

Play Sufficiency Assessment Form



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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

“Play is one of the ways that children learn about themselves, the people around them their environment and the community in which they live.” Play is essential for:

- Physical, emotional and spiritual growth
- Intellectual and educational development
- Social and behavioural skills

Children will play anywhere at any time given the opportunity. Ceredigion County Council and partners have a responsibility to create the right conditions in which children can access good quality opportunities for playing.

Context

This 2022 Play Sufficiency Assessment was undertaken by the Wellbeing Centres Service (under which Play now sits). It was scrutinised by the Learning Communities Scrutiny Committee on the 2nd March 2022 before being approved by Cabinet.

The assessment process commenced with a self-assessment - relevant sections of the toolkit were sent to the following teams within the Council to enable a broad overview of the current situation relating to each criteria within the toolkit:

- Performance & Research
- Childcare
- Economy & Regeneration
- Safe & Active Travel
- Health & Safety
- Economy & Community Services
- Wellbeing Centres
- Theatr Felinfach
- Youth Service
- Schools Service
- Tim Plant Anabl
- Flying Start
- Cered

Partnership working

Relevant sections of the toolkit were sent to the following 3rd Sector partners and community groups to complete, in the form of a critique of the work of the Council and partners:

- DASH
- Red Cross
- RAY Ceredigion
- CAVO
- Action for Children
- Family Centres
- PSB
- West Wales Care Partnership
- Sustrans
- Homestart
- Mudiad Meithrin

Consultation and participation

Questionnaires were carried out with children at activities around Ceredigion in Wellbeing Centres and Specific Play opportunities run by RAY Ceredigion. These questionnaires were designed in partnership with the Childcare Unit to enable action planning for the PSA and the CSA.

A questionnaire was also sent to the Play Area Network (primarily town and community

councils).

With the understanding that there have been so many questionnaires due to the Covid pandemic, we incorporated feedback and responses from the following:

- The Ceredigion Assessment of Local Wellbeing
- Children's Commissioner's Coronavirus & Me survey
- A feasibility study into Youth Provision
- The Gypsy Travellers Assessment 2020
- The Chilcare Unit's Self Assessment (SASS) to CIW
- Online Family Support Survey
- The 2018 School Sport Survey
- The Wellbeing Centre's Sport & Recreational Activity Strategy consultation
- The Increasing Wellness & Tackling Hardship PSB
- The Children's & Young People's Service Provider Forum PSB Sub Group

The Play Sufficiency Assessment and local Well-being Plans

The Wellbeing Centres Service has developed a close relationship with Performance & Research Service and this has enabled the Local Wellbeing Plan to guide and influence the PSA.

Monitoring Play Sufficiency

Lead Director: James Starbuck

Corporate Lead Officer: Elen James

Corporate Manager: Carwyn Young

Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Customer Services: Cllr. Catrin M.S. Davies

Reporting: The PSA is reported to the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Play Monitoring: The Children and Young People Providers Forum. Membership is very broad and includes public sector and 3rd sector providers of services to children and young people in Ceredigion.

Updates are also provided at the Early Years, Childcare and Play Strategy Group which is made up of internal and external representatives involved in early years and play work in Ceredigion.

Insights from the Coronavirus

The Local Wellbeing Plan states the provision and encouragement of children to take part in outdoor activities is essential during the short term recovery period from COVID-

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19; while the Children’s Commissioner for Wales Coronavirus and Me Survey highlights some important points with regards to the need for play opportunities. The January 2021 Children’s Commissioner for Wales Coronavirus and Me Survey for Ceredigion asked if children were playing more or less since they have needed to stay at home because of coronavirus. 36% of the group of children selected said they are playing more often since they have needed to stay home because of coronavirus, 31% said they are playing less and 33% said about the same.

The Coronavirus and Me survey also asked what Ceredigion children had been doing to keep a healthy body and mind.

The top 3 activities selected were:

- Playing (100%)
- Exercising (75%)
- Speaking with friends and family (75%)

The intention is through the creation of a new role within the Physical Activity & Play Service, key actions brought up in important surveys and highlighted in the PSA 2022 will be actioned in the new officer’s business plan.

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

This section provides an overview of population and demographic data for Ceredigion Local Authority.

RAG Status for Matter A: AMBER

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

Population and Population Change

Ceredigion covers an area of 1,900km² and is mostly made-up of agricultural land, moorland and forestry, with the upland areas to the east forming a significant portion of the Cambrian Mountains.

The latest Welsh Government figures estimates Ceredigion's population to be 72,895 (2020), which is the fourth lowest in Wales. Ceredigion has experienced a fluctuating population since 2001 and it is estimated to have reduced in each year since its population peaked at 75,900 in mid-2012. The number of deaths has consistently exceeded the number of births each year, although there have been some years of population growth as a consequence of net inward migration (for example, during 2009-2012).

Since 2013, there has been a net outward migration, which has resulted in population decline. The latest Welsh Government projections displayed in Figure 1.1 suggests that the population of Ceredigion will continue to decline over the next 25 years, from 72,895 in 2021 to 68,745 in 2043, a 6% decrease and an estimated reduction of approximately 4,150 people. Although the population is set to decline, Ceredigion's older population (65+) is expected to grow significantly over the next 20 years (by 23.7% or +4,305 people), whilst the working age population (16-64) and children (0-15) are expected to decrease.

Age	0-5 years	6-10 years	11-15 years	16-18 years	TOTAL
Ages of children (2020 mid-year estimate)	3,592	3,617	3,565	2,231	13,031

Ethnic Background

Ethnicities other than White British and Irish are concentrated around the two universities and are both more highly qualified (47% of aged 16 and over with a first degree or higher qualification and only 9% with no qualifications, compared to 27% and 21% respectively of the White British and Irish) and more likely to be either in higher professional occupations (11% of other ethnicities) or students (42%) compared with 7% and 16% of the White British and Irish population.

The last Census in 2011 shows that the population of Ceredigion was 96.7% white and 3.3% Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME), see table below. The majority of the white population (93.8%) are white British or Irish, with over 2,000 identifying as white 'other', the largest proportion of which are Polish. The BAME population of Ceredigion are mainly Asian/Asian British (1,100), followed by Mixed/multiple ethnicity (700), Other Ethnic Group (400) and Black/Black British (300).

	White	Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	Asian/Asian British	Black/ African / Caribbean Black British	Other ethnic group
Ethnic group	96.7%	1.0%	1.4%	0.4%	0.5%

Language

The Assessment of Local Well-being identified that Welsh speaking is highly important for a sense of inclusion and identity, which can have positive well-being outcomes. Being able to speak Welsh is also a requirement for many jobs, particularly in the public sector. Ceredigion is considered as being one of the heartlands of the Welsh language, and despite a substantial student population and significant levels of migration, the results from the last Census in 2011 showed that 47.3% of Ceredigion residents could speak Welsh. This is the third highest percentage of Welsh speakers nationally behind Gwynedd (64.3%) and Anglesey (56.1%).

Language	3-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-19 years
% children & young people able to speak Welsh by age group (2011 Census)	58.3%	81.6%	82.8%	45.4%

Note: the 15-19 year old cohort of children/young people able to speak Welsh includes young people attending Ceredigion Universities

In the interim between Census results, the Annual Population Survey continues to monitor Welsh language skills. Further intelligence and studies around the Welsh language indicate that the percentage of Welsh language speakers in Ceredigion has been increasing. For example,

the Annual Population Survey revealed that in 2014, 52.7% of Ceredigion's population spoke Welsh, increasing to 60.9% by 2021. The percentage of residents using Welsh every day in Ceredigion has also increased over recent years, from 43% in 2016, to 45% in 2021.

Annual Population Survey: Proportion of people aged 3 or over who say they can speak Welsh in Ceredigion





2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
52.7%	54.0%	54.9%	57.6%	58.9%	59.2%	60.9%	60.9%

Nationally, the results of the Annual Population Survey show that the number of people aged 3 or older who can speak Welsh has been increasing since 2010. In the last year (year ending 30 June 2021) the survey reported that 29.2% of people aged three or older were able to speak Welsh, which equates to around 884,300 people, and is 0.6% higher than the previous year equating to around 17,900 more people.

The level of Welsh language skills differs geographically within the county as different social factors come into play. The more rural settlements, such as, Tregaron tend to have a higher proportion of residents that can speak, read and write Welsh (56%), than the more urban areas, such as Aberystwyth Penglais (situated in Aberystwyth North Community Area) at 18%. This can be attributed to the large proportion of students that reside in Aberystwyth (approximately 39% of Aberystwyth's population), who may be attending the University from elsewhere in the UK or from overseas.

Welsh language skills also vary between age groups. Younger people are more likely to speak Welsh, compared to older people in Ceredigion . This is likely a consequence of the use of Welsh in schools. The additional life-skills of Welsh medium education are wide-reaching to all aspects of well-being.

Number and percentage of Welsh speakers in Ceredigion by age group, 2001 and 2011 Census

	3-15 yrs	16-64 yrs	65+	All over 3 yrs
Able to speak Welsh 2001 Census	8,232 (77.2%)	22,195 (45.9%)	13,868 (54.0%)	37,918 (52.0%)
Able to speak welsh 2011 Census	7,175 (78.4%) 	20,503 (41.9%) 	7,286 (46.4%) 	34,964 (47.3%) 

Source: Stats

Gypsy Traveller Community

Ceredigion County Council has recently produced its new Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2022, in accordance with the Housing (Wales) Act 2014. Currently there are no local authority Gypsy Traveller sites and only one authorised private site in the County; nor is there any permanent provision for Showmen. There are three known Gypsy Traveller households whose accommodation needs are currently being met by bricks and mortar accommodation. It is recognised that this number may be higher and that further engagement with the Gypsy Traveller community is needed. A number of initiatives have been undertaken to develop the engagement and form an ongoing dialogue, but the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic during 2020/21 impacted on the progress that could be made due to restrictions in place.

The Play Sufficiency Assessment and the Assessment of Local Well-being

The well-being of individuals and communities can be affected by a number of economic, social, environmental and cultural factors. Every Public Services Board (PSB) in Wales is required to produce an Assessment of Local Well-being once every five years. The Ceredigion PSB completed the draft of its latest Assessment in November 2021, following extensive data analysis and engagement during the summer of 2021. The findings of the Assessment are used to support the production of the Play Sufficiency Assessment.

The Assessment of Local Well-being shows that children in Ceredigion feel connected to the natural environment and their attitudes towards outdoor play are positive and many aspects are shared throughout this PSA.

Our engagement with younger people highlighted their desire for more play areas and recreational facilities in Ceredigion:

In the Give Us Support group, stakeholder event, which was facilitated by RAY Ceredigion, the concerns around sufficiency of play were reiterated. The young people that were part of this group noted that there were a lack of things to do in their area because there was no hall or park to meet other people and another noted that they did not feel part of their community because there was nothing to do. Additionally, these concerns were also mentioned in another stakeholder event with the Ceredigion Children and Young people Services Provider Forum. In this forum clear social and cultural issues were that there was a lack of play and leisure facilities for young people, which was preventing them from participating in arts and culture activities.

In 2020/21, the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) showed that there were 2,433 pupils in Ceredigion with Special Educational Needs. The West Wales Care Partnership (Population Assessment) reported that in 2020 there were an estimated 1,107 children with a long-term illness/disability in Ceredigion. Projections for 2043 show a decrease to 882.

Please note that the first round of Census 2021 results will be published in March 2022, based on counts rather than surveys, at which point all of the demographic data will be updated and population projections rebased.

What has changed in terms of population and demographic trends since Play Sufficiency Assessment 2019?

The overall population of Ceredigion is projected to decrease by 6% over the next twenty-five years from 72,895 in 2021 to 68,745 in 2043. Out of the twenty two local authorities in Wales, Ceredigion is predicted to have the greatest percentage decrease in population during 2018-2043. The population pyramids highlight that by 2028 the largest projected decreases in the working age group are those aged 22-28 and 45-54. This reduction is largely attributable to the internal (UK) outward migration of these groups to different parts of the UK, which includes a large proportion of students in Ceredigion, who tend to leave the area after graduation to pursue employment and education opportunities outside of the County. These demographic changes have important consequences for the working age population, the resulting impact on the economy and specifically the funding for local public services. Furthermore, it is expected that the ageing population will place further strain on our local health services.

It is a well-known and an often discussed issue that many young people leave the county to pursue opportunities elsewhere in Wales or further afield across the UK. This is partly as a result of a decline in public sector jobs, which have always been an important part of the Ceredigion economy, but also in search of career opportunity and higher value jobs.

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

Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire's PSBs worked together on a desktop data gathering exercise to understand well-being in the three local areas. A wide range of local, regional and national sources were considered. Ceredigion also held virtual workshops with PSB partners to obtain local level data and insights for the situation and response analysis, to help validate data and themes. The assessment was 'engagement led' to ensure that the views of our citizens were the main drivers for producing the document, placing them at the heart of the next Well-being Plan. Play was included in this assessment as a Wellbeing Outcome. The results showed that:

- Attitudes of children towards **outdoor play** in Ceredigion are positive.
- The provision and encouragement of children to take part in outdoor activities is essential during the short term recovery period from COVID-19.
- Our engagement with younger people highlighted their **desire for more play areas and recreational facilities** in Ceredigion.

We have previously focused on Flying Start areas and our main towns and rely on feedback from stakeholders to address issues that arise in rural areas. This means that we can drill down to relatively small areas of need. We have good communication with our stakeholders and planning for play happens in partnership with childcare and play providers, family support services, town & community councils and parents/children/young people.

Have there been challenges?

- **Child poverty** in Ceredigion is higher than average and has seen the second highest % increase nationally since 2014/15. In Ceredigion 3,459 children are living in poverty. This is a key **regional issue** affecting Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire as well.
- Further research is needed to understand the full impact of the **COVID-19 pandemic** and associated isolation on the **well-being of children** within the different communities of Ceredigion.
- There was limited funding for pure play opportunities (prior to Summer of Fun and Winter of Wellbeing). Our population is scattered and it is difficult to provide for children/young people living in rural areas.
- Similarly, children with diverse needs (eg young carers, disabled children and young people) are spread across the county and it takes a lot of resource to meet their play and recreation needs.

How can these be overcome?

- Play has recently moved departments within Ceredigion County Council. Play now sits within the Wellbeing Centre Service (the council's lead service for the development and delivery of physical activity) of Porth Cymorth Cynnar in the Through Age Wellbeing Model and it is hoped that this will enhance the opportunities for collaboration with internal key partners and targeted groups as well as the third sector.
- The Summer of Fun and Winter of Wellbeing made a significant impact through targeted intervention in Ceredigion. This included Looked After Children, Young People with Disabilities, Young People Living in Poverty and disengaged young people.
- We also fund peripatetic play provision to strengthen community provision, for example, by offering free training through the Play Area Network (a virtual group of all those who own/manage a play area in the county or those with an interest in Play).

Comments

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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.

