

Play Sufficiency Assessment Form



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Name of the Local Authority: Gwynedd Council

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Job title: Strategic Childcare Officer

Completion date: 30 June 2022

Please note that the Play Sufficiency Assessment must be received by the Welsh Government by 30 June 2022



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

Gwynedd Council recognises the importance of all aspects of play for the healthy physical, mental and social development of all children and young people in the county. We fully support strategies that protect and develop play opportunities, whether they are informal, structured or at the foundation phase and we are persuaded of the added value and encourage communities to take the lead in developing their own plans .

It is necessary to ensure that all Gwynedd Council services continue to be aware of, and continue to recognise the importance of play and consider this element when making decisions on the provision of services.

Context

As stated in the Assessment in 2016, one of the main challenges of carrying out and completing the assessment is the fact that there has not been a play officer in post since the beginning of 2015.

No county Play Working Group / Forum has met in the county since the Play Officer's post ended.

A new Play Forum will be created in 2022, with cross-departmental membership, to act on the recommendations of this assessment.

This Assessment was completed by the Early Years Unit Officers, led by the Assistant Head of Family Support and with the support of the authority's Education, Highways, Regional, and Research Departments.

Early Years Unit Officers are also responsible for the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, with the timetable for both reports coinciding this year.

This has created difficulties in terms of work pressure, having to complete the reports while also dealing with a full work program and continuing the recovery work after the Covid pandemic, which is continuing.

A public consultation was conducted to ascertain the views of children, and parents / carers to support the assessment.

A consultation was held with partners (community councils, providers, agencies) also to steer the assessment.

The Assessment will be presented to the relevant Cabinet Member to ensure the cascade of messages through the authority, and to agree on the Action Plan at corporate level.

The new Play Forum will own the Assessment / Action Plan.

The Assessment will be circulated internally through Corporate Communication arrangements and will be published on the Family HWB on the Gwynedd Council website for the public.

Partnership working

In order to complete the assessment and action plan it was important to get the views of a wide range of departments, providers and individuals in relation to the play situation in Gwynedd. A consultation was held in order to collect the views of partners, and was useful to gather contributions from different sectors. The contribution / consultations from different groups are set out below:

Questionnaires

- Community / Town Councils
- Play Providers and Associations (Public, Private and Third sector)
- Children / young people

Assessment Packages

- Gwynedd Council Departments
- Third Sector Organisations
- Public Sector

The questionnaires were promoted on the Council's social media through the Family Information Service.

- No response was received from a large number of the partners. The main weakness of the assessment is the lack of information about play opportunities / provision outside the local authority's services

Consultation and participation

The inclusion of Children, Young People and Families is at the core of the work of a large number of Gwynedd Council's services. The Council has an Engagement Strategy and a Corporate Engagement Panel to ensure that the views of residents is heard when shaping services, formulating strategies and influencing policies.

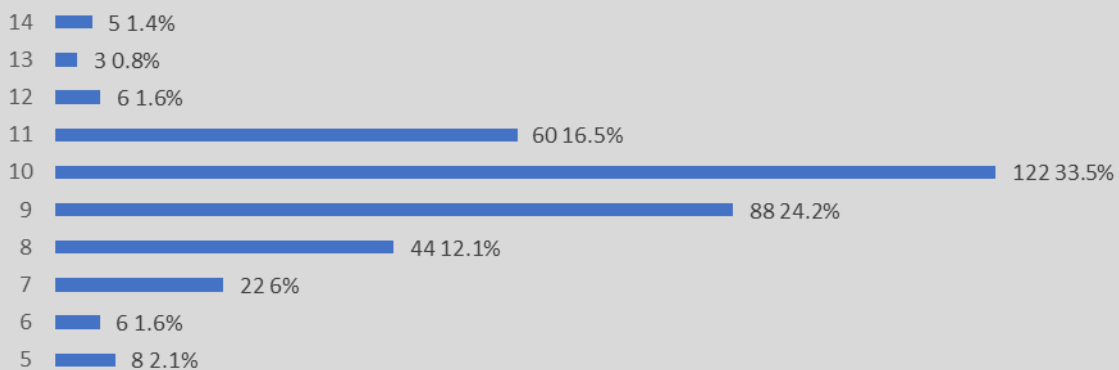
In order to complete the sufficiency assessment and ensure that the voice of children and young people have been included in the report, Gwynedd Council's Family Information Service distributed bilingual questionnaires to all Gwynedd schools.

As part of the consultation a separate questionnaire was also sent to community councils and partners outside the local authority.

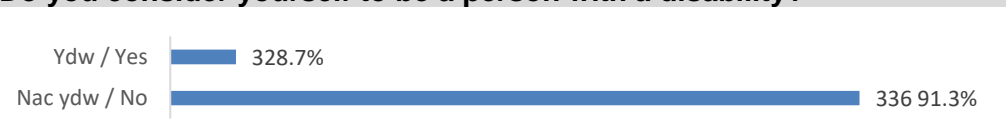
Children's Questionnaires

A response was received from 368 children, from 28 schools across the County. A small number of responses were received from 23 of the schools, with between 1-4 responses. The largest number of responses were received from pupils in schools in Bangor, Caernarfon, Penrhyndeudraeth and Dyffryn Ardudwy

The age of the children who completed the questionnaire



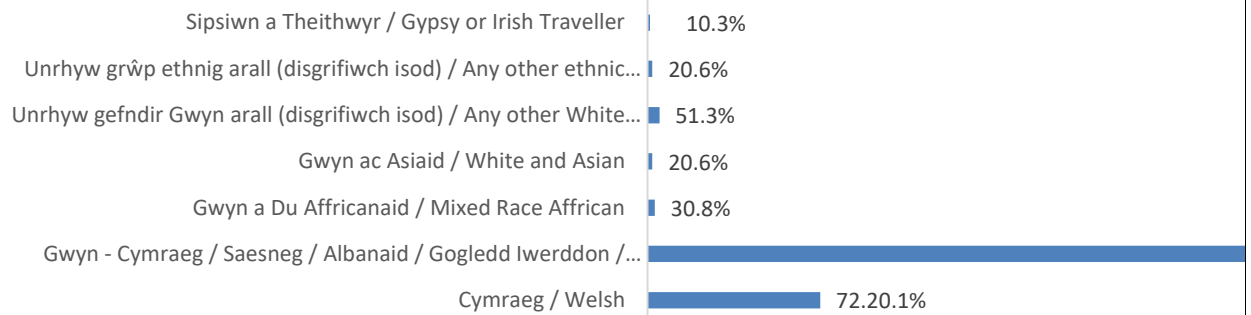
Do you consider yourself to be a person with a disability?



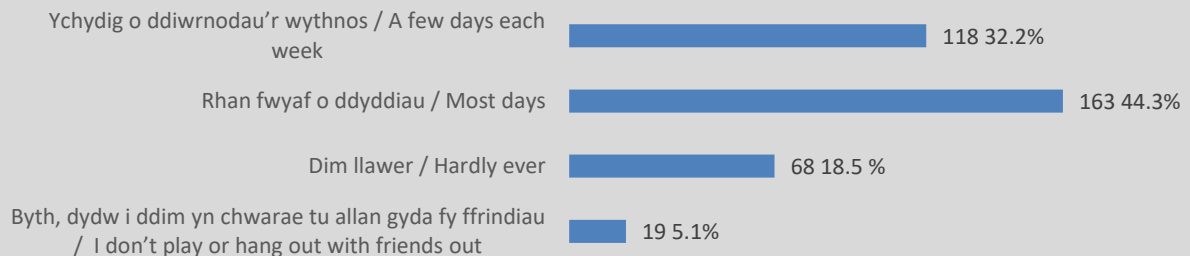
Which language do you prefer to speak?



Tell us which of the following best describes your ethnic group or background?

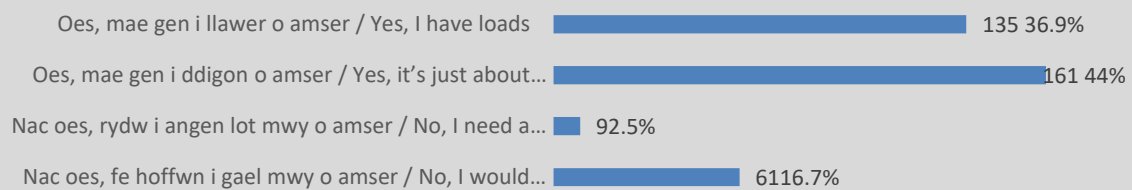


How often do you go out to play or 'socialise' with friends?



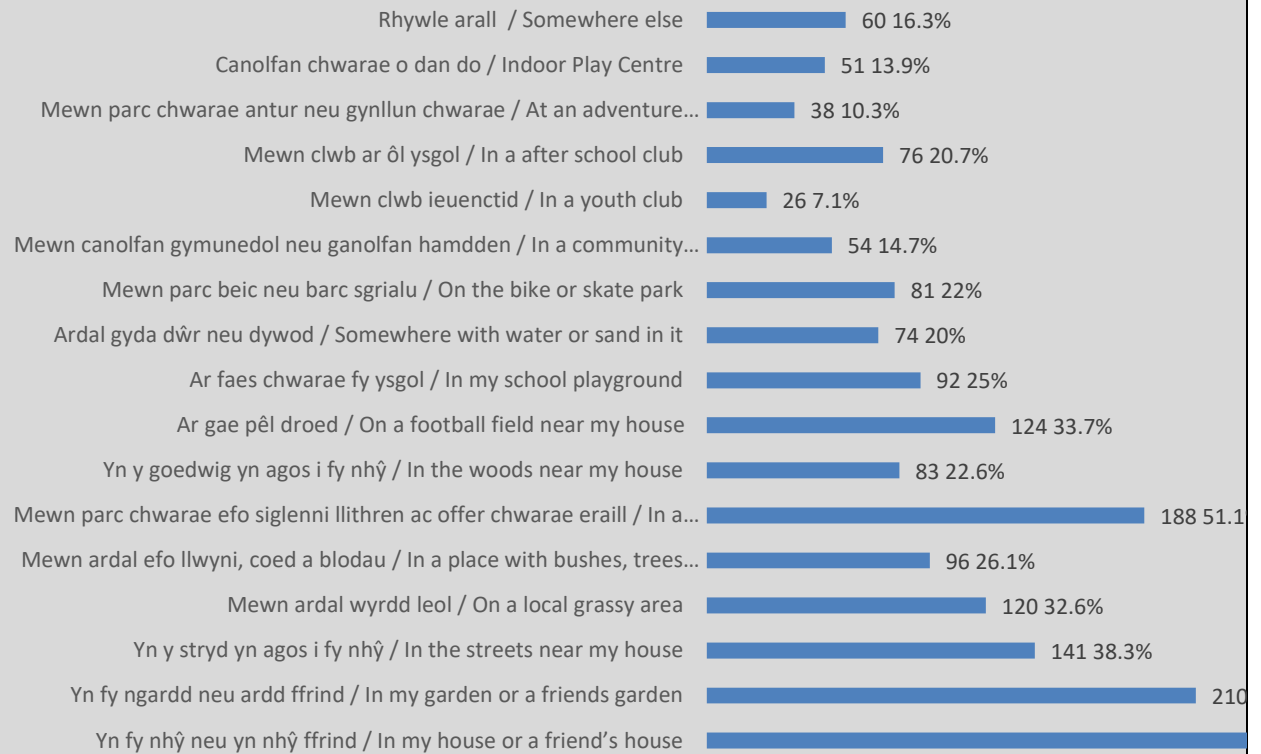
Over 76% of children play outside on most days at least . There seems to be no correlation between age and how often a child plays outside.

