



Home-Start, the leading family support charity in the UK

**A report of the statistical information
collected from 333 schemes**

2006/2007

**340 schemes across the UK, managed by and
offering support from 20,551 volunteers,
supported 34,704 families, 71,602 children
during the year**

Summary

Home-Start runs more services and has more volunteers supporting more families than any other family support charity in the UK.

340 established Home-Start schemes operate in local communities across the UK. Each one offering non-judgemental, practical and emotional support to families with children under 5 supporting parents in situations as diverse as isolation, bereavement, multiple births, illness, disability or those who are just finding parenting a struggle. Last year 34,704 families looked to Home-Start for support to help give their children (71,602) the best start in life.

During the year a total of 20,551 people gave their time freely to volunteer for their local Home-Start scheme to offer support to families and to act as trustees. 15,611 volunteers supported families visiting them at home each week, they provide non-judgemental, practical and emotional support and help build the family's confidence and ability to cope.

2,430 local volunteers undertook duties as trustees helping to assure the consistency, continuity and quality of their local schemes.

| This statistical report is based on returns from 333 Home-Start schemes.

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1. Number of Schemes

On 31/03/07 there were 340 schemes throughout the UK and British Forces Germany and Cyprus. The statistics in this report are based on the information given by the 333 schemes who returned their annual information forms.

Breakdown of schemes:

England 244 (238 who returned stats)

East Midlands	32	(32)
Eastern	37	(36)
London	26	(24)
North West	33	(32)
South East	45	(45)
South West	21	(21)
West Midlands	31	(30)
YH & North East	19	(18)

Scotland 32 (32)

Northern Ireland 25 (25)

Wales 21 (20)

British Forces Germany 16 (16)

British Forces Cyprus 2 (2)

(Of the seven schemes not included in the statistics four were dormant, in that they did not offer a service to families during the year and one had closed during the year)

Quality Assurance of Schemes

During the first year of implementing a new Quality Assurance system, more than one hundred local schemes were reviewed by national staff.

2. Families and how they are supported

In 2006/07 34,704 families received support from Home-Start and of these, 22,454 were supported in their own homes.

“Parents and the home environment they create are the single most important factor in shaping their children’s well-being, achievements and prospects.” (Every Parent Matters)

So in addition to the home visiting support, many schemes offer a range of opportunities for social events, group support and other activities to break down the isolation and/or as stepping stones to other services. In other schemes volunteers will support families to access established services and groups within the community. During the period of this report 8,705 families were supported through groups only.

A considerable number of families (10%) look to Home-Start for occasional support. This may be part of a planned closure of their regular support or as an offer of support for families who need help to access other local services and find out information about the local community. Some families may also receive occasional support whilst waiting to be matched with a home visiting volunteer.

Table F1: UK & BFG/C – Breakdown of support to families

	2003/4	2004/5	Change	2005/6	Change	2006/7	Change
Total families supported	29,588	31,460	6.3%	33,932	7.9%	34,704*	2.3%
Supported by home visiting	18,833	19,921	5.8%	21,587	8.4%	22,454	4%
Supported by group only	8,079	8,768	8.5%	9,039	3.1%	8,705	-3.7%
Occasional Support	2,676	2,771	3.6%	3,306	19.3%	3,501	5.9%

** In addition 354 families kept in touch with scheme staff or volunteers for informal continuing support or joined in with Home-Start activities once their official visiting had ceased.*

In the UK & BFG/C

- 5.6% of families had a main carer with a disability in 2006/7 compared to 6.2% in 2005/6 and 5.8% in 2004/5.
- 30.3% of families were lone parent families in 2006/7 compared to 31.7% of families in 2005/6 and 33.2% in 2004/5. (2.9% of these were male lone parent families, the same as in 2005/6.)

