision which has been included within Flintshire County Council's Childcare Sufficiency Assessment reporting will be registered with Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW). All of these registered settings have to produce an annual Quality of Care Review and are subject to regular inspections from CIW. The quality of the play opportunities they provide and offer will be covered by this Quality of Care review and during regular inspections from CIW. There are just three supervised play providers in Flintshire who are not registered with CIW and they are receiving support from the Childcare Development Officer to move towards being registered with CIW.

How has provision that is not part of the CSA been assessed in respect of the quality of play opportunities they provide and offer?

N/A

Have there been challenges?

For those few settings who are not yet registered with CIW it may be difficult to register as they have insufficient numbers attending to make the setting financially viable.

How can these be overcome?

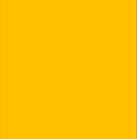
The settings mentioned above would have to receive subsidies in order to maintain the staffing ratios required under CIW registration

Matter E: Charges for play provision

The Local Authority should consider which play opportunities involve a charge and the extent to which the Local Authority takes these charges into account in assessing for sufficient play opportunities for children living in low income families as set out in the Statutory Guidance.

RAG status

Criteria partially met. 

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1	The Local Authority keeps records of the number of children living in low income families					
2	The Local Authority keeps records of the number of children living in areas of deprivation					
3	The Local Authority keeps records of the number of children living in rural areas					
4	The Local Authority keeps records of the number of disabled children and those with particular needs.					

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5	The Local Authority records the availability of no cost provision					
6	The Local Authority records the provision of no cost / low cost premises used for play provision					
7	The Local Authority records the provisions where grants or subsidies are available for play providers			Aura's Funding Agreement with FCC includes an element to support the inspection and maintenance of the Play Design function.		
8	The Local Authority provides subsidised transport for children travelling to play opportunities			Occasionally with AURA Sports Development and Integrated youth provision Days out/courses etc.		

Charge for play provision

How is the Local Authority ensuring that children have access to no or low-cost provision?

Generally, there is good practice in partnership working. The local authority and its partners pool resources with partners, utilising grants and targeting those most in need. An example of this is a new initiative to deliver free meals to playschemes across Flintshire aims to prevent children from going hungry during the summer holidays 2019.

Flintshire County Council worked in partnership with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Clwyd Alyn Housing Association and Travis Perkins Managed Services, delivered 3400 free meals to playschemes in the first week of the summer holidays.

Flintshire County Council and its partners joined forces with “Can Cook” to launch this ambitious programme “Share Your Lunch” providing over 18,700 free meals – up to 625 meals a day – over the six-week summer holiday period to 20 play schemes throughout Flintshire. Summer holiday playschemes are free at the point of access, many in partnership with participating town and community councils.

The local authority and its partners ensure that information with regard to opportunities for children and young people is shared county wide via Flintshire County Council website, the Family Information Service and the wider network which includes Play Development; Integrated Youth provision; schools; social services; town and community councils etc. However, restriction of some WG funding programmes to specific areas or postcodes can restrict play provision being as responsive to community needs as possible. The short term and sporadic nature of funding has meant a lack of continuity in provision beyond the summer holidays.

The county summer play scheme provides for Childrens play in 58 communities for all at no cost to families

The local authority utilise a number of grant opportunities in schools and communities to ensure no cost to families

There are specific schemes within AURA Leisure and Libraries with regard to creating low cost or no cost services and a willingness to work in partnership with regard to the social aims of the organisation and the partnership with the local authority

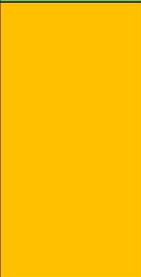
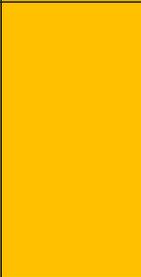
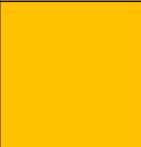
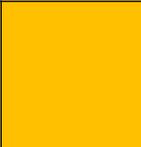
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Matter F: Access to space/provision

The Local Authority should consider all the factors that contribute to children’s access to play or moving around their community.

RAG Status

Criteria partially met. 