Do you have enough time to play or socialise with friends?



Over 80% of children felt they had enough time to play outside.

When you're not at school, what kind of places do you play or hang out?



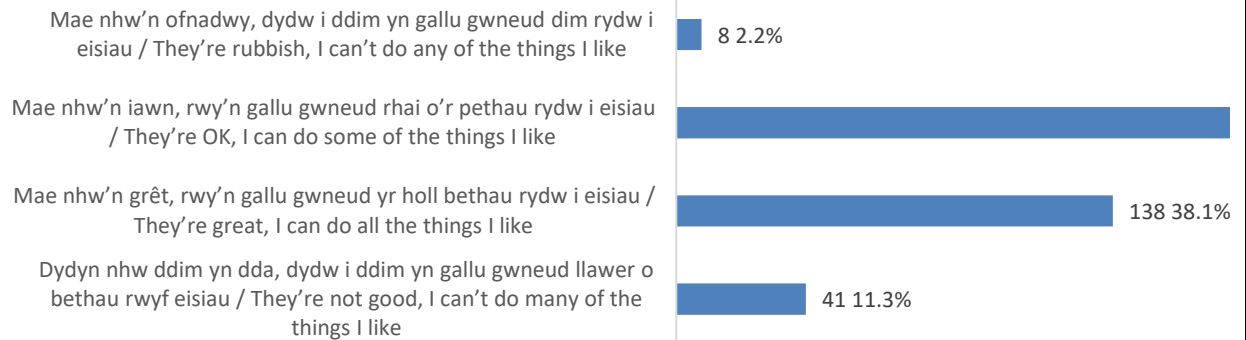
Multiple answer: The percentage of respondents who chose each answer option (eg 100% means that all respondents to this question chose that option)

Do you get to play everywhere you want to?



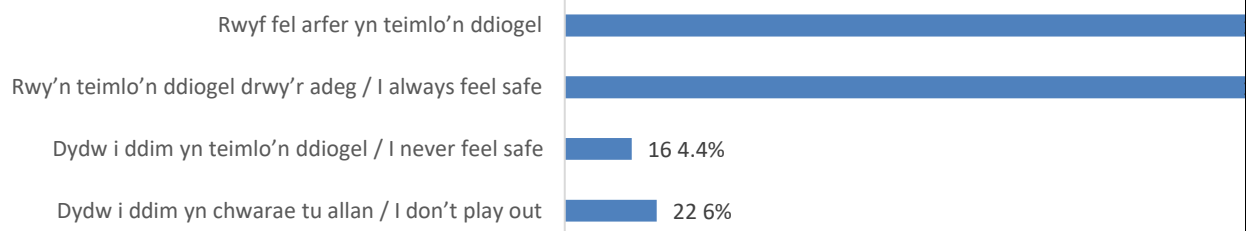
Over 30% of children feel that they cannot play in some of the places they would like to play .

How good are the places that you play in?



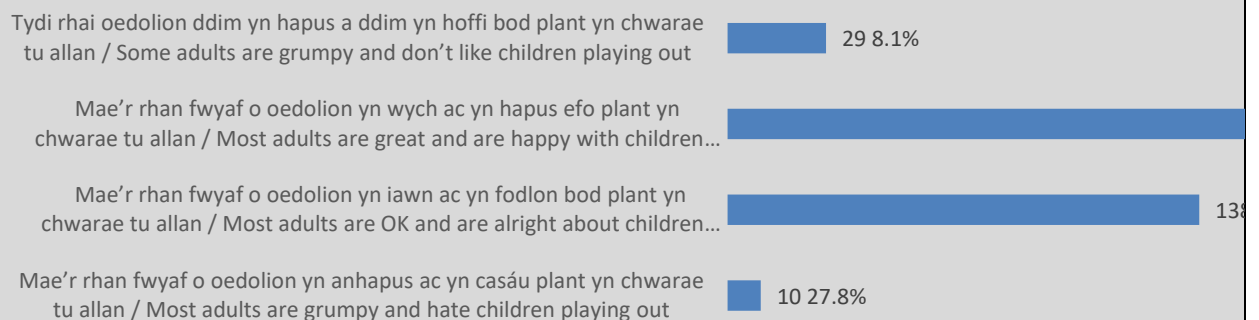
Over 60% of children felt that some improvement was needed to the places where they play.

How safe do you feel when you play or socialise?



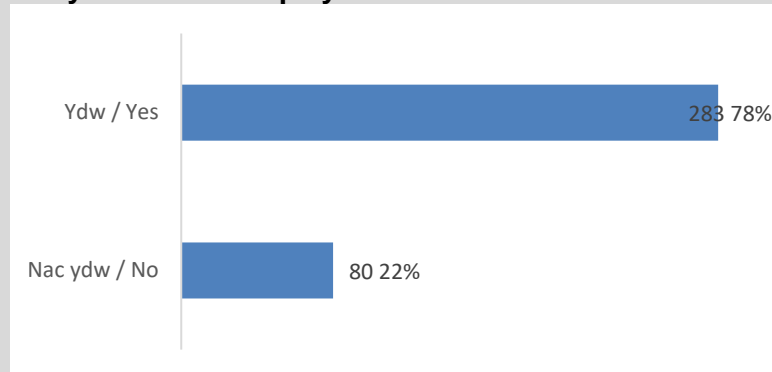
Almost 90% of children feel safe most of the time

How do the adults react to you when playing or socialising?

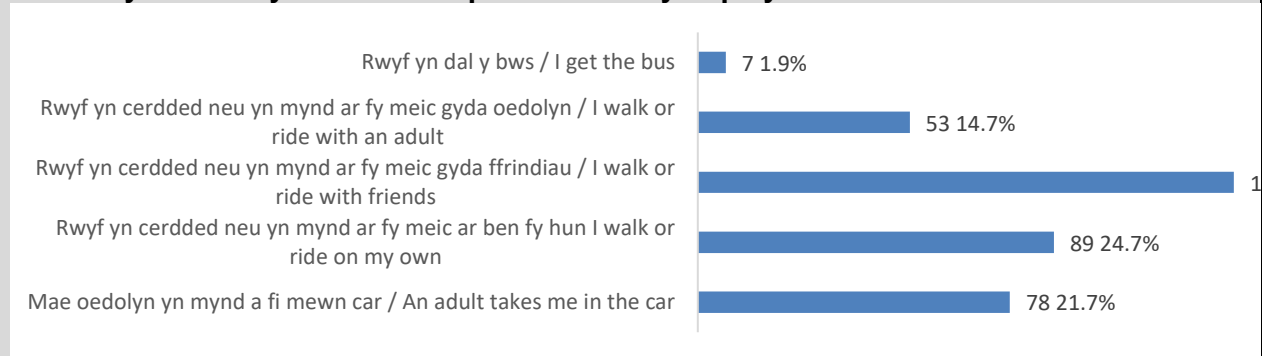


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Are you allowed to play out alone or with friends?

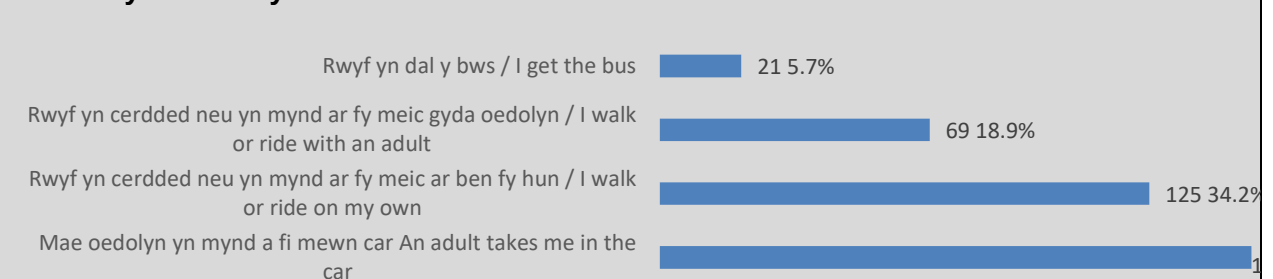


How do you usually travel to the places where you play?



76.5% of children play in an area that is within walking / cycling distance.

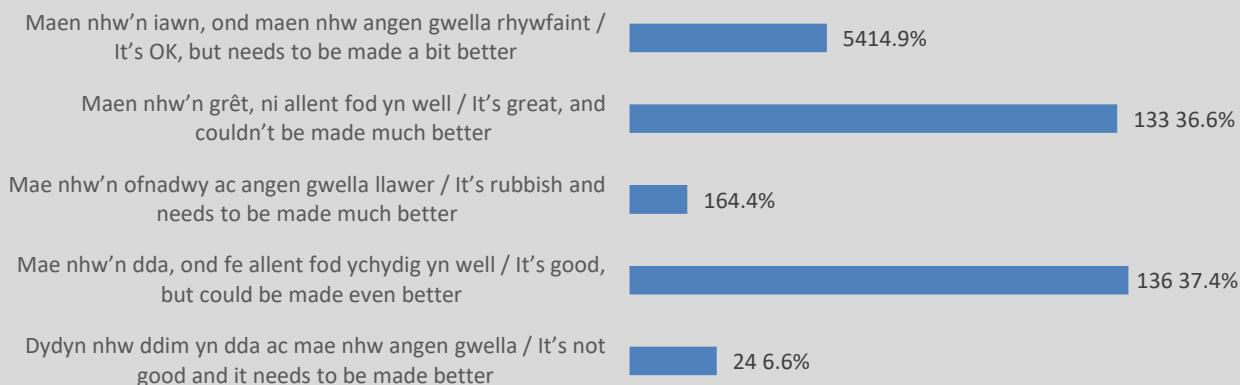
How do you usually travel to school?