Table F2: England – Breakdown of support to families

	2003/4	2004/5	Change	2005/6	Change	2006/7	Change
<i>Total families supported</i>	23,910	25,632	7.2%	27,671	8%	28,287*	2.2%
<i>Supported by home visiting</i>	15,152	16,199	6.9%	17,634	8.9%	18,386	4.3%
<i>Supported by group only</i>	6,601	7,190	8.9%	7,364	2.4%	7,139	-3%
<i>Occasional Support</i>	2,157	2,243	4%	2,673	19.2%	2,720	1.8%

** In addition 279 families kept in touch with scheme staff or volunteers for informal continuing support or joined in with Home-Start activities once their official visiting had ceased.*

In England

- 5.7% of families had a main carer with a disability in 2006/7 compared to 6.3% in 2005/6 and 5.8% in 2004/5.
- 31.2% of families were lone parent families in 2006/7 compared to 32.5% in 2005/6 and 34% in 2004/5. (3.1% of these were male lone parent families compared to 3% in 2005/6.)

Table F3: Scotland – Breakdown of support to families

	2003/4	2004/5	Change	2005/6	Change	2006/7	Change
<i>Total families supported</i>	1,882	1,987	5.6%	2,052	3.3%	2,062*	0.5%
<i>Supported by home visiting</i>	1,314	1,367	4%	1,410	3.1%	1,467	4%
<i>Supported by group only</i>	417	426	2.2%	442	3.8%	432	-2.3%
<i>Occasional Support</i>	151	194	28.5%	200	3.1%	163	-18.5%

** In addition 24 families kept in touch with scheme staff or volunteers for informal continuing support or joined in with Home-Start activities once their official visiting had ceased.*

In Scotland

- 5.6% of families had a main carer with a disability in 2006/7 compared to 5.8% in 2005/6 and 4.8% in 2004/5.

- 31.1% of families were lone parent families in 2006/7, compared to 34.5% in 2005/6 and 36.8% in 2004/5. (2% of these were male lone parent families compared to 2.3% in 2005/6.)

Table F4: Northern Ireland - Breakdown of support to families

	2003/4	2004/5	Change	2005/6	Change	2006/7	Change
Total families supported	1,091	1,184	8.5%	1,401	18.3%	1,573*	12.3%
Supported by home visiting	834	805	-3.5%	805	No change	838	4.1%
Supported by group only	217	272	25.3%	302	11%	296	-2%
Occasional Support	40	107	167.5%	294	174.8%	439	49.3%

* In addition 25 families kept in touch with scheme staff or volunteers for informal continuing support or joined in with Home-Start activities once their official visiting had ceased.

In Northern Ireland

- 7.8% of families had a main carer with a disability in 2006/7 compared to 10.1% in 2005/6 and 11.1% in 2004/5.
- 21.7% of families were lone parent families in 2006/7 compared to 23.4% in 2005/6 and 30.8% in 2004/5. (2.4% of these were male lone parent families compared to 2.7% in 2005/6.)

Table F5: Wales - Breakdown of support to families

	2003/4	2004/5	Change	2005/6	Change	2006/7	Change
Total families supported	2,088	2,076	-0.6%	2,172	4.6%	2,110*	-2.9%
Supported by home visiting	1,059	1,120	5.8%	1,265	12.9%	1,242	-1.8%
Supported by group only	804	823	2.4%	830	0.9%	724	-12.8%
Occasional Support	225	133	-40.9%	77	-42.1%	144	87%

* In addition 24 families kept in touch with scheme staff or volunteers for informal continuing support or joined in with Home-Start activities once their official visiting had ceased.

In Wales

- 5.2% of families had a main carer with a disability in 2006/7 compared to 5.1% in 2005/6 and 4.9% in 2004/5.
- 32.7% of families were lone parent families in 2006/7 compared to 34% in 2005/6 and 30.9% in 2004/5. (2% of these were male lone parent families compared to 2.2% in 2005/6.)

Table F6: British Forces Germany (and Cyprus) – Breakdown of support to families

	2003/4	2004/5	Change	2005/6	Change	2006/7	Change
Total families supported	573 (74)	490 (91)	-14.5% (23%)	551 (85)	12.4% (-6.6%)	589* (83)	6.9% (-2.4%)
Supported by home visiting	437 (37)	343 (87)	-21.5% (135.1%)	388 (85)	13.1% (-2.3%)	438 (83)	12.9% (-2.4%)
Supported by group only	40 (-)	57 (-)	42.5% (-)	101 (-)	77.2% (-)	114 (-)	12.9% (-)
Occasional Support	96 (7)	90 (4)	-6.3% (-42.9%)	62 (-)	-31.1% (-100%)	35 (-)	-43.5% (-)

* In addition 2 families kept in touch with scheme staff or volunteers for informal continuing support or joined in with Home-Start activities once their official visiting had ceased.