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

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	The play requirements of children living in isolated rural areas are understood and provided for	AMBER	AMBER	<p>A feasibility study into youth opportunities and rural isolation amongst young people in Ceredigion conducted in 2019 and findings provided a basis for the need to secure mobile outreach opportunities for young people in rural communities. A National Lottery: People & Places Grant was secured, resulting in the purchase of a 'mobile youth bus'.</p> <p>Ceredigion Youth Service provide outreach opportunities to young</p>	<p>The majority of Youth provision was closed during the pandemic and only re-opened when restrictions allowed.</p> <p>A number of Afterschool Clubs and Holiday Provisions have either closed permanently or are still looking to re-open since the pandemic. There has been a reduction in the</p>	<p>Develop a programme of works for the 'mobile youth bus'.</p> <p>Work with Schools and Childcare/Play Settings within these rural areas to see if there is an interest in developing new or expanding current provision.</p> <p>Look at the possibility of the facilities within the Wellbeing Centres service registering with Care Inspectorate Wales so that families can access</p>

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				<p>people within rural areas by providing informal/open access activities or wellbeing support.</p> <p>Ceredigion Youth Service provide after School activities in rural communities to ensure young people are involved in participating in activities involving their communities.</p> <p>Ceredigion provides pop up Youth Work/opportunities in rural areas, where all young people have access to take part.</p> <p>CCC Wellbeing Centres Service has worked in partnership with the Healthy Schools Scheme to design inclusive Playground Markings. 19 schools have successfully gained grant funding to install 5 markings at their school sites. Each school has now adopted a</p>	<p>number of requests to benefit from the 'Ymuno Scheme' through the Childcare Department. If the children can't access these play areas then they will not benefit from these resources.</p> <p>There is less provision or no provision in some rural areas.</p> <p>Transport to and from provision is difficult for parents living in rural areas.</p> <p>There was a delay in the installation of the Playground Markings due to the company not being allowed on school site as Covid restrictions were still</p>	<p>Chilcare Vouchers for Holiday Camps.</p> <p>Provide information to Schools about private Childcare/Play Providers that may be able to collect.</p> <p>Play Department to hold surgeries and help community council to apply for relevant grants in order to support the upkeep of local community parks.</p> <p>Maintain the focus of a play based approach at family support provision by Family Centres, RAY Ceredigion, ICC's and JigSo Children's Centre.</p> <p>Develop the Through Age Physical Activity & Play team in order that the Council is able to offer open access play sessions side by side with more traditional</p>

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				<p>Play Policy as part of the programme. As a result of this programme, the Healthy Schools Scheme has already provided simple quality play times examples to schools for school teachers. Furthermore, plans are in place to deliver future understanding of loose parts and free play in schools.</p> <p>There are a number of Cylchoedd Ti a Fi, Cylchoedd Meithrin, Nurseries, Urdd clubs, Young Farmers clubs, Scouts etc, particularly in our rural areas.</p> <p>A large number of our town and community councils own and manage an equipped play area in their town/ community. The Local Authority facilitates a virtual Play Area Network to support them.</p>	<p>in place. Installation is still ongoing.</p> <p>RAY Ceredigion was funded by Families First to offer open access play sessions as a means of engagement with 'hard to reach' families. From 2023, this funding will be used instead to offer more opportunities from venue based provision in Family Centres, RAY Ceredigion centre, ICC's and Children's Centres. RAY Ceredigion do source other funding to pay for open access play sessions however.</p>	<p>sports and leisure activities for young people.</p> <p>Continue to fund and promote the Ymuno Scheme to Childcare/Play Settings and ensure new registrations in the Out of School Care Sector are made aware of Ymuno.</p> <p>Carry out site visit to all play areas to see what access and maintenance is required. Work with town & community councils to help address these issues.</p> <p>New EYALNLO officer is in post and therefore can support Childcare/Play Provision with understanding and implementing the new ALN Code as well as offering specific training modules.</p> <p>The new Through Age Wellbeing Model will allow</p>

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				<p>The Winter of Wellbeing Capital Grant has awarded grant money to 11 rural community councils in rural locations to maintain/adapt/improve their parks and playareas.</p> <p>Additionally, 7 Barcud Housing Estates have received financial support.</p> <p>RAY Ceredigion has a team of qualified playworkers and can deliver playwork training to new staff and volunteers from Level 1 to Level 3.</p> <p>Family Centres, RAY Ceredigion, Integrated Children's Centres and JigSo Children's Centre offer play opportunities and run courses that focus on the importance of playing with your child, these are based in our towns</p>		<p>expertise from different services to work collaboratively.</p>

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				<p>(Llandysul, Cardigan, Aberystwyth, Aberaeron, Lampeter and Tregaron); there is also a Family Centre in Borth and outreach sessions are run in Llechryd, Talybont and Bow Street, Cellan, Llanon. Flying Start run similar sessions in Aberporth and Llanarth.</p> <p>The Play Area Network consultation heard from 25 park and play area groups. 12 were rural, 9 were not and 4 were semi-rural.</p>		
	The play requirements of Welsh language speaking children are understood and provided for	AMBER	GREEN	<p>Ceredigion Youth Service delivers projects to support youth opportunities for young people through the medium of Welsh. Prosiect Cymraeg 2050 is an example of this.</p> <p>Ceredigion Youth Service regularly use the Welsh language by involving</p>	<p>A better understanding is needed of the Immersion Method used by Mudiad Meithrin to improve the children's language.</p> <p>A lot of Welsh language</p>	

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				<p>Cered, Menter Iaith and the Urdd to provide Welsh Language delivery of activities such as outdoor activities, cooking, dance groups etc.</p> <p>Accreditations are delivered bilingually, alongside all promotional resources. Ceredigion Youth Service also provides support to 7 Service Level Agreements with Support Services. To ensure SLAs provide a bilingual service, one expected target is the number of sessions delivered to develop children and young people's awareness of the social, cultural and economic value of the Welsh language.</p> <p>Speech and language teams have provided bilingual communication boards in a numbers of play areas. This supports Welsh</p>	<p>opportunities are planned and structured rather than pure play opportunities.</p> <p>The challenge remains to make sure that Welsh speaking children and young people feel comfortable and confident to communicate in Welsh when they wish to.</p>	

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				<p>learners, Welsh speakers and non-verbal children.</p> <p>Some Schools have also purchased some communication boards.</p> <p>All Playground Marking supporting material is fully bilingual with Welsh first.</p> <p>The Active Families, QR Codes and Fit in 5 programmes developed by Ceredigion Actif (Wellbeing Centres) are delivered by a teams of staff who are 100% Welsh speakers.</p> <p>Most of the registered childcare settings and all providers commissioned by the Local Authority have a Welsh Language policy.</p> <p>The Childcare Unit encourages the use of Welsh in the childcare sector, for example by</p>		

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				<p>sharing information about Welsh apps, games, jigsaws etc.</p> <p>Holiday Programmes at Wellbeing Centres have at least one member of staff who can deliver in Welsh.</p> <p>All communication to the Play Area Network regarding support and funding is sent bilingually – with Welsh being first.</p> <p>All information and application forms for AWPOG, Summer of Fun and Winter of Wellbeing is bilingual – with Welsh first.</p> <p>The majority of the programmes generated through Summer of Fun and Winter of Wellbeing were available through the medium of Welsh or English.</p>		

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				<p>CERED is our Welsh Language initiative and put on a lot of activities to encourage more use of Welsh in the community e.g. Jamming sessions, drop in activities at community events, Minecraft in Welsh, performing and theatre club, Rock workshops and 'Ras yr Iaith.' Cered also promote the Welsh Language Charter to encourage organisations to use Welsh and provide training to help staff use their Welsh with more confidence. 10 Welsh Language story sacks have been developed by Cered, these will be available for Childminders to borrow for a period.</p> <p>Cered have developed a Language Charter in Schools scheme – Ceri Siarad – to encourage the use of more Welsh.</p>		

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				<p>Maintain the focus of a play based approach at family support provision by Family Centres, RAY Ceredigion, ICC's and JigSo Children's Centre.</p> <p>Develop the Through Age Physical Activity & Play team in order that the Council is able to offer open access play sessions side by side with more traditional sports and leisure activities for young people.</p>		
	The play requirements of children from different cultural background are understood and provided for	AMBER	AMBER	There is a keen desire to understand and provide for the play requirements of children from different cultural backgrounds e.g. RAY Ceredigion provides play that is accessed by children of a wide range of ages from toddlers to teenagers and from a range of linguistic and cultural backgrounds and wide range of abilities – this type	Refugee support workers report that it can be difficult finding single gender activities for boys and girls when they turn 10 and their religion/culture requires them not to mix. For example, female only swimming sessions would be good; when	<p>Support activity providers to be aware of, and provide for, the needs of families from different cultural backgrounds and those who don't speak English or Welsh.</p> <p>Ceredigion is welcoming and friendly when people arrive at events. The barriers are often in finding</p>

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				<p>of play enables children to engage in play of their own making, so allows for play that reflects individual cultural differences and for children from different cultures and backgrounds to explore their differences and similarities through play.</p> <p>The Local Authority has resettled a number of families under the Refugee Resettlement Programme. The objective is to support their integration with the local community. Refugee support workers take the families to community play areas and community events so the children play with others who live here and families see what play opportunities are available. The Council translated the main policy and registration documents for settings to</p>	<p>they start turning 10 they want separate sessions or they don't go swimming at all.</p> <p>When out on trips, activities and excursions, finding halal food can be difficult.</p> <p>Activities like surfing and horse riding can be difficult as it involves bodily contact between providers and the young people during teaching. The support workers can help find Halal food and explain about bodily contact but some providers don't know this. Providers may not therefore be as accessible as they think they are.</p>	<p>the events and knowing one would be welcome at the events – more targeted invitations for those of other cultural backgrounds and more preparation for what an event usually looks like and expectations of parents /children in advance. Space to ask people what activity they would like to be included if there is a general activity day.</p>

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				<p>make sure that families felt welcomed and secure.</p> <p>As a result of the refugee resettlement programme Aberystwyth Town Library now supplies Arabic books for children. They are really well used – by the wider community as well as refugee families.</p> <p>Periodically (usually in school holidays) a local swimming pool is hired for female only sessions – this is resourced by the refugee resettlement programme.</p> <p>Ceredigion Youth Service provides support to 7 Service Level Agreements on a yearly basis whom support services to deliver broad opportunities who cater for young people from different cultural backgrounds.</p>	<p>The refugee programme is very well resourced and supported, it was easy to get feedback from all the other children from different cultural backgrounds, of which there are many (at one of our local primary schools there are 38 countries represented and 27 different languages spoken at the school).</p> <p>The Red Cross reported that good communication is vital:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowing what's on is difficult (especially if you are not on Facebook); 2. Complexity of registration for some schemes combined 	

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				<p>The Red Cross received funding from the Winter of Wellbeing to support Refugee Families.</p> <p>The Red Cross also reported that there is general provision available – summer play schemes, after school clubs, swimming classes and those who run the schemes have been welcoming and inclusive if children from the resettlement scheme have registered to go.</p>	<p>with little availability or competition for resources for example learn to swim sessions. If there is a 'race to register' before spaces are filled, second-language applicants are at a disadvantage. Also, some cultures don't live by the concept of 'committing far in advance' to a leisure activity.</p> <p>3. Transport /supervision. Activities can be less attractive if people have to travel by public transport especially if pick-ups / drop-offs are involved. Intimidating (to a non-native speaker), expensive, time-consuming and</p>	

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					sometimes impossible without a car.	
	The play requirements and support needs of disabled children are understood and provided for.	AMBER	AMBER	<p>Ceredigion Youth Clubs offer universal opportunities and are open to young people of all backgrounds and abilities. One Youth Centre was adapted in 2018 to ensure suitable wheelchair access for a young person attending.</p> <p>Youth Workers have undertaken 'Disability Inclusion Training' (DIT) to ensure opportunities are accessible to all. Knowledge acquired from the DIT has enabled Youth Workers to review their Annual Membership Forms (amend terminology) and advertisement posters to be more inclusive in terms of disability.</p> <p>Ceredigion Youth Service have built good</p>	<p>Maintenance of some play areas and access issues need to be address.</p> <p>Broken and noisy equipment can create sensory overload for children with additional needs.</p> <p>There is not enough funding to provide 'wrap around' care for children who need additional staffing to attend part time nursery at school plus part time childcare for the rest of the day.</p>	Cerdigion County Council is working towards the Gold Insport Accreditation Award through Disability Sport Wales.

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				<p>relationships with services, clubs and transport facilities to ensure we are able to deliver a wide range of activities where all young people are offered transport to suit their needs to attend activities.</p> <p>5 Secondary Schools have completed weekly Inclusive Zone Basketball sessions over the last 5 years with an average of 70 children taking part – many of which have lower limb disabilities. This culminates in a county wide games every year. In 2019 Aberaeron Secondary School travelled to Nottingham to take part in the UK finals.</p> <p>The Cerdigion AYP team deliver an inclusive Leadership programme called Play Unified in 5 secondary schools and 2</p>		

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				<p>SEN units in Primary Schools.</p> <p>The AYP team also run north and south disability physical activity/sports festivals every year before covid.</p> <p>All Wellbeing Centres Service staff have undertaken Disability Inclusion Training.</p> <p>All our Young Ambassadors undertake Disability Inclusion Training as part of their initial training. The Young Leaders programme is inclusive and the Play Unified programme is a specialist area only available for young people with learning disabilities.</p> <p>Ceredigion is a Silver insport accredited local authority and DIT is</p>		

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				<p>available to all staff through the CERl portal.</p> <p>Prior to the Covid pandemic RAY Ceredigion open access play sessions proved to be accessible and beneficial to children with disabilities including wheelchair users, Downs Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and Autism – the nature of open access enables children to engage in ways they find comfortable and to play either with or alongside other children.</p> <p>The Capital Play Grant has allowed for 17 Parks and Play areas to be improved across the county.</p> <p>Many Sumer of Fun and Winter of Wellbeing programmes are targeted in their approach (especially as restrictions begin to be raised). This has helped</p>		

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				<p>children and young people with disabilities immensely.</p> <p>The Play Area Network consultation heard from 25 park and play area groups. 18 considered their park to be fully accessible, 6 not fully accessible and 1 not accessible.</p>		
	Play projects and providers have access to a range of resources which support inclusion	AMBER	AMBER / GREEN	<p>UNCRC training is offered to third sector groups and organisations which addresses the importance of article 31 and the need for children and young people to be consulted on decision which affect them (article 12).</p> <p>Disability Inclusion Training is now offered through the Corporate Training Department of CCC.</p> <p>The Council funds the Ymuno Scheme (4-11 yr olds) and Cynllun Cyfeirio (pre-school) which can fund</p>	<p>There is insufficient funding to support play based settings to offer places to children with disabilities – funding is restricted to 10 hours a week for playgroups and 200 hours per year for playschemes and open access play.</p> <p>This will be increased for specific groups as the Childcare Offer is rolled out, but this is not open to all</p>	Play has only recently come over the the Wellbeing Centres Services and therefore previous expertise through Disability Sport Wales was not directly linked. Now that it is – inclusion will be at the forefront when planning play activities through CCC.

