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## Introduction

The Department for Education (DfE) states that children will only be defined as having reached a good level of development (GLD) at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) if they achieve at least the expected level in the following five areas of learning:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics

An additional two areas (see Box 1) makes a total of seven areas of learning covering 17 early learning goals (ELGs) in which a child can be scored 1-3 for each goal (1 for emerging, 2 for expected, and 3 for exceeded). The minimum score that can be achieved is therefore 17 points, the maximum possible score is 51 points (Department for Education, 2013/14).

### Box 1: Early learning goals and their respective areas of learning

Communication and Language
1: Listening and attention
2: Understanding
3: Speaking
Physical Development
4: Moving and handling
5: Health and self-care
Personal, Social and Emotional Development
6: Self-confidence and self-awareness
7: Managing feelings and behaviour
8: Making relationships
Literacy
9: Reading
10: Writing
Mathematics
11: Numbers
12: Shape, space and measures
Understanding the World
13: People and communities
14: The World
15: Technology
Expressive arts and design
16: Exploring and using media and materials
17: Being imaginative
Source: Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (2015) Department for Education

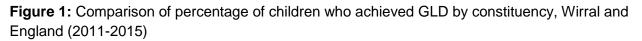
Source: Early Years Foundation Stage Profile, (2015), Department for Education

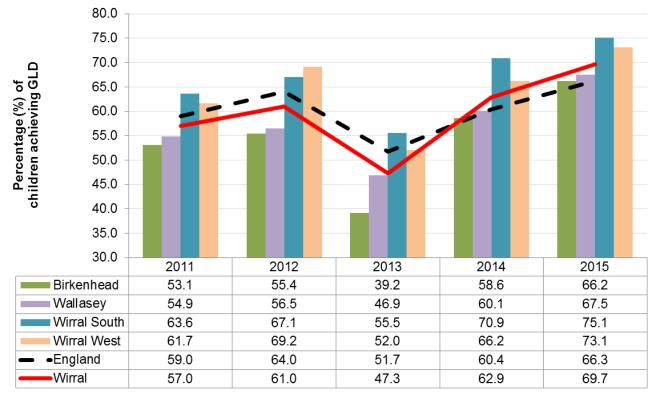
The definition of achieving a good level of development (i.e. a score of 2 or 3 in the first five areas of learning), does however mean that a child could in theory, achieve a score as high as 49, but still may not be classed as having achieved a GLD because they scored a 1 (emerging) on just one of the ELGs 1-12. Conversely, a child could score 29, whilst still being classed as achieving a good level of development, because they achieved the "expected" score in ELGs 1-12 (2 points) and an emerging score for ELGs 13-17 (1 point).

In other words, score alone does not determine whether a child is classed as achieving a GLD or *not*, because of the differential weighting applied to the 7 areas of learning. For this reason (overlapping scores observed in Wirral children who did/did not achieve a GLD), maps have been produced showing GLD/non-GLD separately (see pages 8 and 9).

## Early Years Foundation Stage: Trends in achievement of GLD

It should be noted that the data contained in the figure below covers a period of transition. An updated Early Years Foundations Stage framework was introduced in 2013, which changed the scoring system and subsequently the criteria for a child to achieve GLD. This explains the decrease between 2012 and 2013 and it is therefore difficult to compare between 2011 to 2012 and 2013 to 2015.





As Figure 1 shows, the number of children achieving GLD has increased annually; from 2011 to 2012 and from 2013 to 2015. Under the previous EYFS framework<sup>1</sup>, less children in Wirral achieved GLD than the national average, however, under the new framework introduced in 2013, Wirral has gradually surpassed the average number of children achieving GLD in England.

Historically, Birkenhead Constituency accounts for the lowest proportion of children achieving GLD in Wirral, but has also bore the most significant improvement (27%) under the 2013 framework; 39.2% in 2013 to 66.2% in 2015. Despite this, there is still close to a 10% difference between Birkenhead Constituency and Wirral South Constituency (which has historically had the largest proportion of children achieving GLD).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Previously, GLD was defined in EYFS Policy as children scoring at least 6 points across the 7 scales in Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy, and achieving at least 78 points across all 13 scales of the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile.

# Average Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) scores for all children (achievement/non-achievement of GLD)

### <u>Wirral</u>

	Average score (all children)	Children achieving GLD (%)	Children not achieving GLD (%)
Birkenhead Constituency	32.7	66.2%	33.8%
Wallasey Constituency	33.9	67.5%	32.5%
Wirral West Constituency	35.6	73.1%	27.0%
Wirral South Constituency	35.1	75.1%	24.9%
Wirral	34.1	69.5%	30.5%
North West	33.8	63.7%	36.3%
England	34.3	66.3%	33.7%

Table 1: Average scores and percentage achievement/non-achievement of GLD (2015)

Source: Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council & Early Years Foundation Stage Profile results in England, 2015 *Department for Education* 

Table 1 (above) shows that Birkenhead Constituency had the lowest average score (32.7 points) and also had the lowest percentage of children achieving GLD (66.2%). In contrast, Wirral West Constituency had the highest average score of 35.6 points (3.9 points more than Birkenhead) and Wirral South had the highest percentage of children achieving GLD with 75.1% (8.9% more than Birkenhead).

On average Wirral children were more likely to achieve GLD than both children at the North West and England level (69.5% in comparison to 63.7% and 66.3%). However, the average score for Wirral children was slightly lower than the average England score. Despite exceeding the national average, these figures hide some inequalities at ward level; these are analysed further for each Constituency.

**Table 2:** Average scores and percentage achievement/non-achievement of GLD in Wirral by Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2010 Quintile (2015)

Deprivation Quintile	Average score of all children	Children achieving GDL (%)	Children not achieving GDL (%)
Most Deprived	32.0	63.0%	37.0%
2	33.7	65.6%	34.4%
3	35.7	75.1%	24.9%
4	35.9	74.6%	25.4%
Least Deprived	37.3	85.0%	15.0%

Source: Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council

Table 2 shows that a children's scores correlate strongly to levels of deprivation; those in the most deprived areas scored 5.3 points lower on average than those in the least deprived areas. Children in less deprived areas were also more likely to achieve GLD; 85% in the least deprived areas compared to 63% in the most deprived areas.

Table 3: Score range and breakdown of Wirral children achieving GLD status (2015)

Score Range	Number of children	Percentage of children (%)
45+	349	13%
35 to 44	1155	45%
25 to 34	1090	42%
17 to 24	0	0%

Source: Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council

Table 3 shows that no child who achieved GLD scored less than 25 points; the lowest score was in fact 29 points with the highest score being the maximum possible score of 51. As outlined earlier in the report, it is possible for a child to score 29 points and still achieve GLD.

