

Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Update from	Cricklade and Wootton Bassett children's centres
Date of Area Board Meeting	18 May 2016

Headlines/Key Issues

- Existing Children Centre contract ends on 30th June 2016. Children's centre services will continue from the 1st of July with a new commission by the local authority for services to be delivered for 5 yrs from this date. Public announcement of which organisation has been awarded the contract to deliver these services in North Wiltshire still to be announced.

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- Issues with a lack of accessible early years childcare places, particularly for funded 2yr olds (low incomes households are offered up to 15 hours a week free childcare for eligible 2 yr olds) for families living in Ridgeway Farm and Moulden View. The two new housing estates in Purton Parish bordering Peatmoor and Sparcells estates in Swindon. A new school will open at Ridgeway Farm Sept 2016 but does not have plans for an attached nursery/ preschool.

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- A large number of families in Wootton Bassett report their reception aged child did not get their preferred school place, we are aware of some children being offered places in Chippenham which would indicate a shortage of school places in the area.

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