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
1	The Local Authority keeps an up to date record of the number of 20 mph zones/school safety zones in residential areas					
2	The Local Authority has an identified mechanism for assessing the impact of speed reduction and other road safety measures on the opportunity for children to play outside in their communities					
3	The Local Authority has a plan(s) to reduce the negative effect of busy roads and junctions through the					

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	introduction of speed reduction measures and provision of safe crossing points/routes for pedestrians and cyclists					
4	The Local Authority has a plan(s) to improve walking and cycle access to parks, outdoor play facilities and local leisure centres from residential areas			Aura advises FCC that open space should also include pathways for cycling when responding to proposed planning developments.		
5	There is potential for the Local Authority to take further action to reduce traffic speed and improve road safety to promote play opportunities			Information to follow		
6	The Local Authority uses road safety grants and/or other funding to support delivery of cycling training for children to national standards			Information to follow		
7	The Local Authority uses road safety grants and/or other funding to provide pedestrian safety training for children					
8	The Local Authority has an accessible and well-known way of arranging temporary road closures, to support more					

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	children to play outside their homes					
9	The Local Authority refers to <i>Manual for Streets</i> when considering new developments and changes to the highway network/urban realm					
10	The Local Authority works to nationally recognised good practice guidelines when developing walking and cycling facilities					
11	The Local Authority uses child pedestrian road accident casualty data to inform the location and design of interventions which help children get around independently in their communities					
12	The Local Authority considers children's needs to access play opportunities when making decisions about public transport planning and expenditure					
13	The requirements of disabled	NEW				

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	children are understood and provided for within traffic and transport initiatives					

Information, publicity and events:
For children and families to take part in play opportunities, recreational activities and events it is necessary for them to know what is available in their area.

14	The Local Authority has a clearly identified section on its website which gives information about play opportunities as described in the Statutory Guidance (play areas, play provision, clubs and their accessibility)	GREEN		<p>Aura Leisure and Libraries can provide assistance in relation to information required.</p> <p>The AURA Sports Development area of the website makes this information available</p> <p>The County Summer playscheme information for parents and carers and all registration forms/ consent forms are available via the Flintshire County Council web pages and are highlighted as a front news item before and during the playscheme delivery</p>		<p>Family Information Service Flintshire – to continue to provide links for other service areas and other organisations to the Dewis Website and also FISF facebook pages which are used to promote play opportunities. The Flintshire County Council website is also used to promote play opportunities. FISF Staff will also continue to signpost members of the public when answering enquiries to all play services</p> <p>Production of a booklet PLAY GUIDE for parents /carers. Establishment of a</p>
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				Family Information Service Flintshire (FISF) - 450 people / organisations now 'Like' their Facebook page, 2000 post 'engagements' were recorded week commencing 3rd March 2019. 11,000 people have viewed their posts in the past week alone, and in the past month they have published or shared over 100 posts.		mutlti agency working group to collate and produce this as a priority
15	The Local Authority provides information on access to play opportunities and contact for support if required			Aura Leisure and Libraries can provide assistance in relation to information required.	There is an identified need amongst service areas and public to have information which clearly identifies the availability of all available services and facilities in the county	
16	The Local Authority supports and publicises events which encourage play opportunities and events for children and families			Aura can provide assistance in relation to information required to populate a revised customer booklet.	There is an identified need highlighted by this consultation to produce a PLAY GUIDE for parents	

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					and carers produced electronically and in a hard format	
17	The Local Authority publicises information which contributes to positive community attitudes to play			The Family Information Service and the Play Development team collate and maintain a database of information with regard to all play projects delivered by the local authority. The Corporate Communication Team promote all good news stories on all of its social media platforms		
18	The Local Authority publicises information and support for parents to help them encourage their children to play			The Family Information Service and the Play Development team collate and maintain a database of information with regard to all play projects delivered by the local authority. The Corporate Communication Team promote all good news stories on all of its social media platforms		
19	The Local Authority widely uses on-site signposting to safeguard and promote play			The Family Information Service and the Play Development team collate and maintain a database of information with regard to all play projects delivered by		FISF as all other services provide information for local and national media via the local authority corporate communications team.

				the local authority. The Corporate Communication Team promote all good news stories on all of its social media platforms		
20	The Local Authority engages with the media to encourage the positive portrayal of children playing in the local area			Aura will post positive news stories of joint working with FCC in relation to children’s play areas on its social media platforms.		

Access to space/provision

Public Open Space and Transportation have been aligned to Streetscene and disseminated to the Area Working model

Information, publicity, events

How has the Local Authority positively used information to support access to play provision?

FISF reported that Facebook and Dewis – both increasingly used more and more, Dewis over the past 12 months since FISF adopted it as their database provider and website and Facebook since January 2019. The FISF team and staff at Rural North Flintshire Family Centre (RNFFC) always refer to play opportunities in the county when answering this type of enquiry.

FCC Parenting commented that the production of a playbook or use of Dewis to ensure parents are informed of play areas and availability was much needed.

Have there been challenges?

FISF reported that challenges were mainly technical

How can these be overcome?

FISF advised that the vast majority of technical incidents have now been rectified by Data Cymru (Dewis developers) working with the Local Authority to resolve / implement improvements.

Comments:

FISF reported that Facebook has been used extensively since given permission to set up a page. It is well received and very useful for programming posts to appear in the evening and at weekends. The FISF actively promote all play and leisure opportunities.