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				<p>training, resources or additional staffing to enable registered providers to be inclusive.</p> <p>There is good communication in the county between services that support children and families with disabilities and play providers and the Ymuno Scheme enables mainstream inclusive settings to provide play provision for children with disabilities that is not segregated.</p> <p>The Summer of Fun and Winter of Wellbeing supported many young people with disabilities and activities targeted for young people with disabilities.</p> <p>Ceredigion Actif has used a budget virement from DSW to support children with disabilities in the school</p>	<p>families.</p> <p>Funding for inclusion is based on Education and/or Childcare needs rather than Play needs.</p> <p>Funding for parents who wish to access more than 200 hours of play based childcare is not available.</p>	

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				setting to Play and get active.		
	There is a well known and agreed mechanism which is used to identify the need for separate provision for disabled children	GREEN	GREEN	<p>Childcare/Play providers offer 'open' provision for all, rather than 'specific' provision as providers make reasonable adjustments and tailor to individuals' needs.</p> <p>Cynllun Cyfeirio can be accessed in Childcare/Play settings.</p> <p>DASH and the Council co-design and jointly fund separate provision for disabled children and young people (holiday playschemes for 4-11 year olds; term time after school groups and holiday activity days for 11-25 year olds). DASH organise two specialised Summer Playschemes for children with ALN and also their siblings.</p>	<p>As a number of Afterschool Clubs and Holiday Provisions have either closed permanently or are still looking to re-open since the Covid Pandemic, there has been a reduction in the number of requests to benefit from the Ymuno Scheme.</p> <p>All children have a right to play under Article 31 UNCRC, therefore, regardless of their needs they should be able to access childcare and play provision. However, funding is not universally available.</p>	<p>The new ALN Code has not had time to embed into practice therefore you cannot measure its success yet.</p> <p>CCC to progress to the Gold Insport Accreditation Level.</p>

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				<p>Those registered with 'Tim Plant Anabl' have automatic access to this. Children supported by 'Team Around the Family' can also access this provision.</p> <p>There is a good range of sports clubs and opportunities for young people with disabilities in Ceredigion.</p> <p>There is a strong Young Ambassadors programme for young people with disabilities called Play Unified. This is available in 5 secondary schools.</p> <p>An external provider, BMO, has started supporting these young adults as they enter Tertiary Education. This is part of the Camu 'Mlaen Programme through Coleg Ceredigion.</p>	<p>The level of provision is decreasing year on year due to funding constraints. Disabled children who are not registered with TPA may find it more difficult to find out about this service.</p> <p>As young people improve in their sports, many have to go out of county to access Regional Level pathways through NGB provision.</p>	

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				The AYP team designed a document for inclusive example games and ideas for children to play on their new playground markings.		
	Access audits for all play provision as described in the guidance are undertaken	AMBER	AMBER	<p>Providers registered with CIW carry out risk assessments – which include access – as needed, where children with disabilities wish to access their provision.</p> <p>All those providing a public service e.g. childcare providers, youth clubs, open access play, equipped play areas etc must comply with the Equality Act.</p> <p>Play Area owners who apply for capital funding to enhance their play areas must describe in their application how they make sure that their play area is accessible to children/ young people with a disability.</p>	Access audits are not carried out as a matter of course.	Schedule for access audits to be created and implemented.

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	Designated play space is provided and well maintained on gypsy traveller sites	RED	AMBER	The LA carried out a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment in 2015-16 in line with Housing (Wales) Act 2014. This was to establish the need for transit, temporary or permanent pitch provision over the next 5 years. The assessment found that there is no current need for additional sites in the county.	Ceredigion County Council has recently produced its new Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2022, in accordance with the Housing (Wales) Act 2014. Currently there are no local authority Gypsy Traveller sites and only one authorised private site in the County, nor is there any permanent provision for Showmen.	
	The requirements of young carers are understood and provided for	GREEN	GREEN	The Local Authority commissions specific support for young carers, this includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop in sessions in all secondary school and some primary schools. • After school activity groups. • Holiday activities for 	The Young Carers support service is effective but as with all services, extra income would allow for more staff, thus Young Carers getting more hours of contact time. Since the onset of	Ensure we understand and meet the needs of Young Carers. The Young Carers (YC) service specification has been reviewed with those who work with YC plus other professionals involved in the consultation. A new service specification is

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				<p>Young Carers and their families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities are 'young carer led'. <p>The Young Carers support service is facilitated by Action for Children and is for Young Carers aged 8-25 years. The service raises awareness of YC needs and offers opportunities, new experiences and regular breaks from caring role. The service is delivered via community groups, 1:1 and school support. Currently 60 plus YCs received support.</p> <p>A Young Carer representative is invited to be a part of the Ceredigion Youth Council annually.</p> <p>A Carer-Aware e-module is available and provided as part of CCCs corporate induction, ensuring all</p>	<p>Covid, access to school premises has been denied and the majority of the service takes place online.</p> <p>Transport to and from provision is an issue in rural areas, particularly for this cohort who are often not able to rely on their parents.</p> <p>The service isn't reaching the young carers who are first language Welsh.</p> <p>There isn't equal accessibility to the service across the county.</p> <p>The service doesn't meet the needs of</p>	<p>currently out for tender which addresses the weaknesses identified and builds on best practice.</p> <p>We have secured additional money for this tender for the years April 22/23 and 23/24.</p>

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				<p>employees are aware of their duties to Unpaid Carers of all ages.</p> <p>2021 saw a review of the Ceredigion Young Carers Service and a new 'service specification' go out to tender in late 2021. A new young carers leaflet has also been created.</p>	Carers under the age of 8.	
	The requirements of lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB) children are understood and provided for	AMBER	AMBER	<p>Youth workers undertake training to develop their understanding of how to ensure high quality, inclusive support to LGBT young people.</p> <p>The Active Young People Team within the Wellbeing Centres department have attended LGBTQ+ training through Sport Wales.</p>	<p>There are no specific groups. CYS tried to set one up but at the time there wasn't enough interest for this type of provision within the community.</p> <p>Lack of engagement with LGBTQ+ citizens has been highlighted as a shortfall in the Assessment of Local Well-being.</p>	Engagement and Inclusion manager to increase the level of engagement and consultation with the LGBTQ+ community.

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?

Ceredigion County Council is going through a re-structure of services to create a Through Age Wellbeing Model. Services involved include Childcare, Play, Wellbeing Centres, Youth Service and specialist targeted services such as Adult and Children's Services, Social Services, Family Support Services, Children with Disability Support and Flying Start. This re-structure will not only bring services closer together but will also allow close collaboration across programmes which will enhance opportunities.

A grant enabling families (who need financial assistance) to get free outdoor play clothing has proved extremely popular with 461 Puddle Suits, 94 Coats and 162 pairs of wellbeing being distributed that will allow toddlers and children to play freely outside, whatever the weather. This will soon be completed by a new Outdoor Coat Grant for older children. This is a project between Families First, Youth Support and Wellbeing Centres.

Have there been challenges?

- COVID has led to closure of established Childcare provision which in turn has led to difficulties in retaining and recruiting playwork qualified staff.
- Sustainability of venues and facilities with increased running costs.
- Many establishments are voluntary led and therefore are run by committees which are tasked with employment and financial management which can be challenging.
- Patchy Afterschool Club and Holiday Provision. Can these be interlinked and establishments work towards being CIW registered? There is cheaper After school / Holiday Provision available run by sports clubs/leisure centres/Urdd clubs. As this is not Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) registered or inspected, parents are unable to access the financial support from Welsh Government through childcare schemes.
- Lack of Ymuno funding being accessed by Afterschool Club and Holiday Provision. There is also a limited number of hours available for the Cynllun Cyfeirio/Ymuno.
- Transport is also an issue for parents in rural areas, particularly for those with more vulnerabilities (e.g. disabled children and their siblings).
- The Childcare Unit will continue to support the sustainability of the childcare and play sector and ensure that conditions of funding include the need to evidence the provision of a rich play environment.
- There is a good relationship between the Childcare Unit and the Play Service and this has further developed during the recent work on the CSA and PSA. Further collaboration between services are planned and a new officer (jointly funded by both services) will focus on objectives for both areas.
- The Play Service has developed a close relationship with Performance & Research Service and this has enabled the Local Wellbeing Plan to guide and influence the PSA.

- Lack of engagement/consultation with LGBTQ+ community.

How can these be overcome?

- The Play Service and Childcare Unit to work together with unregistered settings to register and complete Quality Assurance Assessment Scheme with CWLWM members and to ensure staff have a relevant Playwork qualification.
- The mobile Youth Provision will develop a pathway to build community capacity for play provision in rural communities.
- A new Engagement and Inclusion manager will be appointed and will work on engagement with LGBTQ+ community.

Comments:

- The Through Age Wellbeing Model will help improve internal collaboration.
- There are good third sector networks in Ceredigion to ensure that we hear about barriers that children with diverse needs face in accessing inclusive and accessible opportunities for play.

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.

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

Open Spaces

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	The Local Authority has undertaken an Open Space Assessment (OSA) that maps areas that are used, or might be used for playing as listed in the Statutory Guidance	AMBER	GREEN	<p>These sub policies are included in the LDP.</p> <p>The aim of Policy LU24 is to provide additional open space where appropriate as part of new developments. By doing so, the health and wellbeing of communities will be enhanced and social cohesion will be encouraged.</p>	Although some areas of the County are meeting specified targets as set out within the Fields in Trust (FIT) Standards there are others which are not sufficient. Due to this shortfall the Council will seek the provision of additional open	Improve our understanding of Open Space and Accessible Green Spaces and promote their beneficial impact on levels of well-being.

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					space on all allocated housing sites. The relevant Allocated Sites Schedule for each housing allocation clarifies whether an element of open space is being sought.	
	The Local Authority has undertaken an Accessible Greenspace Study that maps areas that are used for playing	AMBER	GREEN	Green Infrastructure Assessment, WSP, November 2020 has been completed, but not yet translated, so not on the CCC website. The study focuses on the Ceredigion USCs, that is, the six 'main towns' and a more generalised assessment of the whole county, so it is unlikely to offer comprehensive coverage of rural Ceredigion. This study was completed using all the latest GIS data the planning policy team could discover on our systems in relation to open and accessible green	Both parks and playing fields were included on the Green Infrastructure Assessment WSP.	

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				space.		
	The Local Authority undertakes access audits at all open spaces and implements proposals to improve access and safety	AMBER	AMBER	<p>Open Spaces and Public Spaces that are owned by the Local Authority are regularly inspected and maintained. The Local Authority relies on members of the public to report any safety and access to open spaces.</p> <p>We offer support, guidance and funding (when available) to community groups where appropriate.</p> <p>This year CCC has distributed £108k Capital Funding to improve Play-areas and Parks in the LA, applications for support must include a description of how the owner ensures accessibility.</p>	<p>Improvements to access and safety are included in grant bids where feasible.</p> <p>No schedule of access audits currently in place.</p>	
	The Local Authority has developed its own Open	GREEN	GREEN	This was completed for the LDP and an SPG has been		

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	Space Standards in accordance with the advice and requirements of Planning Policy Wales			<p>produced which explains the standards.</p> <p>The wider policy context has been reviewed in producing the LDP, not just national planning policy. This includes the Wales Spatial Plan (WAG, 2008) and also regional work as far as it has been developed. Locally the Ceredigion 2020 (C2020) – Ceredigion Community Strategy (Ceredigion CC, 2003) and other local key documents have influenced the LDP. Further details in relation to key elements of these national, regional and local plans and strategies is set out in Section 2 of the LDP.</p>		
	The Local Authority undertakes and actions play value assessments in public open space	RED	AMBER	<p>Parks & Playing Fields were included in the GI Assessment and covered the seven main towns in the County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberystwyth • Aberaeron 	No specific value assessments.	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardigan • Lampeter • Adpar • Llandysul, and • Tregaron <p>Children's Play Areas were one of the options included in the usage questionnaires which 246 people responded to.</p>		
	Brownfield sites owned by the Local Authority are assessed for the potential for the site to be reclaimed to provide for children's play	RED	AMBER	There are very few brownfield sites owned by the Local Authority in areas that lack a statutory level of play and recreation spaces.		

Outdoor Unstaffed Designated Play Spaces

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	The Local Authority keeps an up to date record of all designated play space as described in the Statutory Guidance	AMBER	GREEN	A list of designated play spaces and playing fields was created in 2013/14. The Play Areas can be viewed on DEWIS Cymu or here: Ceredigion Play Areas (easymapmaker.com)	The list of play spaces does not include those available on Housing Associations.	Ensure records of designated play space are up to date. Add playing fields to the list if capacity allows.
	The Local Authority assesses play spaces for play value and potential to increase in play use as set out in the Statutory Guidance	AMBER	AMBER	An assessment of the play value of designated play spaces was previously completed. Although the Local Authority only owns 1 of the 74 play spaces in the county, the Play Area Network enables support and encouragement to community owners of play spaces to understand play value and potential to increase this.	The assessment needs to be redone and presented to providers of play spaces in order to inform future planning. This has been on hold due to Covid.	
	The Local Authority undertakes access audits at all designated play spaces	AMBER	AMBER	An assessment of the play value of designated play spaces was previously	The LA now only owns 1 of the 74 designated play	

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	and implements proposals to improve access and safety			completed, this included an informal access audit. Play Wales' 'Creating Accessible play spaces - a toolkit' was circulated to the PAN when it was published.	spaces and does not undertake access audits of community or commercially owned play spaces. Advice and support is provided to community owners.	
	The Local Authority has developed and agreed a new fixed play provision standard	RED	RED	The LA does not have a fixed play provision standard. Any guidance we provide is based on EN safety guidelines and other relevant policy/legislation.	Since the LA only owns one play area, it is unlikely that a fixed play provision standard will be developed.	
	The Local Authority undertakes and actions play space assessments in designated play spaces	AMBER	GREEN	Play Spaces and Playing Fields was included in the Green Infrastructure Assessment 2020. Included were areas that provide children and young people the opportunity for play, such as recreation grounds with play equipment. Also, Playing fields used for casual sport and general recreation		

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				<p>such as walking and picnicking.</p> <p>Abbreviation: Hectors - ha</p> <p>Aberystwyth: 19 hectors of play spaces, 24 ha of playing fields.</p> <p>Aberaeron: 9 ha of playing fields.</p> <p>Cardigan: 6 ha of playing fields.</p> <p>Lampeter: sports grounds (10 ha), play spaces (8 ha) and playing fields (5 ha).</p> <p>Adpar: 7 ha of playing fields.</p> <p>Llandysul: 6 ha of playing fields and 5 ha of play spaces.</p> <p>Tregaron: 6 ha of playing fields.</p>		

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	<p>The Local Authority has introduced smoke-free playgrounds</p> <p>The local authority complies with The Smoke-free Premises and Vehicles (Wales) Regulations 2020 that requires playgrounds in Wales to be smoke-free.</p>	GREEN	GREEN	<p>Signs were purchased in partnership with Public Health Wales and distributed to owners of playgrounds.</p> <p>AWPOG Grant used for purchasing 100 'smoke free premises' signs.</p> <p>Healthy Schools have purchased signs to promote smoke free school gates and distributed them to each school.</p> <p>The Play Area Network consultation heard from 25 13 already displayed 'Smoke-free signs' while 12 requested them.</p>	Offered to all PAN. Currently only 15 out of 100 have claimed a sign.	<p>This has been included in the recent PAN questionnaire to ensure that Parks & Playareas are taking up the offer.</p> <p>This has been included in the recent PAN questionnaire to ensure that Parks & Playareas are taking up the offer.</p>
	<p>The Local Authority has removed 'no ball games' signs to encourage more children playing in the community</p>	AMBER	AMBER	<p>The Local Authority has not been made aware of any 'no ball game' signs which discourage children playing in their community.</p>	There is no agreed policy to do this.	<p>This has been included in the recent PAN questionnaire to ensure that Parks & Playareas are taking up the offer.</p>
	<p>The Local Authority has erected signs, such as Play Priority Signs to encourage more children playing in the</p>	AMBER	AMBER	<p>The LA encourages the installation of items that may encourage more play e.g. benches, play huts,</p>	This activity is funding dependent.	<p>This has been included in the recent PAN questionnaire to ensure that Parks & Playareas are taking up the offer.</p>

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	community			footpaths and cycle routes, rather than signs.		
	The Local Authority includes a recognition of the importance of playing fields to children's play when any disposal decisions are made	AMBER	GREEN	<p>Policy LU22 aims to protect open space and encourage the development of new facilities where appropriate.</p> <p>Open Space should be regarded as all open space of public value, including opportunities for sport, recreation and tourism, and can also act as a visual amenity, and may have conservation and biodiversity importance.</p> <p>If an existing site has community provision and the LPA has identified this within the 'Sites characteristics, requirements and constraints' section of the SGS, the planning application will have to accord to Policy LU22.</p> <p>Appendix 6 sets out LDP</p>	There is scope to improve the quality of Equality Impact Assessments.	Promote the system that Planning have established so that more adults who advocate for Play may receive an email when a planning application comes in that may affect children's play opportunities.