Table 4 (below) shows the score ranges for children who did **not** achieve GLD. Table 4 shows that all Wirral children who did **not** achieve GLD scored less than 45; the highest score was in fact 40 with the lowest score being the minimum of 17 points. It is possible for a child to score 49 points and **not** achieve GLD.

Score Range	Number of children	Percentage of children (%)
45+	0	0%
35 to 44	23	1%
25 to 34	658	25%
17 to 24	445	17%

Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council

	Average Score (All Children)	Average Score (Lowest 20% attaining children)	Attainment Gap (%)
Wirral	34.1	22.9	32.7%
North West	33.8	21.9	35.6%
England	34.3	23.1	32.1%

### Table 5: EYFS Average total point score distribution (2015)

Source: Early years foundation stage profile (EYFSP) results: 2015, Department for Education (DfE)

The above table is a breakdown of the inequality gap between the lowest achieving 20% of children and all children. Wirral has an attainment gap of 32.7%, which means that the lowest achieving 20% of Wirral score on average 32.7% lower than the Wirral average (22.9 versus 34.1). This is calculated as the percentage difference between the mean average of the lowest 20% and the median average for all children, i.e.  $(34.1-22.9) \times 100\% = 32.7\%$ 34.1

Table 5 also shows that Wirral has a similar inequality gap to England (32.7% compared to 32.1%), but which is smaller than the North West region (35.6%). There is also an inequality in Wirral between gender and birth month, (see Figure 1, page 22), which shows that girls born in the autumn months score an average of 10 points more than boys born in the summer months.

A further breakdown of scores for Wirral is available within the appendices (see Figure 4, page 25). The chart produced shows a comparison of the borough against all local authorities in England.

### **Birkenhead**

Table 6 shows average scores for Wirral, the wards that make up Birkenhead Constituency and England overall. It shows that although Wirral children scored 0.2 points lower than the national average, a higher percentage of them achieved GLD status compared to the national average (69.5% in Wirral, compared to 66.3% nationally).

Children in Birkenhead Constituency scored an average of 1.4 points lower than Wirral children overall and 1.6 points lower than the national average. The percentage of children achieving a GLD in Birkenhead was 3.3% lower than Wirral overall and 0.1% lower than the national average.

Oxton was the Constituency ward with the highest percentage of children who achieved GLD status (73.5%); Birkenhead & Tranmere had the lowest (61.3%). The highest average score (35.9 points) was achieved by children in Oxton ward; Birkenhead & Tranmere ward had the lowest (31 points).

**Table 6:** Average scores and percentage achievement/non-achievement of GLD, Birkenhead

 Constituency (2015)

	Average score (all children)	Children achieving GLD (%)	Children not achieving GLD (%)
Bidston & St James	32.4	66.9%	33.1%
Birkenhead & Tranmere	31.0	61.3%	38.7%
Claughton	33.9	71.1%	28.9%
Oxton	35.9	73.5%	26.5%
Prenton	34.3	66.7%	33.3%
Rock Ferry	31.3	62.4%	37.6%
Birkenhead	32.7	66.2%	33.8%
Wirral	34.1	69.5%	30.5%
England	34.3	66.3%	33.7%

Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council & Early Years Foundation Stage Profile results for England, 2015 Department for Education

### <u>Wallasey</u>

Table 7 (over the page) shows average scores for Wirral, the wards which make up Wallasey Constituency and England overall. It shows that children in Wallasey Constituency scored an average of 0.1 points lower than Wirral children overall and 0.3 points lower than the national average. The percentage of children achieving a GLD in Wallasey was 2% lower than Wirral overall but 1.2% higher than the national average.

Moreton West & Saughall Massie was the Constituency ward with the highest percentage of children who achieved GLD status (76.6%); Liscard had the lowest (61.1%). The highest average score (35.7 points) was achieved by children in Wallasey ward; Seacombe ward had the lowest (32.3 points).

	Average score (all children)	Children achieving GLD (%)	Children not achieving GLD (%)
Leasowe and Moreton East	33.6	66.2%	33.8%
Liscard	32.7	60.6%	39.4%
Moreton West and Saughall Massie	35.0	76.6%	23.4%
New Brighton	35.1	69.0%	31.0%
Seacombe	32.3	61.1%	38.9%
Wallasey (Ward)	35.7	76.3%	23.7%
Wallasey (Constituency)	34.0	67.5%	32.5%
Wirral	34.1	69.5%	30.5%
England	34.3	66.3%	33.7%

Source: Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council & Early Years Foundation Stage Profile results in England, 2015 *Department for Education* 

### Wirral West

Table 8 shows that children in Wirral West Constituency scored an average of 1.5 points higher than Wirral children overall and 1.3 points higher than the national average. The percentage of children achieving a GLD in Wirral West was 3.5% higher than Wirral overall and 6.7% higher than the national average.

Greasby, Frankby & Irby was the Constituency ward with the highest percentage of children who achieved GLD status (80.5%); Upton had the lowest (63.5%). The highest average score (37.9 points) was achieved by children in West Kirby & Thurstaston ward; Upton ward had the lowest (33 points).

**Table 8:** Average scores and percentage achievement/non-achievement of GLD, Wirral West

 Constituency (2015)

	Average score (all children)	Children achieving GLD (%)	Children not achieving GLD (%)
Greasby, Frankby and Irby	37.6	80.5%	19.5%
Hoylake and Meols	37.0	78.9%	21.1%
Pensby and Thingwall	33.7	69.7%	30.3%
Upton	33.0	63.5%	36.5%
West Kirby and Thurstaston	37.9	78.0%	22.0%
Wirral West	35.6	73.0%	27.0%
Wirral	34.1	69.5%	30.5%
England	34.3	66.3%	33.7%

Source: Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council & Early Years Foundation Stage Profile results in England, 2015 *Department for Education* 

### Wirral South

Table 9 shows that children in Wirral South Constituency scored an average of 1 point higher than Wirral children overall and 0.8 points higher than the national average. The percentage of children achieving a GLD in Wirral South was 5.6% higher than Wirral overall and 8.8% higher than the national average.

Heswall was the Constituency ward with the highest percentage of children who achieved GLD status (83.6%); Bromborough had the lowest (66.2%). The highest average score (37.2 points) was achieved by children in Heswall ward; Bromborough ward had the lowest (34 points).

