

# City of London Childcare Sufficiency

**Outcomes of summer 2023  
sufficiency research**

**Presentation to Providers Forum  
Thursday 28th September, 2023**

# Key Finding 1

In summer 2023, the majority of the early years childcare providers/settings located in the City of London outlined that their occupancy was experiencing an upward trend.

For example, one setting provided a response that exemplified the type of feedback from two other settings when stating:

*“we are at about 95% capacity”.*

# Key Finding 2

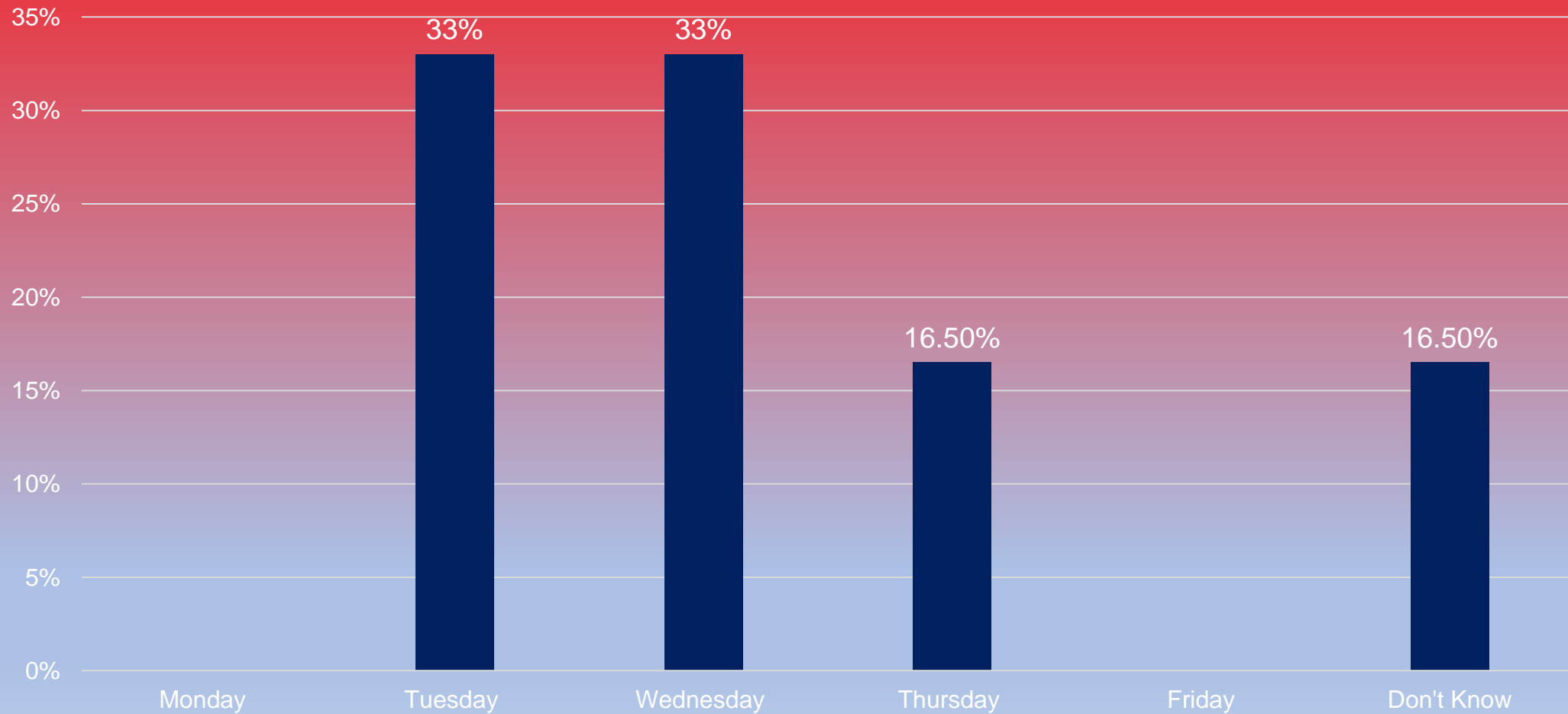
Half of early years childcare settings/providers stated that - in their experience - the national cost of living crisis was impacting their business, with there being examples of certain parents/carers having to remove their child because of them struggling to meet the fees.