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				<p>land allocations in relation to community, leisure or recreation facilities in the LDP.</p> <p>One of the aims of Policy LU22 is to protect the network of open space that currently exists throughout the County to help ensure that communities remain healthy and active (Objectives 6 & 7).</p> <p>Planning have established a system where adults who advocate for play are sent an email when a planning application comes in that may affect children’s play opportunities.</p> <p>Equality Impact Assessments must be undertaken to support any initiative requiring Cabinet decision, such as the disposal of playing fields.</p>		
	The Local Authority includes children and their families in	AMBER	AMBER/ GREEN	Engagement with various individuals and	Planning documents are not	Look at ways how children and young people may be

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	<p>any consultations regarding decisions to dispose of playing fields</p>		<p>organisations (stakeholders) has been key to the LDP process.</p> <p>Engagement has included discussion with officers (internally & externally), topic based workshops and large stakeholder events. This has helped CCC collate evidence and seek views which has influenced policy and local issues.</p> <p>A Key Stakeholder Group has also been set up to assist and act as a sounding board for the duration of the LDP process. Key too has been the involvement of Local Members throughout the process, considering the emerging evidence base and taking it forward in terms of an appropriate Strategy and policies.</p> <p>Community Provision will be met through Policy LU22. This aims to protect</p>	<p>easy for children and their families to understand and respond to.</p>	<p>able to express their views on planning decisions that affect their play opportunities.</p>
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				existing community provision and encourage the development of new where appropriate in line with Objectives 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 14.		
	The Local Authority refers to guidance around creating accessible play space when refurbishing or developing new playgrounds	AMBER	AMBER	<p>The Local Authority does not refurbish or develop new play grounds. Instead, the PAN were able to apply for funding this year through the Winter of Wellbeing Capital Fund. 17 applications received and supported.</p> <p>Play Wales' 'Creating Accessible play spaces - a toolkit' was circulated to the PAN when it was published.</p>	There is potential for a strategy on this that could be shared with all play area owners including RSLs and made a condition of them receiving any funds or support.	

Open Spaces

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

Play Areas and Play Spaces has been included in the Local Development Plan under sub policies LU 22 -24. Play was also included in the Green Infrastructure Assessment 2020 with specific consultation on Children's Play Areas.

Have there been challenges?

Planning documents are not easy for children and their families to understand and respond to.

How can these be overcome?

Easy read documentation and specific consultations through local play providers.

Planning have established a system where adults who advocate for play are sent an email when a planning application comes in that may affect children's play opportunities – this could be promoted so that more adults are on this list.

Comments:

Outdoor unstaffed designated play spaces

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

The Council has transferred all play areas (apart from one) to community ownership. This means that we have no influence on the quality or accessibility of the play spaces. However, we do offer advice and funding to improve community play spaces and will include a requirement for quality and consultation in future grant application forms.

Have there been challenges?

Article 12 of the UNCRC (Respect for the views of the child) says that when adults are making decisions that affect children, children have the right to say what they think should happen and have their opinions taken into account. Sometimes planning decisions are taken that affect

children’s play opportunities and we want to develop a process that enables children and young people to give their view on these decisions.

How can these be overcome?

Develop an agreed method, in partnership with young people, for children and young people to participate in planning decisions that affect them. Include the need for a policy/plans regarding accessibility in criteria for Local Authority grants to improve community play spaces. Develop a ‘Disabled Young People as Consultants’ group and carry out an audit of accessibility of community play spaces (this will be resource intensive and very dependent on non-time restricted funding).

Comments

Play Sufficiency Assessment: Play Area Network Questionnaire

Summary:

- 25 responses from Town & Community Councils and local groups who manage Play Areas
- Families from all over Ceredigion

Answers:

Questions	Answer options	Answers
Do you consider your park or play area to be in an rural area?	No	9
	Semi rural	4
	Yes	12
Do you consider your park or play area to be accessible for all?	No	1
	Not fully accessible	6
	Yes, fully accessible	18
All parks and play areas are now required to be clearly identified as 'smoke free zones'. Would you like a free 'smoke free zone' sign from Ceredigion County Council?	No thanks. We already have signs displayed	13
	Yes, we would like free signs	12

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Do you hold any supervised provision in your park or play area?	No	25
Do you have volunteers or play workers that would like to receive Playwork Training?	No	22
	Yes	3
Is there any other training that your volunteers or play workers require?	Help to source funding	
	Exercise classes for kids	
	How to conduct a regular H&S inspection of site.	
Would you like Ceredigion County Council to help promote community activities at your park or play area?	No	15
	Yes	10
Please describe the condition of your park or play area and the equipment within it. (1 star being Very Poor, 2 stars being Poor, 3 stars being Adequate, 4 stars being Good and 5 stars being Excellent)	1	0
	2	0
	3	6
	4	14
	5	5
Did you apply for the recent Capital Improvement Grant through Ceredigion County Council?	Yes	12
	No	13
Can Ceredigion County Council support your park or play area in any other way?	Yes	15
	No	10
If Yes, please give details below	Annual Fundraising events	
	Where to get additional capital funding	
	Fun play sessions	
	Football goals for the play space	
	Regular visits from dog warden	
	Just to encourage children to come to our playground	

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 up to date record of all supervised playwork provision as described in the Statutory Guidance	AMBER	AMBER	<p>The Dewis Cymru website is the all-Wales information source for such information.</p> <p>The Family Information Service (FIS) receive weekly lists from CIW of registered Childcare/Play Provision.</p> <p>The Childcare Unit has a current and up-to-date list of all Childcare/Play Provision that are</p>	<p>Unregistered provision is difficult to track.</p> <p>Suitable facilities are hard to come by for opportunities for young people with disabilities. DASH (Disabilities & Self Help) – Summer Playscheme has had to re-register with CIW on several occasions due to the facility they were previously using not being available.</p>	

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				<p>registered with Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW).</p> <p>The Aberystwyth University Arts Centre keeps an updated record of all classes. Classes are educational, cultural and arts based.</p>		
	<p>The Local Authority offers playwork provision which offers a rich play environment as described in the Statutory Guidance</p>	AMBER	AMBER	<p>CCCs Active Young People Team have delivered projects to Family Centres, Flying Start Centres and Nurseries within the local authority:</p> <p>Active Families Project – working with families through school/pre school/flying start contacts to promote physical activity & play with family members with equipment bags handed to encourage exercise at home. Training to staff at sites is provided.</p> <p>Online Foundation Skills and movement videos filmed in conjunction with Nurseries were shared with</p>	<p>Some unregistered play activities may not meet the NMS requirements.</p> <p>Guided play could be improved.</p> <p>It is difficult for Ceredigion Youth Service to offer a rich play environment because the type of activities they offer are usually planned and structured.</p>	<p>Work with Play Providers & Play Wales to provide a workshop on Guided Play.</p> <p>Deliver Playwork courses for Physical Activity & Play staff and delivery staff who work with Wellbeing Centres.</p>

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			<p>all local Pre-School venues and posted to Social Media.</p> <p>Fit in 5 – Online videos produced during lockdown for children to participate in 5 minutes of physical exercise daily.</p> <p>Footy Families – aimed at 2-4 years age to teach fundamental skills through fun games, using FAW funding. The skills were not football based despite the name.</p> <p>Balance Bike Project – the provision and training of staff where balance bikes and helmets are given to schools and nurseries. Play based learning. Assessments carried out twice in the school year to measure improvement.</p> <p>Flying Start support childcare settings in their areas. The Childcare Unit support out of school</p>		
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				<p>settings through training, grants/funding, resources and development officer support. Free play is promoted in all childcare provision.</p> <p>All Ceredigion Youth Service provision (after school clubs, youth clubs etc.) is in line with All Wales Youth Work legislation.</p> <p>The University Arts centre offers a rich provision to all ages. Limited classes Free and some heavily subsidised. Opened doors to youth justice and prevention.</p>		
	The Local Authority ensures that partners offering playwork provision are supported to offer rich play environments as described in the Statutory Guidance	AMBER	AMBER	The Play department in partnership with RAY Ceredigion arrange for ROSPA to present to the PAN. (next one planned for March 2022) These workshops cover the benefits of risk as well as the importance of regular inspections.	Holiday Playschemes and After School Clubs continue to need support as they are always on the brink of having to close. This support may be financial, through low cost facility hire or general guidance.	<p>Review Play related programmes delivered through the Wellbeing Centres so that all minimum standards are reached.</p> <p>Improve the promotional of Family Support</p>

				<p>The Childcare team subsidises mandatory training to ensure childcare and play staff meet national minimum requirements and responds to local needs around improving the play environment.</p> <p>The Childcare Officer is a Level 3 Playworker qualified.</p> <p>New Physical Activity and Play Support Officers will be trained in Playwork in Spring 2022.</p> <p>The Local Authority Play team help the PAN with information and guidance that comes in from WG or Play Wales and information to support the provision of rich play environments is circulated regularly.</p> <p>Ceredigion's Summer of Fun is an example of how the Local Authority through</p>		<p>Services and Play Opportunities.</p>
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				<p>Welsh Government funding worked with its partners to deliver high quality play opportunities during the school holidays.</p> <p>The Winter of Wellbeing is currently being processed with 21 projects supported. These include programmes with Girl Guides, Forest Schools Initiatives, inclusion, farming activities, refugee re-settlement and welsh language specific.</p> <p>The Childcare Unit's SASS (Self Assessment report to CIW) states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 Childminders and 1 Day Nursery made changes to play areas; - 58 locations run a play based curriculum; - 2 childminders noted the importance of learning through play; - 2 Childminders delivered the quality framework scheme on the Playwork Framework. 		
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				<p>The Play Area Network consultation heard from 25 park and play area groups of which only 3 had volunteers. They suggested sharing information on how to help find funding and how to carry out effective inspections.</p>		
	<p>Staffed playwork provision that the Local Authority provides meets the regulatory requirements and National Minimum Standards</p>	<p>GREEN</p>	<p>GREEN</p>	<p>An online survey for Family Support (July-Sept 2021) received 295 respondents. 90% of responses were from mums, 6% from dads and 4% from 'other'. 93% responded in English and 7% in Welsh.</p> <p>Answers to the question, 'How can we improve local family support services?' were overwhelmingly, "more of everything!" Families want more visits, more groups, more courses, more well-being activities and more day trips. Again there were requests for longer opening hours and</p>		

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				<p>activities after school or Cylch Meithrin sessions, during weekends and school holidays.</p> <p>The Childcare Unit supports registered play provision for 0-12 year olds (that meet NMS) through sustainability grants, resources, advice and support etc.</p> <p>The LA provides parental support, family engagement and/or childcare education through other CCC services.</p> <p>Staff/child ratios under NMS are met by registered settings.</p>		
	Staffed playwork provision that the Local Authority funds meets the regulatory requirements and National Minimum Standards	GREEN	GREEN	<p>The Local Authority commissions RAY Ceredigion to provide family engagement (play) activities. All sessions meet NMS.</p> <p>All childcare provision supported by the LA meets</p>		

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				<p>NMS and those that are not are supported to achieve registration with CIW.</p> <p>DASH Play opportunities for disabled children and their siblings is part funded by the Local Authority.</p> <p>Opportunities meet CIW regulation standards and are subject to inspection.</p>		
	<p>Staffed playwork provision that the Local Authority's partners provide meets the regulatory requirements and National Minimum Standards</p>	<p>GREEN</p>	<p>GREEN</p>	<p>The Local Authority does not offer play provision directly, however, the Active Young People team have many cross-over type programmes. These will improve and grow as the recent CCC re-structure has include the Play Service into the Wellbeing Centre Service.</p> <p>All programmes are structured and training is provided by Wellbeing Centre staff. These programmes fall into the core priorities funded through Sport Wales.</p>	<p>The LA Wellbeing Centres Service have holiday programmes and activities which provide unregistered/structured play in leisure centres.</p> <p>There were a lot of comments in the Family Engagement Survey about the need to improve the promotion of services and specific activities on offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ "Was unaware of the other services" ❖ "Hard to access information about what's on, found 	

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					<p>out through friends.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ “They only advertise on Facebook, email would work for me.” ❖ “Would love to go more but don’t get enough information.” 	
	Staffed playwork provision across the Local Authority works to a recognised quality assurance programme	RED	AMBER	The school holiday enrichment programme (SHEP) was been delivered in Ceredigion in 2019. An element of the SHEP included play work and followed Welsh Government’s SHEP quality assurance framework.	<p>Lack of clarity/information.</p> <p>What is the measure of quality?</p>	
	The Local Authority prioritises quality issues when engaging with/ commissioning the private sector to deliver recreational activities for children.	GREEN	GREEN	The LA does not base procurement decision on best price. Ceredigion Procurement Strategy 2018-2022 states. “Ceredigion Procurement will deliver value for money by basing procurement decisions on an appropriate combination of quality and price. ” A	Lack of local providers does limit the options for provision.	

			<p>spreadsheet type tool that has been developed to ensure a robust process for the evaluation of the quality and price elements of tender submissions.</p> <p>Ceredigion Youth Service works in close partnership with external organisation and private providers to enhance to the quality of provision available to young people. All providers are appropriately vetted and any quality issues are raised and addressed immediately.</p> <p>Ceredigion Youth Service has a directory of high quality organisations/ companies which deliver recreational activities for young people, ensuring that quality is a priority, whilst also ensuring young people's choices are considered through regular consultation.</p>		
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				Ceredigion Actif use 'External Provider Questionnaires' when using external providers. This ensures all relevant training, Health & Safety and Insurance aspects are in place.		
	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	AMBER	AMBER	Ceredigion Youth Service allows external organisations to access its Youth Centres in order to deliver play provision.	The LA provides subsidised premises for organisations. The LAs commitment to create 3 Wellbeing Centres in north, mid and south Ceredigion will further strengthen the opportunities available to third sector organisations.	

