

Family Hubs EQIA Appendix

This appendix provides some additional detail on the proposals to support Equality Analysis at a centre-by-centre level. This includes:

- Transport information
- Numbers of Non-White British Service Users
- Number of Service Users with SEND

Transport Information

Increased Journey Length

We know that increased journey lengths may impact on how families access our services. Where journeys are longer, families may access our services less frequently or not at all depending on the level of disruption.

We anticipate the impact related to 16 of the centres will be minimal. The rationale for this is below.

Of the 37 centres proposed to close, there are 5 where the nearest alternative is less than a 5-minute walk away. We do not anticipate there will be any travel related impact to families accessing these services. There are a further 3 which are within a 10-minute walk, whilst this will be manageable for most families, we are conscious that those with specific needs may not be able to manage this journey by foot. All 8 of the wards impacted by these closures are 100% within the public transport catchment area which we anticipate will mitigate against any impact and the overall impact for will be low.

There are 8 centres proposed to close which are a 10 – 30-minute walk away and within approximately 10 minutes by car. As they are all within the public transport catchment area, we anticipate families will still be able to access Family Hub services. However, the increased journey length may impact on families where they may need to use a private vehicle or utilise public transport.

We anticipate the impact related to the other 21 centres may be higher. The rationale for this is below.

The walking time to access alternative provision from these centres will be over 30 minutes. Whilst some families may be able to access our services in this way, this may be disruptive. Of these 21 centres, 13 of them are within 10 minutes by private vehicle. We anticipate this could have an impact on personal finances related the cost of accessing centres. This will be mitigated for 6 of the centres through a new Start for Life outreach offer. The 7 centres which may be impacted by further travel distance where outreach has not been proposed are Swalecliffe Children's Centre, Apple Tree Children's Centre, Maypole Children's Centre, Dymchurch Children's Centre, Hawkinge Children's Centre, Callis Grange Children's Centre and Harmony Children's Centre. 3 of these centres may also impacted by less consistent public transport which is discussed separately below.

The remaining 8 centres are approximately 11-31 minutes away by road, which will have the greatest impact. This will be minimised by a new Start for Life outreach offer to mitigate the closures at Spring House, Little Explorers, and Marden Children's Centre. The impact will also be minimised by a Health Visiting outreach offer to mitigate closures at New Ash Green Children's Centre, The Sunflower Children's Centre and West Kingsdown Children's Centre.

Commentary on the remaining 2 centres is below

- Beaches Children's Centre. ??% of households are within 30 minutes of an alternative on public transport, and the journey is approximately 22 minutes by private vehicle. We will consider feedback from the public consultation to understand how this may impact families.
- The Tina Rintoul Children's Centre. 99% of households are within 30 minutes of an alternative on public transport, and the journey is approximately 16 minutes by private vehicle. We will consider feedback from the public consultation to understand how this may impact families.

Public Transport

We know that service users may be reliant on public transport in order to access Family Hub services in person. We've analysed the connectivity of these sites to help us understand the impact of these proposed closures. The public transport information is based on an outward journey between 8AM and 5PM on a Tuesday from households within the same ward as the existing Children's Centre or Youth Hub.

Of the 37 wards directly impacted by proposed closures, 24 of them are 100% within reach of an alternative site by public transport in under 30 minutes. We anticipate all families will be able to access Family Hub services at one of these centres even if reliant on public transport.

Of the 12 which are not entirely within the catchment area of another site by public transport, 4 of them will benefit from a new Start for Life outreach service. These additions are intended to reduce the need for families to travel to access Family Hub services. Another 3 will benefit from a Health Visiting Outreach service. It is anticipated that improved collaborative working across multidisciplinary team will be able to inform other Family Hub services of increasing need in this area. Specific commentary on the ability to access wider Family Hub services is below:

- The Sunflower Children's Centre (Dover). 74% of household are within the 30-minute public transport catchment area. We anticipate most families would be able to access a centre via public transport or private vehicle, but we will consider feedback from the public consultation to support this assumption.
- New Ash Green Children's Centre (Sevenoaks). No households are able to reach another centre via public transport, so households are likely to be reliant on private vehicles and our digital offer. We will consider feedback from the consultation to further understand the impacts to families in this area.
- West Kingsdown Church of England Primary Children's Centre (Sevenoaks). 84% of household are within the 30-minute public transport catchment area. We anticipate most families would be able to access a centre via public transport or private vehicle, but we will consider feedback from the public consultation to support this assumption.