**Table 9:** Average scores and percentage achievement/non-achievement of GLD, Wirral South

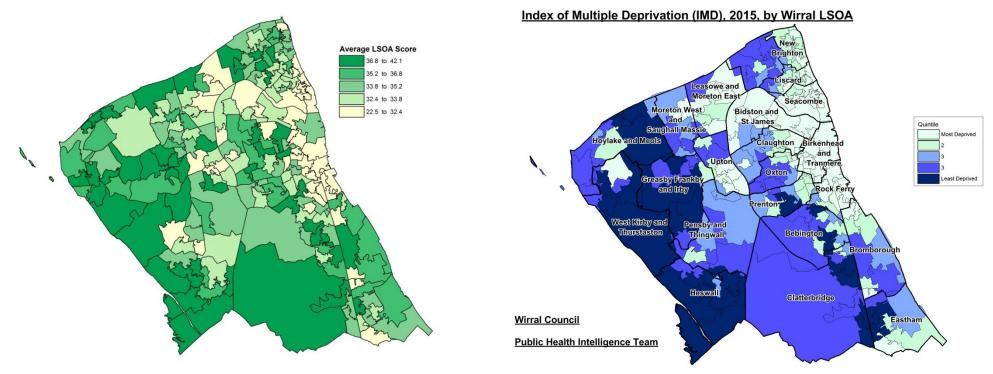
 Constituency (2015)

	Average score (all children)	Children achieving GLD (%)	Children not achieving GLD (%)
Bebington	34.6	75.0%	25.0%
Bromborough	34.0	66.2%	33.8%
Clatterbridge	36.2	80.3%	19.7%
Eastham	34.8	76.2%	23.8%
Heswall	37.2	83.6%	16.4%
Wirral South	35.1	75.1%	24.9%
Wirral	34.1	69.5%	30.5%
England	34.3	66.3%	33.7%

Source: Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council & Early Years Foundation Stage Profile results in England, 2015 *Department for Education* 

### Map 1: Average EYFS scores by Wirral LSOA (2015)

### Map 2: Index of Multiple Deprivation (2015)



Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council

Source: Public Health Intelligence Team, Wirral Council

Children's average EYFS scores are further broken down (by their LSOA of residence) and are shown in Map 1. For comparative purposes, Map 1 is shown alongside Map 2, which shows the Index of Multiple Deprivation (2010) scores for Wirral. As Map 1 shows, average EYFS scores (average for the LSOA or Lower Super Output Area) varied significantly across Wirral. Scores in the west and south of the borough were higher, compared to the east and north of Wirral. The comparison with Map 2 shows very clearly the strong correlation between those areas of higher deprivation and lowest EYFS score. Please see Appendixes 20-23 for a breakdown by LSOA.

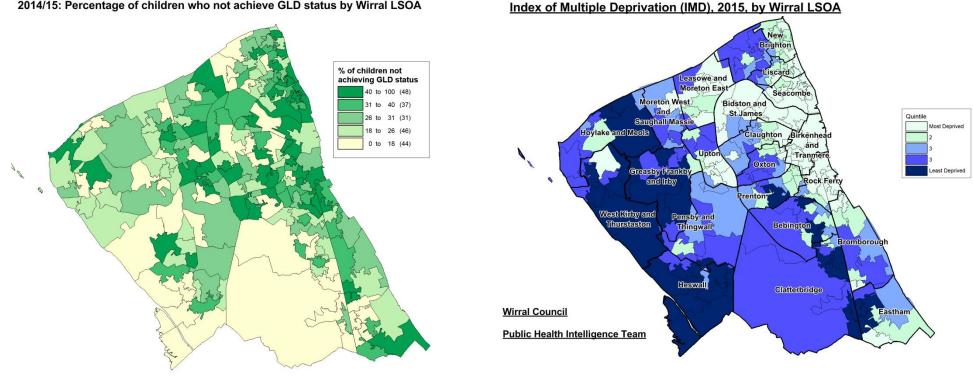
### Table 10: Average EYFS score by Wirral Constituency

Birkenhead	Wallasey	Wirral South	Wirral West	Wirral
32.7	32.5	24.9	35.6	34.1

Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council

### Map 3: Percentage of children who did *not* achieve GLD by LSOA

Map 4: Index of Multiple Deprivation (2015)



2014/15: Percentage of children who not achieve GLD status by Wirral LSOA

Source: Public Health Intelligence Team, Wirral Council

Maps 3 & 4 show a slightly more mixed picture, with some areas showing a lower proportion of children achieving GLD than might be expected, given their relative affluence (e.g. Heswall, Gayton, Bebington). Equally, in other areas where deprivation can be much greater, such as Bidston & St. James ward, achievement was guite high (a breakdown of scores and % achievement of GLD by LSOA is available in the Appendices). Please see Appendixes 20-23 for a breakdown by LSOA.

Birkenhead	Wallasey	Wirral South	Wirral West	Wirral
33.8%	32.5%	24.9%	26.9%	30.5%

Source: Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council

Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council

# Constituency breakdown of children achieving/not achieving GLD (including average scores) by LSOA

The below tables show a breakdown of the number of children who did and did not achieve GLD separately, as well as average scores for these children. The tables are shown for each of the constituencies and show information at ward-level. Please note that at the time of writing this level of detail was not available for England.

### **Birkenhead**

The tables below show achievement of GLD (Table 12) and non-achievement of GLD (Table 13) for Wirral, the individual wards that make up Birkenhead Constituency and the overall Constituency average. It shows that Wirral children who achieved GLD status scored on average 11.2 points higher than those did not achieve a GLD.

**Table 12:** Children who achieved GLD by score, number and percentage of children, Birkenhead

 Constituency (2015)

	Average score (children achieving GLD)	Number of children (GLD)	Percentage of children (GLD)
Bidston & St James	36.3	182	66.9%
Birkenhead & Tranmere	35.6	122	61.3%
Claughton	37.5	106	71.1%
Oxton	38.9	86	73.5%
Prenton	37.1	100	66.7%
Rock Ferry	36.0	153	62.4%
Birkenhead	36.7	749	66.2%
Wirral	37.7	2594	69.5%

Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council

As Table 12 shows, the ward with the highest average score for children who achieved GLD was Oxton (38.9 points), whilst Birkenhead & Tranmere had the lowest (35.6 points). Only 61.3% of children in Birkenhead & Tranmere achieved GLD, compared to 71.1% in Oxton ward.

Table 13 (below) shows **non**-achievement of GLD; lowest average scores were in Rock Ferry ward (23.4 points), whilst children from Prenton ward obtained the highest average score (28.6 points). Only Oxton ward had fewer children who did **not** achieve GLD status than the Wirral average (26.5% versus 30.5%).

A further breakdown of scores for Birkenhead Constituency is available within the appendices (see Figure 5, page 26). The chart produced shows a comparison of Birkenhead Constituency against all local authorities in England.