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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 plans are contributing to increasing free play and recreational activities	GREEN	GREEN	<p>Ceredigion Youth Service's annual programmes of activity contribute to increasing free play and recreational activities to young people in the County. All targeted and universal opportunities offered to children and young people are free of charge and follow an 'open door policy'. Examples of activities include; outdoor sports, water sports, informal centre based activities encouraging physical activity and movement.</p> <p>Ceredigion Youth Service support wider opportunities such as YFC Sports Days to offer young people opportunity to take part in sport or physical activity through specific SLAs.</p> <p>The 2018 National School</p>	<p>Knowing what's happening within age brackets of family connections.</p> <p>Budget cuts mean that sport, physical and active recreation plans involve working out ways to maintain current provision, rather than increasing activities.</p> <p>The Assessment of Local Well-being found that affordability and access to leisure services is an issue and that there is a need for more play areas/recreational facilities.</p>	

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				<p>Sport survey found that the amount of physical activity children in Ceredigion take part in had increased since 2015. (The next survey will be carried out in Summer 2022).</p> <p>Ceredigion Actif is running an increasing number of programmes – all aimed improving physical skills, confidence and motivation. There is an ever increasing cross over with play principles.</p> <p>The re-structure to include Play in the Wellbeing Centres will allow staff to plan and deliver play specific and play/physical activity hybrid activities.</p> <p>Service plans are now crossing over so that many services are sharing information, plans and grant availability.</p>		
	The sports agenda contributes to the provision of sufficient	AMBER	GREEN	Within Ceredigion there are many sports clubs which deliver sporting		

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	recreational activities for children			<p>opportunities for children of all ages. These clubs are supported by Ceredigion Sports Council on coach education, club structure, grant funding and Child Protection issues. There is also provision of sporting and play opportunities all year round at leisure centres.</p> <p>The Wellbeing Centre Service is currently consulting on a successor to the council's Sport & Recreational Activity Strategy and Play was included in this.</p>		
	The cultural and arts agenda, is contributing to the provision of sufficient recreational activities for children	GREEN	GREEN	<p>This is especially important for older children when arts and drama is less available on the national curriculum. The Arts Centre at Aberystwyth University is prominent and has delivered projects for low income families.</p> <p>Ceredigion Youth Service's annual programmes of</p>	Many external opportunities are only available to those that can afford them.	

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				<p>activity contribute to increasing free play and recreational activities to young people in the County. All targeted and universal opportunities offered to children and young people are free of charge, and follow an 'open door policy'. Examples of activities include; drama, arts and crafts, cookery and film production.</p> <p>Ceredigion Youth Service works in partnership with art organisations such as the National Library, Ceredigion Museum, Aberystwyth Art Centre, Theatre Mwldan etc. to deliver and develop art related opportunities to young people.</p> <p>The Urdd are very prominent in Ceredigion with arts and culture in schools and community clubs.</p> <p>Theatr Felinfach offers a range of music and drama</p>		
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				<p>focused activities, e.g. during 2021 they offered 'Bore Da Drama' sessions for home educated children and young people. They have just started a project for young people which will combine the theatre's children and young people's groups (Drama Club, School of Performance and Youth Theatre) to work with professional guest artists in a variety of areas.</p> <p>The Theatr's 'Keeping In Touch' project supports members of the youth 'Hwyl a Hamdden' group to send postcards to each other to maintain contact.</p>		
	The Local Authority Youth Service provides for children's opportunities for leisure and association	GREEN	GREEN	Ceredigion Youth Service provides for children and young people's leisure and association in a range of contexts; schools, youth clubs and universal provision; particularly during weekends and school holidays. Ceredigion Youth Service has achieved all three Welsh Government	Youth Work Qualifications do not include play provision opportunities.	Include Youth Service staff in the Play Leadership training.

				<p>endorsed Quality Marks for Youth Work in Wales highlighting good practice across several areas.</p> <p>CYS work with partner organisations to deliver high quality activities, including the Wellbeing Centres Service and their programmes and external football coaches, self-defence instructors, local archery club, local rowing club and dance companies.</p>		
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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?

The LA does not assess the settings within the CSA, the purpose of the CSA is to assess the sufficiency and amount of Childcare within Ceredigion. However, the CSA does ask if any Childcare or Play settings have completed a Quality Assurance Scheme with either Mudiad Meithrin, Pacey Cymru, Early Years Wales (former Wales PPA) who have their own schemes.

Since the last CSA 2017 - 2022, Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) have changed the category for Afterschool Clubs (ASC) and Holiday Playschemes (HP). Initially, these were listed as Childcare, however they are now classed as Play Provision and as such all staff are required to be appropriately qualified in Playwork.

CIW continues to inspect the ASC and HP as well as any Open Access Play Sessions that are registered. When CIW conduct their inspection they look at four areas in particular, Wellbeing, Care and Development, Environment and Leadership and Management.

Childcare and Play providers who apply for the sustainability grant are asked as part of their application form how do they ensure they provide a play rich environment and any additional grant opportunities are shared with the sector. This was added to the application form following a recommendation from the previous PSA Report.

The Childcare Unit continues to provide information around the benefits of play. Playwork training is offered by Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Clubs (CPCKC) and is promoted by the Childcare Unit.

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

As previously mentioned the purpose of the CSA is to assess the sufficiency and amount of Childcare within Ceredigion. The CSA addresses all forms of Childcare and Play provision, whether it is unregistered or registered.

Have there been challenges?

Since March 2020, there have been no physical visits to any Childcare or Play setting due to COVID-19 and Local Authority restrictions. This has been a big challenge as all half termly visits have now had to be conducted virtually. This means that the Development Officers do not get to observe in the same way and find it more difficult to advise settings based on these observations. Due to Lockdown restrictions a number of Childcare and Play settings had to close and staff were placed on furlough and were therefore unavailable to receive e-mails/telephone calls.

Another challenge during the COVID-19 pandemic was that Childcare and Play settings that were located on and within school sites were unable to open for a period of time. The need for Childcare and Play settings to stay in their 'bubbles' was also an issue as this would mean some children were isolated as there was no one else from their School 'bubble' attending an Afterschool Club meaning they would play on their own. It was not sustainable for settings to staff bubbles which only had one or two children. In addition, Afterschool Clubs reported to ensure School 'bubbles' were kept, children did not freely move around and were restricted to certain areas to avoid mixing.

During the School Holidays there was a lack of universal Childcare and Play provision, which was a challenge families and children particularly working parents and some children supported by Social/Children's Services. This is continuing to be a challenge today.

How can these be overcome?

All Childcare and Play settings had to close for a period of time. Due to financial and staffing pressures some have permanently closed. This meant a reduction in registered Childcare and Play provision available for families. However, the Childcare Unit continue to support new and existing Childcare and Play providers to ensure there is enough Childcare and Play provisions available. Now that Childcare and Play provision have started to re-open, the lines of communication between the Childcare Unit and providers is improving.

The Childcare and Play Guidance provided by Welsh Government now allows mixing of children meaning they do not need to be kept in specific 'bubbles'.

The long-term aim is to look at the impact that unregistered holiday provision has on registered Childcare and Play providers. In particular where the unregistered settings operate under the exemption list to avoid registration with CIW.

The Children's Commissioner for Wales Coronavirus and Me Survey highlights some important points with regards to the need for play opportunities. The intention is with the creation of a new role within the Physical Activity & Play Service key actions brought up in important surveys and highlighted in the PSA 2022 will be actioned in the new officer's business plan.

The January 2021 Children's Commissioner for Wales Coronavirus and Me Survey for Ceredigion asked if children were playing more or less since they have needed to stay at home because of coronavirus. 36% of the group of children selected said they are playing more often since they have needed to stay home because of coronavirus, 31% said they are playing less and 33% said about the same.

The Coronavirus and Me survey also asked what Ceredigion children had been doing to keep a healthy body and mind.

The top 3 activities selected were:

- Playing (100%)
- Exercising (75%)
- Speaking with friends and family (75%)




Comments:

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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	GREEN	GREEN	Data is kept on the number of children living in low income families. Data dashboards are being developed that enable us to monitor areas of particular concern. They are currently used to monitor progress of Ceredigion PSB Tackling Hardship Strategy and Ceredigion Council Economic Strategy. They have also been used by the 3 rd sector to draw down grant funding for additional services in areas of need.	The dashboards do not yet enable us to drill down to specific LSOAs or MSOAs and are not yet used universally to plan and deliver services.	CCC Partnerships & Performance team to continue to develop the data dashboards to enable provision to be targeted to areas of greatest need.
	The Local Authority keeps records of the number of	GREEN	GREEN	As above	As above	

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	children living in areas of deprivation					
	The Local Authority keeps records of the number of children living in rural areas	GREEN	GREEN	As above	As above	
	The Local Authority keeps records of the number of disabled children and those with particular needs.	GREEN	GREEN	<p>'Tim Plant Anabl' has a record of disabled children with disabilities that they support and the Education Department hold a record of children with additional learning needs.</p> <p>A 3rd sector provider is commissioned to support disabled children to access play, childcare and recreation. They hold their own records.</p>	<p>Recording systems are not joined up - we do not have an overall record of number of children with disabilities.</p> <p>Our Disabled Children's Team (TPA) was previously co-located with Hywel Dda specialist children staff. This multi-agency team has now separated. Not all children with disabilities are registered with TPA, some are registered just with Hywel Dda health teams. Children supported</p>	Work on a system that ensures that all children with a disability are able to access DASH schemes, not just those on TPA register.

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					<p>by TPA are automatically referred to DASH schemes; there are concerns that children who are disabled but not with TPA will have difficulty accessing DASH schemes.</p> <p>This is being worked on as part of the overall re-structure with the Through Age wellbeing Model.</p>	
	The Local Authority records the availability of no cost provision	AMBER	GREEN	All providers commissioned by the Local Authority are now required to upload information about their provision to Dewis Cymru in order that families can see what no cost provision is available in their area. The Local Authority coordinates the Statutory 'Early Years, Childcare and Play' group and the	It is unclear if 'no cost provision' that is not commissioned by the Local Authority is recorded on Dewis Cymru. Not all Local Authority provision is recorded on Dewis Cymru.	

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LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
				‘Parenting and Family Support group’. Availability of no cost provision is shared within these two groups so that providers can promote them to parents.		
	The Local Authority records the provision of no cost / low cost premises used for play provision	AMBER	GREEN	<p>Community play parks are now listed on Dewis Cymru website, there is a link to the website from CCC Play webpage.</p> <p>The webpage also include a link to Discover Ceredigion website which lists woodlands, beaches and other outdoor destinations.</p>	<p>The Dewis Cymru listing is ‘owned by’ CCC at the moment and we need to transfer the ownership to owners of the community parks.</p> <p>Unsure if there are any no cost/low cost indoor premises available for play – leisure centres and village halls? There is a website Ceredigion Halls Directory of Halls in Ceredigion set up by CAVO but it doesn’t list all of</p>	Transfer ownership of information about community play parks on Dewis Cymru website from CCC to owners of the community play parks.

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LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
					them and there are no costings.	
	The Local Authority records the provisions where grants or subsidies are available for play providers	AMBER	AMBER	<p>Information about grants available for play tend to be dispersed via mailing lists to the Play Area Network (PAN). This enables the LA to communicate directly with play providers about grants and subsidies.</p> <p>Ceredigion community grant is available to play providers, information about this grant is easily available on LA website.</p> <p>As well as carrying out funding searches for play providers, Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations (CAVO) was involved with the advertising, promotion, decision making and distribution of the Winter of Wellbeing Grant.</p>	Capacity of the Play Area management committees can be a problem. If play providers do not have the capacity to take part in these groups or join the mailing lists, they would not be aware of grants and subsidies available.	

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LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
				All Winter of Wellbeing Capital and revenue grant applications are available on newly created MS Teams sites with applications, minutes of meeting and award decision available.		
	The Local Authority provides subsidised transport for children travelling to play opportunities	RED	AMBER	The Summer of Fun and Winter of Wellbeing has helped with this in 2021. Transport is provided for groups that are vulnerable (e.g. Young Carers, children with disabilities, looked after children and those at risk of offending to get them to play and recreational opportunities.	The LA does not usually provide subsidised transport specifically for travel to play opportunities. (This year has been the exception to the rule). It's difficult to see this changing long term.	

Charge for play provision

How is the Local Authority ensuring that children have access to no or low-cost provision?

This is improving and over the last 12 months many improvements have been made with opportunities now identifiable through Dewis. We have got some way to go to get all provision on there. CCC try and ensure that children who need it have access to free or low-cost provision. Many services (such as Flying Start) are targeted for areas of deprivation. Venue based family support is subsidised by the Local Authority, they are located in Borth, Llandysul, Lampeter, Tregaron, Aberaeron, Penparcau and Cardigan, there is no charge for their activities. The Local Authority also subsidises no/low cost provision and activities for Young Carers and for children/young people with disabilities. The Child Development Fund and Flying Start outreach funding is used to pay for free childcare for referred children. Wellbeing Centres around the authority will also be able to work with partner services to provide improved free/low cost provision. The Summer of Fun and the Winter of Wellbeing provided numerous opportunities for targeted young people, however, the long term benefit of these grants remains untested.

There are good links with CAVO and the Community Connectors are also able to promote opportunities, provision or grants. The Ceredigion Council Community Grant is available to play providers and information about this grant is available on the council website.

Have there been challenges?

Covid has proved a huge challenge for not only young people's provision but also to family support and for CCC staff. It continues to challenge many services.

Ceredigion is developing new data systems through the Through Age Wellbeing Model and this will help services to know exactly where all children living in low income families are located.

How can these be overcome?

Further improvements and information need to be added to the Dewis website. The Wellbeing Centres Service (Play included) are looking into how opportunities are marketed and promoted. This will hopefully allow a better flow of information and allow the right information to reach the right people.

The Play service being incorporated to the Through Age Physical Activity & Play Service is also key to developing programmes in the local authority. We will continue to circulate information about grants and funding to the Play Area Network and continue to support collaboration between Early Years, family support, childcare and play provision via the Early Years, Childcare and Play strategy group.

Comments:

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 keeps an up to date record of the number of 20 mph zones/school safety zones in residential areas	GREEN	GREEN	An up to date record of all speed limits on County Roads is kept as a map-based order.		Mechanism in place for ongoing monitoring and review.
	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	GREEN	GREEN	Review of speed limits on County Council maintained roads is undertaken periodically - next review likely to follow work to implement Welsh Government intention to change to a default 20 mph speed limit on restricted/ street-lit (30 mph speed limit) roads across Wales (from April 2023). Welsh Government guidance is currently awaited. Ongoing monitoring in partnership with ‘Go Safe’ Wales Safety Camera Partnership, Police, representatives of local communities and through multi-agency Ceredigion		

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				<p>Community Safety Partnership - Road Safety Sub-Group. Enforcement through 'Go Safe' and Police where required.</p> <p>Opportunities for local communities to approach Dyfed Powys Police/ 'Go Safe' to arrange Community Speed watch, 'Operation Snap' and similar awareness initiatives.</p>		
	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	AMBER	AMBER	<p>Periodic review of speed limits on County Council maintained roads (see above) and introduction of changes as required. Part compliance with the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 in the three Welsh Government-designated Active Travel settlements (Aberystwyth, Cardigan and Lampeter) and other schemes as identified and prioritised (subject to available resources).</p> <p>Some improvements introduced as temporary measures in connection with Ceredigion 'Safe Zones' in response to Covid-19 pandemic.</p>	Active Travel funding is directed to our main urban areas only. Some road safety engineering schemes in other locations will be subject to robust business case, prioritisation and availability of resources.	
	The Local Authority has a plan(s) to improve walking and cycle access to parks, outdoor play facilities and local leisure centres	AMBER	GREEN	<p>CCC has a Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) which is a statutory plan that informs our objectives for the next 10 years. This plan was published in 2019 and is available to view here https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/coast-</p>	Main focus of Active Travel is on day-to-day shorter journeys for school, college,	

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	from residential areas			<p>countryside/public-rights-of-way/rights-of-way-improvement-plan/</p> <p>Connected to statutory duties under the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 for the three Welsh Government designated Active Travel settlements (Aberystwyth, Cardigan and Lampeter).</p>	employment and to access local facilities. Grant funding is difficult to access for schemes outside of the three designated settlements.	
	There is potential for the Local Authority to take further action to reduce traffic speed and improve road safety to promote play opportunities	GREEN	GREEN	<p>Periodic review of speed limits within the County (see above) and introduction of default changes from 30 mph to 20 mph on restricted/ street-lit roads from April 2023 subject to certain exemptions. Enforcement of existing speed limits through 'Go safe' Wales Safety Camera Partnership and Dyfed-Powys Police, including physical traffic calming where it may contribute towards a road safety engineering scheme targeted at the most vulnerable road user groups and informed by and prioritised according to road traffic collisions and personal injuries.</p> <p>Programme of road safety education, training and awareness provided to primary school children by County Council Road Safety Team – includes 'Kerbcraft' child pedestrian training and National Standards Cycle</p>	Available staffing and financial resources across the public sector remains a concern. Impact of Covid-19 pandemic on road safety training programmes – re-prioritisation of work programmes, deployment of staff to the Council's Covid-19 response and Gold Command decision to	

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				Training to equip children with basic skills transferable to everyday journeys.	suspend practical training within a school environment and to members of the public (e.g. advanced driving/ motorbike riding lessons).	