The remaining 5 wards which would no longer have a permanent building, where not all households are within 30 minutes of public transport and are not proposed to receive outreach services may feel the most severe impact where families are reliant on public transport. Specific commentary on these is provided below:

- Little Explorers Children's Centre (Ashford). No households are able to reach another centre via public transport, however new outreach is proposed in a neighbouring ward, Tenterden North which is only 0.4miles from the existing centre. We anticipate families will be able to access this location and digital services.

- The Tina Rintoul Centre (Canterbury). 99% of households are within the 30-minute public transport catchment area. We anticipate most families would be able to access a centre by public transport or private vehicle, but we will consider feedback from the public consultation to support this assumption.
- Apple Tree Children’s Centre (Canterbury). 75% of household are within the 30-minute public transport catchment area. We anticipate most families would be able to access a centre via public transport or private vehicle, but we will consider feedback from the public consultation to support this assumption.
- Dymnchurch Children’s Centre (Folkestone & Hythe). 95% of household are within the 30-minute public transport catchment area. We anticipate most families would be able to access a centre via public transport or private vehicle, but we will consider feedback from the public consultation to support this assumption.
- Hawkinge Children’s Centre (Folkestone & Hythe). 83% of household are within the 30-minute public transport catchment area. We anticipate most families would be able to access a centre via public transport or private vehicle, but we will consider feedback from the public consultation to support this assumption.

The full transport table is presented below:

Building Name (and Ward)	Nearest Alternative Family Hub (Miles by Road)	% of households within 30 minutes by Public Transport*	Approximate Drive Time	Approximate Walk Time	Is a New Start for Life Outreach Offer proposed in this Ward?
Ashford					
Ray Allen Children’s Centre (Stanhope)	Proposed Community Hub at Stanhope Library (0.4 miles)	100%	2 minutes	8 minutes	No
	The Willow Children’s Centre (1.1 miles)		4 minutes	18 minutes	
Bluebells Children’s Centre (Upper Weald)	Sure Steps Children’s Centre (4.1 miles)	34%	10 minutes	1 hour 18 minutes	Yes
Little Explorers Children’s Centre (Tenterden South)	Proposed Community Hub at Cranbrook Library (8.6 miles)	0%	19 minutes	2 hours 53 minutes	No – but new proposed outreach provision in Tenterden North (0.4 miles from existing provision)

Canterbury					
Riverside Children's Centre (Northgate)	Riverside Youth Centre (0.1 miles). Existing Health Visiting Outreach in Gorrell Ward (1 mile)	100%	N/A	N/A	No
Swalecliffe Children's Centre (Swalecliffe)	Whitstable Youth and Community Centre (1.6 miles) Existing Health Visiting Outreach in Sturry ward (2.4 miles)	100%	5 minutes	32 minutes	No
Joy Lane Children's Centre (Seasalter)	Whitstable Youth and Community Centre (1.5) Existing Health Visiting Outreach in Gorrell Ward (1 mile)	100%	5 minutes	26 minutes	No
The Tina Rintoul Children's Centre (Sturry)	Riverside Youth Centre (4.8 miles)	99%	16 minutes	1 hour 21 minutes	No
Apple Tree Children's Centre (Chartham and Stone Street)	Little Hands Children's Centre (3.5 miles)	75%	8 minutes	34 minutes	No
Dartford					
Greenland's at Darenth Children's Centre (Darenth)	Oakfield Children's Centre (3.1 miles)	100%	9 minutes	1 hour 6 minutes	Yes
Maypole Children's Centre. (Joyden's Wood)	Oakfield Children's Centre (2.3 miles)	100%	6 minutes	38 minutes	No
Brent Children's Centre. (Newtown)	Proposed Community Hub at Temple Hill Library (0.6 miles). Oakfield Children's Centre (1.0 miles)	100%	3 minutes	13 minutes	Yes
			5 minutes	28 minutes	
Temple Hill Children's Centre (Temple Hill)	Proposed Community Hub at Temple Hill Library (0.4 miles) Oakfield Children's Centre (1.8 miles)	100%	3 minutes	8 minutes	No
			9 minutes	35 minutes	
Dover					
The Sunflower Children's Centre (Aylesham, Eythorne & Shepherdswell)	Buckland Children's Centre (6.1 miles)	74%	14 minutes	1 hour 48 minutes	Yes – Health Visiting Only