Just over 45% of children use transport to get to school.

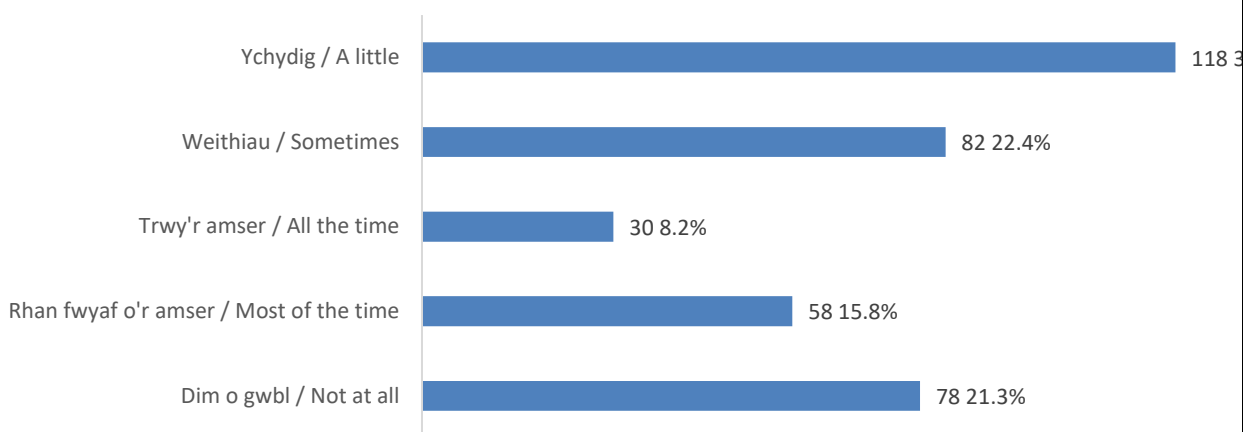
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Overall, how good are the opportunities for you to play or socialise?



11% of the children indicated that opportunities to play and socialise were not good, and that improvement was needed.

How has COVID-19, lockdowns and restrictions affected how you usually play?



Covid 19 has affected almost 80% of children's play opportunities

Gwynedd Council also consulted with Community Councils and partners outside the local authority.

9 Community Councils and 5 activity providers responded to the questionnaire.

10 of the respondents offered / provided play opportunities for children, with the majority providing playgrounds or green areas.

100% of the respondents stated that they did not have signs saying 'No Ball Playing', with one respondent stating that they did not use signs ' *Because we are keen to encourage children to use a ball to play*', and another respondent stating ' *Haven't had problems in the past and children should be free to play as they wish*'

Only 5 of the respondents stated that they collect the opinions and comments of children and young people when developing play opportunities/provision for the community.

9 of the respondents indicated that they had future plans for play opportunities / provisions, with additional comments including:

- *Although the Council spent heavily on the two playing fields in recent years, there is still a bit of maintenance to be done such as replacing black floor tiles with wetpour, as it ultimately means less maintenance and prevents accidents*
- *Continuing with football practice sessions and the Urdd's weekly sports club. Organise a Summer plan*
- *Equipment needs to be fixed*
- *We want to develop a new playing field in the area, and also provide a Youth Club*
- *Review sites and consider upgrading/refurbishing play equipment where necessary*
- *We hope to restart our holiday clubs and we are applying for grants to hold sessions for families and children*

Further comments about play provision / opportunities in Gwynedd included:

- *We need corporate support for an organisation like ours to make applications and grants to develop a modern and high standard playground. We are not specialists in this and therefore need help in order to improve our chance of getting resources for children and young people so that they take pride in their community resources.*
- *Consider outdoor gym equipment*
- *The provision is very poor and difficult for the Town Council as Gwynedd Council are the owners of the land*
- *More play provision in all areas would be welcomed*
- *We would like to see an expansion of the methods used to provide skateboarding facilities to communities.*

The results of the consultation were analysed and the conclusions inform the responses below. Gwynedd Council would like to thank everyone for their contribution.

Maximising resources

At the moment there is no core budget for Play from Gwynedd Council.

Grants received from the Welsh Government are the only source of funding to develop play opportunities set out in the Action Plans.

Until now there has been no specific structure to the grant funding, with different amounts being received at different times of the year, and at times having been received late in the financial year.

Although the grant funding is welcomed greatly, and has enabled many more developments and opportunities, it has made it difficult to plan and fund play opportunities that are sustainable in the long term.

There was a revenue and capital grant allocation in the 2020/21 financial year, but it was not received until the end of October.

Nevertheless, we collaborated with Community Councils and the officer with responsibility for the authority's playing fields, and there was an investment to upgrade and establish 7 community playing fields, and upgrade 5 Council playing fields.

An 'All Wales Play Opportunities Grant' revenue allocation was obtained for 2021/22, to be used to provide a range of activities during the school holidays.

In the meantime, the Welsh Government announced an additional **'Summer of Fun'** grant in June 2021 for activities between 1 July and 30 September, for children and young people aged 0 to 25.

The budget was specifically to support children and young people by providing play opportunities following the lockdown periods of the Covid pandemic.

Gwynedd Council used the budget in full and worked together with a number of stakeholders, including community groups to ensure play activities across the County.

Gwynedd Council secured specific funding for vulnerable children to have access to childcare, play provision and access to local attractions.

Following this, there was an additional **'Winter of Wellbeing'** grant allocation at the end of October 2021 to carry out activities between October 2021 and 1 March 2022, for children and young people aged 0 to 25.

As a result of receiving the 2 additional grants above, there was a change in spending plans from the previous revenue funding, with resource orders for specific training, thus ensuring that the grant was fully spent, and that other targets within the action plan were reached.

In addition, there was a capital grant allocation for October 2021, and once again there was collaboration with Community Councils and the officer with responsibility for the authority's playing fields.

Funding was provided to upgrade 8 community playing fields, and 6 Council playing fields.

From April 2022, confirmation has been received from the Welsh Government that the 'All Wales Play Opportunities Grant' will be allocated annually. Gwynedd Council has received an allocation of £38,754 for the 2022/23 financial year which will enable more long-term arrangements to be established.

The Government has also confirmed additional funding to support **'Summer of Fun'** again in 2022, to support the welfare of children and young people between the ages of 0 and 25.

Participating in play opportunities, sports and cultural events will enable children and young people to continue to recover from the restrictions of the last two years, with the added benefit of supporting families with the costs of activities over the summer holidays.

Gwynedd Council also uses some of the Welsh Government's other programs to provide play opportunities.

eg Families First Grant, Flying Start, CCG, LAPA, Child Development Grant, to address some of the priorities of the latest action plan to provide opportunities for children with disabilities, target disadvantaged areas, and target underrepresented groups, and training packages for workers across care and play sectors / locations.

The Play Sufficiency Assessment and local Wellbeing Plans

The Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Service Board has completed an Assessment that has looked at the wellbeing of communities in response to the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act (2015).

The Gwynedd and Anglesey Wellbeing Assessment published in May 2022 is based on thorough research and the main messages from engagement exercises with partners. It reflects priorities and challenges in areas across the two counties and contains information relating to a number of themes, including:

- population size,
- housing affordability,
- data on poverty and fuel poverty,
- the Welsh language,
- children's and young people's health,
- outdoor spaces,
- culture,
- climate change with the environment,
- a crime
- work and employment.

Over the coming months the Board will use the Wellbeing Assessment in order to create a new Plan that will guide the Board's work for the next five years. It is premature to identify what the main priorities will be within the new Wellbeing Plan and during 2022/23 the Board will consult with a number of stakeholders and partners, to ensure that its objectives are in line with local aspirations. The current Wellbeing Plan is in place until May 2023.

Monitoring Play Sufficiency

Lead Member – Councilor Elin Walker
Lead Director:

Monitoring Play Group - there is no Play Monitoring Group at the moment but soon a Play Forum will be established to do the work. Governance arrangements for the field of children, young people and family support are being reviewed to reflect the priorities of the Local Public Services Board.

Insights from the Coronavirus

The covid restrictions have been a challenging time for children and young people in the country.

The play survey asked:

How COVID-19, lockdowns and restrictions have affected how you play as usual?

80% of children noted that Covid has had an impact on playing opportunities.

Comments included:

'Not going to friends' houses as often, after school clubs have started again'

'Made me more nervous about going out alone'

'Not allowed to see friends, used to not going out now. I talk on facetime and games more with my friends now'

'Covid stopped me from playing with my friends'

The biggest obstacles during this period was being able to organise face-to-face play activities, with constant changes in the restrictions.

Many parents were unsure about letting their children mix with others, and numbers attending any activities were very low, and at times sessions had to be canceled as everyone cancelled.

It was difficult for teams to engage with children and young people when they could not meet face to face. This also affected the ability to engage with communities.

Training courses were either postponed, or moved online.
With the need for a 'Playwork' qualification, for CIW requirements by registered providers from September 2022, not being able to hold face-to-face training sessions ;imited the numbers that could attend.

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.

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

The 2022 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 the 2019 Play Sufficiency Assessment?

Gwynedd Council's Research Department has produced population projections for the 8 wellbeing areas in Gwynedd:



Rhagamcanion
Poblogaeth Gwynedd.

It is estimated that the population of Gwynedd will rise by 6.1% from 2019 until 2043 which is around 7,600 more people.

An increase in the number of children under the age of 15 is predicted in 6 out of the 8 Wellbeing Areas between 2019 and 2043. Only Bangor and Dolgellau areas are expected to see a reduction: Bangor -20.8%; Dolgellau -14.3%.

The number and age of the children who receive assistance from Derwen, the Integrated Disabled Children's Team in Gwynedd has been set out below:

	Age 0-4	Age 5-11	Age 12-17	Total
The number of children who receive Derwen services	84	166	134	384

The total has increased from 267 in 2017

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

The authority uses the data to target and divert activities to reach disadvantaged areas; low income families; and disabled children.

Have there been challenges?


There have been gaps in our data, particularly information about the needs of gypsy and traveler children. However, an initial meeting at a traveler site in Bangor has recently been held to assess their play needs.

How can these be overcome?

Carry out further consultation with the Traveler Site Support Officer.

Comments

RAG Status for Matter A

The criteria were partially met.	
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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 fully met.	
Criteria partially met.	
Criteria not met.	

LA reference	Criteria	RAG status 2019	RAG status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	The play requirements of children living in remote rural areas are understood and met			<p>All of Gwynedd is rural county so any provision ensures that rural areas are greeted.</p> <p>The conclusions of the Consultation show that children can access play provision from their home.</p> <p>One child's comments in the survey regarding how covid had affected play opportunities stated: <i>' Because I live in the countryside it doesn't make a difference'</i></p>	<p>Transport can be a barrier in some geographical areas, but the consultation has not identified it as a barrier to access play opportunities.</p> <p>21% of children stated that an adult takes them in a car to get to where they play</p>	
	The play requirements of Welsh-speaking children are understood and met			The Council's language policy ensures Welsh language provision, and the provision of Welsh language provision.		

