

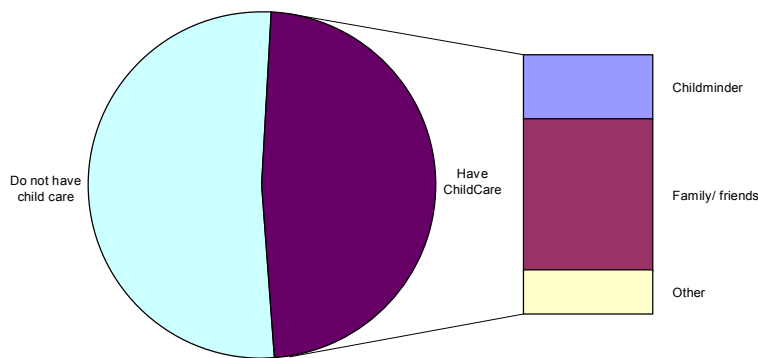
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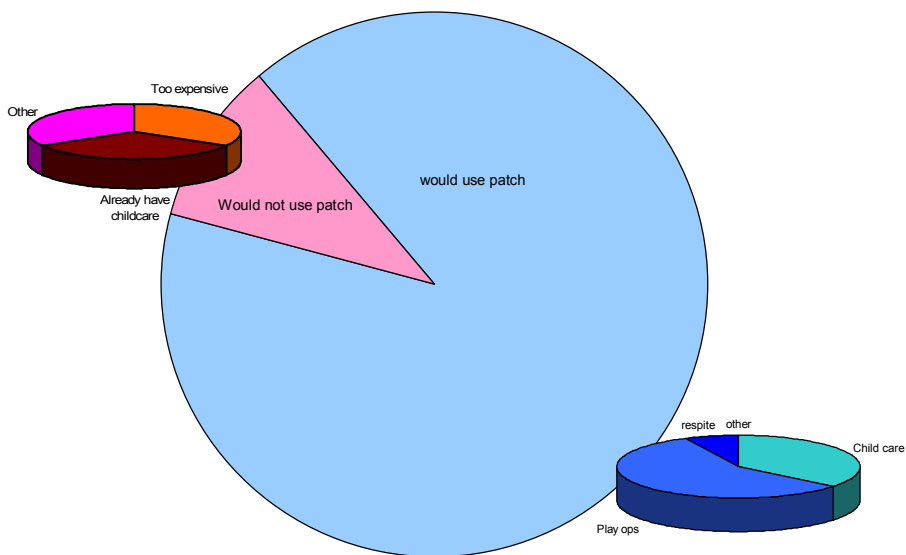
In June of 2005 Patch/ Barnardos community house sent out questionnaires to local schools and service users in order to get a idea of child care provision/ requirements in the local area. In all 1000 questionnaires were distributed, and whilst only 30 were returned, these figures proved very useful in deciding the direction and funding policy. These are the results of those responses.

We asked if child care was used and what form it took. 50 % did not have child care, and over 50% of those that did were relying on family/ friends