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	<p>The Local Authority uses road safety grants and/or other funding to support delivery of cycling training for children to national standards</p>	<p>GREEN</p>	<p>GREEN</p>	<p>See above in respect of National Standards Cycling Training delivered to Year 6 pupils in Ceredigion schools. Funded through Welsh Government Road Safety Grant Revenue funding.</p>	<p>None at present but concerns that training is dependent upon year-on-year grant funding allocations from the Welsh Government which are based on a formula that includes population numbers. The amount of grant funding has steadily declined over time.</p>	
	<p>The Local Authority uses road safety grants and/or other funding to provide pedestrian safety training for children</p>	<p>GREEN</p>	<p>GREEN</p>	<p>“Kerbcraft’ child pedestrian training is delivered to children in Ceredigion primary schools and funded through Road Safety Revenue Grant funding.</p>	<p>As above</p>	
	<p>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>	<p>GREEN</p>	<p>GREEN</p>	<p>The County Council has information and any fees published on its website or available through Clic Ceredigion.</p> <p>Highways and Environmental Services has standard procedures for receiving and processing</p>		

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				applications for temporary road closures for special events.		
	The Local Authority refers to <i>Manual for Streets</i> when considering new developments and changes to the highway network/urban realm	GREEN	GREEN	The County Council adheres to and applies the appropriate design standards to new or improved infrastructure as published in Manual for Streets, DMRB and Active Travel Design Guidance. Additional industry approved standards will be used for access to public transport.	Each specific location will present its own challenges with regards to consistent application of design and construction standards – e.g. topography.	
	The Local Authority works to nationally recognised good practice guidelines when developing walking and cycling facilities	GREEN	GREEN	Yes, with reference to the Welsh Government's Active Travel Design Guidance.		
	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	AMBER	GREEN	Road traffic collision and personal injury data and assessment of risk is used to inform development of engineering schemes and to target available education, training and publicity resources. 20 mph zones with traffic calming schemes have been prioritised at school	Availability of data and trends against relatively low numbers of casualties.	

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				<p>locations throughout the County.</p> <p>Through partnership working, the County Council supports a number of national and regional safety campaigns, including level crossing safety.</p>		
	<p>The Local Authority considers children's needs to access play opportunities when making decisions about public transport planning and expenditure</p>	AMBER	AMBER	<p>The reality is that public bus service provision in Ceredigion (and rural Wales as a whole) is largely determined by available budget in respect of frequency of service and routes. Public funding to subsidise routes and services has declined in recent years and these are not considered to be commercially viable by local bus companies. The exception is the Traws Cymru network which serves the western coastal corridor from Gwynedd through Ceredigion to Pembrokeshire and also to Carmarthen.</p>	<p>Availability of public funding and decisions on services and routes may be taken by organisations other than the County Council.</p>	

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				<p>Rail services to/ from Aberystwyth, Bow Street, Borth and Dyfi Junction stations in Ceredigion are now planned, funded and operated by Transport for Wales. The new Bow Street Public Transport Interchange opened in February 2021 with significant Active Travel links within Bow Street itself and to Penrhyncoch with more improvements currently being developed.</p>		
	<p>The requirements of disabled children are understood and provided for within traffic and transport initiatives</p>	GREEN	GREEN	<p>The Active Travel Design Guidance and other highways design guidance provides for standards that ensure accessibility improvements for all.</p> <p>Integrated Impact Assessments are used to anticipate the impact of changes to existing and for provision of new infrastructure and services. Corporate policies and procedures on engagement with service users and groups with protected</p>		

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				characteristics are followed throughout scheme development.		
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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.

	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)	AMBER	AMBER	<p>Play areas, provision, clubs and their accessibility are now listed on Dewis Cymru website, there is a link to the website from CCC Play webpage.</p> <p>Providers who are commissioned by the Local Authority are required to keep their details on Dewis Cymru up to date.</p>	Provision that is not commissioned by the Local Authority may or may not be recorded on Dewis Cymru. Not all Local Authority provision is recorded on Dewis Cymru.	
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	<p>The Local Authority provides information on access to play opportunities and contact for support if required</p>	<p>AMBER</p>	<p>GREEN</p>	<p>The public contact the Council via Clic, our contact centre. Enquiries regarding play are sent on to a named officer who is responsible for play sufficiency, unless a more appropriate officer is identified.</p> <p>Play has recently moved to be incorporated into the Wellbeing Centres Service. This will allow for it to be managed by a Team Manager and also come under the remit of a newly appointed Coordinator. Additionally, 4 members of staff will have shared delivery responsibilities in geographical areas.</p>		
	<p>The Local Authority supports and publicises events which encourage play opportunities and events for children and families</p>	<p>AMBER</p>	<p>AMBER</p>	<p>Mainly through funding (CCC community grant, AWPOG, Families First, Flying Start etc).</p> <p>We publicise this type of event through social media channels.</p> <p>The Wellbeing Centres Service will have a new</p>		

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				Marketing and Memberships Officer and Play will be included in this remit.		
	The Local Authority publicises information which contributes to positive community attitudes to play	AMBER	AMBER	As above.		
	The Local Authority publicises information and support for parents to help them encourage their children to play	GREEN	GREEN	<p>We actively support WGs 'Parenting Give it Time' campaign and promote Play Wales' website and information sheets.</p> <p>Our Families First programme funded outdoor play resources and activities at Family and Children Centres during the pandemic and WGs Child Development Fund was used to pay for outdoor play training and forest school training for Family Centre staff.</p> <p>National Play Day is promoted and celebrated every year.</p> <p>CYS and Wellbeing Centres have a strong social media</p>		

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				element which are reviewed by the IT department and the Press Office every 6 months. Both services share internal and external opportunities. Each service has Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.		
	The Local Authority widely uses on-site signposting to safeguard and promote play	RED		N/A		
	The Local Authority engages with the media to encourage the positive portrayal of children playing in the local area	RED	AMBER	<p>CYS and Wellbeing Centres are positive in their promotion of children playing.</p> <p>Covid has had a big impact on this.</p> <p>CCC has released guidelines throughout the pandemic to Town and Community Councils to help them keep the parks and play areas safe in the LA.</p> <p>CCC seconded 2 Leisure Services staff during the pandemic to visit the parks and play areas managed by town and community councils to help them with</p>	To take into consideration key aspects from a range of related surveys.	

				signage, additional safety criteria and general covid safety.		
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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?

The Active Travel Design Guidance and other highways design guidance provides for standards that ensure accessibility improvements for all. CCC review the speed limits on County Council-maintained roads periodically with the next review likely to follow work to implement Welsh Government intention to change to a default 20 mph speed limit on restricted/ street-lit (30 mph speed limit) roads across Wales (from April 2023). CCC also work in partnership with 'Go Safe' Wales Safety Camera Partnership, Police, representatives of local communities and through multi-agency Ceredigion Community Safety Partnership - Road Safety Sub-Group. Ongoing monitoring takes place in partnership with these key partners.

Active Travel and Safe Routes in Community Schemes include the installation of cycle / scooter shelters at schools. A programme of road safety education, training and awareness is provided to primary school children by County Council Road Safety Team. This includes 'Kerbcraft' child pedestrian training and National Standards Cycle Training to equip children with basic skills transferable to everyday journeys.

Have there been challenges?

Previously, Play has been supported by annual grants which has been difficult to plan long term. This is still the case, however, there has been additional funding this year from Welsh Government through the Summer of Fun and Winter of Wellbeing.

Covid has proved difficult. However, the LA has provided support to Town & Community Councils through advice and information as well as staff support for local inspections.

Cycle training for children is dependent upon year-on-year grant funding allocations from the Welsh Government which are based on a formula that includes population numbers. The amount of grant funding has steadily declined over time.

Active Travel funding is directed to our main urban areas only (Aberystwyth, Cardigan and Lampeter). Some road safety engineering schemes in other locations will be subject to robust business case, prioritisation and availability of resources.

How can these be overcome?

Services are now working a lot closer together due to the Through Age Wellbeing Model re-structure. This has helped to utilise additional funding.

Comments:

Information, publicity, events

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

The Local Authority is active on many social media platforms both as Ceredigion Actif (now Wellbeing Centres) and the Corporate Press Office. Other departments such as the Youth Service are also active and each department supports each other. Play opportunities are advertised on these platforms. This was especially important during the Summer of Fun and Winter of Wellbeing provision where important guidelines were distributed from WG. We also asked all organisations who were in receipt of the WG grants to share their advertising with us which we shared further.

Have there been challenges?

We are not professionals in creating posters and advertising campaigns. These things take time – quite often, time that staff haven't got to spare. We have invested in professional packages with Canva.com and the Hootsuite social media platform. It is also assumed that the target audience are social media users and that this is their source of accessing information.

How can these be overcome?

As part of the Through Age Wellbeing Model re-structure a Marketing & Memberships post has been included; greater engagement with the council's corporate communications team. Greater use of the local press.

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)	RED	AMBER	The Childcare Unit logs all Playwork qualified staff in registered Afterschool Clubs at each setting meeting/visit notes. Staff are signposted to training as the Playwork Level 3 will be a statutory requirement in all Afterschool and Holiday	The Local Authority has not historically employed a play workforce. There are proposals in place for this to change as part of the Through Age Wellbeing Model re-structure.	The Childcare Unit to continue with the development of the Training Module on Dewis Cymru. SASS data has been received and analysed for the CSA – this information will be used to develop the CSA 5 year action plan.

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				Provision by September 2022.	Previously, there was a play 'task force'. Consideration needs to be given to re-commence the group or adapt the current group as it is childcare focused – looking at play in nurseries and after school clubs.	
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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	RED	AMBER	<p>The Childcare Unit advertise the training that is offered by CWLWM partners.</p> <p>This has provided funded Playwork training in 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 for approx. 30 play staff that work within the afterschool/holiday provision.</p>	There is a significant demand for Level 1 Playwork courses in Ceredigion. This is a starting point for people of all ages to enter the childcare/play workforce sector. This, in turn has a positive influence on how parents and others meet children's needs and improve health and wellbeing.	<p>RAY Ceredigion is an Agored Cymru registered Play Training provider.</p> <p>The Play Unit to work with RAY Ceredigion to put a programme of Level 1 Playwork Courses on for play providers.</p>
	The Local Authority has a staff development budget ring fenced for play, including playwork	RED	AMBER	The Childcare Unit signpost relevant staff to free training with CWLWM partners.	No play staff have been directly employed by CCC.	Childcare Unit continue to promote the 'Transition into Playwork' Training through CPCKC to childcare staff.
	There is a comprehensive range of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities available for playworkers in the area	AMBER	AMBER	The Childcare Unit arranged ALN training for Speech and Language/Elklan and Mandatory training.	There has been a reduced training programme due to COVID restrictions. All training is now	Further staff training may include messy play, loose parts, outdoor and environmental play and coastal play etc.

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					virtual, not always accessible for the workforce. Many CCC staff involved with play initiatives have a multi service aspect to their roles. Staff are usually early years staff, family support staff, youth service staff etc.	
	Training is available for volunteers and parents to develop their knowledge on skills in playwork	GREEN	GREEN	When working with young parents, Ceredigion Youth Service shares information from third sectors/statutory services to promote playwork training to develop their knowledge. CCC has previously funded RAY Ceredigion to offer Playwork Level 1 to anyone who the Childcare Unit promoted to the Childcare/Play Settings.		

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				<p>Wales & West Housing Association work with the Local Authority to ensure that their tenants understand the benefits of play, they have co-delivered training and arranged the installation of community play boxes on some of their estates.</p> <p>A range of training provision is available for parents, early years staff and childcare staff e.g. Level 1 Play in the community, NVQ 3 Playwork, Managing a Holiday Playscheme (MAHPS), Outdoor Play, Forest School. The Local Authority funds training for relevant internal and external staff and parents when we can.</p> <p>The Play Area Network consultation heard from 25 park and play area groups of which only 3 had volunteers. They</p>	<p>The pandemic halted the roll out of the 'Community Play Box' project. Play equipment for some communities remain in storage in Council offices and need to be sent to two communities (Felinfach and Tregaron).</p>	
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				suggested sharing information on how to help find funding and how to carry out effective inspections.		
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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 Authority includes playwork within its Workforce Development strategies	RED	RED	<p>CCC does not directly employ Play Workers/Development staff currently. There are proposals in place for this to change as part of the Through Age Wellbeing Model re-structure.</p> <p>The Childcare Unit supports workforce development and signpost workforce in registered settings to CWLWM partners for funded training.</p>		
	The Local Authority supports partners to deliver appropriate training to community groups, parents and volunteers	AMBER	GREEN	<p>The Child Development Fund has included opportunities for partners to deliver appropriate training to community groups and volunteers in the field of play.</p> <p>The Childcare Unit promote training to the workforce of registered settings.</p>		Finalise ROSPA training and advertise through PAN and service providers.

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				<p>Prior to Covid, physical literacy training was available to Family Centres, Flying Start Centres, pre-school settings and schools through the Active Young People programme with Ceredigion Actif.</p> <p>Families First, the Childcare Unit and Flying Start have worked together to deliver training and resources bags to the childcare and family support sector to improve play/sports and activity levels. This is due to be rolled out to nurseries when restrictions allow.</p> <p>There is ROSPA online training planned for March 2022 for everyone involved with Play. This will be delivered by ROSPA Officer, David Yearley.</p>		
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Note – these criteria are about the Play workforce: This encompasses anyone employed whose role has an impact on children playing – those who may either directly facilitate their play, design for playing, or those with the power to give permission for children to play, or not.