**Table 13:** Children who did **not** achieve GLD by score, number and percentage, Birkenhead

 Constituency (2015)

	Average Score (children not achieving GLD)	Number (children not achieving GLD)	Percentage (children not achieving GLD)
Bidston & St James	24.5	90	33.1%
Birkenhead & Tranmere	23.8	77	38.7%
Claughton	24.9	43	28.9%
Oxton	27.5	31	26.5%
Prenton	28.6	50	33.3%
Rock Ferry	23.4	92	37.6%
Birkenhead	24.9	383	33.8%
Wirral	25.9	1126	30.5%

Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council

### <u>Wallasey</u>

The tables below show achievement of GLD (Table 14) and non-achievement of GLD (Table 15) for Wirral, the individual wards that make up Wallasey Constituency and the overall Constituency average.

**Table 14:** Children who achieved GLD by score, number and percentage of children, Wallasey Constituency (2015)

	Average score (children achieving GLD)	Number of children (GLD)	Percentage of children (GLD)
Leasowe and Moreton East	37.8	135	66.2%
Liscard	37.3	106	60.6%
Moreton West and Saughall Massie	37.6	111	76.6%
New Brighton	38.4	120	69.0%
Seacombe	36.5	138	61.1%
Wallasey (Ward)	38.4	119	76.3%
Wallasey (Constituency)	37.6	729	67.5%
Wirral	37.7	2594	69.5%

Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council

As Table 14 shows that the wards with the highest average scores for children who did achieve GLD were Wallasey and New Brighton (38.4 points), while Seacombe had the lowest (36.5 points). Only 61.1% of children in Seacombe achieved GLD, compared to 76.6% in Moreton West & Saughall Massie ward.

Table 15 (below) shows **non**-achievement of GLD; Leasowe & Moreton West and Seacombe wards both had an average score of 25.6 points, while children from Wallasey ward obtained the highest average score (27.1 points). Liscard had the highest percentage of children who did **not** achieve GLD, almost twice as many as Moreton West & Saughall Massie (39.4% versus 23.4%).

A further breakdown of scores for Wallasey Constituency is available within the appendices (see Figure 6, page 27). The chart produced shows a comparison of Wallasey Constituency against all local authorities in England.

**Table 15:** Children who did **not** achieve GLD by score, number and percentage, Wallasey

 Constituency (2015)

	Average Score (children not achieving GLD)	Number (children not achieving GLD)	Percentage (children not achieving GLD)
Leasowe and Moreton East	25.6	69	33.8%
Liscard	25.7	69	39.4%
Moreton West and Saughall Massie	26.3	34	23.4%
New Brighton	27.7	54	31.0%
Seacombe	25.6	88	38.9%
Wallasey (Ward)	27.1	37	23.7%
Wallasey (Constituency)	26.2	351	32.5%
Wirral	25.9	1126	30.5%

Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council

### **Wirral West**

The tables below show achievement of GLD (Table 16) and non-achievement of GLD (Table 17) for Wirral, the individual wards that make up Wirral West Constituency and the overall Constituency average.

**Table 16:** Children who achieved GLD by score, number and percentage of children, Wirral West Constituency (2015)

	Average score (children achieving GLD)	Number of children (GLD)	Percentage of children (GLD)
Greasby, Frankby and Irby	40.1	107	80.5%
Hoylake and Meols	39.7	97	78.9%
Pensby and Thingwall	36.2	69	69.7%
Upton	36.9	129	63.5%
West Kirby and Thurstaston	40.5	96	78.0%
Wirral West	38.7	498	73.1%
Wirral	37.7	2594	69.5%

Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council

Table 16 shows that the ward with the highest average score for children who did achieve GLD was West Kirby & Thurstaston ward (40.5 points), while Pensby & Thingwall had the lowest (36.2 points). Only 63.5% of children in Upton achieved GLD, compared to 80.5% in Greasby, Frankby & Irby ward.

Table 17 (below) shows **non**-achievement of GLD; Upton ward had the lowest average score of 26.3 points, whilst children from West Kirby & Thurstaston ward obtained the highest average score (28.5 points). Upton also had the highest percentage of children who did **not** achieve GLD (36.5%), whereas West Kirby & Thurstaston only had 22%.

A further breakdown of scores for Wirral West Constituency is available within the appendices (see Figure 7, page 28). The chart produced shows a comparison of Wirral West Constituency against all local authorities in England.

**Table 17:** Children who did **not** achieve GLD by score, number and percentage, Wirral West Constituency (2015)

	Average Score (children not achieving GLD)	Number (children not achieving GLD)	Percentage (children not achieving GLD)
Greasby, Frankby and Irby	27.2	26	19.5%
Hoylake and Meols	27.0	26	21.1%
Pensby and Thingwall	28.1	30	30.3%
Upton	26.3	74	36.5%
West Kirby and Thurstaston	28.5	27	22.0%
Wirral West	27.1	183	26.9%
Wirral	25.9	1126	30.5%

Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council

### Wirral South

The tables below show achievement of GLD (Table 18) and non-achievement of GLD (Table 19) for Wirral, the individual wards that make up Wirral South Constituency, and the overall Constituency average.

**Table 18:** Children who achieved GLD by score, number and percentage of children, Wirral South Constituency (2015)

	Average score (children achieving GLD)	Number of children (GLD)	Percentage of children (GLD)
Bebington	37.8	138	75.0%
Bromborough	37.9	133	66.2%
Clatterbridge	38.2	102	80.3%
Eastham	37.4	115	76.2%
Heswall	38.9	97	83.6%
Wirral South	38.0	585	75.1%
Wirral	37.7	2594	69.5%

Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council

Table 18 shows the ward with the highest average score for children who did achieve GLD was Heswall (38.9 points), while Eastham had the lowest (37.4 points). In Bromborough, only 66.2% of children achieved GLD, compared to 83.6% in Heswall ward.

Table 19 (below) shows **non**-achievement of GLD; Heswall ward had the highest average score of 29 points, while children from Bebington ward obtained the lowest average score (25 points). Bromborough had the highest percentage of children who did **not** achieve GLD, more than twice that of Heswall (33.8% versus 16.4%).

A further breakdown of scores for Wirral South Constituency is available within the appendices (see Figure 8, page 29). The chart produced shows a comparison of Wirral South Constituency against all local authorities in England.