Matter G: Securing and developing the play workforce

The Local Authority should provide information on the organisational structure of the policy area which manages the play agenda and the play workforce.

RAG status

Criteria partially met. 

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Note – These criteria are specifically about Playwork: Playwork is a highly skilled profession that enriches and enhances play. It takes place where adults support children’s play but it is not driven by prescribed education or care outcomes. This includes both open access and out of school childcare settings						
1	The Local Authority keeps up to date information regarding the playwork workforce across the Local Authority (this should include the number of playworkers, playwork management structure, qualification levels, training opportunities and volunteers)			The local authority has all records with regard to the internal play workforce i.e. all Community Play Team members and Play scheme Supervisors employed by the local authority for the delivery of holiday playschemes and other play projects across the county Similarly for the childcare	Not know or recorded with regard to any external provision privately or within the third sector.	

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				workforce for all registered day-care provision.		
2	The Local Authority supports all of the workforce to achieve the qualification level required by the Welsh Government’s National Minimum Standards			<p>The local authority, supported by Playwales with resources made available from the Welsh Government Play Opportunities grant is in the process of organising a level two course for Play Development, Youth Services and Youth Justice Service</p> <p>The local authority supported by Playwales with resources made available from the Welsh Government Play Opportunities grant, is in the process of organising a level two course for other agencies</p> <p>The local authority will support Play Development team</p>	The temporary, short-term and also seasonal nature of employment for play projects delivered by the local authority does not support all of the workforce to achieve the qualification level	

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				members to identify and attend a level 3 Play work course following successful completion of a level 2 course.		
3	The Local Authority supports the workforce to achieve the accepted qualification levels set out by SkillsActive			<p>The local authority, supported by Playwales with resources made available from the Welsh Government Play Opportunities grant is in the process of organising a level two course for Play Development, Youth Services and Youth Justice Service</p> <p>The local authority supported by Playwales with resources made available from the Welsh Government Play Opportunities grant, is in the process of organising a level two course for other agencies</p> <p>The local authority will support Play</p>	The temporary short term and also seasonal nature of employment for play projects delivered by the local authority does not support all of the workforce to achieve the qualification level	All courses to be delivered by September 2019, priority to 2019/20120

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				Development team members to identify and attend a level 3 Play work course following successful completion of a level 2 course.		
4	The Local Authority has a staff development budget ring fenced for play, including playwork			The local authority makes best use of pooled resources i.e. full training programme for seasonal workers in partnership with funding received from Welsh Government Play opportunities grant and local town and community councils	There is no identified core budget ring fenced for play	To continue to work with internal services to identify opportunities for collaboration to fund training
5	There is a comprehensive range of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities available for playworkers in the area			All employees of the Play Development team can access a wide and varied relevant training opportunities. All new and returning seasonal works can access the following training An introduction to Playwork Safeguarding and child protection Health and Safety and	The seasonal team employed to deliver the county summer playcheme is unable to achieve an accredited play work qualification due to both time insufficient funding and not enough time for observations for	

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				<p>Play Risk Management/Risk benefit Equalities and Inclusion training Challenging Behaviour Disability Inclusion Local government policies and protocols</p> <p>Specialist training also provided where it is identified as necessary to work with individual or groups of young people i.e. anti-social behaviour PRICE TRAINING for playworkers working with most vulnerable children and young people Pupil Referral Units and in more challenging communities</p> <p>Also specific training to enable work with children and young people with disabilities and children with medical condition</p>	<p>qualification.</p>	

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				where our support is required in order to access play opportunities I.e. Makaton Autism awareness		
6	Training is available for volunteers and parents to develop their knowledge on skills in playwork			Information to follow		
7	The Local Authority includes playwork within its Workforce Development strategies			Information to follow		
8	The Local Authority supports partners to deliver appropriate training to community groups, parents and volunteers			Information to follow		
<p>Note – these criteria are about the Play workforce: This encompasses anyone employed whose role has an impact on children playing – those who may either directly facilitate their play, design for playing, or those with the power to give permission for children to play, or not.</p>						
9	The Local Authority has undertaken a comprehensive training needs analysis for the play			Aura employs a Play Design Officer and four Play Technicians; all four Technicians are certified		

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	workforce as defined in the toolkit glossary and above			as competent in relation to the 'Operational Inspections of Children's Playgrounds'. Aura's Play Design Officer is responsible for the design of new fixed play areas and the refurbishment of existing play facilities.		
10	The Local Authority takes action to expand the variety of learning and development opportunities that are offered to staff					
11	There is a comprehensive range of CPD opportunities for a range of professionals who work with children					
12	Training awareness sessions are available for professionals and decision makers whose work impacts on children's opportunities to play					

Securing and developing the play workforce?

How has the Local Authority met the requirement to undertake or secure the managerial and delivery functions necessary to achieve sufficient play opportunities?