	The Local Authority has undertaken a comprehensive training needs analysis for the play workforce as defined in the toolkit glossary and above	AMBER	AMBER	The Childcare Unit carry out a needs analysis on the childcare sector. The Active Young People team continually look at staff development and staff have undertaken a number of courses and mentoring on pre-school, early years and new curriculum training.		Provide Childcare Unit with access to toolkit glossary.
	The Local Authority takes action to expand the variety of learning and development opportunities that are offered to staff	GREEN	GREEN	Ceredigion Youth Service staff are offered various training opportunities to be able to undertake and lead various activities and workshops which involve learning through doing such as Bushcraft and biking. The Childcare Unit regularly updates training programmes and sources appropriate training opportunities for		

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				registered childcare and play settings.		
	There is a comprehensive range of CPD opportunities for a range of professionals who work with children	AMBER	AMBER	The Team Manager for Physical Activity & Play sits on the national groups for Foundations Movements which includes Play and Play Wales. Weekly bulletins are shared with staff and local, regional and national CPD opportunities are undertaken.	Playwork Level 1 is planned for March 2022 for Welbeing Centre staff and Youth Service staff.	

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	Training awareness sessions are available for professionals and decision makers whose work impacts on children's opportunities to play	AMBER	AMBER	<p>UNCRC e-module training is available for the whole of CCCs workforce to develop their understanding of when / how their work impacts on children's opportunities to play.</p> <p>Ceredigion Youth Council is a platform for professionals and decision makers to consult with, when their</p>	<p>Include Play Training elements in Bronze Young Ambassador training.</p> <p>Develop a coordinated approach to train lunchtime supervisors to work with Young Ambassadors in schools.</p>	Children Rights to play (Article 31) should be considered in all areas as part of decision making.

				<p>work impacts on children's opportunities (to play, and other). Ceredigion Youth Council has previously responded to consultation papers such as the green space agenda.</p> <p>All primary and secondary schools have Young Ambassadors who lead on providing opportunities for other young people to be more active.</p>		
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Securing and developing the play workforce

How has the Local Authority met the requirement to undertake or secure the managerial and delivery functions necessary to achieve sufficient play opportunities?

There was previously a Play sub-group that brought together education, childcare, parks and play areas, health and safety, planning, and highways who were able to look at play within the county as a holistic approach. (this folded due to lack of attendance and consistent funding to co-deliver projects).

How has the Local Authority ensured it understands and provides for the workforce development needs of the play workforce (as defined in *Wales: A Play Friendly Country and above*)?

The Childcare Unit has funded approximately 22 staff from registered play and childcare settings to complete Playwork Level 3 training. There has never been any designated funding from WG to enable a play development role to be funded with CCC so this must be taken into account when acknowledging any gaps in delivery on the PSA.

How has the Local Authority ensured it understands and provides the playwork workforce (as defined in *Wales: A Play Friendly Country and above*)?

The Local Authority does not currently (or previously) employ a play development officer. Some Childcare Unit staff have Playwork qualifications and are able to support childcare providers with understanding Playwork.

Have there been challenges?

The biggest challenge is coordinating the multiple levels of Play (training, provisions, support to community groups, distributing grants, running programmes) without any development staff.

How can these be overcome?

There are proposals for this to change as part of the Through Age Wellbeing Model re-structure. Designated and continued funding from WG to all 22 local authorities will enable the development and delivery of the PSA action plans across Wales.




Comments:

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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 Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	The Local Authority promotes initiatives to engage relevant groups in enhancing play opportunities for children in its area.	AMBER	AMBER	<p>Initiatives to enhance play opportunities across the County are promoted via the PAN network.</p> <p>Ceredigion Youth Council provides a platform for both public and third sector services to engage with young people regarding local services that have included the need for enhancing play opportunities. Examples of such engagement are the Action Plan for Play and 'Hanging Out' Consultation (24.6.19) and the LDP</p>		Encourage the Play Area Network to share their opportunities so that CCC can promote through Press Office/social media platforms. This option is included in the recent consultation.

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				<p>Green Infrastructure Plan Consultation (31.1.20) that considered green spaces for playing. These consultations were carried out by Ceredigion County Council.</p> <p>'Dewis' Panel of Young People are responsible for allocating the Ceredigion Young People's Bursary and the Youth Led Grant. The latter in partnership with Ceredigion Association of Volunteering Opportunities (CAVO), where the panel of young people have supported local youth projects such as the 'mighty ducks' in Aberystwyth by providing financial support to enhance opportunities for playing at their targeted sessions.</p> <p>Targeted detached youth work at local skate parks</p>		

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				has ensured that play opportunities have been enhanced by engaging with young people regarding their play needs at such venues.		
	<p>The Local Authority promotes community engagement in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - making space available and suitable for play - organising play events - positive attitudes towards children and play - training on the importance of play. 	AMBER	AMBER	<p>The LA has a comprehensive Community Engagement Policy and accompanying Toolkit on our internal website for all staff to access.</p> <p>Ceredigion Youth Service Open access youth provision provides a space and an environment where both structured activities and self-directed play can occur side by side. A range of play types can often be observed in such spaces such as creative, communication, locomotor and object play.</p> <p>Having attained the National Participation Standards Kite Mark,</p>	<p>CCC does not have a consultation team and therefore all consultations and questionnaires have to be coordinated through departmental services.</p> <p>Covid has disrupted this service and most consultations and questionnaires have been virtual (except for children's questionnaires).</p>	<p>The Engagement and Inclusion team will take the findings of the PSA into account when developing the 2022/23 workplan.</p>

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				<p>Ceredigion Youth Service engagement/participation with young people in schools and community based settings such as our youth centres, follows the principles of the kite mark. In doing so, engagement with young people has highlighted their need to spend more time outdoors in a supported environment. As a result, Ceredigion Youth Service have delivered universal activities such as nature reconnect days and summer camps.</p> <p>The Active Young People service within Ceredigion active coordinate the School Sport Survey with key aspect of play and free time included.</p>		

Community engagement and participation.

How has the Local Authority effectively used existing mechanisms for children's participation and family consultation processes with regards to play?

For the purpose of this PSA consultations from the Childcare Unit, Youth Service, Play Service, Active Young People, the Children's Commissioner for Wales 'Coronavirus and Me' Survey and the Assessment of Local Wellbeing through Ceredigion Public Services Board have been used. RAY Ceredigion and Wellbeing Centres have also helped coordinate the children's questionnaires. Findings from the survey to inform the recommissioning of services to support families with children aged 0-11 were also taken into account.

Specific PSA questionnaires were targeted at the Play Area Network, recipients of Winter of Wellbeing Capital and Revenue Grants, all participants in AWPOG related activities as well as community organised play events.

A key contributor questionnaire was arranged in partnership with the Childcare Unit to ensure there was important collaboration with the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment.

We recognise the role of the elected members who represent the interest of people in their ward. The process will include elected members at scrutiny committee and at full cabinet level.

Have there been challenges?

Covid has provided a huge barrier for public engagement but this has been overcome through learning digital alternatives. Consultation fatigue has to be considered by public bodies and ensuring that examples of action resulting from the information provided are promoted.

How can these be overcome?

See above.

Comments

Play Sufficiency Assessment: Children's Consultations

Summary:

- 227 consultations
- Age range: 2-15 years
- Families from all over Ceredigion

Answers:

Questions	Answer options	Answers
How often do you play/meet with your friends?	Never	19
	Every day	67
	2-4 times a week	141
Who do you play with/meet? (Choose as many as you want)	I don't	9
	Friends	182
	Family/ Brothers or Sisters	36
Where is your favourite place to play/meet?	Home	111
	After School Club	4
	Park or playarea	48
	Woodland/Beach	35
	Street	29
If you don't play out - why?	Too young	
	No place near me	
	Covid	
	Weather	Most answers
	X-Box/Computer Games	Second most
I have lots of good places to play and meet others	Don't know	13

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	No	18
	Yes	130
	Sometimes	66
I feel safe when I'm playing and meeting others	Don't know	30
	No	9
	Yes	154
	Sometimes	34
Is there anything that stops you from playing outside?	No	Most popular
	Fast cars	Second most popular
	Covid	Third most popular
	Bad weather	Fourth most popular
Where do you go when school is finished?	Home	161
	Clubs/Classes	8
	Friends house	6
	To play	20
	Childcare	10
	Grandparents	22
How many days?	Sometimes	95
	Every day	46
	<i>NO ANSWER</i>	86
What do you think of the after school club/activity/childcare you go to?	Don't like it	3
	It's ok	14
	I like it	77

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	<i>NO ANSWER</i>	133
Has the coronavirus (COVID-19) changed what you do and where you go to play/meet?	Don't know	31
	No	73
	Yes	123
If yes, how?	Disabilities/families with disabilities	
	Couldn't go out for ages	
	Couldn't have friends over	
	Childcare stopped	
	Couldn't see grandparents/friends	
	Didn't go anywhere	
	Parents were working from home	

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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.

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

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	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	AMBER	AMBER	<p>There isn't a named champion on the Ceredigion PSB however there is cabinet member representation on the PSB and PSB sub groups by the appropriate portfolio holder.</p> <p>The Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cymorth Cynnar which has responsibility for Play through the Wellbeing Centre Service sits on the PSB in their role as chair of the Well-being in Lampeter Project Group.</p> <p>The Corporate Manager for</p>		Ensure that emerging findings of the current local Well-being Assessment inform our PSA and vice versa.

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				<p>Wellbeing Centres who has overall responsibility for Play also sits on the PSB Project Group – Well-being in Lampeter and attends the PSB Poverty sub-group and contributes to the PSB's Tackling Hardship action plan.</p> <p>Both the Corporate Manager and the Team Manager with responsibility for Physical Activity & Play attend the Ceredigion Children & Young People Service providers Forum meeting. This group provides a 'Child Poverty lens' on delivery of the PSB Tackling Hardship Strategy and scrutinises the actions in the plan before the report goes to PSB Poverty sub-group.</p> <p>Findings of the Ceredigion County Council Play Sufficiency Assessment will</p>		

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				be taken into account during the development of the Local Well-being Plan 2023-28 which will be prepared by Ceredigion PSB during 2022/23.		
	The Well-Being Plan recognises the importance of play and contributes to the provision of rich play opportunities	AMBER	AMBER	<p>The Ceredigion Assessment of Local Well-being recognises that: <i>“opportunities for outdoor play are vital; not only does outdoor play contribute to the recommended guidelines for physical activity but substantial research finds that additional benefits including child mental well-being, cognitive development, a stronger sense of belonging to school & community and improved behavior result from increased contact with the natural environment”.</i></p> <p>The following are all aims of the PSB and the Local Wellbeing Plan plays an</p>	There isn't a direct reference to play within the current Local Well-being Plan and Play is not a theme that has featured in the work of the PSB Project Groups that have been established to deliver the Plan.	

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				<p>important part of achieving these aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Enable every child to have the best start in life;</i> - <i>Enable people to live active, happy and healthy lives;</i> - <i>Create conditions for communities to support individuals from all backgrounds to live fulfilling, independent lives.</i> 		

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	AMBER	AMBER	<p>This is increasingly true with lots of playground equipment in schools, children are happier, less quarrelling, engaged in more productive play. Foundation phase is built around giving children opportunities to play. Resources are all unique and vary from school to school.</p> <p>Money invested into the school environment to enhance outdoor learning – 19 Primary Schools have received grants to install inclusive Playground Markings funded by a grant through Ceredigion Actif, Healthy Schools and the Child Development Fund.</p> <p>Young ambassadors training with Ceredigion</p>	<p>Possible lack of consistency from school to school.</p> <p>Playground markings need to be completed.</p> <p>Covid has limited this due to not being able to train individuals or mix classes as well as external visitors being unable to visit sites. This is slowly being reintroduced as well as sharing of equipment and play resources.</p> <p>Still more focus needed on child-led and unstructured play.</p>	<p>Finalise playground markings in school.</p> <p>Cover over play areas needed. Clothing for wet weather available in school.</p> <p>Pupil voice – what do pupil want in regard to ‘play’?</p> <p>Continue to work closely with Ceredigion Actif especially in the run up to specific themes/national days.</p> <p>Further training on the benefits of play. This can be delivered to Young Ambassadors and to school staff.</p> <p>Continue to raise the profile of healthy schools through network meetings and collaboration on the new</p>

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				<p>Actif – often lead play activities within school. Every primary school has Bronze Ambassadors who lead the play opportunities.</p> <p>Ffit yn 5 with Ceredigion Actif - Schools often participate in Ffit yn 5 and this has been advertised on Teams and as part of thematic learning resources e.g. Olympics/Euros and also National Fitness Day.</p> <p>Forest schools and beach schools are initiatives that are being taken up by some schools.</p> <p>Many schools have good resources and space for play during break times.</p> <p>Every School is part of the Healthy Schools scheme.</p>	<p>Voluntary so variation in schools' engagement</p>	<p>curriculum and whole school mental health framework.</p> <p>Reintroducing and restarting clubs and play times, working with external agencies/facilitators.</p>
	Schools provide play opportunities during out of teaching hours	AMBER	AMBER	<p>All children given play time and many schools provide opportunities outside of teaching hours. Provision varies from school to school and across terms.</p>	<p>Provision varies from school to school and across terms.</p>	<p>Ongoing collaboration with Sport Wales to increase physical activity rates in 'extending the learning day' which enables pupils, and</p>

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				<p>External support e.g. RAY Ceredigion. Links with clubs and facilities – improved links e.g. Bro Teifi / Bros Sion Cwilt renting facilities</p> <p>There is an Urdd club in most schools.</p> <p>The Young Ambassador programme is strong. Bronze Young Ambassadors provide opportunities in all primary schools. This has been more difficult in secondary schools during the pandemic.</p> <p>The inclusive Play Unified programme offers opportunities to children with learning disabilities in 4 secondary school and the 2 of the biggest primary SEN departments.</p>	<p>Difficulty accessing opportunities in rural areas due to lack of time or transport.</p> <p>Covid restrictions have been tight in Ceredigion and therefore activities have been very limited. Schools need support to offer more unstructured play.</p>	<p>the community, to use school facilities after school/weekends.</p>
	Schools provide access to school grounds for playing out of school times	AMBER	AMBER	This has been severely affected during the pandemic.	It is up to the governing body of each primary school	

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			<p>One primary school approached the Local Authority for help to open their grounds during summer holidays 2021 as it was the only play area in the village. AWPOG funding was used to purchase Covid safety signs to meet requirements of the risk assessment and the school grounds were opened, and remain open out of school hours.</p> <p>All secondary schools allow community use as many of them are linked to leisure centres and therefore open to the public. Clubs are able to book facilities e.g. Actif i Ni.</p> <p>Some schools allow access to school grounds for playing on evenings and weekends.</p> <p>Ceredigion has been part of the Sport Wales initiative 'Active Education Beyond the School Day' with bids</p>	if they allow Community use.	
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				<p>from Ysgol Henry Richard and Ysgol Cei Newydd.</p> <p>Many schools support their after school clubs.</p>		
	Schools encourage children to walk and cycle to school	AMBER	AMBER	<p>Most schools have received bike racks/sheds from the Active Travel Team.</p> <p>Ceredigion County Council offers the cycle to work scheme which allows the purchase of bikes for family members.</p> <p>The Safe & Active Travel Team regularly consult with safe routes to schools and where improvements need to be made.</p> <p>The Sustrans officer works with schools to improve cycling skills and organise an annual 'Big Pedal', this year the Big Pedal also includes walking.</p> <p>We now have 20mph zones outside nearly all Ceredigion schools.</p>	<p>Lack of consistency (initiatives last a week or a few days rather than across the school year).</p> <p>Dangerous on many roads / lanes due to the location of many schools. Therefore, the whole route may not be safe.</p> <p>Rurality – the distance travelled due to closure of smaller schools.</p> <p>More successful in the spring/summer term when the weather has improved</p>	<p>Continue to develop safe routes to school.</p> <p>Possibility of awards for walking/cycling to school?</p>

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	<p>The Local Authority offers guidance to ensure schools understand and ensure that regular outdoor play is not curtailed</p>	<p>AMBER</p>	<p>AMBER</p>	<p>CCC promote's outdoor play as a pedagogy and way of teaching. New curriculum emphasises outdoor play. Forest schools and other external providers help encourage outdoor play. Everybody understands value of outdoor play.</p> <p>Training on 'play' and 'outdoor learning', sharing good practice in well-being networks. This is something the Support and Challenge officers advise but there is no formal policy.</p> <p>Playground Markings project within Primary Schools introduced by the Wellbeing Centre Service during pandemic to encourage outdoor play. Activities booklet to accompany markings provided to assist children & teachers. To be eligible for this grant, schools had to produce a Play Policy.</p>	<p>Not all schools have a have a play policy.</p> <p>Play is further established with younger years but needs developing in older years.</p>	<p>Encourage all schools to have a Play policy.</p> <p>Encourage play/unstructured learning in older years.</p>
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				A new Wellbeing Advisory Teacher appointed within education team.		
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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	GREEN	GREEN	Community Provision will be met through Policy LU22. This aims to protect existing community provision and encourage the development of new where appropriate in line with Objectives 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 14.	The Annual LDP monitoring report shows that we have not gained a great deal of open spaces.	