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LA reference	Criteria	RAG status 2019	RAG status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	The play requirements of children from different cultural backgrounds are understood and met			The Council's Equality Policy ensures equal opportunities for children from all cultural backgrounds.	There is insufficient data on children from ethnic minority backgrounds.	
	The play requirements and support needs of disabled children are understood and met			<p>Weekly groups are offered to disabled children during school term and additional groups during school holidays.</p> <p>Youth Clubs are held weekly, provided by the Youth Service jointly with the Integrated Service for Disabled Children. This ensures that barriers are reduced for children and young people who attend and that they have the same opportunities as any other child or young person.</p> <p>Quieter playgroups are held monthly for any child with additional needs, and are joint sessions between Derwen and Byw yn Iach, with a plan to expand play / leisure opportunities for children.</p>	There are some examples where specialist equipment (such as a hoist) is not available in some organisations that provide play opportunities.	
	Play projects and providers have access to a variety of resources that support inclusion			A number of the workforce have received inclusiveness training from the Disability Sports Development Officer.	Upgrading specialist play Resources, and ensuring access to	

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				Specific play Resources are available through the Integrated Service to Support Disabled Children (sensory play).	them accross a vast rural county.	
	There is an agreed known method used to identify the need to offer separate provision for disabled children			Specific play provision has been commissioned for disabled children through the Integrated Service for Disabled Children (Derwen). This is funded by the Council and with Welsh Government grants Some partners provide opportunities for disabled children.		
	Audits of access are carried out for all play provision as described in the guidelines			Inspections of access to play provisions are carried out under the control of Gwynedd Council. The consultation shows that only some partners consider access to their provision.	No way to ensure that all provision by partners consider access to their provision.	
	A designated play area is provided and well maintained on gypsy and traveler sites				Recent contact from Teithio Ymlaen: Gypsy, Roma and Traveler Advice and	

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					Advocacy Service noting the lack of play provision on the Llandygai site	
	The requirements of young carers are understood and met			<p>Action for Children supports young carers in Gwynedd and Anglesey and provides them with practical and emotional support which includes play opportunities and activities and trips to relieve them of their caring responsibilities.</p> <p>The Young Carers' Charter states that "play and having fun" is one of the expected rights of all young carers.</p>		<p>Children and families who live on the site to identify what they would like to see developed.</p> <p>Work with the Traveler Location Support Officer to identify if there is a suitable location.</p> <p>Apply for any Play Capital funding from the Government.</p>
	The requirements of lesbian, gay or bisexual children are understood and met			The Council's Equality Policy does not allow us to ask children under the age of 16 what their sexual orientation is so it is not possible to ascertain from responses whether the needs have been met.		
	The requirements of disabled children are understood and met in traffic and transport initiatives			Derwen uses the Barbara Bus, a vehicle that transports Derwen children, which assists individuals who cannot move out of a wheelchair to get into a normal vehicle.		

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				<p>In addition, the Transport and Countryside Service contributes to the Door to Door service which enables individuals with a disability or illness to travel to health appointments, to shop and to social activities etc.</p> <p>The Service has also provided a handbook for drivers who operate vehicles to transport pupils to specialist schools on behalf of the Council. The document provides guidelines for drivers to ensure that passengers have a safe and comfortable journey. These journeys are regularly monitored to ensure that the drivers comply with the guidelines.</p>		
<p>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?</p> <p>Over 80% of children stated that they have enough time to play outside, and 88% indicated that the play opportunities available to them are ok, or good/great. However, over 60% of children felt that some improvement was needed in the places where they play.</p>						

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				<p>On the whole, therefore, the children of Gwynedd are satisfied with the time and play opportunities available in the county.</p> <p>Of the respondents the majority of them were 8 - 11 years old, 51% indicated that they preferred to speak Welsh and 8% considered themselves to be a person with a disability.</p> <p>Have there been challenges? Although the response to the questionnaire was positive, responses were not received from a number of schools, and therefore does not give a complete picture of the play opportunities across the County.</p> <p>How can these be overcome? Engagement work with Headteachers in order to promote the questionnaires more widely and to ensure all children in the county have the opportunity to voice their opinion.</p>		

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 fully met.	
Criteria partially met.	
Criteria not met.	

Open Spaces

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	The Local Authority has carried out an Open Space Assessment which maps areas that are used, or could be used for play, as listed in the Statutory Guidelines			An Open Spaces Assessment was carried out to be used as an evidence base for the Joint Development Plan. The Assessment has been updated for the Supplementary Planning Guidance on Open Spaces in New Housing Developments.	The Assessment only assesses the larger settlements in the County	
	The Local Authority has carried out a Study of Accessible Green Spaces which maps areas used for play			The Local Development Plan and the Open Spaces Assessment identify open spaces (including playing		

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				fields) and protects open spaces.		
	The Local Authority carries out inspections of access in all open spaces and implements proposals to improve access and safety			Inspections by the Municipal Unit of the sites under its control pay attention to the public's right to unhindered access.		
	The Local Authority has drawn up its own Standards for Open Spaces in accordance with the advice and requirements of Planning Policy Wales			The Local Development Plan and the Open Spaces Assessment use the guidelines contained in TAN16: Sport, Leisure and Open Spaces (2009)		
	The Local Authority carries out assessments of Play Areas and acts on them in public open spaces			Regular inspections are carried out by the Municipal Unit in relation to some of the sites under its control and regarding the condition of assets and risk management to protect the public		
	Brownfield sites owned by the Local Authority are assessed to see if there is potential for the site to be reclaimed to provide play opportunities for children			When a planning application is submitted the Council's planning policy framework enables brownfields to be converted into play areas .		

Outdoor Unstaffed Designated Play Spaces

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	The Local Authority has carried out a Study of Accessible Green Spaces which maps areas that are used for play purposes			The Open Spaces Assessment carried out is used as an evidence base for the Joint Development Plan. The Assessment has been updated for the Supplementary Planning Guidance on Open Spaces in New Housing Developments	The Assessment only assesses the larger settlements in the County	
	The Local Authority keeps an up-to-date record of all designated play areas as described in the Statutory Guidance			The Municipal Unit maintains a comprehensive register and details of the individual areas under its control.	We only consider places that are owned by Gwynedd Council	Need to secure resources in order to obtain an up-to-date record of all play areas across the county including resources outside the stock of a Municipal Unit DEWIS should be promoted as an information point for play providers to record their provision.

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	The Local Authority assesses play areas in terms of play value and the potential to increase play, as set out in the Statutory Guidelines			The Municipal Unit carries out regular assessments. An officer visits play areas regularly (only the unit's stock)	We only consider places that are owned by Gwynedd Council. The authority does not have an inspection tool as included in the Play Toolkit	
	The Local Authority carries out inspections of access in all designated play areas and implements proposals to improve access and safety			Regular inspections are carried out by the Municipal Unit of the condition of the individual areas under its control including entrances. Programming maintenance and improvements is one outcome of these audits.	We only consider places that are owned by Gwynedd Council	
	The Local Authority has drawn up and agreed a specific new standard for play provision			The Council has been using national standards (LAP, LEAP, NEAP) 6 acre standards (Fields in Trust)	There is no specific officer responsible for implementing and monitoring standards in the Local Authority	

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	The Local Authority carries out assessments of play areas in designated play areas and acts on them			Regular inspections are carried out by the Municipal Unit on the condition of the individual areas under	We only consider places that are owned by Gwynedd Council	

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				its control in order to identify maintenance work, set up an improvement plan and manage risk.		
	<p>The Local Authority has introduced smoke free play areas</p> <p>The local authority complies with the Smoke Free Premises and Vehicles (Wales) Regulations 2020 which require all play areas to be smoke free.</p>			The authority complies with the Smoke Free Premises and Vehicles (Wales) Regulations 2020 which require all play areas to be smoke free.		
	The Local Authority has removed 'no ball games' signs in order to encourage more children to play in the community			<p>Signs are used in areas close to highways as a result of the Highways Act.</p> <p>100% of partners' responses indicate that they do not use signs, and encourage children to play with a ball</p>		
	The Local Authority has installed signs, such as Priority to Play Signs, to encourage more children to play in the community			The consultation shows that Community Councils and providers are supportive of children playing.		

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				88 % of children indicate that adults / society are happy to allow children to play		
	The Local Authority recognises the importance of playgrounds in terms of the play opportunities available to children when any disposal decisions are made			A Property and Land Disposal Policy is in place. Protecting existing use is part of the assessment of any disposal.		
	The Local Authority includes children and their families in any consultations regarding decisions to dispose of playgrounds			A Property and Land Disposal Policy is in place. Consultation before making a decision to dispose is part of the Policy's arrangements.	The Council is currently consulting on its financial Strategy for 2019-2023 and the transfer of playgrounds is one of the proposals.	
	The Local Authority refers to guidelines regarding the creation of an accessible playground when refurbishing or developing new playgrounds			With every planning application the Local Planning Authority will issue a notice on the site, community notices and public notices in the local media.		

Open Spaces

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

See below (Comments)

Have there been challenges?

How can these be overcome?

Comments:

The type of sites are varied and are in both built-up and rural locations. Some of them have goal posts for informal games. The nature of the sites (being open land) provide opportunities of an informal type of playing. Some of our sites are hilly, rocky and forested.

As part of the Local Development Plan process, the Planning Unit will jointly carry out an Open Space Assessment to assess the need to protect and in some cases further develop areas for facilities/play

Outdoor unstaffed designated play spaces

See below (Comments)

How has the local authority considered all issues of accessibility in play space development?

Have there been challenges?

How can these be overcome?

Comments

Designated outdoor play areas where there are no staff (under the control of the Municipal Unit) Children's play equipment is provided in each designated play area with the exception of two sites which are for multi-use games with a ball and one skateboard park. The play equipment provides a range of tests and activities and is suitable for younger children up to early teenagers

Outdoor unstaffed designated play spaces

See comments below

How has the local authority considered all issues of accessibility in play space development?

Matter D: Supervised provision

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

RAG Status

Criteria fully met.	
Criteria partially met.	
Criteria not met.	