The Local Authority funds a Play Development Team to manage open access playworkers. This arrangement works well as the expertise of management of playworkers is held within the team and training can be delivered alongside the recruiting and management of staff.

The Childcare Development Officer provides business support to the out of school childcare settings. Flintshire Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (FEYDCP) support this work through the Flintshire County Council Childcare budget. Also, during the last financial year Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Club (CPCKC) secured funding for the financial year for a CPCKC Development Officer to support out of school childcare settings in Flintshire. This funding ceased on 31st December 2018.

How has the Local Authority ensured it understands and provides for the workforce development needs of the play workforce (as defined in *Wales: A Play Friendly Country and above*)?

The Play Development team has a good working relationships with LA departments and sufficiency stakeholders resulting in ongoing conversations around the needs of the play workforce and resulting in numerous training sessions and awareness raising presentations. For example, the Play Development Team has commissioned play sufficiency training to a wide range of stakeholders via a focussed conference (November 2016) and a series of professional development workshops (Winter 2018).

The Play Development Team has, as part of the Play Officers North Wales network, run several play conferences aimed at professionals working in health, education and social services/ well-being. These have been instrumental in informing professionals of sufficiency and helping shape their role in achieving it.

How has the Local Authority ensured it understands and provides the playwork workforce (as defined in *Wales: A Play Friendly Country and above*)?

There are challenges to this due to decreased capacity.

Have there been challenges?

It can be difficult for professionals to attend training due to heavy workloads and time constraints.

It can also be difficult for staff looking for funding to obtain the necessary Playwork qualifications in order to meet the new Care Inspectorate

Wales standards by 2021. Usually this is due to the fact that funding requires staff to be working at least 16 hours per week and a large number of after school staff members are contracted for less than 16 hours

How can these be overcome?

Establish a play workforce working group to discuss workforce development requirements and actions

Providing funded Playwork qualifications for staff on flexible or zero hours contract. This would encourage staff to upskill and possibly take on additional hours in the future.

Matter H: Community engagement and participation.

The Local Authority should consult widely with children, their families and other stakeholders on their views on play provision. It should also promote wide community engagement in providing play friendly communities.

RAG Status

Criteria partially met. 

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
1	The Local Authority promotes initiatives to engage relevant groups in enhancing play opportunities for children in its area.			<p>FCC Match-Funding Scheme for improvements to children’s play areas (see Cabinet report, 20 Nov 2018).</p> <p>County Summer playscheme Working with 30 town and community councils for 2018 in 58 areas across the county</p> <p>P.A.L.S. Project (Play and Leisure Support)</p> <p>Kicks for Kids (Wales)</p>	Temporary nature of funding arrangements	Continued actions to identify partnerships for play and grant funding opportunities

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				HolwayTask Group Mold, Parkfields Play Development partnership		
2	The Local Authority promotes community engagement in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - making space available and suitable for play - organising play events - positive attitudes towards children and play - Training on the importance of play. 			Aura is frequently invited to community engagement events relating to FCC's identified target areas e.g. Holway, Holywell; Parkfields, Mold. County Summer playscheme Working with 30 town and community councils for 2018 in 58 areas across the county P.A.L.S. Project (Play and Leisure Support) Kicks for Kids (Wales) HolwayTask Group Mold, Parkfields Play Development partnership		

Community engagement and participation.

How has the Local Authority effectively used existing mechanisms for children’s participation and family consultation processes with regards to play?

There are improving links between the existing youth council and there is scope to ensure that it is regularly consulted and discussion held with members around improving children’s play.

The play sufficiency survey utilised primary schools to ensure children were consulted about opportunities for play. Focus groups offered more in-depth consultation with children and adults.

The links between play and education are particularly strong. A marked change in Flintshire since the last assessment is the increase in support for schools. The use of the All Wales Play Opportunity Grant has funded a range of training projects supporting better play opportunities for school play time.

Matter I: Play within all relevant policy and implementation agendas

The Local Authority should examine all its policy agendas for their potential impact on children’s opportunities to play and embed targets and action to enhance children’s play opportunities within all such policies and strategies.

RAG Status

Criteria partially met. 