In British Forces Germany (Cyprus)

- 0.7% (0%) of families had a main carer with a disability in 2006/7 compared to 0.7% (1.2%) in 2005/6 and 1.8% (0%) in 2004/5.
- 1.2% (1.2%) of families were lone parent families in 2006/7 compared to 1.3% (3.5%) in 2005/6 and 1% (1.1%) in 2004/5. (0% (0%) of these were male lone parent families compared to 57.1% (0%) in 2005/6.)

3. Children

The number of children supported in 2006/7 is 71,602, an increase of 2.4% on 2005/6.

During 2007/8 we plan to develop some methods for identifying more clearly the difference that is made for children when Home-Start is supporting a family.

Table C1: UK & BFG/C – Statistics relating to children

	2003/04 (% of total)	2004/05 (% of total)	Change	2005/06 (% of total)	Change	2006/07 (% of total)	Change
Total Children	63,917	67,959	6.3%	69,938	2.9%	71,602	2.4%
Under 5s	43,643 (68.3%)	45,994 (67.7%)	5.4%	47,667 (68.2%)	3.6%	48,914 (68.3%)	2.6%
Children with a disability	2291 (3.6%)	2359 (3.5%)	3%	2977 (4.3%)	26.2%	2616 (3.7%)	-12.1%
No of children on the CPR	2133 (3.3%)	2348 (3.5%)	10.1%	2897 (4.1%)	23.4%	3150 (4.4%)	8.7%
No of children who came off CPR during the year	737 (1.2%)	822 (1.2%)	11.5%	939 (1.3%)	14.2%	1050 (1.5%)	11.8%

Table C2: England – Statistics relating to children

	2003/04 (% of total)	2004/05 (% of total)	Change	2005/06 (% of total)	Change	2006/07 (% of total)	Change
Total Children	51,518	55,341	7.4%	57,164	3.3%	58,777	2.8%
Under 5s	35,229 (68.4%)	37,618 (68%)	6.4%	39,184 (68.5%)	4.2%	40,232 (68.4 %)	2.7%
Children with a disability	1840 (3.6%)	2059 (3.7%)	11.9%	2493 (4.4%)	21%	2192 (3.7%)	-12.1%

	2003/04 (% of total)	2004/05 (% of total)	Change	2005/06 (% of total)	Change	2006/07 (% of total)	Change
<i>No of children on the CPR</i>	1756 (3.4%)	1971 (3.6%)	12.2%	2459 (4.3%)	24.8%	2640 (4.5%)	7.4%
<i>No of children who came off CPR during the year</i>	596 (1.2%)	669 (1.2%)	12.2%	746 (1.3%)	11.5%	908 (1.5%)	21.7%

Table C3: Scotland - Statistics relating to children

	2003/04 (% of total)	2004/05 (% of total)	Change	2005/06 (% of total)	Change	2006/07 (% of total)	Change
<i>Total Children</i>	4180	4445	6.3%	4458	0.3%	4390	-1.5%
<i>Under 5s</i>	2827 (67.6%)	2905 (65.4%)	2.8%	2898 (65%)	-0.2%	2858 (65.1%)	-1.4%
<i>Children with a disability</i>	150 (3.6%)	182 (4.1%)	21.3%	194 (4.4%)	6.6%	154 (3.5%)	- 20.6%
<i>No of children on the CPR</i>	89 (2.1%)	104 (2.3%)	16.9%	115 (2.6%)	10.6%	173 (3.9%)	50.4%
<i>No of children who came off CPR during the year</i>	48 (1.1%)	44 (1%)	-8.3%	64 (1.4%)	45.5%	35 (0.8%)	-45.3%

Table C4: Northern Ireland - Statistics relating to children

	2003/04 (% of total)	2004/05 (% of total)	Change	2005/06 (% of total)	Change	2006/07 (% of total)	Change
<i>Total Children</i>	2794	2863	2.5%	2754	-3.8%	2908	5.6%
<i>Under 5s</i>	1874 (67.1%)	1906 (66.6%)	1.7%	1878 (68.2%)	-1.5%	2049 (70.5%)	9.1%