Blossom Children's Centre (Walmer)	Deal Youth Hub (1.3 miles)	100%	6 minutes	17 minutes	No
Folkestone and Hythe					
Dymchurch Children's Centre (Romney Marsh)	New Romney Children's Centre (3.9 miles)	95%	8 minutes	1 hour 14 minutes	No
Five (Shepway Youth Hub) (Folkestone Central)	Folkestone Early Years Children's Centre (1.0 miles)	100%	1 minute	4 minutes	No
Hawkinge Children's Centre (North Downs East)	The Village Children's Centre (2.7 miles)	83%	8 minutes	47 minutes	No
Lyddle Stars Children's Centre (Walland and Denge Marsh)	New Romney Children's Centre (4.2 miles)	91%	10 minutes	1 hour 20 minutes	Yes
Gravesham					
New Beginnings Children's Centre (Whitehall)	Next Steps Children's Centre (0.6 miles)	100%	1 minute	3 minutes	No
Maidstone					
Eastborough Children's Centre (East)	Sunshine Children's Centre (1.6 miles).	100%	6 minutes	26 minutes	No
Marden Children's Centre (Marden and Yalding)	Proposed Community Hub at Cranbrook Library (Tunbridge Wells) (7.4 miles)	79%	17 minutes	2 hours 27 minutes	Yes
Sevenoaks					
Swanley Children's Centre (Swanley White Oak)	Swanley Youth & Community Centre (0.5miles)	100%	4 minutes	15 minutes	No
New Ash Green Children's Centre (Ash and New Ash Green)	Next Steps Children's Centre, Gravesham (8.3 miles)	0%	31 minutes	2 hours 31 minutes	Yes – Health Visiting only
West Kingsdown Church of England Primary Children's Centre (Fawkham and West Kingsdown).	Swanley Youth & Community Centre (6.8 miles)	81%	17 minutes	2 hours 6 minutes	Yes – Health Visiting only
Spring House Children's Centre (Sevenoaks Eastern)	Health Visiting Services will continue to be delivered from this site and will not be impacted by the changes. Edenbridge Children's Centre (9.9 miles)	100%	N/A 24 minutes	N/A Over 3 hours	Yes
Swale					
St Mary's Children's Centre	Bysing Wood Children's Centre (1.5 miles).	100%	8 minutes	29 minutes	No

(Abbey)	Existing Health Visiting Outreach in Abbey Ward (0.3 miles)				
Grove Park Children's Centre (Borden and Grove Park)	Woodgrove Children's Centre (1.4 miles).	100%	5 minutes	18 minutes	No
Ladybird Children's Centre (Queenborough and Halfway)	Seashells, Sheerness Children's & Family Centre (commissioned service) (3.3 miles).	100%	10 minutes	53 minutes	Yes
Beaches Children's Centre (Sheppey East)	Proposed community hub at Queenborough Library (8.0 miles) Seashells, Sheerness Children's & Family Centre (commissioned service) (9.0 miles)	??	22 minutes	2 hours 43 minutes	No
New House Youth and Sports Centre (Chalkwell)	Milton Court Children's Centre (0.6 miles)	??	4 minutes	7 minutes	No
Thanet					
Callis Grange Children's Centre (Beacon Road)	Cliftonville Children's Centre (2.3 miles) Six Bells Children's Centre. (2.8 miles)	100%	8 minutes 9 minutes	43 minutes 49 minutes	No
Priory Children's Centre (Central Harbour)	Community hub at Ramsgate Library (0.3 miles). Newlands Children's Centre (1.0 miles).	100%	3 minutes 5 minutes	5 minutes 15 minutes	No
Tonbridge and Malling					
Burham Children's Centre (Burham and Wouldham)	Snodland Children's Centre and Samays Youth Centre (5.3 miles) Woodlands Children's Centre (5.5 miles)	59%	10 minutes 10 minutes	1 hour 21 minutes	Yes
Tunbridge Wells					
Cranbrook Children's Centre (Benenden and Cranbrook)	New Community Hub at Cranbrook Library (0.1 miles)	82%	1 minute	1 minute	No
Harmony Children's Centre (Rusthall)	Tunbridge Wells Youth Hub (2.2 miles) Little Forest Children's Centre (3.6 miles)	100%	8 minutes 12 minutes	40 minutes 1 hour 7 minutes	No
Southborough/High Brooms Children's Centre (Southborough and Highbrooms)	Little Forest Children's Centre (2.2 miles)	100%	8 minutes	41 minutes	Yes

The Ark Children's Centre (Broadwater)	Tunbridge Wells Youth Hub (1.2 miles) Little Forest Children's Centre (2.9 miles)	100%	5 minutes 10 minutes	25 minutes 58 minutes	No
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Service users currently accessing Bluebells Children's Centre, Little Explorers Children's Centre, Sunflower Children's Centre, New Ash Green Children's Centre, and Burham Children's Centre are likely to be more heavily impacted if they are reliant on public transport to access Family Hub services because our analysis suggests 75% of households within a 30-minute catchment area.