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
1	There is a named person on the Local Public Service Board who champions children’s play and ensures that the Play Sufficiency Assessment and Action Plan contribute to and are incorporated within the Well-being Plan			Play is represented via the Chief Officer for Education and Youth Services and the Executive member with the portfolio for Education and Youth services. It is anticipated that either one or both of these will Chair the (Strategic) Play Sufficiency Implementation group		
2	The Well-Being Plan recognises the importance of play and contributes to the provision of rich play opportunities	NEW		There are links being developed between Play Sufficiency and Community resilience. There are direct links with the delivery of services for		

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				children and young people in Flintshire in relation to the reduction of the impact of ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACE's)		

Education and schools

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
3	Schools ensure that children are provided with a rich play environment for breaks during the school day			<p>The Playful Futures Programme has been delivered in 30 Flintshire school 28 Primary, Ysgol Tryffynnon, Holywell and Ysgol Maes Hyfryd, Flint</p> <p>The Kicks for Kids (Wales) programme has been delivered in Ysgol Bryn Pennant, Mostyn; Gronant CP; Southdown Primary School; Ysgol Tryffynnon; Holywell; Ysgol Maes</p>	<p>This programme of delivery and intervention is entirely reliant on external funding and grants</p> <p>There is an identified need to extend delivery of these projects where they are most needed and with the most vulnerable children in</p>	To continue the programme for both Playful Futures and Kicks for kids (Wales) in Flintshire schools particularly Pupil Referral Units, Special schools and those school as identified as needing support for more vulnerable children and young people

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
				<p>Hyfryd and Ysgol Troi Round Special schools</p> <p>The delivery of these programmes is evidenced to have enriched the play experience for children during school play times.</p> <p>Where play projects have been delivered as part of an intervention the results have proven a significant and positive impact with regard to increased child wellbeing and happiness, support for staff and increased levels of concentration in the classroom as a direct result</p> <p>AURA Sports Development deliver training for playground buddies, the daily mile and provide dragon sport and 5x60 sessions</p>	Education	Development of an Education and schools based working group for Play Sufficiency that will feed information into the overarching Play Sufficiency Implementation group

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
4	Schools provide play opportunities during out of teaching hours			The local authority are developing a Play Sufficiency group for Education following the School Life conference held as part of the consultation for the Play Sufficiency Assessment 2019. All areas for play in schools will be discussed via this group and represented at the Play Sufficiency Implementation group.		
5	Schools provide access to school grounds for playing out of school times			The local authority are developing a Play Sufficiency group for Education following the School Life conference held as part of the consultation for the Play Sufficiency Assessment 2019. All areas for play in schools will be discussed via this group and represented at the Play Sufficiency Implementation group.		

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6	Schools encourage children to walk and cycle to school					
7	The Local Authority offers guidance to ensure schools understand and ensure that regular outdoor play is not curtailed			The local authority Health and Safety team are working with the Play Development team and education to produce a briefing sheet with regard to all aspects of play in Flintshire schools. This will provide advice and information with regard to both dynamic risk management and risk benefit		

Town and Country Planning

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
8	The Local Development Plan recognises and addresses the outdoor play needs of children of various age groups and abilities			Work has commenced to update the 2007 Open Space Survey with representatives from Aura, FCC Planning & FCC Streetscene contributing to		

				<p>the revised document; target date for completion is 2019/20.</p> <p>Integrated Youth Services have a Youth Council established with young people from 11-25 years who meet monthly and discuss a wide range of issues effecting young people within Flintshire</p>		
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Traffic and Transport

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
9	The local Transport Plan recognises the importance of local streets, roads and walking and cycling route in offering play opportunities for children of different ages and abilities					
10	The local Transport Plan identifies ways of assessing and addressing the needs of all groups including those which are often marginalised.					

Early Years Plans

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
11	Early Years and Flying Start plans and services recognise the importance of play and contribute to the provision of rich play opportunities for younger children			<p>Early Years and Flying Start plans and services recognise the importance of play and contribute to the provisions of rich play opportunities for younger children</p> <p><u>Evidence to support strengths</u> Flying Start ensures that all children in receipt of the service have access to play opportunities throughout their time with Flying Start. We have a range of services which promotes and encourages play for young children and their families. Flintshire Flying Start provide opportunities for play to both Flying Start and non-Flying start children and their families.</p>		

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
				<p>Each locality (Four localities in total) runs two drop in sessions per week throughout the year (including school holidays). As stated in the Welsh Government Parenting guidance the sessions <i>“gives parents the opportunity to have a fun time playing with their child and the opportunity to meet with others. It also introduces parents to new ways of playing with their child to support their child’s cognitive, social and language development.”</i> The sessions are informal and run for 1 hour. Each session incorporate play, singing and story time. Some of the items available allow parents to recreate the play opportunities within the family home for example- messy play using food items, building dens with blankets, musical</p>		

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				<p>instruments using kitchen items. Our sessions are run within our Family centers and community centers across Flintshire, where possible the children have access to both indoor and outdoor play throughout the sessions.</p> <p>Within Flying Start we are also able to support children's opportunists to play by offering every child within Flying Start 15 hours of Childcare per week for 39 weeks following the term after their second birthday. The Welsh Government Flying Start Quality Childcare guidance states <i>"Play is crucial to the way children become self-aware and the way in which they learn the rules of social behaviour. Play is also fundamental to intellectual development. Play supports children in 'learning how to</i></p>		