	2003/04 (% of total)	2004/05 (% of total)	Change	2005/06 (% of total)	Change	2006/07 (% of total)	Change
<i>Children with a disability</i>	133 (4.8%)	142 (5%)	6.8%	132 (4.8%)	-7%	116 (4%)	-12.1%
<i>No of children on the CPR</i>	71 (2.5%)	69 (2.4%)	-2.8%	94 (3.4%)	36.2%	101 (3.5%)	7.4%
<i>No of children who came off CPR during the year</i>	28 (1%)	34 (1.2%)	21.4%	44 (1.6%)	29.4%	36 (1.2%)	-18.2%

Table C5: Wales - Statistics relating to children

	2003/04 (% of total)	2004/05 (% of total)	Change	2005/06 (% of total)	Change	2006/07 (% of total)	Change
<i>Total Children</i>	4308	4148	-3.7%	4402	6.1%	4455	1.2%
<i>Under 5s</i>	2944 (68.3%)	2802 (67.6%)	-4.8%	2920 (66.3%)	4.2%	3027 (67.9%)	3.7%
<i>Children with a disability</i>	160 (3.7%)	152 (3.7%)	-5%	153 (3.5%)	0.7%	149 (3.3%)	-2.6%
<i>No of children on the CPR</i>	207 (4.8%)	199 (4.8%)	-3.9%	222 (5%)	11.6%	232 (5.2%)	4.5%
<i>No of children who came off CPR during the year</i>	54 (1.3%)	65 (1.6%)	20.4%	72 (1.6%)	10.8%	62 (1.4%)	-13.9%

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Table C6: British Forces Germany (and Cyprus) - Statistics relating to children

	2003/04 (% of total)	2004/05 (% of total)	Change	2005/06 (% of total)	Change	2006/07 (% of total)	Change
Total Children	1,002 (115)	1,032 (130)	3% (13%)	1,020 (140)	-1.2% (7.7%)	909 (163)	-10.9% (16.4%)
Under 5s	679 (67.8%) (90 (78.3%))	658 (63.8%) (105 (80.8%))	-3.1% (16.7%)	667 (65.4%) (120 (85.7%))	1.4% (14.3%)	622 (68.4%) (126 (77.3%))	-6.7% (5%)
Children with a disability	8 (0.8%) (-)	4 (0.4%) (-)	-50%	5 (0.5%) (-)	25%	5 (0.6%) (-)	no change
No of children on the CPR	10 (1%) (-)	5 (0.5%) (-)	-50%	6 (0.6%) (1 (0.7%))	20%	3 (0.3%) (1 (0.6%))	-50% (no change)
No of children who came off CPR during the year	8 (0.8%) (3 (2.6%))	9 (0.9%) (1 (0.8%))	12.5% (-66.7%)	11 (1.1%) (2 (1.4%))	22.2% (100%)	8 (0.9%) (1 (0.6%))	-27.2% (-50%)

4. Source of Referrals

There has seen a small decrease in the actual number of new families referred but this is not reflected in the number of families supported where we had an overall increase of 2.3%. Schemes also tell us that they are supporting increasing numbers of families with more complex or multiple needs leading to the requirement for longer support.

Table R1 - Total Referrals

	2004/5	2005/6	% change	2006/7	% change
UK & BFG/C	24,711	25,787	4.4%	25,162	-2.4%
England	20,398	21,276	4.3%	20,877	-1.9%
Scotland	1,458	1,486	1.9%	1,445	-2.8%
Northern Ireland	937	953	1.7%	942	-1.2%
Wales	1,552	1,674	7.9%	1,518	-9.3%
BF Germany	295	337	14.2%	320	-5%
BF Cyprus	71	61	-14.1%	60	-1.6%

Table R2 - Breakdown of sources of referrals for families supported in 2006/7 (compared to 2005/6)

Health Visitors continued to account for most referrals in 2006/7 (45.7%) but almost a quarter of referrals are now self referrals.