**Table 19:** Children who did **not** achieve GLD by score, number and percentage, Wirral South

 Constituency (2015)

	Average Score (children not achieving GLD)	Number (children not achieving GLD)	Percentage (children not achieving GLD)
Bebington	25.0	46	25.0%
Bromborough	26.4	68	33.8%
Clatterbridge	28.0	25	19.7%
Eastham	26.3	36	23.8%
Heswall	29.0	19	16.4%
Wirral South	26.5	194	24.9%
Wirral	25.9	1126	30.5%

Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council

## Conclusions

- One in four of all Wirral children who did not achieve a GLD came from three Wirral wards (out of 22); Bidston & St James, Birkenhead & Tranmere and Seacombe.
- Overall, children in Wirral were slightly more likely to achieve GLD status compared to England (69.7% in Wirral compared to 66.3% in England).
- The overall percentage hides large variations within Wirral, with children from more affluent areas of Wirral more likely to achieve GLD status. In West Wirral for example, 73.1% of children achieved GLD, compared to 66.2% in Birkenhead.
- This inequality was even more marked when the data was analysed at ward level. In Liscard ward (Wallasey Constituency), 60.6% of children achieved GLD, compared to 83.6% in Heswall ward (Wirral South Constituency).
- Children from the most affluent areas of Wirral still achieved higher average scores on the EYFS, even when they are classified as not achieving GLD status.
- Birkenhead & Tranmere (in Birkenhead Constituency) was the ward with the lowest average score (31). West Kirby & Thurstaston ward (in Wirral West Constituency) had the highest average score (37.9).
- Wirral is in line with national trends that show that month of birth and gender both have a significant impact on development. Boys born in summer score almost 10 points lower than girls born in autumn for example (see Figure 3 in the Appendices (page 22).

# Appendices

**Table 20:** Breakdown of scores and % achievement of GLD by LSOA (for Birkenhead Constituency)

LSOA Code	LSOA Name	Average Score	All children	GLD Yes	% GLD
E01007124	Beechwood North	32.7	37	24	65%
E01007119	Beechwood South	29.5	12	6	50%
E01007120	Bidston Hill North	33.1	26	16	62%
E01007159	Bidston Hill South	36.7	13	13	100%
E01007121	Bidston Moss	31.1	21	13	62%
E01007122	Bidston St James East	30.1	19	10	53%
E01007125	Bidston St James South	33.1	15	11	73%
E01007123	Bidston St James West	32.7	32	20	63%
E01007128	Birkenhead Central	22.5	2	0	0%
E01007133	Birkenhead East Float	29.8	10	6	60%
E01007155	Birkenhead Park East	39.5	6	6	100%
E01007156	Birkenhead Park West	31.8	13	8	62%
E01007129	Birkenhead South	34.4	20	16	80%
E01007127	Birkenhead West	31.5	17	10	59%
E01007160	Claughton East	35.2	10	6	60%
E01007157	Claughton North	35.6	22	18	82%
E01007158	Claughton South	38.4	8	7	88%
E01007174	Egerton Central	33.0	17	11	65%
E01007179	Egerton North	34.8	15	13	87%
E01007175	Egerton Park	30.8	28	19	68%
E01007173	Egerton South	37.9	19	14	74%
E01007180	Egerton West	35.1	15	12	80%
E01007126	Hamilton Square	34.4	5	4	80%
E01007292	Higher Tranmere	30.4	25	13	52%
E01007293	Lower Tranmere	27.2	20	10	50%
E01032903	New (unnamed) LSOA	32.8	102	74	73%
E01007162	Noctorum Central	30.6	21	12	57%
E01007161	Noctorum North	34.4	17	13	76%
E01007163	Noctorum South	33.2	27	15	56%
E01007242	Oxton Central	32.5	12	7	58%
E01007244	Oxton East	32.0	41	27	66%
E01007240	Oxton North	40.0	8	8	100%
E01007239	Oxton North East	36.8	10	8	80%
E01007241	Oxton North West	35.4	10	7	70%
E01007245	Oxton South	35.6	11	9	82%
E01007243	Oxton South East	34.5	15	9	60%
E01007247	Oxton South West	35.7	22	18	82%
E01007246	Oxton West	37.8	19	14	74%
E01007254	Prenton Central	36.6	14	13	93%
E01007177	Prenton East	33.8	21	14	67%
E01007248	Prenton North	35.6	15	9	60%

E01007181	Prenton North East	32.8	28	17	61%
E01007250	Prenton North West	35.1	11	8	73%
E01007253	Prenton South	33.4	15	8	53%
E01007252	Prenton West	35.1	14	8	57%
E01007178	Rock Ferry South West	31.4	20	12	60%
E01007176	Rock Ferry West	30.0	13	6	46%
E01007290	Tranmere Esplanade	29.6	31	20	65%
E01007291	Tranmere Lairds	31.0	13	9	69%
E01007130	Tranmere North	28.7	22	11	50%
E01007294	Tranmere Parklands	30.3	28	16	57%
E01007295	Tranmere Urban Village	29.6	27	15	56%
E01007296	Tranmere Well Lane	32.3	47	33	70%
E01007289	Tranmere Woodward	32.0	40	24	60%
E01007131	West Tranmere	30.4	31	19	61%

Table 21: Breakdown of scores and % achievement of GLD by LSOA (for Wallasey Constituency)

LSOA Code	LSOA Name	Average Score	All children	GLD Yes	% GLD
E01007233	Earlston Gardens East	34.9	28	17	61%
E01007235	Earlston Gardens West	39.4	23	21	91%
E01007220	Egremont Central	28.9	25	10	40%
E01007218	Egremont North	36.0	15	11	73%
E01007232	Egremont Promenade North	35.1	16	13	81%
E01007215	Egremont Promenade South	29.3	21	8	38%
E01007275	Egremont South	32.6	27	17	63%
E01007219	Egremont West	32.8	13	6	46%
E01007203	Leasowe Castle	37.2	26	19	73%
E01007204	Leasowe Central	31.5	41	26	63%
E01007210	Leasowe East	32.1	25	13	52%
E01007205	Leasowe West	36.3	16	14	88%
E01007227	Lingham Park East	34.8	24	20	83%
E01007228	Lingham Park West	32.7	21	15	71%
E01007217	Liscard Central	33.7	14	10	71%
E01007236	Liscard East	32.8	16	8	50%
E01007214	Liscard Mill Lane	33.0	21	13	62%
E01007314	Liscard North	35.3	25	19	76%
E01007216	Liscard South	32.7	31	21	68%
E01007212	Liscard West	37.1	16	12	75%
E01007234	Magazine Promenade	34.1	15	9	60%
E01007223	Millhouse Lane North	39.2	22	18	82%
E01007222	Millhouse Lane South	33.4	14	11	79%
E01007208	Moreton Central	33.5	20	15	75%
E01007206	Moreton East	32.3	28	17	61%
E01007207	Moreton North	33.1	20	14	70%
E01007209	Moreton Sandbrook	32.7	10	5	50%
E01007225	Moreton South	36.5	18	12	67%