Traffic and Transport						
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	AMBER	GREEN	Part of the compliance with the Active Travel (Wales) Act necessitates the introduction of speed reduction measures, provision of safe crossing points and plans to improve walking and cycle access to parks, outdoor play facilities and local leisure centres from residential areas.	Rurality of the county and the distance that some pupils have to travel to school will always impact on the provision of walking and cycling routes.	

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				<p>Facilities are developed with reference to Welsh Government's Active Travel Design Guidance.</p> <p>CCC has contracted Sustrans to assist with public consultation and engagement as part of the Active Travel Network Mapping Review (ATNM).</p> <p>Sustrans contacted an extensive list of consultee groups including disabled groups and also conducted engagement within schools in and near to the designated settlements of Aberystwyth, Cardigan and Lampeter.</p>		
	<p>The local Transport Plan identifies ways of assessing and addressing the needs of all groups including those which are often marginalised.</p>	GREEN	GREEN	<p>Corporate policies and procedures on engagement with service users and groups with protected characteristics are followed throughout scheme development.</p> <p>CCC has contracted Sustrans to assist with public consultation and engagement as part of the Active Travel Network Mapping Review (ATNM).</p>		

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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 the importance of play and contribute to the provision of rich play opportunities for younger children	AMBER	AMBER	<p>Both Flying Start and Family Centres are involved with Ceredigion Actif's Active Families programmes where each establishment has received a bag of resources, balance bikes and weekly videos to encourage physical literacy development.</p> <p>Significant investment in Flying Start in the socially deprived areas of Penparcau with a new centre being built.</p>	There is a need to increase the understanding and confidence of staff in this sector to be able to provide for free play and movement activities.	

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Family policy and initiatives						
LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	Family support initiatives provide up to date information and support for parents to enable them to support their children to play	AMBER	AMBER	All family support providers promote the importance of playing with your child. Those commissioned by the Local Authority are required to align their work with WG guidance, 'Parenting in Wales – Guidance on Engagement and Support' which supports this. Incredible Years is the accepted course for family support which includes a strong focus on child led play.	There is no requirement for all family support workers to undertake play training .	Revitalise the Active Families programme in the Flying Start Centres and the Family Centres.
	The local implementation of the Families First programme recognises the importance of play and contributes to the provision of rich play opportunities	AMBER	AMBER	Quote from Lampeter FC parent, "We absolutely loved the sessions, there is nothing better than encouraging children to be outdoors. Being amongst nature, so many health and wellbeing benefits. A developed new skill, tried new activities and had the confidence to take part in		

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				some activities independently. We will be definitely looking out for further sessions during the school holidays. “		
	Plans to reduce the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences recognises the importance of play and contributes to the provision of rich play opportunities	RED	AMBER	<p>The Education Department and the Youth Service has delivered lots of training to schools staff and other on ACEs. The SEN service has used Lego therapy.</p> <p>ACEs training is available to all CCC staff through the Ceri online service.</p>	To be more collaborative so that all services are aware what typ of training is being delivered to who. Children’s Services, Education, YS and with Wellbeing Centres and Play to be integral to the delivery.	

Inter-generational policy and initiatives

LA Ref No	Criteria	RAG Status 2019	RAG Status 2022	Evidence to support strengths	Shortfalls	Identified actions for Action Plan
	There are a range of play based approaches to inter-generational activity	AMBER	AMBER	Pre-Covid, schools were engaging more with old people’s homes. There have been some studies on the benefits for children and OAPs. Examples within the county – Talgarreg invite local OAPs to join children	Covid has had a clear effect on these activities due to the high risk category of residents. These will resume once deemed safe.	

				<p>for lunch sometimes. Plascrug School held Intergenerational activities.</p> <p>The NERS team has worked with Ysgol Bro Pedr in Lampeter and Canolfan Steffan Residential Homes residents to deliver mixed activities at Lampeter Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Our 3rd Sector Family Centres do a lot of intergenerational work, e.g. Families at Tregaron Family Centre wanted to continue with their intergenerational project. FC staff successfully applied for Lottery funding to distribute resource packs to families and they made handmade items to give to residents at their local residential home for the elderly for Christmas. The families are now working on other ideas they've had to that will maintain their links with the residents at the home.</p>		
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				<p>The Active Young People teams has coordinated visits from Young Ambassadors to deliver activities in Aberaeron, Lampeter and Bow Street Residential homes.</p> <p>The council's new Throughage and Wellbeing Stragey encourages collaborative working across all council services.</p>		
	<p>There is a creative approach to inter-generational activity which encourages better interaction between children of different ages</p>	<p>AMBER</p>	<p>AMBER</p>	<p>Many intergenerational programmes were in their infancy, however, the value was clear to see.</p> <p>Examples above show the different sectors involved so far: Education, Health Intervention Family support & Ceredigion Actif (Wellbeing Centres).</p>		

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Health and Safety						
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	AMBER	AMBER	<p>The LEA and schools encourage children to take part in activities which may be challenging or risky and pupils often visit outdoor adventure centres such as at Llain or Llangrannog. All activities of this nature are recorded on the 'Evolve System' which records all Risk Assessments and plans.</p> <p>The LA's Corporate Health & Safety Unit does not have any direct influence on the provision of play within the authority apart from play in schools.</p> <p>For schools the H&S department provide clear input for their play areas and equipment. They look over schools Risk Assessments and provide assistance and provide guidance to make</p>		

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				the school day the best experience possible.		
	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)	AMBER	AMBER	As above.		
	The Local Authority offers the provision of insurance through the Local Authority scheme to all third sector play providers and community councils	RED	RED	The LA does not offer insurance for a third party/ community councils and there are no plans to do so.		

Play within relevant policy and implementation agendas

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The Local Authority is developing a successor to its "Sport and Recreational Activity Strategy 2014-2020", the proposal is to develop a Physical Activity & Wellbeing Plan that contributes to a wider Health & Wellbeing Plan. The decision to adopt a wider Physical Activity approach is to increase the recognition of the contribution that activities such as play and active travel make to getting people physically active and that opportunities are developed to increase that contribution.

Responsibility for Play within the local authority is transferring to the Wellbeing Centres Service within Porth Cymorth Cynnar who are the council's lead service for the development of physical activity. This is in recognition of the potential that exists for Play to have a greater impact on the health and Wellbeing of the citizens of Ceredigion and to improve the collaboration opportunities with other initiatives that are being developed and delivered.

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

Have there been challenges?

Sufficient capacity within the Local Authority to proactively develop play;
Lack of revenue funding for play development;
Sporadic investment by Welsh Government and lack of long term investment;
Lack of co-ordination of Welsh Government funding, lots of individual pots.

How can these be overcome?

Staffing Redesign within the Wellbeing Centre Service as part of the Throughage & Wellbeing Programme aims to create additional capacity within the Local Authority for the development of play within the county.

Increased commitment for the development of play from Welsh Government through longer term funding and increased flexibility of how it can be utilised.

Comments:

Conclusion

It is evident from the Play Sufficiency Assessment 2022 that there are some areas of very good practice where planning for and supporting good quality play opportunities works well. There remains however issues/shortcomings to address.

The following actions have been prioritised as areas of action required over the next 3 years:

- Improve Play provision in rural areas
- Improve Welsh Language play provision
- Ensure there are single gender play opportunities available
- Ensure that there are accessible play opportunities for Young Carers
- Carry out Play Value Assessments and Access Audits
- Ensure that there is an appropriate way for young people to give their views on planning policy / applications
- Investigate the possibility of registering Wellbeing Centres with Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW)
- Help Play Providers provide a rich play environment
- Improve accessible play information on DEWIS
- Work with Sustrans to promote safe active travel to play areas
- Provide important continued professional development for paid and unpaid play workers
- Employ a new officer with responsibilities for developing play in Ceredigion
- Continue to build strong working relationships with key partners
- Ensure Play is recognised and understood at a strategic level within organisations
- Work with Schools Services to ensure there are rich play environments in our schools.

Way forward

The Priorities listed above have been set out into a Play Action Plan. Actions and targets have been agreed with the contributing teams. Some of these actions are included in the action plans of those individual teams and some are entirely new. The Play Action Plan will be monitored regularly via team action plan reviews as well as by Play Development.

Signed: *Alwyn Davies*

Date: 01.06.22



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

Proposed actions for the period of 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

Matter	Priorities	Targets	Links to other Matters	Resources, including costs	Funding source (new or existing funding streams)
Statutory Guidance-policy framework	Address areas of weakness as identified by the Play Sufficiency Assessment.	Develop and deliver annual Play Action Plans.	All other Matters	Wellbeing Centres Service (officer time)	Existing Core Funding
Matter A: Population	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Matter B: Providing for diverse needs	Ensuring that there is provision in rural areas.	Work with RAY to provide opportunities to take part and for training. Effective use of officers, developing plans for semi-rural and rural opportunities.	D F H	RAY Ceredigion Play Area Network	Existing Core Funding, AWPOG CCG
	Providing Welsh language opportunities for pure play and planned structured opportunities.	Development and provision of Play Opportunities. Working with the Wellbeing Centres, Cered, Theatr	D G I	Wellbeing Centres Cered Urdd	Existing Core Funding

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		Felinfach and Urdd. Promotion of opportunities.			
	Create appropriate single gender activities for boys and girls when they turn 10 and their religion/culture requires them not to mix.	Single gender swimming and splash sessions at the Wellbeing Centre Service facilities and community trust operated facilities.	D F I	Red Cross Wellbeing Centre Service Community Trust Operated Facilities	Existing Core Funding
	Work with Young Carers to ensure appropriate and accessible opportunities are available.	Ensure appropriate level access to Wellbeing Centres based opportunities.	D F I	Carers Department Wellbeing Centres	Existing Core Funding
Matter C: Space available for children to play	Complete an assessment of the play value of designated play spaces.	Develop a coordinated approach with the Planning Service.	F I	Planning Department	Existing Core Funding
	The Local Authority undertakes access audits at all open spaces and implements proposals to improve access and safety.	Scheduled inspection of playareas within the county to assess access and safety and improve levels of provision.	B F I	Wellbeing Centre Service	Existing Core Funding AWPOG

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	Create ways in which young people can share views on planning as currently it is not easy for children and their families to understand.	Look at ways how children and young people may be able to express their views on planning decisions that affect their play opportunities.	F I	Planning Department Partnerships & Performance (Engagement & Inclusion team)	Existing Core Funding
Matter D: Supervised provision	Further develop the Active Young People programme so that projects provide a rich playing environment.	Previous activities were often planned and structured – this can be further enhanced with the introduction of free play themed programmes.	G	Wellbeing Centres Physical Activity & Play Team	Existing Core Funding AWPOG
	Investigate the feasibility to register Leisure Centre holiday provision under CIW regulations.	Building the support of childcare within the authority and increasing the number of opportunities for families to access financial support with the cost of childcare.	B G	Wellbeing Centres Service Childcare Unit	Existing Core Funding Use of available grant aid

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	Ensure Play providers understand the meaning of a play rich environment.	Current training does not include Play. Physical Activity & Play Officers to deliver mentoring sessions to play providers.	B G	Wellbeing Centres Service Youth Service Schools Flying Start Family Centres Nurseries	Existing Core Funding
Matter E: Charges for play provision	Ensure children living in areas of deprivation can access free play sessions.	Review the delivery of play sessions commissioned by the LA to ensure they are delivered in the correct areas.	B	Policy & Performance Hardship Group PSB Poverty sub-Group	Existing Core Funding Targetted use of Grant funding that become available
Matter F: Access to space/provision	Further improve information available to the public about play provision and events. Provision that is not commissioned by the Local Authority may or may not be recorded on Dewis Cymru.	Play areas, provision, clubs and their accessibility are now listed on Dewis Cymru website, there is a link to the website from CCC Play webpage . Further improve information available by listing	C H	DEWIS Housing Associations	Existing Core Funding

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		<p>parks and playareas from Community Housing Associations.</p> <p>Add playing fields to Dewis Cyrmu.</p>			
	Ensure children and families can get to play provision safely	Maintain the mechanism in place for ongoing monitoring and review of 20mph zones/school safety zones in residential areas	I	Safety and Active Travel Highways Environmental Services	Existing Core Funding Active Travel Funding
Matter G: Securing and developing the workforce	Ensure the Childcare & Play workforce and volunteers can access a range of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities.	Work with the Childcare Unit, PAN and RAY Ceredigion to deliver a range of appropriate courses.	E H	Childcare Unit RAY Ceredigion Play Area Network Volunteers	Existing Core Funding CCG AWPOG
	To employ a Play Officer (Physical Activity & Play Officer) to help deliver the targets raised in the PSA 2022.	The new officer to lead and support the development of Play programmes that reflect and meet the needs of young people within the county.	All	Wellbeing Centres Service All relevant partners	CCG DSW Core Budget Sport Wales

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<p>Matter H: Community engagement and participation</p>	<p>Work with key partners to ensure that there aren't too many questionnaires and consultations overlapping.</p>	<p>Deliver a coordinated approach to community engagement.</p>	<p>G I</p>	<p>Partnerships and Performance (Data & Research and Engagement & Inclusion) Childcare Wellbeing Centres Education External Partners</p>	<p>Existing Core Funding</p>
<p>Matter I: Play within all relevant policy and implementation agendas</p>	<p>Bring the importance of play to Corporate level at Ceredigion County Council. Ensure Play is recognised and understood at strategic level.</p>	<p>Include CMs and CLO of Porth Cymorth Cynnar and Education in key priorities of the Play Programme. Confirm reporting mechanism for progress against Play Action Plan following May elections.</p>	<p>G</p>	<p>Porth Cymorth Cynnar School Services</p>	<p>Existing Core Funding</p>
	<p>Collaborate with Education to ensure that children can access a rich play environment during the school day.</p>	<p>Develop Play programmes with Education and the Childcare Unit and align key priorities.</p>	<p>G</p>	<p>Porth Cymorth Cynnar School Services</p>	<p>Existing Core Funding</p>