

Tools for evaluating local play provision: A technical guide to Play England local play indicators

Appendix 1: Household questionnaire survey

Covering letter

Dear resident

Here at [name] Council we are constantly looking for ways in which we can enhance and improve the services we provide. One of the ways in which we do this is asking the public for their views – which is why I am writing to you now.

The attached questionnaire covers the area of children's play. It is part of a much wider survey taking place in various parts of the country to explore how well services meet the needs of parents and children. The survey has been designed by Play England, and is being used to help shape the future of children's play nationally.

The number of questionnaires we can send out in this way is limited by finance, so we ask that you please take a few minutes to fill this form in and return it. You will see that the form allows you to respond in respect of one, two, or three children, but even if you have no children living at home with you, we would still like your opinions on how well you think children in your locality are catered for.

Can we reassure you on one important point? This is a completely anonymous questionnaire, and no one at the Council, or at Play England, will be able to see who has filled in and returned any given form. If your questionnaire has a number on it, this is only so that we don't send you unnecessary reminders and won't be used to identify you in any other way.

If you're unsure about any aspect of this survey, please do feel free to contact [name] at [Council], who will be very happy to explain more about this survey and deal with any questions you may have.

I very much hope you will be able to take part and feel sure that you will find it interesting. Thank you very much for your help in advance. Please return the completed questionnaire in the reply-paid envelope provided with this questionnaire **as soon as possible. No stamp is required.**

We look forward very much to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely
[name and position]

If you would prefer a large print or Braille version of this form, please contact [number]

Household questionnaire

1 First of all, please tell me about your children. If you have more than three children aged 0-16 years at home, please answer for the three who most recently had birthdays.			
How old is this child? <i>(please write their age in the box)</i>	Child 1 <input type="text"/>	Child 2 <input type="text"/>	Child 3 <input type="text"/>
Is this child a boy or a girl? <i>(please tick)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> boy <input type="checkbox"/> girl	<input type="checkbox"/> boy <input type="checkbox"/> girl	<input type="checkbox"/> boy <input type="checkbox"/> girl
What is this child's ethnicity? <i>(please tick)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> white <input type="checkbox"/> black <input type="checkbox"/> asian <input type="checkbox"/> other	<input type="checkbox"/> white <input type="checkbox"/> black <input type="checkbox"/> asian <input type="checkbox"/> other	<input type="checkbox"/> white <input type="checkbox"/> black <input type="checkbox"/> asian <input type="checkbox"/> other
Does this child have any disability or illness that restricts their play? <i>(please tick)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

2 In the past four weeks, approximately how many hours has each of these children spent playing or hanging out, outside, at each of these different facilities? <i>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX, for each type of playspace, FOR EACH CHILD</i>			
	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3
At a playbus or mobile play facility	<input type="checkbox"/> none	<input type="checkbox"/> none	<input type="checkbox"/> none
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week
	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week
	<input type="checkbox"/> not sure	<input type="checkbox"/> not sure	<input type="checkbox"/> not sure
In other supervised play settings	<input type="checkbox"/> none	<input type="checkbox"/> none	<input type="checkbox"/> none
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week
	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week
	<input type="checkbox"/> not sure	<input type="checkbox"/> not sure	<input type="checkbox"/> not sure
In a play area or playground	<input type="checkbox"/> none	<input type="checkbox"/> none	<input type="checkbox"/> none
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week
	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week
	<input type="checkbox"/> not sure	<input type="checkbox"/> not sure	<input type="checkbox"/> not sure

<p>In a park or sports ground</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> none</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not sure</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> none</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not sure</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> none</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not sure</p>
<p>At a ball court, multi-use games area, skatepark or bike facility</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> none</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not sure</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> none</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not sure</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> none</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not sure</p>
<p>On the street, on local rough ground or grassed areas</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> none</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not sure</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> none</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not sure</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> none</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 hr a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more hrs a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not sure</p>