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				<p><i>learn' and in acquiring high aspirations, a positive self-image and a disposition to learning."</i> The children are able to access Flying Start approved private nurseries, play groups and childminders for their sessions.</p> <p>Flying Start also supports play one to one within the family's homes as and when required. These session provide parents with the knowledge and skills on how to support and develop their children's play development. The sessions provide an opportunity to share new ideas, activities and evidence to support a children's play. The staff will bring along toys to the sessions which can be left for the children to play with following the end of the session. However Flying Start will also encourage</p>		

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				<p>play using items that the children already have access too for example pots and pans, water play, cardboard boxes or creating treasure baskets using household items.</p> <p>Flintshire Flying Start ensures that staff and childcare providers have access to training that supports and develops children’s play opportunities. Recently some team members have been trained in Forest School. Forest school state <i>“It believes in children's right to play; the right to access the outdoors (and in particular a woodland environment); the right to access risk and the vibrant reality of the natural world; and the right to experience a healthy range of emotions, through all the challenges of social</i></p>		

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				<i>interaction, to build a resilience that will enable continued and creative engagement with their peers and their potential.</i>		

Family policy and initiatives

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
12	Family support initiatives provide up to date information and support for parents to enable them to support their children to play			AURA Sports Development YDW and Health Signposting through Disability Sport		
13	The local implementation of the Families First programme recognises the importance of play and contributes to the provision of rich play opportunities	NEW		The Families First programme has supported a number of play Initiatives including the P.A.L.S. Project (Play and Leisure Support) for children and young people with disabilities to attend their own local play provision and		

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LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
				<p>participate in other areas specific to play sufficiency arts, culture, and recreational activities which are feely chosen</p> <p>AURA Sports Development provide YDW and Disability Inclusion Training</p>		
14	Plans to reduce the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences recognises the importance of play and contributes to the provision of rich play opportunities	NEW		<p>The local authority has provided training for all of the child workforce to attend training specific to ACE's. The Play Development team and Youth Justice team were invited to attend joint training alongside North Wales Police officers with regard to the key role of the Early help Hub and recording of ACEs</p> <p>AURA Sports Development via YDW</p>		

Inter-generational policy and initiatives

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
15	There are a range of play based approaches to inter-generational activity			<p>AURA Leisure and Libraries Parklives is aimed at families YDW offers family fitness sessions</p> <p>The Play Development team work with and deliver services to children, young people, families and all community members. Particularly through the summer playscheme programme, the PALS (Play and Leisure Support) Flintshire Buddy Scheme projects and the work of the Holway Task Group</p>		
16	There is a creative approach to inter-generational activity which encourages better interaction between children of different ages			<p>Aura’s design and refurbishment of fixed play areas supports the provision of play facilities for all age ranges.</p>		

Health and Safety	
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LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
17	The Health and Safety policies explicitly recognise the value of children being able to experience risk and challenge			The local authority health and safety team offer bespoke support and training for the Play Development team with regard to both risk management and risk benefit.	Play projects are delivered in both school and community settings. It is key to the successful delivery of projects that all partners are aware of both local authority requirements for risk management and an understanding of risk benefit	The Health and Safety team will work to produce a comprehensive briefing sheet for schools with regard to risk management and risk benefit
18	The Health and Safety policies and procedures incorporate the risk-benefit approach to health and safety assessments as recommended by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE)			Aura supports the introduction and maintenance of dynamic items of play equipment which promote challenging play opportunities; the aim is to avoid static, lifeless equipment which provides reduced play value.		

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2016	RAG Status 2019	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
				The local authority supports dynamic risk assessment with regard to supervised play provision in compliance with all procedures and protocols in place with regard to risk management.		
19	The Local Authority offers the provision of insurance through the Local Authority scheme to all third sector play providers and community councils					

Way forward

This section should briefly introduce the Action Plan which sets out what steps need to be taken to improve the opportunities for children to play within the Local Authority area, including what mechanism and criteria were used to agree and prioritise actions. It should also describe the actions the Local Authority will take with regards to change in infrastructure, partnership working or mechanisms to ensure that it is well placed to deliver on the duty to secure sufficient play opportunities

The actions within the action plan 2019/2020 have been recognised as being both achievable and having the best outcomes for children, young people, families and communities in Flintshire. The action plan will be monitored and evaluated by the Flintshire Strategic Play Sufficiency Implementation Group. This action plan has been shared via the group and the Education and Youth Overview and Scrutiny Committee before submission to Welsh Government

Signed:

Date:



Proposed actions for the period of 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020

(Funding source: funding from Local Authority own budgets and to be included in the Single Integrated Plan).

