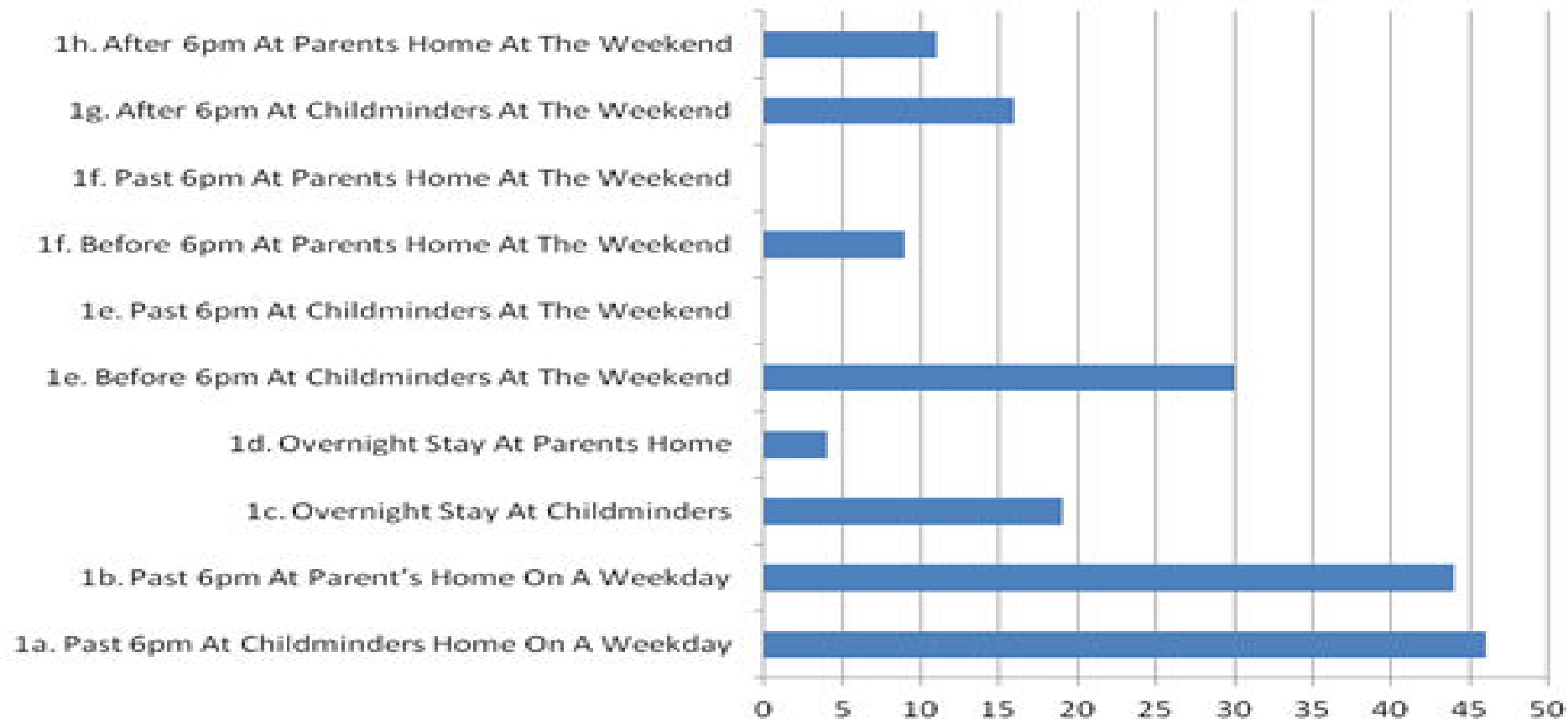


**Update on Implementation of Approved Recommendations  
Arising From Out of Hours Childcare Scrutiny Review**

<b>Scrutiny Recommendations Approved by Cabinet in March 2013</b>	<b>Update on Implementation Provided September 2013</b>
<p>1. That the Family Information Service Manager, by means of the childcare audit, audit childcare providers to gather more detailed information on their out of hours availability</p>	<p>This action has been completed. As part of the 2013 annual childcare audit the following questions were asked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1a. Past 6pm At Childminders Home On A Weekday</li> <li>• 1b. Past 6pm At Parent's Home On A Weekday</li> <li>• 1c. Overnight Stay At Childminders</li> <li>• 1d. Overnight Stay At Parents Home</li> <li>• 1e. Before 6pm At Childminders At The Weekend</li> <li>• 1e. Past 6pm At Childminders At The Weekend</li> <li>• 1f. Before 6pm At Parents Home At The Weekend</li> <li>• 1f. Past 6pm At Parents Home At The Weekend</li> <li>• 1g. After 6pm At Childminders At The Weekend</li> <li>• 1h. After 6pm At Parents Home At The Weekend</li> </ul> <p>The chart shown below shows the profile of respondents to these questions. NB: The questions will be repeated in the 2014 childcare audit.</p>
<p>2. That the Family Information Service Manager update search routes online to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow families to search for out of hours or flexible childcare</li> <li>• Introduce an advanced search feature allowing families to specify required windows of time</li> </ul>	<p>Search routes have been developed over the Summer of 2013. These have been tested and will be launched on the 20th September. Search routes will be available via <a href="http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/childcare">www.yor-ok.org.uk/childcare</a>.</p>

<p>3. That the Family Information Service Manager ensures that a new page be created on the YorOK website providing parents with advice on finding informal childcare/babysitters</p>	<p>This is live and can be found by visiting <a href="http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/babysitters">www.yor-ok.org.uk/babysitters</a>. Since launching this page in January 2013 it has been viewed by 288 people.</p>
<p>4. That as the Council has recently taken back in house the work relating to the recruitment of childminders the Family Information Service Manager ensures that future work targets existing and potential child carers in key areas to highlight the need for some out of hours and flexible childcare.</p>	<p>Promotional materials to encourage people to consider becoming a childminder has now been adapted to encourage people to look at offering out of hours and flexible childcare.</p> <p>Initial information sessions for prospective childminders encourage them to consider the possibility of offering out of hours childcare and to build this into their business planning. Existing childcare providers have also been approached to encourage them to offer more flexible provision.</p> <p>In May 2013 a new day nursery opened in central York offering extended opening hours of 06.30 – 20.00 Monday to Friday and 08.00 – 18.00 on a Saturday. This extended offer compliments other forms of flexible childcare including provision offered by childminders detailed above.</p>