E01007226	Moreton South West	33.5	15	9	60%
E01007221	Moreton West	35.4	9	6	67%
E01007231	New Brighton Central	35.3	15	11	73%
E01007237	New Brighton North	34.4	15	11	73%
E01007229	New Brighton South	36.4	16	11	69%
E01007271	Poulton East	35.1	24	18	75%
E01007276	Poulton North	32.5	20	11	55%
E01007270	Poulton South	33.5	25	19	76%
E01007213	Poulton West	33.8	12	9	75%
E01007224	Saughall Massie	34.4	10	8	80%
E01007269	Seacombe Docks	31.3	22	13	59%
E01007274	Seacombe Ferry	30.3	22	11	50%
E01007278	Seacombe Library	31.4	19	10	53%
E01007273	Seacombe St Pauls	32.3	21	13	62%
E01007272	Seacombe West	31.9	27	16	59%
E01007230	Tower Promenade	35.0	14	11	79%
E01007277	Town Hall	30.9	19	10	53%
E01007306	Upton North West	34.3	16	11	69%
E01007299	Upton West	35.9	14	13	93%
E01007238	Victoria Parade	31.6	16	8	50%
E01007316	Wallasey East	37.4	16	13	81%
E01007310	Wallasey Elleray Park	33.9	12	6	50%
E01007309	Wallasey Green Lane	37.7	11	10	91%
E01007308	Wallasey Harrison Park	35.0	9	9	100%
E01007312	Wallasey South	35.1	26	16	62%
E01007211	Wallasey The Breck	34.6	7	6	86%
E01007311	Wallasey The Oval	36.9	8	6	75%
E01007313	Wallasey Village	34.3	18	13	72%
E01007307	Wallasey Warren Park	33.1	7	5	71%
E01007315	Wallasey West	37.3	24	22	92%

**Table 22:** Breakdown of scores and % achievement of GLD by LSOA (for Wirral West Constituency)

LSOA Code	LSOA Name	Average Score	All children	GLD Yes	% GLD
E01007251	Arrowe Park Hospital	37.2	9	9	100%
E01007183	Barnston North	32.7	13	9	69%
E01007281	Caldy North	42.1	11	9	82%
E01007283	Caldy South	37.0	9	7	78%
E01007267	Greasby Central	38.8	4	3	75%
E01007266	Greasby East	38.4	14	11	79%
E01007264	Greasby North	37.4	8	6	75%
E01007265	Greasby North East	35.1	13	10	77%
E01007259	Greasby South	40.6	18	17	94%
E01007268	Greasby West	40.9	17	14	82%
E01007193	Hoylake Central	35.0	10	6	60%

E01007202	Hoylaka East	36.6	16	12	75%
E01007202	Hoylake East Hoylake Lifeboat Station	30.0	13	12	75%
E01007201	Hoylake North	38.3	18	16	89%
E01007286	Irby East	34.1	16	12	75%
E01007280	Irby North	37.9	20	18	90%
E01007285	Irby South	32.2	17	9	53%
E01007255	Landican	33.8	11	8	73%
E01007195	Meols East	33.4	10	7	70%
E01007199	Meols North	35.7	19	14	74%
E01007200	Meols West	39.5	22	21	95%
E01007258	Newton East	40.0	10	7	70%
E01007263	Newton North	34.2	13	6	46%
E01007262	Newton South	36.1	9	7	78%
E01007260	Newton West	39.8	18	16	89%
E01007279	Pensby East	32.2	15	6	40%
E01007287	Pensby North	34.8	11	9	82%
E01007288	Pensby West	33.4	12	9	75%
E01007261	Royden Park	36.4	7	5	71%
E01007256	Thingwall	35.4	12	10	83%
E01007284	Thurstaston	37.7	15	14	93%
E01007301	Upton Central	34.1	28	17	61%
E01007298	Upton East	39.0	7	6	86%
E01007297	Upton North	33.4	17	12	71%
E01007305	Upton North East	34.3	9	6	67%
E01007302	Upton South	30.9	13	7	54%
E01007198	West Kirby Central	37.9	15	11	73%
E01007197	West Kirby East	39.3	20	18	90%
E01007196	West Kirby North	36.2	13	10	77%
E01007282	West Kirby South	35.9	20	16	80%
E01007249	Woodchurch Central	32.6	19	11	58%
E01007243	Woodchurch East	32.5	22	16	73%
E01007303	Woodchurch Leisure Centre	32.3	22	10	66%
E01007303	Woodchurch North	29.9	25	13	48%
E01007237	Woodchurch North East		25	12	48 % 56%
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**Table 23:** Breakdown of scores and % achievement of GLD by LSOA (for Wirral South Constituency)

LSOA Code	LSOA Name	Average Score	All children	GLD Yes	% GLD
E01007186	Barnston East	37.3	19	15	79%
E01007188	Barnston South	32.9	10	7	70%
E01007153	Bebington Central	37.4	14	11	79%
E01007115	Bebington North	33.8	23	17	74%
E01007154	Bebington South	36.2	18	12	67%
E01007152	Bebington Village	33.9	12	9	75%
E01007151	Bebington West	38.7	15	14	93%
E01007149	Bromborough Brookhurst	34.3	14	10	71%