Matter	Priorities	Targets	Links to other Matters	Resources, including costs	Funding source (new or existing funding streams)
Statutory Guidance-policy framework	1. Development of the Strategic Play Sufficiency Implementation Group, chaired by the Chief Officer for Education and Youth Services and the Lead Member for Education	Continued strategic development for Play Sufficiency in the county at the most senior level, providing a clear route of communication through to the Public Service Board	All other matters	Officer Time Partnership time	Local Authority
	2 There are specific links to play sufficiency within social prescribing. When GP's are assessing adult patients and recognise that a clinical response is not needed, they either refer directly e.g. to the third sector, or go via the SPOA and social prescriber. The local authority recognises that there may be an	Within the local authority community resilience programme, the creation of a new officer role to work directly with commissioners and contractors to maximise the social value investment we can secure for communities across Flintshire has been approved. We will	All other matters	Officer Time	Local Authority

	<p>alternative path as the SPOA does not deal with children. The local authority could revisit the referral paths they are using to ensure that opportunities for play and activity are understood and being selected as a legitimate response when children are assessed This change would be in line with Flintshire’s vision for social prescribing, which is to embed the non-clinical route directly within current systems.</p> <p>There is potential in the next year to support play sufficiency via the Social Value route. This would make a massive difference directly on the ground.</p> <p>There is a direct link from Play Sufficiency to the Flintshire Well-being Plan which will</p>	<p>be pulling together a framework of priorities informed by PSB priorities, the FCC corporate plan and our work with communities in order to ensure that the investment contractors make are directly contributing to the most important issues across the county. We can easily add play-related options to the framework to pursue in that way e.g. to support the funding of training for community groups, volunteers and parents to develop their knowledge & skills in playwork (Just as context, examples indicated estimates of 20% social value return on investment for</p>			
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	<p>need to be developed. We will include Play Sufficiency with regard to Community Resilience and the Flintshire Wellbeing Plan.</p>	<p>some local authorities. Based on contracts awarded, that would equate to c£38m in Flintshire. Even if we achieved e.g. 5% or 2.5% per year of investment in kind directly within communities c.£9m/£4.5m</p> <p>To advise, deliver or secure play services both universal and targeted where most needed for the most vulnerable children young people, families and communities</p>			<p>Local Authority Welsh Government Play Opportunities Fund for any identified play projects</p>
	<p>3. One of the prompts for the local authority is that the play requirements of Welsh language speaking children are understood</p>	<p>Creation of a multi-agency group to look specifically at the needs for Welsh speaking children young people</p>	<p>All other matters</p>	<p>Officer time Partnership time</p>	<p>Local Authority</p>

	and provided for. The WESP has invited Community Resilience to their group to think about how we can consider the WESP in the context of community resilience.	families and communities To continue to work in partnership Delivery of holiday provision via the medium of Welsh via a partnership with Urdd Gobaith Cymru			
	4. Public Service Board Representation by Play Development as part of the local authority CDRP (Community Demand Reduction) Group, the renamed Anti -Social Behaviour ASB tasking group. Working with partner agencies to identify and action appropriate interventions to identified hotspots of ASB	To advise, deliver or secure play services both universal and targeted where most needed for the most vulnerable children, young people, families and communities in Flintshire.	All other matters	Officer time	Local Authority
	5. Continued support from Play Wales to drive the agenda for Play Sufficiency in the county: To include analysis of research	To provide continued strategic development advice and research for Play	Links to all other matters	£2,500	Welsh Government Play Opportunities Fund

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	projects and events to provide additional support.				
	6. Development of a wider county network for play, including children and young people, particularly those most vulnerable	Whole county representation with regard to all matters	All other matters	Officer Time	Local Authority
Matter A: Population	7. To ensure all service areas and partners organisations are aware of the links to statistics and population information	To provide for services where most needed for the most vulnerable children young people and communities	All other matters	Officer Time	Local Authority
Matter B: Providing for diverse needs	8. Delivery of the Flintshire Buddy Scheme – offer to children and young people across the county via the county summer holiday programme in partnership with 34 local town and community councils	4,000 children to attend summer provision 50 children and young people to attend the Buddy and P.A.L.S (Play and Leisure Support) programme	All other matters	The total estimated cost for the county programme is £117,819.58	Local Authority Welsh Government Play Opportunities Fund Welsh Government Families First Local Town and Community Councils
Matter C: Space available	9. To produce a guide	Flintshire	All other matters	£10,000	Local Authority