	Health Visitors	Other Health	Social Workers	Other Social Services	Sure Start/ Children's Centres	Self	Other
UK & BFG/C	45.7% (0.5%)	5.9% (-0.1%)	7.8% (-0.4%)	3.2% (0.4%)	3.4% (0.3%)	23.1% (-0.3%)	10.9% (0.6%)
England	45% (-0.3%)	5.9% (no change)	7.5% (-0.2%)	3.2% (0.5%)	4% (3.7%)	23.4% (-0.4%)	11.1% (0.4%)
Scotland	53.4% (-1.5%)	4.8% (-0.7%)	11.1% (-0.4%)	3.4% (-0.8%)	1.4% (0.5%)	17.2% (0.2%)	8.7% (2.6%)
Northern Ireland	57.2% (4.8%)	6.3% (-3.4%)	10.6% (-1%)	2.1% (-0.2%)	0% (-0.8%)	16.4% (-0.2%)	7.4% (0.9%)

	Health Visitors	Other Health	Social Workers	Other Social Services	Sure Start/ Children's Centres	Self	Other
Wales	46.2% (-3.8%)	7.2% (3.9%)	9.1% (-0.6%)	2.5% (-0.2%)	0.3% (0.1%)	22.1% (- 3.3%)	12.5% (3.9%)
BF Germany	25.6% (-1.2%)	3.1% (-4.3%)	3.7% (-2%)	8.7% (6.3%)	0% (-0.2%)	46.9% (0.2%)	12.1% (12.1%)
BF Cyprus	43.4% (-0.1%)	9.6% (-1%)	10.8% (1.4%)	4.8% (-7%)	0% (0%)	26.5% (1.8%)	4.8% (4.8%)

5. Monitoring and Evaluation – why did families look to Home-Start for support?

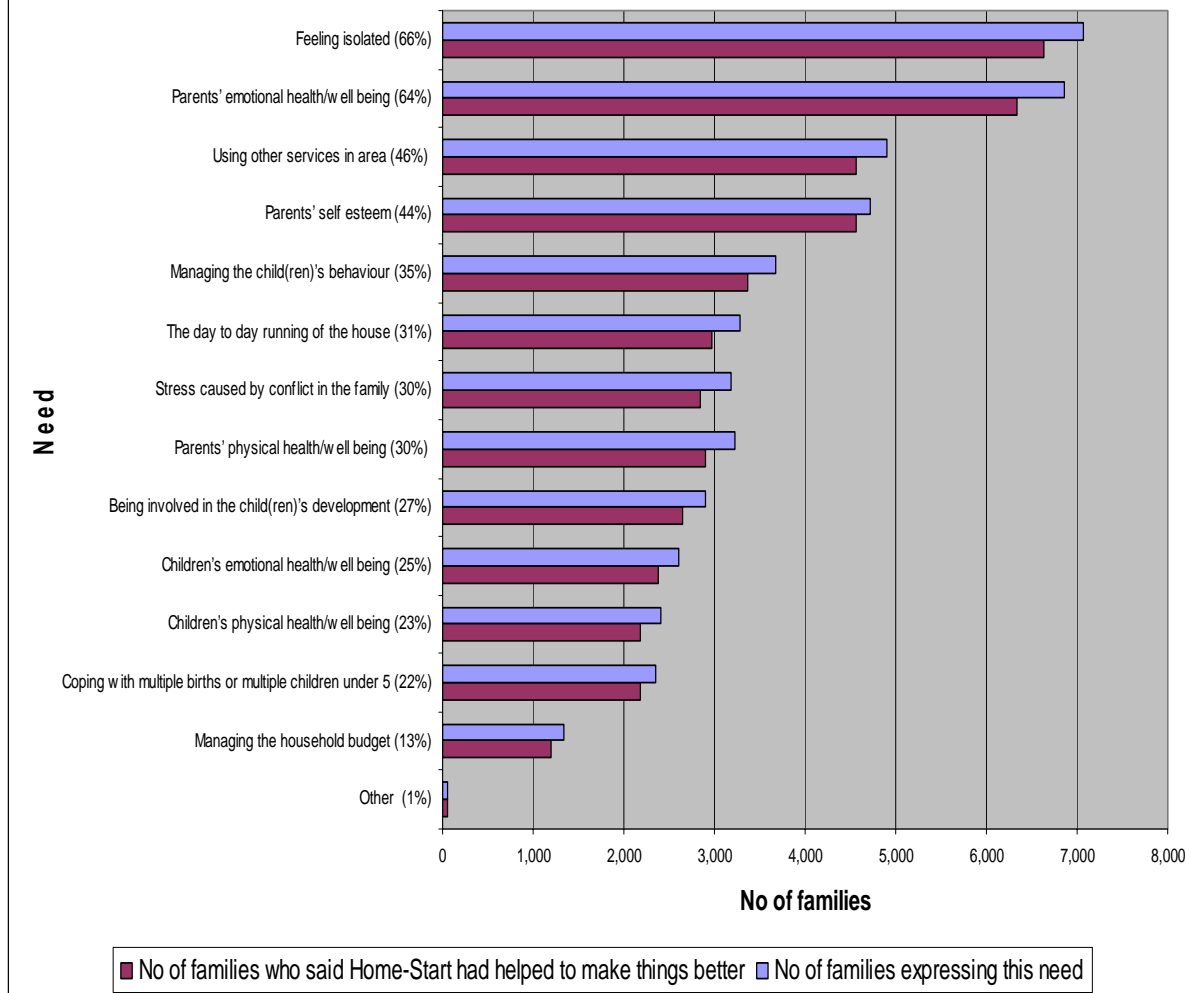
Table ME1 – UK & BFG/C – 10,636 families from 317 schemes for whom support ceased and a final visit took place during 2006/7