Child Care Used by Questionnaire Respondants



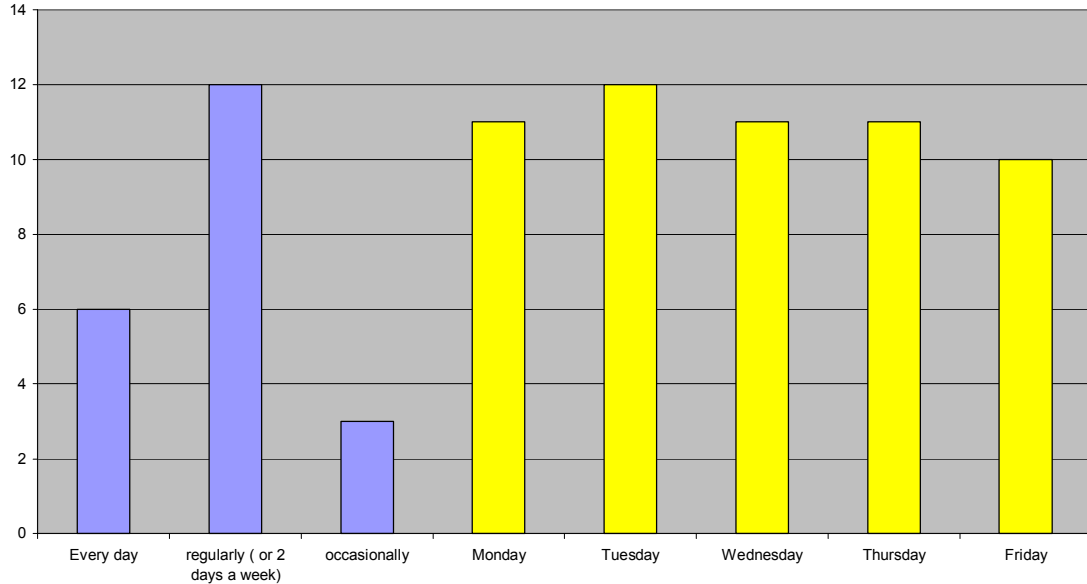
We asked if people would use patch, what they would use it for, and if not why not. The vast majority were interested in the service, just over half wanting it for play opportunities.



After school sessions

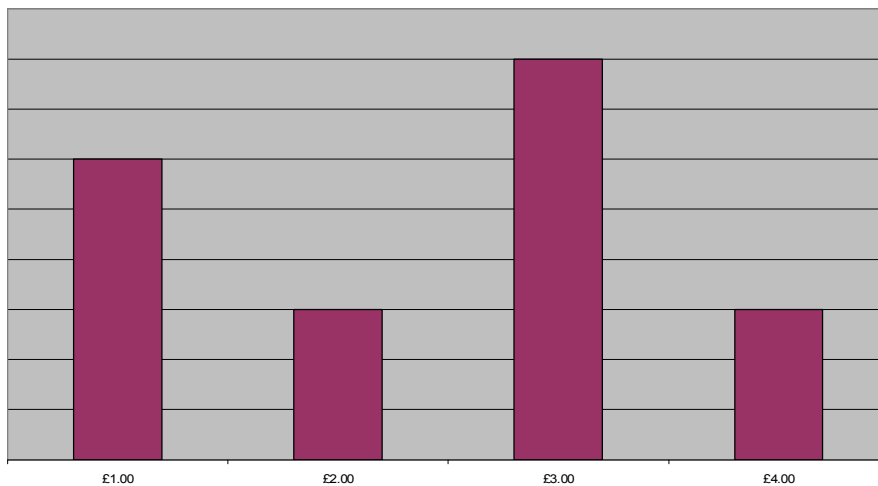
We asked about after school provision. Whilst most parents only wanted one or 2 sessions a week, almost all wanted the provision to be available every day. As 1/3rd of the respondents wanted child care this would allow us to cater for full “every day” childcare, supported by those just wanting play opportunities.