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<p>for children to play</p>	<p>to play space Information for parents/communities Development of supplementary planning guidance for new developments</p> <p>There is an identified need for the Play Development team to work in partnership with other local authority service areas e.g. Planning Corporate Communications, Family Information Service and parenting services to develop this area of work</p>	<p>population, children and young people</p> <p>Via Flintshire County Councils web</p> <p>AURA web</p> <p>Family Information services</p> <p>Publication of 4000 booklets</p>			<p>Play Opportunities Fund</p> <p>AURA Leisure and Libraries</p> <p>Healthy Schools – Education and Youth services</p>
<p>Matter D: Supervised provision</p>	<p>10. 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 via the county summer holiday</p>	<p>4,000 children to attend summer provision</p> <p>50 children and young people to attend the P.A.L.S. programme</p>	<p>All other matters</p>	<p>The total estimated cost for the county programme is £117,819.58</p> <p>The cost for the Urdd Summer playscheme is £5K</p> <p>The annual grant award from</p>	<p>Local Authority</p> <p>Welsh Government Play Opportunities Fund</p> <p>Welsh Government Families First</p>

	<p>programme in partnership with 34 local town and community councils</p> <p>This includes the specific, targeted delivery of the playscheme in 21 identified settings in areas as being in food poverty. These include:- Saltney, Sealand, Garden City, Connah' s Quay, Mancot. Sandycroft, Shotton, Mold, Flint, Rural North Flintshire, Holywell & the Holway</p> <p>Delivery of holiday provision via the medium of Welsh via a partnership with Urdd Gobaith Cymru</p>			<p>Families First to deliver the Flintshire PALS Project is 15K</p> <p>The cost for the Play Development team to deliver the food to 21 sites during 6 weeks of the summer holidays is £15K. The cost of the food is via the local authority benefits service and sponsors</p>	<p>Local Town and Community Councils</p>
	<p>11 Delivery of the PALS (Play and leisure Support) Project via the Flintshire Disability Service</p>	<p>To provide inclusive and Integrated services for children, young people and their families</p>	<p>Matter B</p>	<p>Officer time 15K</p>	<p>Local Authority Welsh Government Families First Welsh Government Play Opportunities</p>

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	12 To continue working in partnership with regard to the local authority food poverty agenda (Local authority benefits service) to deliver play and food sessions during the school holidays	To ensure that children living in food poverty within communities in Flintshire have access to a hot meal during the school holidays	All other matters	Officer time Play Development and benefits service Delivery of scheme at Playscheme £15K Cost of food TBC	Local Authority Local town and community councils Welsh Government Play Opportunities Grant Benefits service/private sponsors TBC
Matter E: Charges for play provision					
Matter F: Access to space/provision	13 To develop a multi-agency working group to prepare a play guide/information for families with regard to aspects of delivery of Play services, as defined in Play Sufficiency	To provide a comprehensive county wide guide to play services as defined within Play Sufficiency including the arts, recreation and cultural opportunities This would be enabled via the FCC webpages AURA Leisure and Libraries web pages Family Information	Links to all matters	£10,000 Officer time	Local Authority Welsh Government Play Opportunities grant

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		services Education and schools			
Matter G: Securing and developing the workforce	<p>14.Development of a working group for Playwork training</p> <p>Delivery of accredited training courses for playwork to a level 2 and 3 standard</p>	<p>To ensure that the county is compliant with regard to the national Minimum Standards and qualifications for the delivery within all play services</p> <p>The Local Authority supports the workforce to achieve the accepted qualification levels set out by SkillsActive via the planned Delivery of accredited training course for playwork to a level 2 and 3 standard</p>	Links to all other matters	Awaiting confirmation of course costs Officer Time	Welsh Government Play Opportunities Grant Local Authority
Matter H: Community engagement and participation	15 Working with the Holway community as part of the Flintshire Public Service Board – Creating Resilient Communities	All community members particularly children young people and families	Links to all other matters	£15K Officer and Partner Time	Local Authority Welsh Government Play Opportunities Grant Holywell Town Council

	<p>commitment via the Holway task group (Multi-agency approach). Including an Intervention project at Ysgol Tryfynnon (Secondary High School) Ysgol Maes y Felin (Primary school) and in the Holway Community to undertake playwork with the children and young people as part of the wider Public Service Board consultation to effect change for the estate To work towards identifying a task group to apply for lottery funding via the People and Places Fund To recruit volunteers to take play projects forward. Will include capital projects.</p> <p>To continue representation with a multi- agency approach of which play work is</p>				<p>Friends of Holway</p>
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	proving to be the most effective catalyst for real engagement				
Matter I	16 The local authority will plan and produce a briefing paper for Education and schools with regard to risk management and risk benefit	To provide a comprehensive briefing paper for Flintshire Head teachers and all other education and schools staff with regard to dynamic risk management in play and risk benefit.	Matter I	Officer Time	Local Authority
	17. Development of an Education based group to specifically move forward on Matter I in relation to play in schools and community use of school grounds	Continued delivery of Kicks for Kids (Wales) and Playful Futures in Flintshire schools and communities in partnership with community organisations.	Matter I	Funding for projects Local officer time	Local Authority Welsh Government Play Opportunities Fund Other grants available to schools e.g. Awards for All