Playwork provision

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	The Local Authority keeps an updated record of all supervised playwork provision as described in the Statutory Guidance			Individual Services keep a record of the play provisions known to them. The Information Service for Families keeps a list of clubs and events eg play schemes, play opportunities and the information is available on the HWB Teuluoedd and Facebook page.	It cannot be said with certainty that the record is complete. Not aware of every play opportunity in Gwynedd. But a number of providers come forward to promote new projects regularly.	
	The Local Authority offers playwork provision which offers a good play environment as described in the Statutory Guidelines			Playwork provision is available for the early years, primary age and teenage age through the Early Years Service,		

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LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
				<p>Schools, Active Children and Young People's Schemes, the Youth Service.</p> <p>Plas Pawb is registered with CIW as a dedicated play area.</p> <p>Foundation Phase locations are encouraged to apply for financial sources/grants to develop outside areas to create a high quality and interesting play environment.</p>		

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LA reference	Criteria	RAG status 2019	RAG status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortcomings	Actions Identified for the Action Plan
	The Local Authority ensures that partners offering playwork provision are supported to offer rich play environments as described in the Statutory Guidance			<p>Childcare Locations are encouraged to apply for financial sources/grants to develop outside areas to create a high quality and interesting play environment.</p> <p>Resource grants are offered to all provision registered with CIW.</p> <p>Healthy Living Leisure Centers receiving grants to offer a range of play activities.</p>		
	Staffed playwork provision that the Local Authority provides meets the regulatory requirements and National Minimum Standards			The provision of Plas Pawb is registered with CIW.		
	Staffed playwork provision that the Local Authority funds meets the regulatory requirements and National Minimum Standards			<p>Play Schemes that are funded by the LA are registered with CIW.</p> <p>Plans that are provided eg Plas Pawb Play Schemes and Wild Elements are registered with CIW</p>		Need more Play Schemes from registered providers across the County.

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LA reference	Criteria	RAG status 2019	RAG status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortcomings	Actions Identified for the Action Plan
	Staffed playwork provision that the Local Authority's partners provide meets the regulatory requirements and National Minimum Standards			Plas Pawb and Wild Elements Play Schemes are registered with CIW		
	Staffed playwork provision across the Local Authority works to a recognised quality assurance programme				There is no recognised quality assurance program for playing opportunities. A quality assurance program for play is linked to a quality assurance program if those play opportunities are provided in a childcare setting or not.	
	The Local Authority prioritises quality issues when engaging with/ commissioning the private sector to deliver recreational activities for children.			The County has an Activity Provider Framework. Procurement Department, and Departmental Officers assess each application to ensure all providers meet safeguarding requirements, DBS, insurances, Health and safety etc.		Need more providers with a variety of activities on the Framework

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LA reference	Criteria	RAG status 2019	RAG status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortcomings	Actions Identified for the Action Plan
				The Service / Grant that does the commissioning work is responsible for defining the provision and the expected quality as part of the contract.		
	The Local Authority provides council premises and space free of charge to organisations which provide free (at the point of access) playwork provision for children			<p>The provision of property and spaces for free is dependent on the type of property, land, or area sought.</p> <p>Some properties are hired; and some properties are free to use.</p> <p>Plas Pawb/Tŷ Cegin supports any provision on the site without a charge.</p>		

Structured recreational activities for children

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	Local authority sport, physical activity, and active recreation			The authority's plans include organising and	Some of the current provision is dependent on	Continue to identify opportunities to provide free play

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LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	plans are contributing to increasing free play and recreational activities			<p>holding free sports and leisure activities.</p> <p>The numbers attending activities funded by a Play Grant / Summer of Fun / Winter of Wellbeing are higher than those schemes that charge a fee.</p> <p>Team Sport for Life has transferred to Byw'n Iach, a company responsible for the County's Leisure Centres, and offers a wide range of sports activities and services to local communities.</p>	<p>Welsh Government grants.</p> <p>Not all the provision available is available for free.</p>	and leisure schemes and activities.
	The sports agenda contributes to the provision of sufficient recreational activities for children			<p>Schemes that run with Government grants offer a wide range of opportunities for the children and young people of Gwynedd to participate .</p> <p>Team Sport for Life has transferred to Byw'n Iach, a company responsible</p>	The 'Ardal Ni 2035' survey has shown that children and young people want more sports and leisure opportunities .	Continue to identify opportunities to provide free play and leisure schemes and activities.

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				for the County's Leisure Centres, and offers a wide range of sports activities and services to local communities.		
	The cultural and arts agenda, is contributing to the provision of sufficient recreational activities for children			<p>Gwynedd Libraries - the 9 catchment area libraries offer play opportunities for young children in their Children's Library Sections eg Lego boards, train sets, farm sets, jigsaws etc.</p> <p>You can borrow Story Sacks and Babies' Small Sacks from Gwynedd Libraries which offer story books and toys and games that go with the story.</p> <p>'Bag Books' can be borrowed from Gwynedd Libraries which offer a multi-sensory story and play resource for children and young people with learning disabilities.</p>	<p>After school activities and summer activities are offered on an ad hoc basis but relies on planning within the current core budgets of the service and staff capacity to maintain them.</p> <p>Family Learning Sessions where children and families are given the opportunity to enjoy stories together, learn and actively play are funded for the time being through the Gwynedd</p>	Continue to identify opportunities to provide free play and leisure schemes and activities.

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				<p>A Ji Babi Bach session is held weekly in Caernarfon Library and Pwllheli Library for parents and babies and offers very early play opportunities.</p> <p>Story, Song and craft sessions are held regularly in 8 Libraries working in partnership with organisations such as Cymraeg i Blant to provide the activity in some locations with library staff providing the service in other locations</p> <p>After school sessions such as Coding Club and Lego Club are held in some libraries.</p> <p>Gwynedd Libraries participating in the Gwynedd Merger plan. Summer activities for children are held in some libraries which offer creative play opportunities through leisure activities,</p>	<p>Integration Network/ Family Learning Signature.</p>	

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
				dance, art and craft, music etc.		
	The Local Authority Youth Service provides for children's opportunities for leisure and association			The Youth Service offers a wide variety of activities, projects, training and information. The provision is available throughout the county, and is a mobile service that takes activities from village to village to ensure fair access.		Continue to identify opportunities to provide free play and leisure schemes and activities.

Supervised play provision

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?

An assessment of the quality of the opportunities was not part of this assessment. If registered with CIW then they would check the quality.

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

The main feedback was the need to continue to identify opportunities / budgets to maintain the current provision and expand these if possible. Significant grant reliance here.

Have there been challenges?

The main feedback was the need to continue to identify opportunities / budgets to maintain the current provision and expand it if possible. Reliance on grants is very high here.




How can these be overcome?

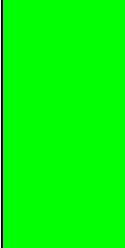
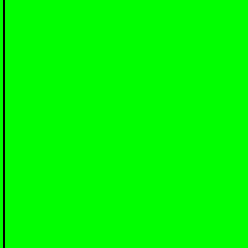
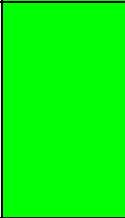
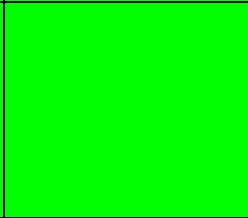
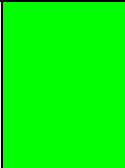

Comments:

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 fully met.	
Criteria partially met.	
Criteria not met.	

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	The Local Authority keeps records of the number of children living in low income families			Data is collected where necessary through 'Children in low income families Statistics' Children in low income families: local area statistics 2014 to 2021 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)		
	The Local Authority keeps records of the number of children living in areas of deprivation			'Stats Wales' is used to find data Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019: deprivation analysis relating to young children GOV. WALES	Estimate only using area data.	
	The Local Authority keeps records of the number of children living in rural areas			Possible to collect data/information by area using the 2011 Census. Possible to do this annually.		

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				Data on the number of births per Ward is updated annually.		
	The Local Authority keeps records of the number of disabled children and those with particular needs.			DERWEN's Integrated Disabled Children's Service keeps a record of children and young people who are disabled. This however dependent if they have been identified by the service.		
	The Local Authority records the availability of no cost provision			<p>The Family Information Service tries find free or low cost activities by following social media pages and promoting them.</p> <p>Free activities that are funded by Government grants (Summer of Fun / Winter of Wellbeing) have a promotion page on the HWB Teuluoedd.</p>		Dewis database directory and the ability to capture the information about individual provisions. Providers need to update it themselves to keep it current.
	The Local Authority records the provision of no cost / low cost premises used for play provision			<p>The Family Information Service tries to find free or low cost activities by following social media pages and promoting them.</p> <p>Free activities that are funded by Government grants (Summer of Fun / Winter Full of Wellbeing)</p>		Dewis database directory and the ability to capture the information about individual provisions. Providers need to update it themselves to keep it current .

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				<p>have a promotion page on HWB Teuluoedd.</p> <p>Plas Pawb and Tŷ Cegin organise free play sessions</p>		
	The Local Authority records the provisions where grants or subsidies are available for play providers			<p>Free activities that are funded by Government grants (Summer of Fun / Winter of Wellbeing) have a promotion page on HWB Teuluoedd.</p> <p>A promotional campaign on social media and a monthly Newsletter.</p>		
	The Local Authority provides subsidised transport for children travelling to play opportunities			<p>No resource has been earmarked for this purpose; however the authority provides transport for some of the playworkers in their own provision (Early Years and their families, and the Youth Service)</p> <p>Transport can be funded with Government grants (Summer of Fun / Winter of Wellbeing)</p>		

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	<p>Charge for play provision</p> <p>How is the Local Authority ensuring that children have access to no or low-cost provision? Promote the opportunities through the HWB Teuluoedd Gwynedd Website, social media, Family centers. Providing transport to take children and young people to some of the opportunities especially from disadvantaged areas.</p> <p>Have there been challenges? Not all schemes outside Local Government, and not funded by Local Government provide information about their play scheme provision to the authority as there is no structured arrangement in place to collect this data. There is no current information across the authority and its partners in terms of numbers / targets / cost / access etc.</p> <p>How can these be overcome? Dependent on Resources / capacity to establish arrangements.</p>					

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 fully met.	
Criteria partially met.	
Criteria not met.	