After school requirement



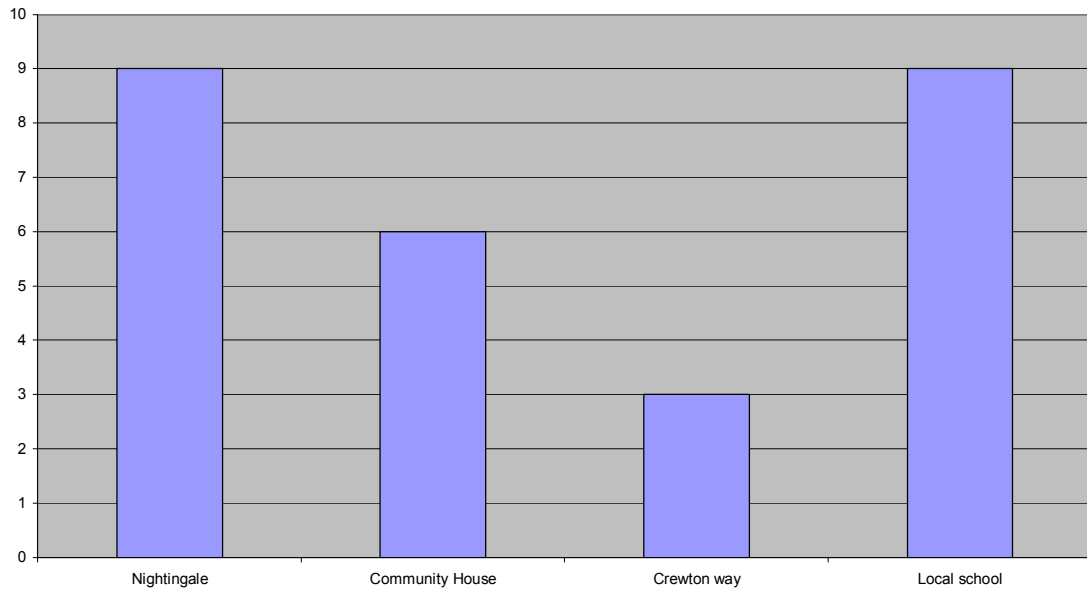
When we asked about Payment there was a clear split between those willing to pay a viable cost and those who would need subsidised places – most of which wanted play opportunities rather than child care.

AS payment



To view payment as follows –
 play opportunities £1
 Child care £3 (family credit can recoup 70%)

Where people would like the afterschool

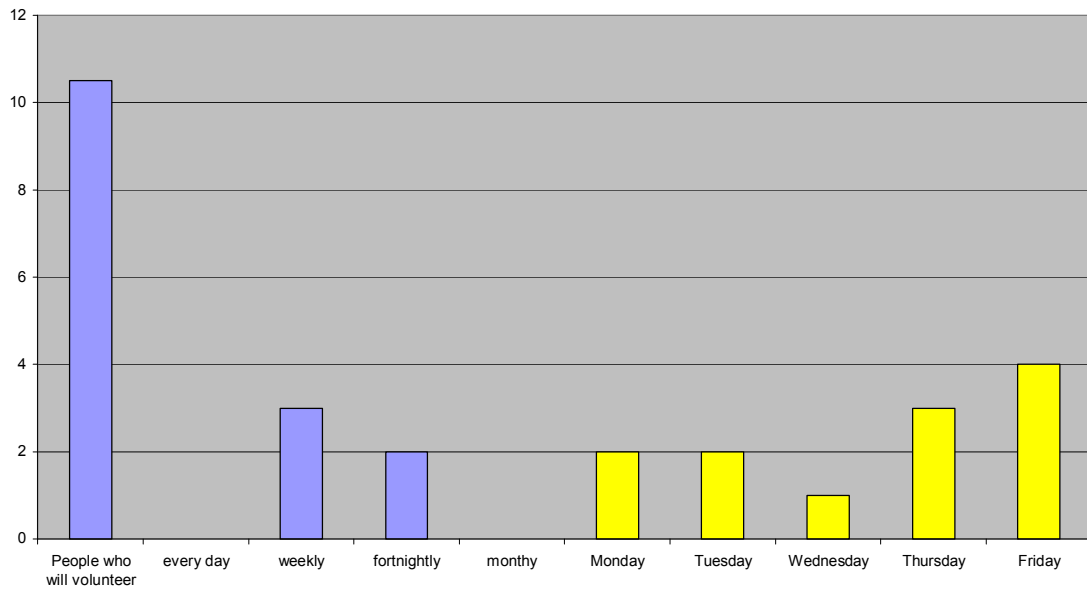


The majority of questionnaires received from Moorhead Primary would like after school care there.

This was also reflected in those who would like to volunteer. Potentially subject to CRB checks, staffing 5 days should/could be easily shared with volunteers and provide their children with access.

Levels of availability also demonstrated this to be possible.