<p>5. That the Family Information Service Manager incorporates into the Family Information Service's Awareness Strategy support options around out of hours childcare to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• parents and carers</li> <li>• potential providers of flexible childcare</li> </ul>	<p>The work to raise awareness to potential providers of flexible childcare is detailed in the response to recommendations 1 and 4.</p> <p>The work to raise awareness of support amongst families is highlighted against actions 3 and 6.</p>
<p>6. That the Family Information Service promote and market the additional information and search functions on out of hours childcare on its website to parents and carers through press releases and additions to any</p>	<p>From October to December families will be consulted on their childcare needs and this will be used to map how well childcare matches demand. This consultation exercise takes place once every three years.</p>

<p>printed information such as leaflets and posters</p>	<p>The new online flexible childcare search will be promoted alongside this via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through Local Link Magazine (editorial and advert)</li> <li>• Through Evening Press (advert and editorial)</li> <li>• Press release through Marketing and Communications</li> <li>• Through YorOK newsletter</li> <li>• At No Wrong Door conference</li> <li>• Through libraries</li> <li>• Through childcare providers</li> <li>• Online through the CYC website, YorOK website, Social Networking Sites, Genius website.</li> <li>• Through Children’s Centres</li> <li>• Through Schools</li> <li>• Through any other key partners</li> </ul> <p>Through registered families with myFIS, myFIS+ and CYC “do-it online”.</p>
<p>7 That the Family Information Service Manager organise a further event for employers around being family friendly as identified in option 3 at paragraph 16 of this report.</p>	<p>This session is yet to be held. The intention is to hold the session following consulting with families as part of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment. The feedback from families on this consultation will inform how the session is designed and targeted.</p>
<p>8 That the Family Information Service Manager report back to Economic and City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee after the next Annual Childcare Audit to give an update on the outcomes of the audit and progress on the implementation of the recommendations arising from this review</p>	<p>This document forms that update. Further detail can be provided if required.</p>

**Chart in support of update on Recommendation 1.****Scrutiny Comments on Update Received September 2013**