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	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			Information and copies of all orders are kept by the Transport and Countryside Service. The Transport and Countryside Service now has a formal register for these.		
	The Local Authority has a plan(s) to reduce the negative effect of busy roads and junctions through the introduction of speed reduction measures and provision of safe crossing points/routes for pedestrians and cyclists			Formal arrangements are in place to follow national guidelines and good practice when assessing the need to reduce speed and monitor speed. It was highlighted in 2016 that the procedure followed needs to be formalised in one simple page so that communities understand the steps that a		

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				<p>local authority must follow when assessing the need for, or the efficiency of, speed reduction measures.</p> <p>This information already exists in the documents 'Setting Local Speed Limits In Wales (Circular No: 24/2009 - Welsh Government) and Local Transport Traffic Calming Note (LTN1/07)</p>		

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LA reference	Criteria	RAG status 2019	RAG status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortcomings	Actions Identified for the Action Plan
	The Local Authority has plan(s) to reduce the negative impact of busy roads and junctions by introducing speed reduction measures and providing safe crossings/pathways for pedestrians and cyclists			A work program together with background data is kept by the Transport and Countryside Service. This program is part of safe routes schemes in the community.		
	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			A work program together with background data is kept by the Transport and Countryside Service. This program is part of pathway plans safe in the community as well as the Service's Active Travel programme.		
	There is potential for the Local Authority to take further action to reduce traffic speed and improve road safety to promote play opportunities			This is not a criterion. There is potential for all authorities to take further action if the resources are available.		
	The Local Authority uses road safety grants and/or other funding to support delivery of cycling training for children to national standards			Clear priorities have been set and a work program is in place by the Transport and Road Safety Service to provide training		
	The Local Authority uses road safety grants and/or other funding to provide pedestrian safety training for children			Clear priorities have been set and a work program is in place by the Transport and Road Safety Service to provide training		

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LA reference	Criteria	RAG status 2019	RAG status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortcomings	Actions Identified for the Action Plan
	The Local Authority has an accessible and well-known way of arranging temporary road closures, to support more children to play outside their homes			<p>There is a clear procedure in place to provide information to enable communities and statutory providers to temporarily close roads.</p> <p>However, the Transport and Countryside Service are not convinced that they are appropriate for public road closures for enable children to play outside their home .</p>	The Service is not sure what the legal position is to do this and how practical it is to organise/provide.	
	The Local Authority refers to <i>Manual for Streets</i> when considering new developments and changes to the highway network/urban realm			<p>There are clear arrangements in place to provide advice on planning applications based on the streets handbook.</p> <p>This is reflected in a Service Level Agreement between the Transport and Countryside Service and the Planning Service</p>		
	The Local Authority works to nationally recognised good practice guidelines when developing walking and cycling facilities			The details of the development of individual plans confirm this eg active travel plans which must comply with the Welsh Government document: Active Travel: Design Guidelines.		


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LA reference	Criteria	RAG status 2019	RAG status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortcomings	Actions Identified for the Action Plan
	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			The data is collected and analysed by North Wales Police and informs the priorities of the work programme.		
	The Local Authority considers children's needs to access play opportunities when making decisions about public transport planning and expenditure			Access to formal and informal leisure facilities is a factor in the matrix the Council uses to assess the need for public transport provision		
	The requirements of disabled children are understood and provided for within traffic and transport initiatives			<p>The Transport and Countryside Service contributes to the O Ddrws i Ddrws service which enables individuals with a disability or illness to travel to health appointments, to shop and to social activities etc.</p> <p>The Service has also provided a handbook for drivers who operate vehicles to transport pupils to specialist schools on behalf of the Council. The document provides guidelines for drivers to ensure that passengers have a safe and comfortable journey. These journeys are regularly monitored to ensure</p>		



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				that the drivers comply with the guidelines.		

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.

LA reference	Criteria	RAG status 2019	RAG status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Actions Identified for the Action Plan
	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)			<p>There is a specific site on the Council's website with all the information</p> <p>Play, activities and things to do (llyw.cymru)</p> <p>The 'Come to Play' booklet has been updated with details of locations that have upgraded with support from the play capital grants. Information from the booklet will be placed digitally on a map of Gwynedd within the website.</p> <p>Dewis directory is used to capture information about events and play activities.</p>		Promoting the Information Service for Families more broadly.
	The Local Authority provides information on access to play opportunities and contact for support if required			<p>Family Information Service Facebook /Twitter site</p> <p> Information for Families GWYNEDD Family Information</p>		

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LA reference	Criteria	RAG status 2019	RAG status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Actions Identified for the Action Plan
				<p> Information for Families GWYNEDD Family Information Promote regular play opportunities that are offered in the Gwynedd area.</p> <p>Encourage all enquirers to follow the Facebook /Twitter page referring to it in every letter / email when responding to an enquiry.</p>		
	<p>The Local Authority supports and publicises events which encourage play opportunities and events for children and families</p>			<p>Family Information Service Facebook /Twitter site  Information for Families GWYNEDD Family Information</p> <p>Regularly promote play opportunities that are offered in the Gwynedd area.</p> <p>Encourage all enquirers to follow our Facebook page referring to it in every letter / email when responding to an enquiry.</p> <p>Trying to follow as many event providers and organisers as possible to get the latest and most accurate information to</p>		

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LA reference	Criteria	RAG status 2019	RAG status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Actions Identified for the Action Plan
				share on our Facebook and Twitter page.		
	The Local Authority publicises information which contributes to positive community attitudes to play			<p>Promote awareness of the importance of play. eg Play Wales, Supporting Public Health Wales campaigns, promoting the Road Safety Week - Road Safety campaign.</p> <p>Promote opportunities to play as a family.</p> <p>Play sessions and events are offered by a variety of people and organisations</p> <p>The Council has a corporate Communication and Engagement Unit and individual services can commission them to produce and implement specific communication and engagement plans on their behalf.</p> <p>In response to requests from services and departments, the Communications Unit can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - work with journalists to ensure coverage in the press and media for several schemes that provide play opportunities for children, 		

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LA reference	Criteria	RAG status 2019	RAG status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Actions Identified for the Action Plan
				<p>activities and clubs for children, fun days etc.</p> <p>- promote opportunities and play plans through the Council's public newsletter, the Council's social website accounts and any other suitable platforms.</p>		
	<p>The Local Authority provides parents with useful tips and support to help them encourage their children to play</p>			<p>Follow and share the GGT Facebook/Twitter page and give tips to families to encourage children to play.</p> <p>A package of Early Years play activities developed on the HWB Teuluedd over the covid period Microsoft Word - Learning Pack Atref.doc (gov.cymru)</p> <p>In addition, responding to specific enquiries about play in the area.</p>		

Access to space/provision

How has the Local Authority ensured collaboration to ensure children can move around their communities to increase access to opportunities for playing?

In terms of traffic issues, it appears from the responses of the responsible Department (Environment, Gwynedd Council) that a number of traffic interventions are already in place.

It will be necessary to ensure that communities / services / providers are familiar with the requirements of the law regarding the use of public lanes, but also what the structures / arrangement are in place for temporary changes, or even developing road safety ideas in specific areas .

Have there been challenges?

How can these be overcome?

Comments

Information, publicity, events

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

Family Information Service officers verifying and sharing information through various media – HWB Teuluoedd website, Facebook/Twitter etc
Electronic play directory available and copies available in libraries and leisure centres.

Have there been challenges?

Willingness of external organisations to provide and update information about their opportunities on the Dewis Cymru website is a challenge.

How can these be overcome?

Continue to promote the website and continue to communicate with the external organisations on a regular basis

Comments:

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 fully met.	
Criteria partially met.	
Criteria not met.	

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.

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	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)			<p>Staff file Plas Pawb - staff at the after school / holidays club working towards Level 3 transition.</p> <p>The Flying Start workforce have the relevant qualifications.</p> <p>The qualification level necessary is indicated on job descriptions Modifications also to include play work within the jobs</p>	<p>Need more Play training.</p> <p>Not enough Play Level 3 training</p>	HSE requirements by September 2022 mean that staff in the after school childcare settings will need more play qualifications.

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	The Local Authority supports all of the workforce to achieve the qualification level required by the Welsh Government's National Minimum Standards			Collaborate with local Colleges to ensure that sufficient level 2 and 3 courses are available. Offering level 2/3 apprenticeships at Plas Pawb		
	The Local Authority has a staff development budget ring fenced for play, including playwork			Relevant grants - Flying Start/OOSG/AWPOG supporting training for staff. Foundation Phase training and childcare offered annually. Training on the Welsh Curriculum will be provided.	All dependent on Grant money.	Identify opportunities to continue funding training through the Children and Communities Grant, or identify other budgets.
	There is a comprehensive range of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities available for playworkers in the area			A wide range of training courses are offered to registered provisions. Play Opportunities Grant Fund 2020/21 has funded a program of training: Forest School Beach School Outdoor Learning Level 2	All dependent on Grant money.	
	Training is available for volunteers and parents to			Flying Start officers offering support and training to parents.		

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	develop their knowledge on skills in playwork					
	The Local Authority includes playwork within its Workforce Development strategies				Play is not part of the corporate workforce development strategy	
	The Local Authority supports partners to deliver appropriate training to community groups, parents and volunteers					
	The Local Authority has undertaken a comprehensive training needs analysis for the play workforce as defined in the toolkit glossary and above			A training needs assessment for after school clubs and holiday clubs is being carried out. CPD training package offered by the Childcare Unit.		
	The Local Authority takes action to expand the variety of learning and development opportunities that are offered to staff			<p>A wide range of training is provided / offered to all the County's workforce working with children.</p> <p>A wide variety of courses provided with Play grant funding and a Child Development Grant.</p> <p>Training for the Nursery Education providers on the continued use of the outside area.</p> <p>Forest School / Beach School sessions are held to ensure use of the rural / natural resources available in Gwynedd.</p>	All dependent on Grant money.	

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	There is a comprehensive range of CPD opportunities for a range of professionals who work with children			<p>Training provision available to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flying Start Scheme - Foundation Phase Staff <p>CPD opportunities are offered annually to staff in childcare settings/ after school clubs. CWLWM organisations offer training.</p> <p>Youth Service: The staff of the Service followed a 3 day 'Trauma Recovery Model' course during this period including opportunities such as first aid etc.</p>		
	Training awareness sessions are available for professionals and decision makers whose work impacts on children's opportunities to play			<p>Training provision available to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flying Start Scheme - Foundation Phase Staff <p>Youth Service: A level 2 and 3 course will start in September in Youth Work which will have an impact on work and play.</p>		

General Comments: **Securing and developing the play workforce**

How have the Local Authorities met the requirements to ensure or undertake the work of introducing the management and delivery functions necessary to ensure sufficient play opportunities, and protect them?

There is no Designated Play Officer in the authority to lead in the area of policy and who has qualifications in this area.

The authority has a play workforce across numerous services eg Early Years, Education, Children's Services and Youth Services.

The relevant Managers in the services ensure that the workforce is sufficient to provide play opportunities and is appropriately qualified - but that does not necessarily mean that all members of the workforce who provide play opportunities have qualifications. The relevant managers in the services are responsible for ensuring that play is part of their policy remit.

How has the Local Authority ensured that it understands and provides for the workforce development needs amongst the play workforce (as defined in *Wales: A Country That Creates Opportunity for Play*).