Volunteer availability (afterschool)

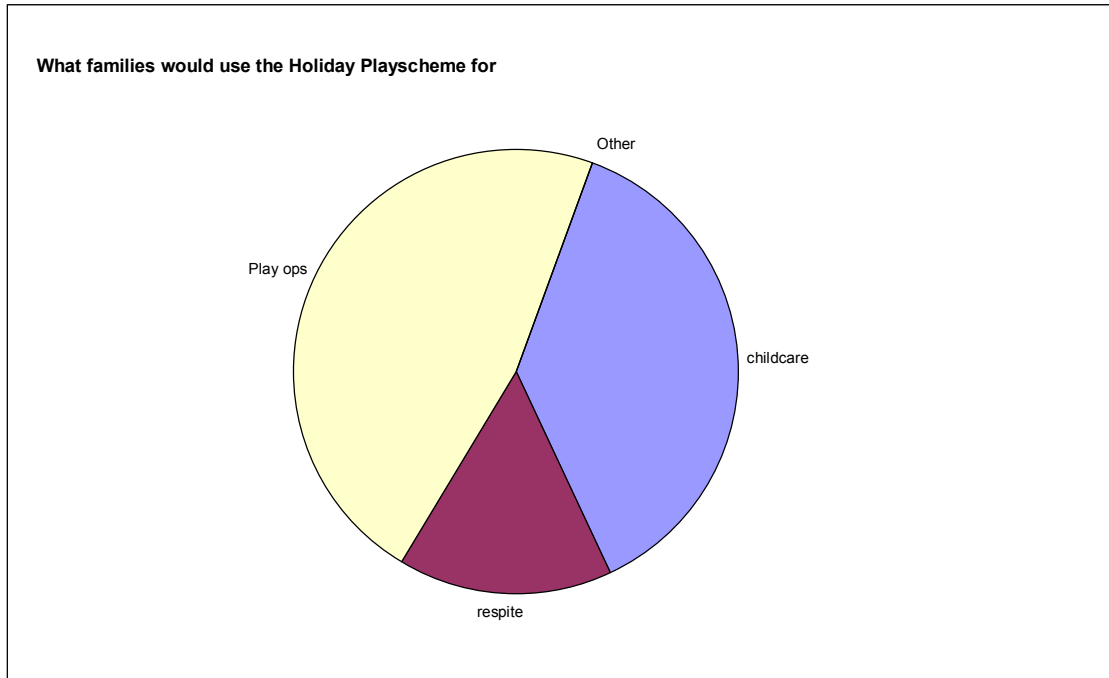


Holiday Play scheme

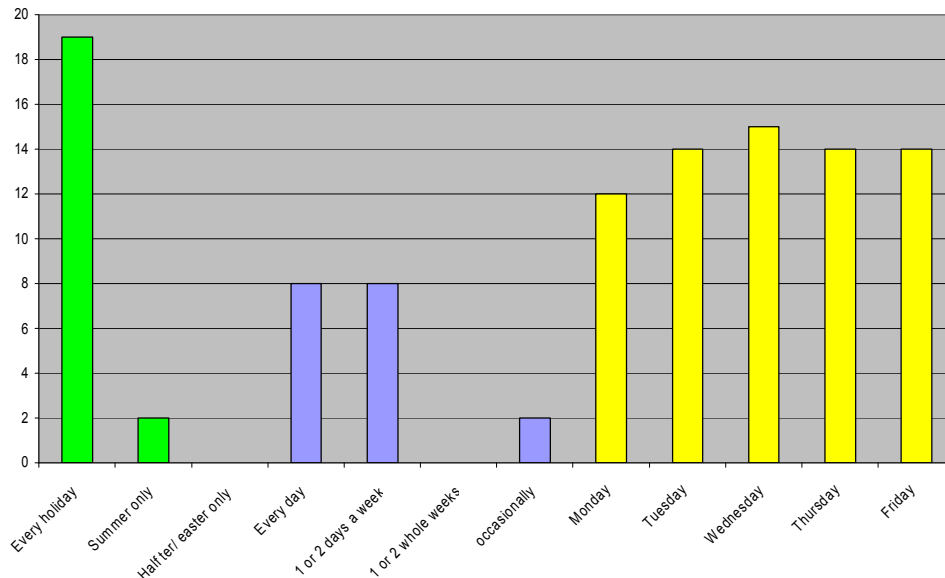
We asked what people would use a holiday play scheme for.