Additional Data to Support Equality Analysis

Known Numbers of Service Users with Special Educational Needs Accessing Children's Centres proposed to close

Children's Centre	SEND Service Users (Rounded) - 2019
Ashford	
Bluebells Children's Centre (Hothfield)	5
Little Explorers Children's Centre	10
Ray Allen Children's Centre	60
Canterbury	
Apple Tree Children's Centre	5
Joy Lane Children's Centre	30
Riverside Children's Centre (Canterbury)	50
Swalecliffe Children's Centre	10
The Tina Rintoul Centre	5
Dartford	
Brent (YMCA) Children's Centre	25
Greenlands at Darenth Children's Centre	10
Maypole Children's Centre	0
Temple Hill Children's Centre	50
Dover	
Blossom Children's Centre (Hornbeam)	35
The Sunflower Children's Centre	10
Folkstone and Hythe	
Dymchurch Children's Centre	5
Hawkinge & Rural Children's Centre	15

Lydd'le Stars Children's Centre (Lydd)	10
Gravesham	
New Beginnings Children's Centre	#N/A
Maidstone	
Eastborough Children's Centre	10
Marden Children's Centre	10
Sevenoaks	
New Ash Green Children's Centre	5
Spring House Children's Centre	10
Swanley Children's Centre	35
West Kingsdown Children's Centre	0
Swale	
Beaches Children's Centre	15
Grove Park Children's Centre	25
Ladybird Children's Centre	30
St Mary of Charity Children's Centre	25
New House Youth and Sport Centre	
Thanet	
Callis Grange Children's Centre	10
Priory Children's Centre	35
Tonbridge and Malling	
Burham Children's Centre	5
Tunbridge Wells	
Cranbrook Children's Centre	10
Harmony Children's Centre	5
Southborough Children's Centre	15
The Ark Children's Centre	15

Rounded Numbers of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Children Accessing Children's Centres proposed to close in 2019

CYPE buildings	District	BAME - Service Users (Rounded)
Bluebells Children's Centre (Hothfield)	Ashford	40
Little Explorers Children's Centre	Ashford	10
Ray Allen Children's Centre	Ashford	255
Apple Tree Children's Centre	Canterbury	10
Joy Lane Children's Centre	Canterbury	95
Riverside Children's Centre (Canterbury)	Canterbury	215
Swalecliffe Children's Centre	Canterbury	20
The Tina Rintoul Centre	Canterbury	35
Brent (YMCA) Children's Centre	Dartford	480
Greenland's at Darenth Children's Centre	Dartford	115
Maypole Children's Centre	Dartford	5
Temple Hill Children's Centre	Dartford	650
Blossom Children's Centre (Hornbeam)	Dover	25
The Sunflower Children's Centre	Dover	25
Dymchurch Children's Centre	Folkestone & Hythe	5
Hawkinge & Rural Children's Centre	Folkestone & Hythe	75
Lydd'le Stars Children's Centre (Lydd)	Folkestone & Hythe	10
New Beginnings Children's Centre	Gravesham	#N/A
Eastborough Children's Centre	Maidstone	130
Marden Children's Centre	Maidstone	20
New Ash Green Children's Centre	Sevenoaks	30

Spring House Children's Centre	Sevenoaks	75
Swanley Children's Centre	Sevenoaks	195
West Kingsdown Children's Centre	Sevenoaks	10
Beaches Children's Centre	Swale	35
Grove Park Children's Centre	Swale	85
Ladybird Children's Centre	Swale	30
St Mary of Charity Children's Centre	Swale	55
Callis Grange Children's Centre	Thanet	30
Priory Children's Centre	Thanet	60
Burham Children's Centre	Tonbridge and Malling	20
Cranbrook Children's Centre	Tunbridge Wells	25
Harmony Children's Centre	Tunbridge Wells	50
Southborough Children's Centre	Tunbridge Wells	40
The Ark Children's Centre	Tunbridge Wells	70