The relevant Managers in the services ensure that the workforce is sufficient to provide play opportunities and is appropriately qualified - but that does not necessarily mean that all members of the workforce who provide play opportunities have qualifications. The authority's resources (through a grant) prioritises qualifications and play skills among the early years workforce for its own workforce and the workforce of partners.

How has the Local Authority ensured that it understands and provides for the play workforce (as defined in *Wales: A Country That Creates Opportunity for Play*).

Every member of the council's staff goes through the evaluation process - and during the process and during supervision meetings with line managers there will be an opportunity to identify what the officer's training/qualification requirements are, and where possible when funding is available they will have the opportunity to attend courses/workshops.

The Early Years Unit ensures a development plan for childcare and play placements which includes training in play.

Did you face any challenges?




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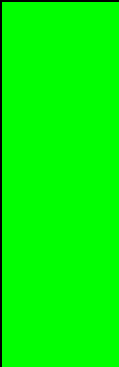


Comments:

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 fully met.	
Criteria partially met.	
Criteria not met.	

LA reference	Criteria	RAG status 2019	RAG status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Actions Identified for the Action Plan
	The Local Authority keeps an updated record of the number of 20mph zones/school safety zones in residential areas			Information and copies of all orders are kept by the Transport and Countryside Service. The Transport and Countryside Service now has a formal register for them		
	The Local Authority			Consultation on building plans that include play provision eg new schools.	Plans are funded by the Community Safety	

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	promotes plans to engage with relevant groups in improving play opportunities for children in its area.			<p>Community involvement campaigns to look after the environment can influence the improvement of playgrounds eg A recent Dog Fouling Consultation has led to the new Protection of Public Places (Control of Dogs) Order 2021. https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Trigolion/Dogfennau-trigolion/Plastic,-pollution-and-cleanliness--documents/Order-Protection-Public-Spaces-Gwynedd-Council-Dog-Control-2021.pdf</p>	Partnership, part of improving communities. <i>(Not directly linked to Play)</i>	
	<p>The Local Authority promotes engagement with the community through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - make a suitable place available to play - organise play events - positive attitudes towards 			<p>Flying Start officers have carried out questionnaires during each event that is held. These are used to guide future provision / opportunities and activities.</p> <p>An Approved Activity Providers Framework established by the Council.</p> <p>Summer of Fun, Winter Wellbeing, AND AWPOG grants to ensure play provision in communities across the county.</p>		

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	children and play - training on the importance of play.					

Engage with and participate in the community.

How has the Local Authority effectively used the mechanisms in place to promote processes to encourage children to participate and to consult with families in relation to play?

The authority has used its structures and specific Service engagement plans to encourage children and their families to take part in consultations. The authority's Communications Unit also advises on carrying out specific consultations at corporate level; together with co-ordinating internal and external responses from partners.

Did you face any challenges?




Levels of responses to consultations are low

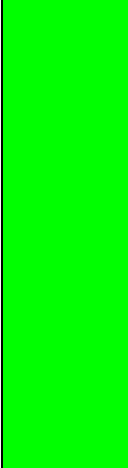
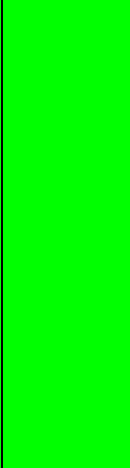
How do we overcome them?

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 fully met.	
Criteria partially met.	
Criteria not met.	

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	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			<p>The Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board is committed to achieving changes for the communities of Gwynedd and Anglesey, through the Wellbeing Plan https://www.llesiantgwyneddaron.org/cy/Cynllun-Llesiant/.</p> <p>The 2022 Play Sufficiency Assessment contributed to the Wellbeing Assessments.</p> <p>Appropriate governance arrangements established - the Integrated Health and Care Sub Group will monitor progress in relation to improving the health of children and young people and their families and provide assurance to the Public</p>		

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				Services Board that the changes lead to a better Service/outcome to the population		
	The Well-Being Plan recognises the importance of play and contributes to the provision of rich play opportunities			The Wellbeing Plan includes 2 wellbeing objectives and 6 priority areas that will contribute to promoting wellbeing and quality of life. The opportunity to do outdoor activities, local facilities and community spirit are all factors that have been identified within the Wellbeing Plan that can contribute to promoting wellbeing. One of the priorities that has been identified within the Wellbeing Plan is that the PSB through the Integrated Health and Care Sub-group encourages children and young people and their families to improve their health so that they can live healthily. and independently within their communities.		

Education and schools

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	Schools ensure that children are provided with a rich play environment for breaks during the school day			Site Suitability Reports. Schools' self-evaluations. Individual schools face challenges due	In a small number of schools there is a lack of a suitable indoor location during wet weather.	Arrangements should be made to allow children to play when the weather is rainy or stormy.

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				to the lack of a suitable location in rainy or stormy weather and have to use halls, classrooms and in some circumstances leisure centres.		
	Schools provide play opportunities during out of teaching hours			Sport Wales Report. Schools' self-evaluations.	A range of experiences to suit every child.	Sport Wales Report. Schools' self-evaluations.
	Schools provide access to school grounds for playing out of school times			Schools' self-evaluations.	The situation is not practically possible in every school due to the costs of opening and closing the resources outside the carer's working time.	Ensuring that it is possible to provide access to the play resources for every school in Gwynedd whether that be free or for a fee, to address opening and closing costs. Identify funding or consider alternative methods of securing access, such as the use of a smart lock on an all-weather playing field.

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LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	Schools encourage children to walk and cycle to school			<p>Schools' self-evaluations.</p> <p>Safe cycling training provided by the transport department.</p>	Lack of a suitable place to keep bicycles in every school.	Ensure a suitable location to park bicycles at schools. Ensure a supply of repair equipment such as tubes and general repair equipment so that young people can fix their bikes.
	The Local Authority offers guidance to ensure schools understand and ensure that regular outdoor play is not curtailed			Estyn reports of individual schools.	The authority does not offer any guidance of this kind.	<p>Securing resources in order to carry out an annual audit in each school to evaluate and ensure that each school offers regular play opportunities.</p> <p>Continue to support schools, childcare settings and the wider education community to realise the benefits of learning and playing in the natural environment, using new opportunities within the framework of the Curriculum for Wales</p>

Town and Country Planning

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	The Local Development Plan recognises and addresses the outdoor play needs of children of various age groups and abilities			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playgrounds protected in the Local Development Plan (Policy ISA4) • Policy in the Local Development Plan and Supplementary Planning Guide requiring new play areas in new housing developments of 10 or more properties • Open Spaces Assessment to assess the need for play spaces 		

Traffic and Transport

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LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	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			The details of the development of individual plans confirm this eg active travel plans which must comply with the Welsh Government: Active Travel: Design Guidelines document		
	The local Transport Plan identifies ways of assessing and addressing the needs of all groups including those which are often marginalised.			TAITH and TraCC Regional Transport plans recognise the importance of access networks to offer play and leisure opportunities When preparing the Regional Transport Plan the transport and travel needs of different groups were taken into account and this is reflected in the work programme.		

Early Years Plans						
LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	Early Years and Flying Start plans and services recognise			Staff aware of high levels of obesity in the early years.	Obesity numbers for 5 year olds are high	Continue to offer training to new staff

	<p>the importance of play and contribute to the provision of rich play opportunities for younger children</p>			<p>Staff operate through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> emphasising the messages in the 10 steps to a healthy weight in the Early Years. https://everychildwales.co.uk/here-are-our-10-steps-to-a-healthy-weight/?lang=en develop their playing expertise to train other staff cascading messages about the importance of play to families of young children understanding physical literacy principles <p>Support FS and Childcare locations to achieve accreditation on the Healthy and Sustainable Schools Scheme.</p> <p>Covid recovery grants allow more physical activity for younger children</p> <p>Providing play resources to vulnerable and disadvantaged families</p>		<p>within locations or to new provisions</p> <p>Continue to buy packs of play resources for vulnerable families</p> <p>Distributing grants to childcare settings to improve the resources</p> <p>Continue to support childcare settings to realise the benefits of learning and playing in the natural environment, using new opportunities within the framework of the Curriculum for Wales .</p>
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Family policy and initiatives

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	<p>Family support initiatives provide up to date information and support for parents to enable them to support their children to play</p>			<p>Physical Literacy Training has been held for nursery and Flying Start education settings in conjunction with GWE</p> <p>A number of childcare settings working towards the quality accreditation of the Healthy and Sustainable Pre-School Scheme</p> <p>Flying Start Fun and Families First sessions promote Play opportunities</p> <p>Language Development and Play Officers promote play in group sessions and on a 1:1 level in Flying Start areas</p> <p>Have purchased packs for parents to accompany Physical Literacy and carry out further training for childcare settings to promote the work with parents</p> <p>Yoga packages for childcare settings</p>	<p>Parents' lack of understanding of the 10 steps to a healthy weight and the benefits of playing on health and well-being</p> <p>Gwynedd with high levels of obesity for 5-year-old children in certain areas of Gwynedd - Public Health Report</p>	<p>Need to promote the 10 step messages to a healthy weight. Need to work together with professionals and officers in order to continue to provide provisions with information and discover new mapping opportunities to ascertain how their work impacts on play opportunities for children</p> <p>Need to undertake the recommendations of Healthy Weight: Healthy Wales Delivery Plan (gov.cymru)</p>
	<p>The local implementation of the Families First programme recognises the importance of play and contributes to the provision of rich play opportunities</p>			<p>Access to a Language and Play Worker to develop language skills through various play activities.</p> <p>Promote the importance of play when providing the parenting programs of the Incredible Years and Nurturing Programme.</p>	<p>Getting parents to understand the importance of play in their child's development and the development of their relationship with their child.</p>	

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				Provide a flexible family support service that can offer play-based activities to increase parents' confidence in playing Offer interventions and parenting programs based on evidence and on an outreach basis to parents / families with children and young people between 5 and 25.		
	Plans to reduce the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences recognises the importance of play and contributes to the provision of rich play opportunities			<p>A flexible family support service that will promote play as part of parenting programmes Supporting young people by supporting them to access leisure activities and engage with their communities. To promote the mental health and emotional wellbeing of parents and to promote and maintain effective relationships with the family. Working with families whose children may have been affected by experiences via the family support services</p> <p>Distributing bags of play resources to vulnerable children and young people.</p> <p>Target play opportunities in deprived areas</p>		