# Key Finding 3

Recruitment and retention continues to be a challenge for the majority of early years childcare providers/settings located in the City of London - with a lack of high quality early years practitioners being highlighted as a particular continuing issue. (Providers are, as would be expected, aware that from September 2023, one member of staff will be allowed to look after five children, up from four children).

**However, the providers/settings located in the City of London still evidently consider that the entwined issue of recruitment and retention will continue to present challenges.**

# Key Finding 4 – Busiest Weekdays



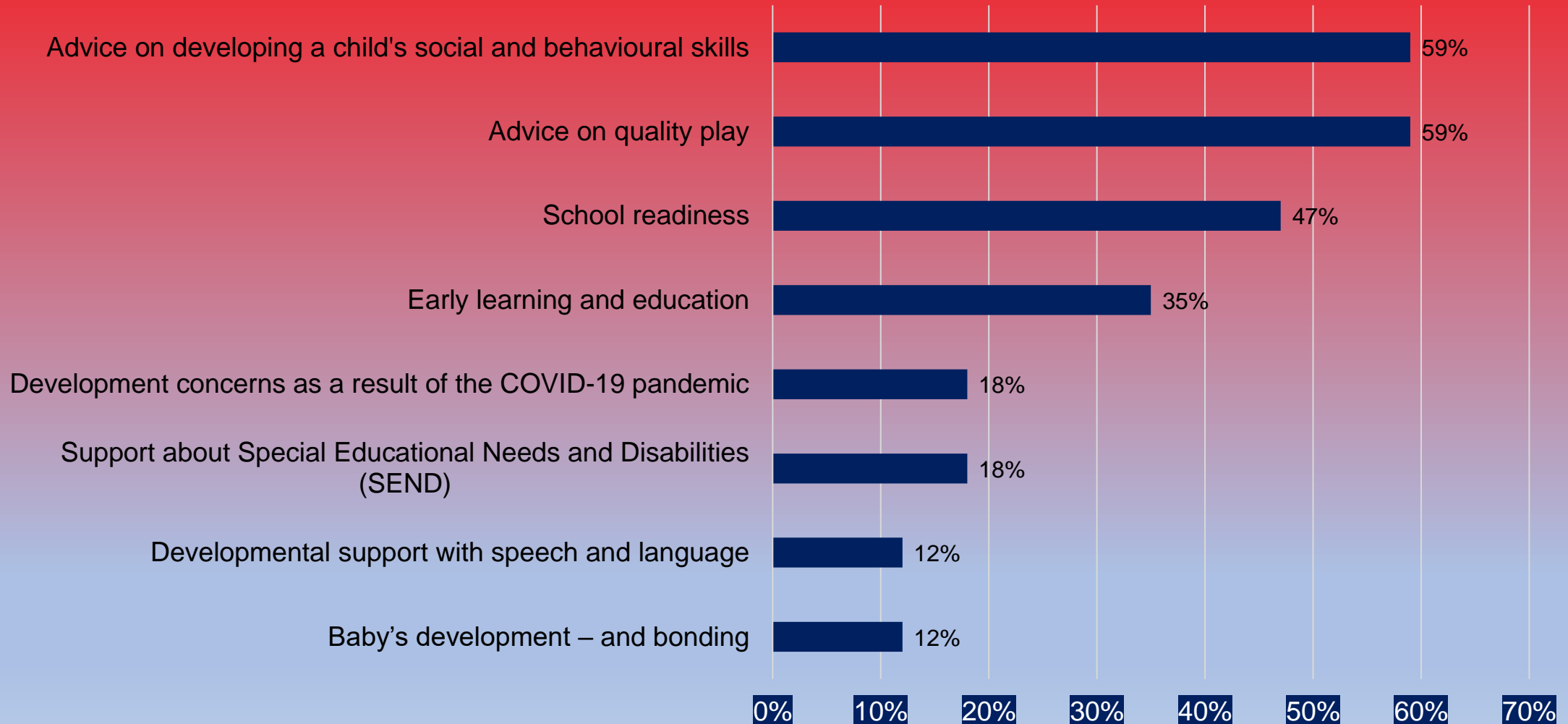
# Key Finding 5

In terms of the progressing best Start for Life programme and its implementation with the City of London, early years childcare providers/settings continue to be supportive of its initiation.

