

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment Support

Helping Local Authorities meet their statutory
duty with confidence, clarity and impact



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Childcare Sufficiency Duty

Most people working in or around early years know that childcare matters - but not everyone realises that Local Authorities in England **still** have a legal duty to ensure there's enough childcare to meet the needs of working parents.

Under Section 6 of the Childcare Act 2006, councils must regularly assess local supply and demand and publish a sufficiency report **annually**, showing how they're meeting this responsibility.

That's where Darwininnovate comes in. We can take care of every stage of your Childcare Sufficiency Assessment - from scoping and planning through to survey design, data analysis, and final report production.

Whether you're refreshing an existing CSA or starting from scratch, we manage the entire process - saving you time, reducing internal pressure, and delivering clear, actionable insights.



What we offer



Ongoing Project Management

Including a clear Scope and Approach Document and a Project Plan to monitor progress against agreed deliverables, ensuring your Sufficiency Duty Report is produced as planned and on time.



Childcare Provider Survey

We design, build and test a bespoke survey to capture detailed information on the supply of childcare in your area. We agree timescales, define distribution methods, assign responsibilities, and follow up on non-returns. We monitor responses and report on return rates throughout.



Data Analysis & Gap Identification

We combine survey results with desk research and analysis of locally held data and national statistics to build a clear picture of childcare demand. We then undertake a full gap analysis of supply and demand, raising any emerging issues early — such as potential shortfalls in provision.



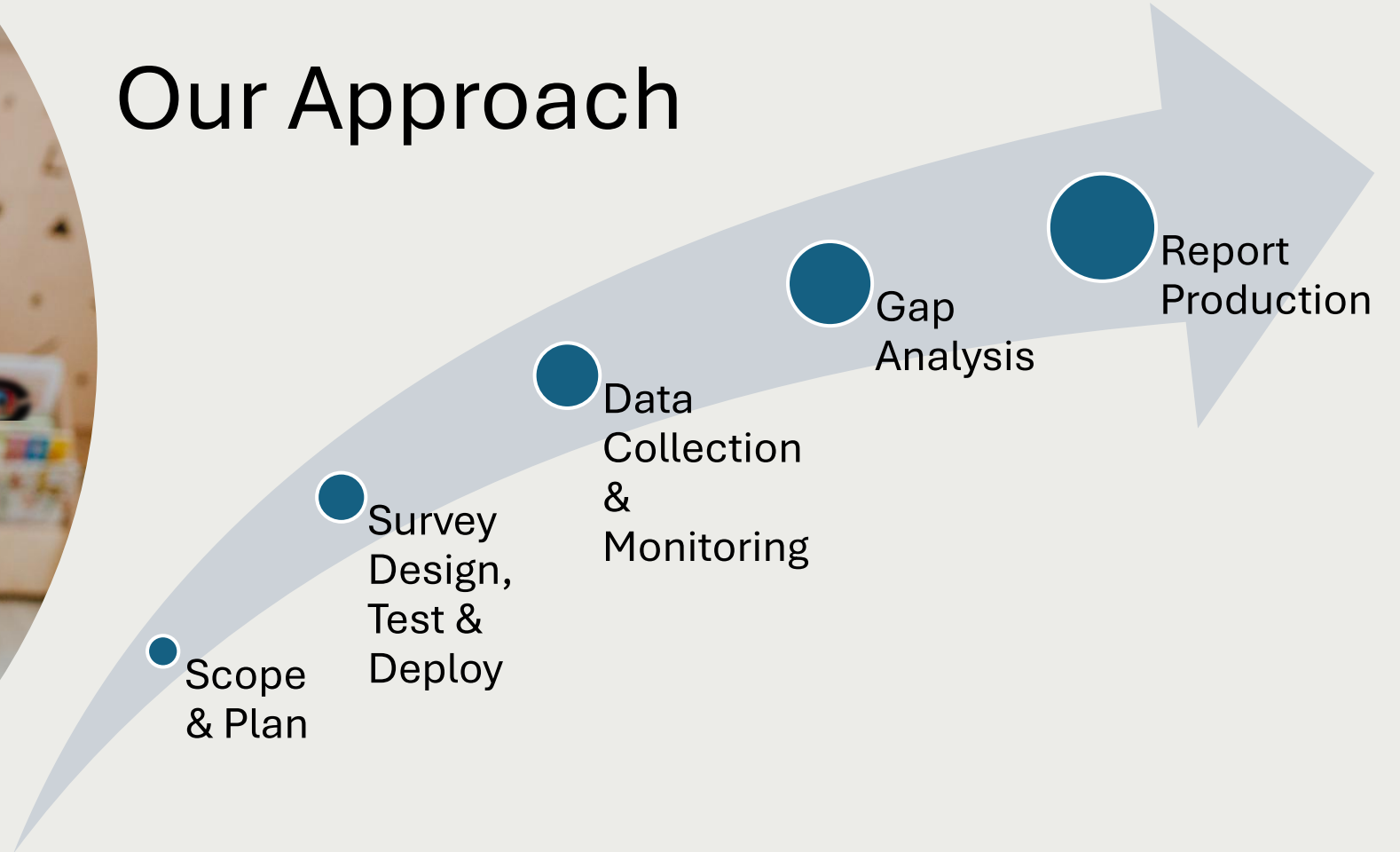
Childcare Sufficiency Duty Report

We produce a clear, audience-ready report that meets statutory requirements and supports strategic planning.

We tailor the report structure to your needs and ensure it's suitable for publication, scrutiny, and operational use.



Our Approach



Client Feedback

[Portsmouth's CSA](#) produced by Darwinnovate is a comprehensive, insightful, and well-structured document that effectively captures the current landscape of childcare provision across the local authority...**Key strengths of the assessment include:**

Thorough Data Analysis: ...The analysis is both robust and accessible, with clear visualisations that enhance understanding.

Strategic Insight: The report goes beyond data presentation to offer meaningful interpretation and strategic recommendations.

Forward-Looking Recommendations: The CSA... is aligned with local priorities and offers a clear roadmap for addressing sufficiency challenges.

Overall, the assessment is a valuable tool for strategic planning in the council, as well as support to providers who wish to open nursery provision in Portsmouth. It provides a solid foundation for ensuring that all children and families in the area have access to high-quality, affordable, and flexible childcare.

Portsmouth Early Years & Childcare Manager



We offer flexible pricing starting at £15,795 (excl. VAT), depending on the scope of work, Local Authority size, and the complexity of childcare provision in your area.

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