Inter-generational policy and initiatives

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	<p>There are a range of play based approaches to inter-generational activity</p>			<p>Fun family sessions from Flying Start include inter-generational activities</p> <p>1st Report of the Inter-generational Project outlines the play opportunities promoted through the Inter-generational activities.</p> <p>Following the lockdown periods, the Inter-generational work has adapted to offer activities in safer ways by doing projects in the open air, pen-pals and slowly reintroducing face-to-face projects since April 2022.</p>	<p>Since April 2022 there is no longer a full-time Inter-generational Officer at Gwynedd Council. The work is currently being continued by the Age Friendly Gwynedd Co-ordinator but this capacity will not be available after July 2022 and it will be necessary advertise the post once again to ensure that the momentum is not lost in relation to all the work that has taken place since July 2018.</p>	<p>A full-time Inter-generational Coordinator to be appointed at the Council once again. There is a strong network between the Children's department, the Adults' department and the Education department in order to develop relationships, strengthen the project and move the project forward.</p>
	<p>There is a creative approach to inter-generational activity which encourages better interaction between children of different ages</p>			<p>Fun sessions from Flying Start family Inter-generational which include activities for the whole family</p> <p>The intention of 'Pontio'r Gendleathau', Gwynedd Council, is to create new bonds between children and people of all ages. This will increase respect and understanding between the generations and lead to stronger communities.</p>		<p>Continue with the Inter-generational Plan which has been funded through ICF until March 2022. In the coming year the Inter-generational Co-ordinator will attend Headteachers' catchment area meetings (May 2019; January 2022) to give a presentation on the</p>

				<p>The Inter-generational Scheme works closely with primary, secondary schools and Further Education colleges to integrate Inter-generational activities into their activities. In addition the project works with the community, focusing on sustainable projects and sharing skills.</p> <p>The scheme has collaborated with local artists in order to offer a creative element and new experiences to those who take part.</p>		<p>successes of the Project and promote more Inter-generational activities (by using play) in Gwynedd Schools. In order to continue the momentum with the work, it will be necessary to ensure that the post of Inter-generational coordinator' is not vacant for too long with the hope that someone will be in the post by September 2022 to be able to carry on with these vital projects once more.</p>
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Health and Safety	
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LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	The Health and Safety policies explicitly recognise the value of children being able to experience risk and challenge				It is not included in the Local Authority's corporate Health and Safety policies	
	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)			The Educational Visits Policy held by Schools (Education Department) and the Children's Department (Youth Service) promotes adventurous activities for children and Young people and are carried safely in accordance with the relevant risk assessments.		
	The Local Authority offers the provision of insurance through the Local Authority scheme to all third sector play providers and community councils			Service level agreements for play schemes funded by a Play Officer emphasise that a copy of insurance is required for the activity / project.	Gwynedd Council insurance is not available to third sector play providers and community councils	

Play within relevant policy and implementation agendas

Please use this section to highlight successes of collaboration across policy areas to improve play opportunities.

Some successes are limited to some policy areas only eg Early Years and Youth Work. The collaboration in particular with the Health Board, Public Health Wales, Police in these two areas has seen more play opportunities being developed jointly, thus maximizing the use of new Resources (eg PACT, SBLASH) and has allowed us to prioritise and target specific areas and age groups.

Have there been challenges?

Emphasising the importance / role of play in some policy areas is more difficult due to the lack of awareness / recognition. There is no Structure (Play Forum) for bringing partners together.

How can these be overcome?

Establish a Play Forum

Comments:

Conclusion

The responses of the public consultation carried out with children and young people should not be disregarded when guiding this Assessment.

On the whole the children responded that they play often, and have plenty of opportunities to play, in various locations. On the whole the children feel safe when they play and the respondents from the community welcome the fact that children play.

The main weakness of the play opportunities in the opinion of the children is the need for improvement to upgrade the play equipment in playing fields.

Over 76% of children played outside on most days at least. Over 80% of children indicated that they felt they had enough time to play outside, and almost 90% of children felt safe most of the time when playing and socialising.

88% indicated that the play opportunities available to them were ok, or good/great.

The main weakness of the play opportunities in the opinion of the children / young people was the need to improve / upgrade the playground equipment, and over 60% felt that some improvement was needed in the places where they played, with 2% stating that they were 'terrible'.

The Covid 19 pandemic has affected almost 80% of children's play opportunities.

The main priorities that have been identified from the assessment are that:-

That children and young people, on the whole are happy with the opportunities and play provision in the county.

Providers / community councils have plans for the future for play opportunities / provision, and the Council needs to support these where possible.

It is not possible to ensure inspections of access to play areas that are outside the Authority's stock

There is a reliance on grants in order to ensure Continuous Professional Development for employees involved in play

There is a lack of knowledge / understanding of the needs of some groups of children from ethnic minority backgrounds.

There is a need to continue to develop and promote information about locations / provision / play opportunities across the county in collaboration with the Family Information Service, and ensure that information is also shared withh Dewis Cymru.

There is further work to be done in certain policy areas in particular :

Improving children's opportunities in some schools to play when the weather is not favourable;

Ensuring that it is possible to provide access to the play resources of every school in Gwynedd throughout the year;

Need to promote the 10 step messages for a healthy weight as the obesity numbers for 5 year olds is high;

It is important to continue with the Inter-generational Plan, in order to maintain the momentum with the work. It will be necessary to ensure that the post of Inter-generational coordinator' is filled.

The Council's maintenance programs protect the existing stock but a number of the community councils have stated that they are keen to develop their playing fields with capital investments.

The Municipal Department does not have sufficient funding to upgrade / add to the equipment currently available in the parks, and there is a reliance on capital grants from the Welsh Government.

In terms of attracting other grants, this is not possible if the park is under the control of the Council. Grants eg Lottery are only available if the community group takes a lease on the park for a period, but this is not possible for a large number of communities as they do not have a reserve budget for maintenance.

When reviewing the areas that need upgrading, it is necessary to ensure that the range of equipment is suitable for children of different ages, and that they are suitable for older children as well as the smaller ones. Children's opinions and comments are key in developing play opportunities / provision for the community.

Way forward

The Action Plan below sets out the steps Gwynedd Council will take to address the areas identified above, taking into account the reliance on Welsh Government grants.

Signed: *R. Jones*



Date: 30/06/2022

Actions to be taken to address the issues / shortcomings recorded in the Assessment of Sufficiency of Play Opportunities

Actions proposed for the period between 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023

Matter	Priorities	Targets	Link to other Matters	Resources, including costs	Funding Source of funding (new or existing cash streams)
Statutory Guidance-policy framework					
Matter A: Population	Understanding the play needs of children from different cultural backgrounds.	Collect sufficient data on children from ethnic minority backgrounds, and children in disadvantaged areas		The time of the Council's Equality Officer	
Matter B: Providing for diverse needs	Upgrading specialist play Resources, and ensuring access to them in a large rural county. Llandygai gypsy and traveler site in need of a play area	Install accessible and specialised equipment Work with the Traveler Location Support Officer to		Gypsy and Traveler Support Officer Time Regeneration and Municipal Officers	WG Play Capital Grant

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		<p>identify if there is a suitable location. Children and families who live on the site to identify what they would like to see developed Apply for any Play Capital funding from the Government.</p>			
Matter C: Space available for children to play	<p>Keep an updated record of all designated play areas as described in the Statutory Guidelines including those outside the stock of the Municipal Unit of Gwynedd Council</p>	<p>Promote DEWIS as an information point for play providers to record their provision.</p> <p>Promote and share the 'Come and Play' booklet Come-to-chwrae.pdf (gov.cymru)</p>		Information Service Staff Time	
Matter D: Supervised provision	<p>Continue to identify opportunities to provide free play and leisure schemes and activities.</p>	<p>Identifying grants and budgets / planning sessions / commissioning etc</p>		<p>The time of Managers – Early Years, Youth Service, Active Children and Young People Team, Libraries, Arts Unit .</p>	<p>Children and Communities Grant. AWOG / Summer of Fun / Winter of Wellbeing</p>

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		Continue to identify activity providers to be on Gwynedd Council's Activity Provider Procurement Framework		The Council's Procurement Unit	Youth Support Grant
Matter E: Charges for play provision	Promote the availability and locations offering free provision across the County	<p>Promote the use of a DEWIS database directory that has the ability to hold this information. Providers will be able to update it themselves in the future.</p> <p>Teuluoedd Information Service to promote any provision through social media pages and the Teuluoedd HWB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matter C 	Information Service Staff Time	Promote the availability and locations of free provision across the County
Matter F: Access to space/provision					
Matter G: Securing and developing the workforce	Develop the workforce to the required standard	Ensure that staff in childcare and after school settings receive the necessary		Costs of Courses	Children and Communities Grant (OOSG)

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	<p>Continue where possible to expand the variety of learning and development opportunities offered to staff</p> <p>Qualify staff to provide good play opportunities for younger children</p>	<p>qualifications as set out in the new requirements of CIW by 2020. (Internal and external workforce)</p> <p>More variety of training courses such as Traed Bach Sionc and Jabadeo and effective use of outside childcare staff</p>		Costs of Courses	AWPOG
Matter H: Community engagement and participation	<p>Ensure children's input in any plans to develop community play areas.</p> <p>Ensure that grants such as Summer of Fun and capital grants are promoted/distributed through Community Support Officers</p>			Community support officers	
Matter I: Play within all relevant policy and implementation agendas	<p>Education and Schools</p> <p>Schools to ensure that a good play environment is</p>	<p>Need to ensure arrangements to allow children to be able to play when there is</p>		Time of Education officers	

	<p>provided for children for breaks during the school day</p> <p>Schools to provide access to school grounds for play outside school hours</p> <p>Ensure that children where possible can cycle to school</p>	<p>rainy or stormy weather.</p> <p>Ensuring that it is possible to provide access to the play resources of every school in Gwynedd free of charge or for a fee that would cover opening and closing costs.</p> <p>Identify funding or investigate alternative methods of securing access, such as the use of a smart lock on an all-weather playing field.</p> <p>Ensure a suitable location to park bicycles in the school.</p> <p>Ensure a supply of repair equipment such</p>			
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	<p>Local Authority to find out more information on regular outdoor play opportunities that schools offer</p> <p>Educate parents and provide the latest information and support to enable them to encourage their children to play</p> <p>Inter-generational work that encourages better interaction between children of different ages</p>	<p>as tubes and general repair equipment so that young people can repair bikes.</p> <p>Securing a resource in order to carry out an annual audit in each school to measure and ensure that each school offers regular play opportunities.</p> <p>Need to promote the 10 step messages to a healthy weight through the GGD</p>		<p>Family Information Service</p> <p>Inter-generational Coordinator</p>	
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		<p>Continue with the Inter-generational Plan.</p> <p>Inter-generational Co-ordinator to attend catchment area meetings for School Heads to give a presentation on the successes of the Project and promote more Inter-generational activities (using play) in Gwynedd Schools</p>			
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