



Parenting and the neighbourhood context

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The majority are satisfied but this is not the view of GUS parents in the most deprived areas

59% say they would live in another area if able to - compared to 16% from all areas, 3% from least deprived

39% think childcare services are good compared with 63% from the least deprived area

19% think that facilities for children aged under 12 are good compared with 47% from least deprived

27% don't have or never go to a local public play/park - compared to 9% from least deprived areas

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Also not the view of GUS parents in deprived areas

39% agree the neighbourhood has a good community spirit, compared with 67% in the least deprived area

8% high and 49% medium child-friendliness compared with 26% and 69%

Social networks not just about area characteristics

Lower rates of satisfactory friendship networks associated with lower income

Older mothers markedly less likely to have satisfactory family networks but also less likely to have satisfactory friendship networks

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‘Facilities for young children seen as the most in need of improvement (picked out by 20% of respondents overall and 24% living in the most deprived areas, 21% in rural areas), although facilities for teenagers rated the lowest overall.

‘Level of crime’ picked out as the most in need of improvement by 19% of those in the most deprived area and 2% in rural areas.

‘Good quality affordable housing’ was identified by 15% in rural areas and in the most deprived areas.

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