1/3 needed childcare, majority of need is for Play Opportunity and a small proportion for respite care.

This will enable full time child care places and 1/2 day play opportunity places



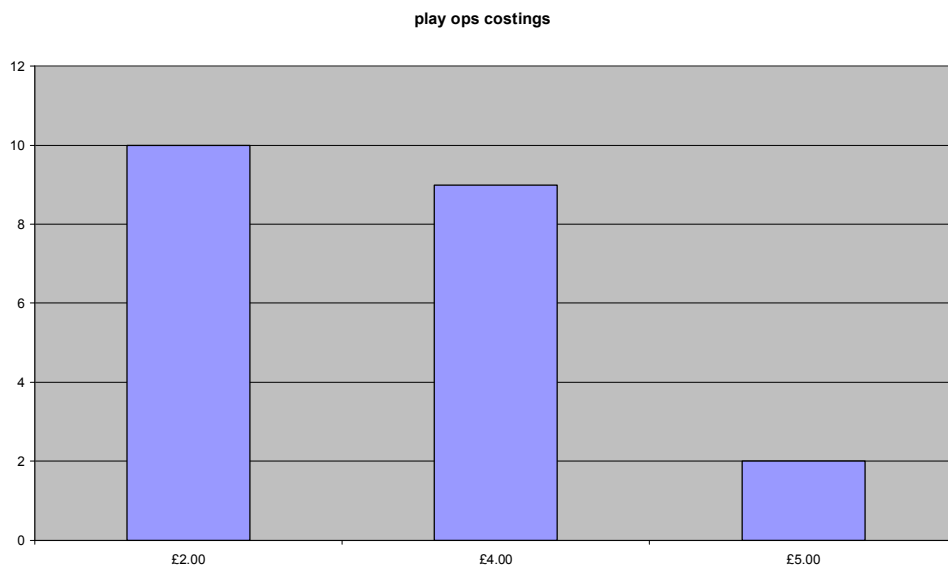
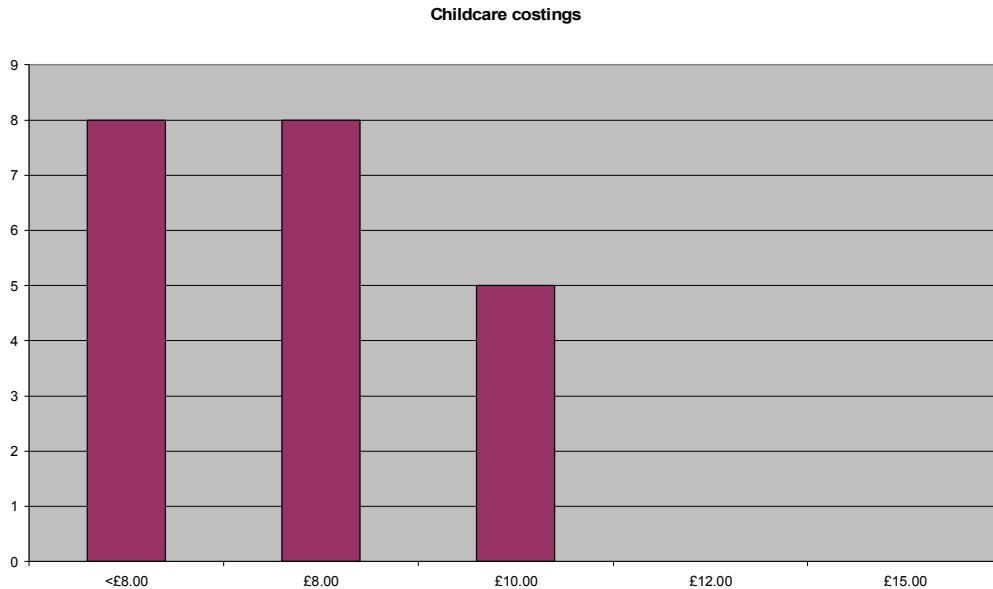
We asked when people would need childcare. Most people require is every holiday with a 50-50 split between needing it every day and one or 2 days a week.