	No of families expressing this need	%age of all families for whom support ceased and final visit took place	No of families where there was improvement	%age of families expressing the need where things are better
Feeling isolated	7,071	66%	6,633	94%
Parents' emotional health/well being	6,859	64%	6,340	92%
Using other services in area	4,908	46%	4,558	93%
Parents' self esteem	4,721	44%	4,564	97%
Managing the child(ren)'s behaviour	3,679	35%	3,368	92%
Parents' physical health/well being	3,229	30%	2,899	90%
The day to day running of the house	3,279	31%	2,978	91%

	No of families expressing this need	%age of all families for whom support ceased and final visit took place	No of families where there was improvement	%age of families expressing the need where things are better
<i>Stress caused by conflict in the family</i>	3,185	30%	2,844	89%
<i>Being involved in the child(ren)'s development</i>	2,896	27%	2,645	91%
<i>Children's emotional health/well being</i>	2,610	25%	2,378	91%
<i>Children's physical health/well being</i>	2,414	23%	2,189	91%
<i>Coping with multiple births or multiple children under 5</i>	2,352	22%	2,179	93%
<i>Managing the household budget</i>	1,339	13%	1,202	90%
<i>Other</i>	57	1%	53	93%

It is clear from this table that many of the families supported have needs in more than one area but it is worthy of note that in all categories families report that at the end of their support from Home-Start, things are better. So, for example, of the 7071 families who gave feeling isolated as one of their needs, 94% said that things were better after receiving Home-Start support.

Why do families need us?



For examples of how to link these figures more specifically to the Every Child Matters outcomes in England, please refer to the Scheme Funding Briefing Sheet which is available from Home-Start regional offices.

6. Staffing

Table S1 - Total number of scheme staff hours available in schemes in 2006/7

	2004/05	2005/06	% inc	2006/07	% inc
<i>UK & BFG/C</i>	37,863	39,145	3.4%	40,674	3.9%
<i>England</i>	30,351	31,403	3.5%	32,232	2.6%
<i>Scotland</i>	2,885	3,029	5%	3,404	12.4%
<i>N Ireland</i>	1,340	1,334	-0.4%	1,271	-4.7%
<i>Wales</i>	2,369	2,462	3.9%	2,885	17.2%
<i>BF Germany</i>	805	805	No change	770	-4.3%
<i>BF Cyprus</i>	112	112	No change	112	No change

Table S2 - Total number of organiser/coordinator hours available in schemes in 2006/7

	2004/05	2005/06	% inc	2006/07	% inc
<i>UK & BFG/C</i>	23,218	23,679	2%	24,904	5.2%
<i>England</i>	18,789	19,271	2.6%	20,367	5.7%
<i>Scotland</i>	1,703	1,761	3.4%	1,912	8.6%
<i>N Ireland</i>	809	770	-4.8%	744	-3.4%
<i>Wales</i>	1,357	1,337	-1.5%	1,341	2%
<i>BF Germany</i>	500	480	-4%	480	No change
<i>BF Cyprus</i>	60	60	No change	60	No change