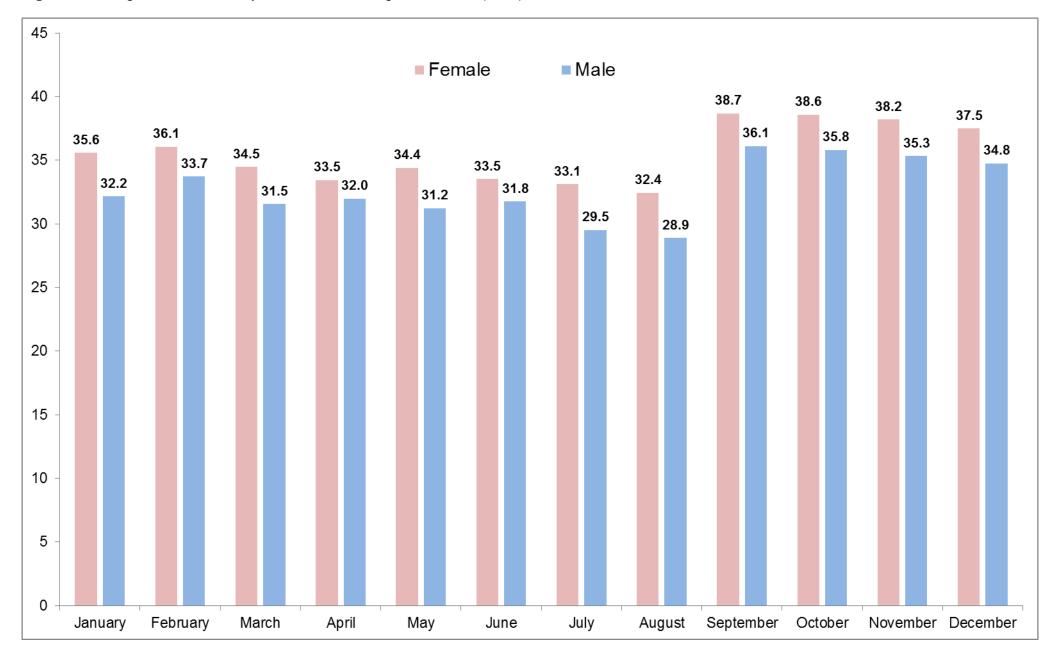
E01007135	Bromborough Central	36.3	20	16	80%
E01007143	Bromborough North	35.7	29	21	72%
E01007137	Bromborough Rake	30.9	25	12	48%
E01007136	Bromborough South	31.8	28	16	57%
E01007170	Bromborough Station	36.5	15	13	87%
E01007150	Clatterbridge East	34.0	7	6	86%
E01007144	Clatterbridge West	38.1	11	10	91%
E01007167	Eastham Central	33.7	21	13	62%
E01007169	Eastham East	34.1	15	9	60%
E01007166	Eastham Heygarth Primary	34.9	8	8	100%
E01007171	Eastham North	35.1	17	14	82%
E01007165	Eastham Rake Station	33.8	8	7	88%
E01007168	Eastham South	31.9	26	17	65%
E01007172	Eastham West	38.1	20	17	85%
E01007164	Eastham Woods	35.7	21	17	81%
E01007189	Gayton North	36.1	8	5	63%
E01007191	Gayton South	36.8	12	10	83%
E01007182	Heswall Central	37.9	13	11	85%
E01007185	Heswall East	35.8	20	16	80%
E01007184	Heswall North	38.7	10	10	100%
E01007190	Heswall South	40.2	14	13	93%
E01007187	Heswall West	38.7	10	10	100%
E01007116	Higher Bebington Central	33.7	20	14	70%
E01007112	Higher Bebington East	34.7	11	9	82%
E01007111	Higher Bebington North	33.9	21	17	81%
E01007114	Higher Bebington North East	31.4	34	22	65%
E01007118	Higher Bebington South	33.9	18	12	67%
E01007117	Higher Bebington South East	39.7	15	14	93%
E01007113	Higher Bebington West	37.4	14	11	79%
E01007138	New Ferry East	32.8	34	22	65%
E01007140	New Ferry South	36.1	19	14	74%
E01007139	New Ferry West	35.3	18	14	78%
E01007192	Pensby South	34.0	9	6	67%
E01007141	Port Sunlight North	32.3	13	8	62%
E01007142	Port sunlight South	37.1	15	10	67%
E01007148	Raby Mere	38.1	19	16	84%
E01007145	Spital North	38.2	11	10	91%
E01007147	Spital South	36.2	11	10	91%
E01007146	Spital West	33.7	10	8	80%
E01007110	Storeton	34.5	13	8	62%

	Num	ber of child	Iren	Av	erage Scor	es
Ward	All children	Achieved GLD	Did not achieve GLD	All children	Achieved GLD	Did not achieve GLD
Bebington	184	138	46	34.6	37.8	25.0
Bidston & St James	272	182	90	32.4	36.3	24.5
Birkenhead & Tranmere	199	122	77	31.0	35.6	23.8
Bromborough	201	133	68	34.0	37.9	26.4
Clatterbridge	127	102	25	36.2	38.2	28.0
Claughton	149	106	43	33.9	37.5	24.9
Eastham	151	115	36	34.8	37.4	26.3
Greasby, Frankby & Irby	133	107	26	37.6	40.1	27.2
Heswall	116	97	19	37.2	38.8	29.0
Hoylake & Meols	123	97	26	37.0	39.7	27.0
Leasowe & Moreton East	204	135	69	33.6	37.8	25.6
Liscard	175	106	69	32.7	37.3	25.7
Moreton West & Saughall Massie	145	111	34	35.0	37.6	26.3
New Brighton	174	120	54	35.1	38.4	27.7
Oxton	117	86	31	35.9	38.9	27.5
Pensby & Thingwall	99	69	30	33.7	36.2	28.1
Prenton	150	100	50	34.3	37.1	28.6
Rock Ferry	245	153	92	31.3	36.0	23.4
Seacombe	226	138	88	32.3	36.5	25.6
Upton	203	129	74	33.0	36.9	26.3
Wallasey	156	119	37	35.7	38.4	27.1
West Kirby & Thurstaston	123	96	27	37.9	40.5	28.5

### Table 24: Achievement of GLD, and breakdown of average scores (by Wirral ward)

Source: Children & Young People's Departmental Information System, Wirral Council & Early Years Foundation Stage Profile results in England, 2015 Department for Education

Heswall	16.4%					83.6%				
Greasby, Frankby and Irby	19.5%					80.5%				
Clatterbridge	19.7%					80.3%				
Hoylake and Meols	21.1%					78.9%				
West Kirby and Thurstaston	22.0%					78.0%				
Moreton West and Saughall Massie	23.4%					76.6%				
Wallasey	23.7%					76.3%				
Eastham	23.8%					76.2%				
Bebington	25.0%					75.0%	, D			
Oxton	26.5%					73.5	%			
Claughton	28.9%					71.	1%			
Pensby and Thingwall	30.3%	6				69	.7%			
New Brighton	31.0	%				69	.0%			
NULL	31.2	%				68	.8%			
Bidston and St James	33.	1%				6	6.9%			
Prenton	33.	3%				6	6.7%			
Leasowe and Moreton East	33.	8%				e	6.2%			
Bromborough	33.	8%				e	6.2%			
Upton	31	6.5%					63.5%			
Rock Ferry	3	7.6%					62.4%			
Birkenhead and Tranmere		38.7%					61.3%			
Seacombe		38.9%					61.1%			
Liscard		39.4%			1	,	60.6%	,	1	
0	% 10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
		Did	l not achie	eve GLD			Achieved	GLD		