The usage shows 5 days could be accessed by full childcare with support from 1-2 sessions per week play opportunities.

Pricing structure

For both Play opportunities and Child care we asked how much people would be willing to pay.



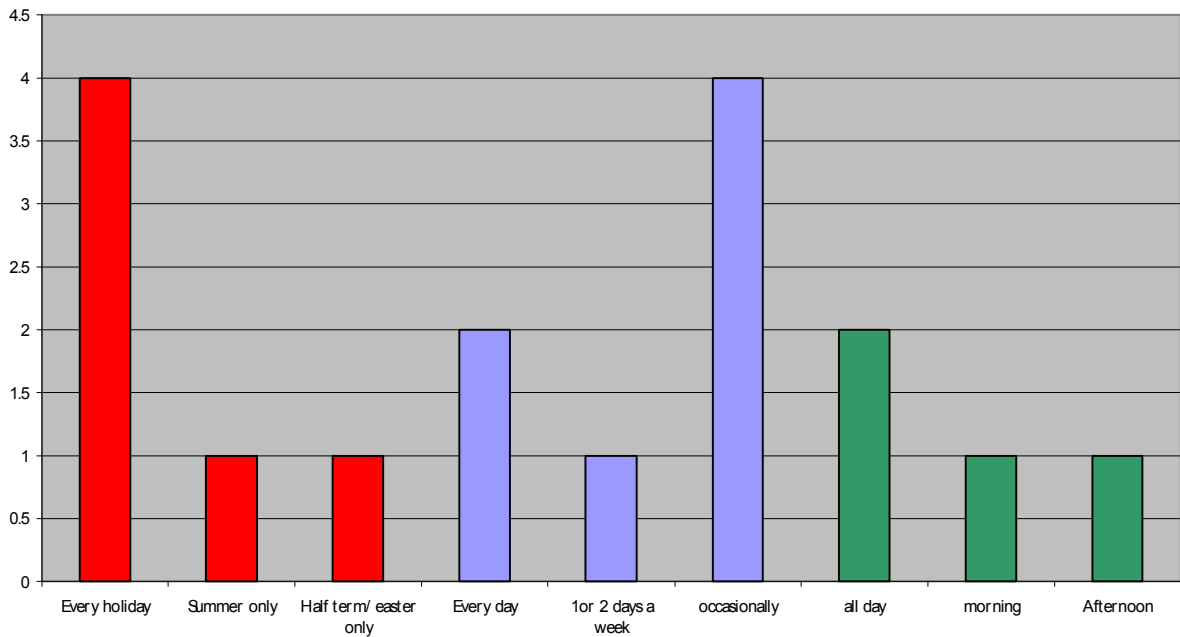
Based on these responses PATCH have set the Summer 05 Play scheme prices at:

Local families	Childcare - £7.00	Play Opps.- £2.50
Agency referrals	Childcare - £15	Play Opps.-£5

We introduce the higher price of agency referrals as referrals are often at short notice and thus put extra pressure on our Staffing costs as Agency staff have to be brought in. The long term plan is that following schemes can increase costs working towards sustainability at £8+as this amount is equalled as a possible acceptable rate from the results. A reasonable and steady increase to this should ensure we retain clients and accommodate new ones

To help with our long term sustainability we asked if those responding to the questionnaire were interested in volunteering. Those who said yes have been passed onto Barnardos volunteer Co-ordinator

Volunteer availability for the holiday Playscheme



We also asked about the ages of people wanting to attend. This was important as there are a number of free play opportunities for children aged over 7 running locally over the summer. Also schemes running only for those over 7 do not have to be OFSTED registered- making them quicker to set up. This is the result.

Ages of children who want to attend