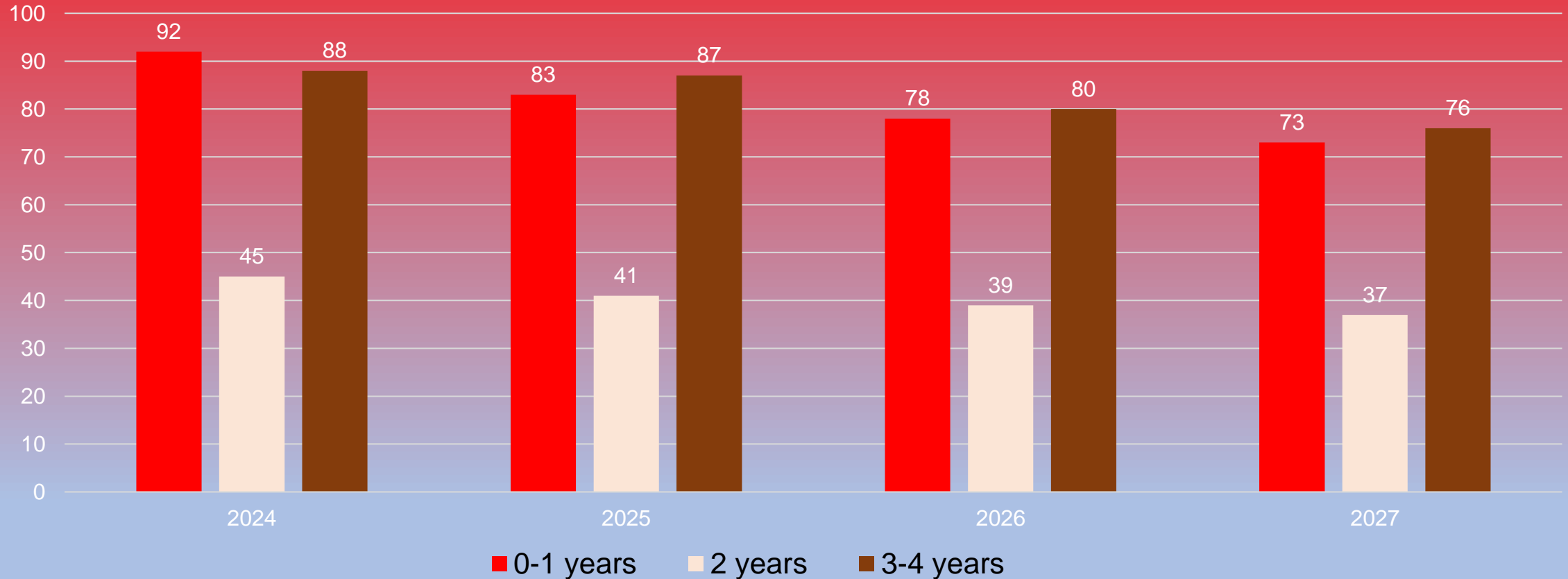
The issue/subject which parents/carers most frequently request advice on, from them, is:

*challenging behaviour in the early years.*

# Key Finding 5 – Early Years advice parents are seeking



# Key Finding 6 – City Population forecasts up to 2027





# Consultation in autumn 2023

Our autumn 2023 interviews with yourselves will focus on the new forthcoming extension to funded childcare for 2 year olds – as you know, moving in to 2024:

- From **April 2024**, working parents of two-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours of free childcare
- From **September 2024**, 15 hours of free childcare will be extended to all children from the age of nine months
- From **September 2025**, working parents of children under the age of five will be entitled to 30 hours free childcare per week

**Can you email me your availability?**

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