

Monmouthshire County Council

Monmouthshire Play Sufficiency 2025



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Play Sufficiency Assessment

Theme: Population

Matter A: The number of children in respect of each age range within its area

Matter B: The needs of children from different cultures and backgrounds within its area

Matter E: Whether there is a charge for play provision and where there is a charge

Theme: Places where children play

Matter C: The space where children can play, including open space, and any other space

Matter F: Traffic measures that are used to promote access to play

Matter I: The extent to which education and local development planning policies take into account the need to enhance play opportunities for children

Theme: Supervised provision

Matter D: Supervised play provision

Matter G: Playwork training and workforce development

Theme: Policy synergy, engagement, advocacy and information

Matter F: Measures used to promote access to play, including the provision of information, publicity and events

Matter G: Training opportunities for the play workforce

Matter H: The level of community engagement and participation

Matter I: The extent to which other policies of a local authority take into account the need to enhance play opportunities for children

How we completed the PSA

Population [Matters A, B, E].

MonLife Play
Data team
Children with Disabilities team
Early Years and Childcare
Communities and Wellbeing team
Youth Service
Sport Development team
Children's Services

Places where children play [Matters C, F and I]

MonLife Play
Heritage and Attractions
Leisure services
Town and Community Councils
Community infrastructure
Active Travel
Traffic and road safety
Education
Communities focused schools

Supervised provision [Matters D and G]

MonLife Play
Monlife Sport and community
Youth service
Children with Disabilities team
Town and Community Councils
Action for Children
Family information Service
Early years and Childcare
Flying start
Heritage and Museums
Workforce

MonLife Play
Education
Communities and Wellbeing team
Community focused schools
Active Travel
Traffic and road safety
Countryside's
Leisure services
Marketing team
Family information services
Workforce Development



Consulting with children



332 Responses

Youngest age 6

Oldest age 11

Higher percentage age 9



Playmakers at 30
Schools

Focus groups

- Trellech
- Overmonnow
- Durrand
- Magor

2 young ambassadors
days North and South

Consulting with Parents

- ❖ There have been some really positive improvements- for example the pump track in Gilwern is excellent... really popular with local children and people also travel to Gilwern to use it. Cycle path provision needs to be improved to access the facility.
- ❖ *Yes! I think a splash pad in the area would be nice for hot days for those who are more limited with transport and would like a safe and nice area to go*
- ❖ I think of the whole of Wales and Monmouthshire do well in terms of offering free or affordable things to do with children. Certainly, better when compared to say, Bristol and South Gloucestershire over the bridge. I think there are areas where Monmouthshire could improve especially in publicising activities. I also think Monmouthshire and Torfaen could work together a bit more to share ideas or coordinate activities, so they don't clash.



Play Value Assessments

- During the preparations for the 2022 PSA, we undertook an independent play value assessment of all council play areas in 2019.
- Three ranked as "good" in terms of play value 12 ranked as "adequate" and the rest were considered "poor" in terms of play value.



Play Sufficiency Assessment (PSA)

- The 2025 PSA gives us an opportunity to review the progress we have made since the play value assessments in 2019,
- Five town center neighborhood sites ranked as "good" in terms of play value



Action Plan

Population [Matters A, B, E].

3 Actions relating to

Welsh Language

Voices of children with disabilities

Inclusive resources

Places where children play [Matters C, F and I]

3 Actions relating to

Play in schools

Play Value assessments

Improvements to parks and open spaces

Supervised provision [Matters D and G]

3 actions relating to

Play work qualification delivery

Play training implementation to strategy

Policy, engagement, advocacy and information [Matters F, G, H, I]

2 actions relating to

Community engagement

Play Strategy Group

Continuation of Play CPD