#### Figure 3: Average EYFS Scores, by month of birth and gender, Wirral (2015)

### Figure 4: EYFS spine chart for Wirral compared to all Local Authorities in England (2015)

Indicator	2014 Baseli	Current	Trend	England	Significance	England Worst	England Best
V EYFS	۱ <u>ـــــ</u> ۱						
Average Score: 2015	33.3	34.1	1	34.3	-	30.9	37.4
Communication & Language Percentage at least expected level: 2015	76.3	80	1	80.3	-	69.6	91.3
Physical Development Percentage at least expected level: 2015	83.7	85.16	1	87.2		77	94.5
Literacy Percentage at least expected level: 2015	67.4	72.3	1	70.1	-	53.3	80.4
Maths Percentage at least expected level: 2015	72.9	77.5	1	75.8	-	59.5	85.3
Percentage Good Level of Development (GLD): 2015	62.9	69.5	1	66.3	•	50.7	77.5
Free School Meal Good Level of Development (GLD) Percentage: 2015	46.5	54	1	51	-	38	71
Non Free School Meal Good Level of Development (GLD) Percentage: 2015	67.5	73	1	69	•	53	79
Increase from Baseline 🛉 Decrease from Baseline 🖊 Significantly Worse Than Average 🛦 Significantly Worse Than Average 🛦	cantly Better T	han Average	<ul> <li>Average</li> </ul>	-			
25% of worst LAs 50% of LAs 25% best LAs							
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### Figure 5: EYFS spine chart for Birkenhead compared to all Local Authorities in England (2015)

Indicator	2014 Baseli	Current	Trend	England	Significance	England Worst	England Best
V EYFS	· · · · ·						
Average Score: 2015	32.3	32.7	1	34.3		30.9	37.4
Communication & Language Percentage at least expected level: 2015	72.3	75.3	1	80.3		69.6	91.3
Physical Development Percentage at least expected level: 2015	81.68	82.16	1	87.2		77	94.5
Literacy Percentage at least expected level: 2015	62.5	68.3	1	70.1	-	53.3	80.4
Maths Percentage at least expected level: 2015	67.9	72.6	1	75.8		59.5	85.3
Percentage Good Level of Development (GLD): 2015	58.6	66.2	1	66.3	-	50.7	77.5
Free School Meal Good Level of Development (GLD) Percentage: 2015	48.3	55.7	1	51	•	38	71
Non Free School Meal Good Level of Development (GLD) Percentage: 2015	63.6	70.3	1	69	-	53	79
Increase from Baseline 👚 Decrease from Baseline 🖊 Significantly Worse Than Average 🛦 Signifi England 📔 value •	icantly Better T	han Average	Average	_			
25% of worst LAs 50% of LAs 25% best LAs							
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### Figure 6: EYFS spine chart for Wallasey compared to all Local Authorities in England (2015)

Indicator	2014 Baseli	Current	Trend	England	Significance	England Worst	England Best
¥ EYFS	· · · · ·						
Average Score: 2015	32.4	33.9	1	34.3	-	30.9	37.4
Communication & Language Percentage at least expected level: 2015	73.4	80.5	1	80.3	-	69.6	91.3
Physical Development Percentage at least expected level: 2015	80.98	83.52	1	87.2		77	94.5
Literacy Percentage at least expected level: 2015	64.5	70.7	1	70.1	-	53.3	80.4
Maths Percentage at least expected level: 2015	69.3	76.9	1	75.8	-	59.5	85.3
Percentage Good Level of Development (GLD): 2015	60.1	67.5	1	66.3	-	50.7	77.5
Free School Meal Good Level of Development (GLD) Percentage: 2015	44.5	54.5	1	51	•	38	71
Non Free School Meal Good Level of Development (GLD) Percentage: 2015	64.7	70.5	1	69	-	53	79
Increase from Baseline 👚 Decrease from Baseline 🕹 Significantly Worse Than Average 🛦 Signifi	icantly Better T	han Average	Average	_			
England value •		-	-				
25% of worst LAs 50% of LAs 25% best LAs - +							

### Figure 7: EYFS spine chart for Wirral West compared to all Local Authorities in England (2015)

Indicator	2014 Baseli	Current	Trend	England	Significance	England Worst		England Best
V EYFS	·• ••							
Average Score: 2015	34.9	35.6	1	34.3	•	30.9	•	37.4
Communication & Language Percentage at least expected level: 2015	79.5	84	<b>†</b>	80.3		69.6	•	91.3
Physical Development Percentage at least expected level: 2015	88.6	89.13	<b>†</b>	87.2	-	77	•	94.5
Literacy Percentage at least expected level: 2015	73	75.3	<b>†</b>	70.1		53.3	•	80.4
Maths Percentage at least expected level: 2015	77.9	81.1	<b>†</b>	75.8	•	59.5	•	85.3
Percentage Good Level of Development (GLD): 2015	66.2	73.1	1	66.3		50.7	•	77.5
Free School Meal Good Level of Development (GLD) Percentage: 2015	48.6	50.6	<b>†</b>	51	-	38		71
Non Free School Meal Good Level of Development (GLD) Percentage: 2015	69.2	76.2	1	69	•	53	•	79
Increase from Baseline 👚 Decrease from Baseline 🐺 Significantly Worse Than Average 🛦 Signif England 📔 value ● 25% of worst LAs 🔳 50% of LAs 🔳 25% best LAs 🔳 — +	icantly Better T	han Average	V Average	-				

### Figure 8: EYFS spine chart for Wirral South compared to all Local Authorities in England (2015)

Indicator	2014 Baseli	Current	Trend	England	Significance	England Worst	Engla	nd Best
V EYFS	·I · · · · ·							
Average Score: 2015	34.9	35.1	1	34.3	-	30.9		37.4
Communication & Language Percentage at least expected level: 2015	83.8	83.8	1	80.3		69.6		91.3
Physical Development Percentage at least expected level: 2015	86.5	88.7	1	87.2	-	77		94.5
Literacy Percentage at least expected level: 2015	74.1	78.4	1	70.1	•	53.3	•	80.4
Maths Percentage at least expected level: 2015	81.5	83.2	1	75.8		59.5		85.3
Percentage Good Level of Development (GLD): 2015	70.9	75.1	1	66.3	•	50.7		77.5
Free School Meal Good Level of Development (GLD) Percentage: 2015	33.3	56.2	1	51	•	38		71
Non Free School Meal Good Level of Development (GLD) Percentage: 2015	80.8	77.3	1	69		53	•	79
Increase from Baseline ↑ Decrease from Baseline ↓ Significantly Worse Than Average ▲ Signifi England ↓ value ● 25% of worst LAs ■ 50% of LAs ■ 25% best LAs ■ - +	icantly Better T	han Average	Average	-				

### Map 5: Wirral wards by Parliamentary Constituency