Table S3 - the number of families supported regularly at home by the average full-time equivalent organiser/co-ordinator since 2004/5

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<i>UK & BFG/C</i>	31.7	33.7	33.4
<i>England</i>	31.9	33.9	33.4
<i>Scotland</i>	29.6	29.6	28.4
<i>N Ireland</i>	36.8	38.7	41.7

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<i>Wales</i>	30.5	35	34.3
<i>BF Germany</i>	25.4	29.9	33.6
<i>BF Cyprus</i>	53.7	52.4	51.8

7. Volunteers

Overall, there was a small increase in the number of volunteers supporting Home-Start schemes (0.6%).

Table V1 – Total number of volunteers supporting the schemes/in preparation

	2003/4	2004/5	Change	2005/6	Change	2006/7	Change
<i>UK & BFG/C</i>	19,071	19,849	4.1%	20,432	2.9%	20,551	0.6%
<i>England</i>	15,191	15,905	4.7%	16,616	4.5%	16,673	0.3%
<i>Scotland</i>	1,414	1,542	9.1%	1,462	-5.2%	1,509	3.2%
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	945	895	-5.3%	838	-6.4%	917	9.4%
<i>Wales</i>	1,127	1,194	5.9%	1,176	-1.5%	1,144	-2.7%
<i>BF Germany</i>	311	242	-22.2%	273	12.8%	218	-20.1%
<i>BF Cyprus</i>	83	71	-14.5%	67	-5.6%	90	34.3%

Volunteers who support families

Home-Start has put energy and effort into sustaining sufficient levels of volunteers to deliver local support to families. We have benefited from an association with TimeBank and other local recruitment campaigns.

Table V2 – Total number of home-visiting volunteers

	2003/4	2004/5	Change	2005/6	Change	2006/7	Change
<i>UK & BFG/C</i>	13,179	14,058	6.7%	15,074	7.2%	15,611	3.6%
<i>England</i>	10,653	11,401	7%	12,330	8.1%	12,798	3.8%
<i>Scotland</i>	932	1,075	15.3%	1,059	-1.5%	1,107	4.5%
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	591	582	-1.5%	586	0.7%	647	10.4%

	2003/4	2004/5	Change	2005/6	Change	2006/7	Change
<i>Wales</i>	708	754	6.5%	797	5.7%	796	-0.1%
<i>BF Germany</i>	232	188	-19%	240	27.7%	200	-16.7%
<i>BF Cyprus</i>	63	58	-7.9%	62	6.9%	63	1.6%

Supporting Volunteers

Home-Start experience indicates that a full-time organiser can effectively support 20-25 volunteers at any one time.

Table V3 - No of home-visiting volunteers supported by each full time organiser equivalent

	2005/6	2006/7	Change
<i>UK & BFG/C</i>	23.6	23.2	-1.6%
<i>England</i>	23.7	23.2	-2.1%
<i>Scotland</i>	22.3	21.4	-4.2%
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	28.2	32.1	13.8%
<i>Wales</i>	22.1	22	-0.5%
<i>British Forces Germany</i>	18.5	15.5	-16.2%
<i>British Forces Cyprus</i>	38.2	39.4	3.1%

New Volunteers

In 2006/7 4,752 new volunteers were recruited and trained in the UK & BFG/C compared to 4,716 new volunteers in 2005/6.

Table V4 - Breakdown of new volunteers recruited and trained in 2006/7

	2005/6	2006/7	Change
<i>England</i>	3,734	3,940	5.5%
<i>Scotland</i>	339	300	-11.5%
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	160	183	14.4%
<i>Wales</i>	327	273	-16.5%
<i>British Forces Germany</i>	142	47	-66.9%
<i>British Forces Cyprus</i>	14	9	-35.7%

Volunteers who are trustees and manage the schemes

Table V5- Total number of trustees

	2003/4	2004/5	Change	2005/06	Change	2006/7	Change
<i>UK</i>	2,808	2,624	-6.6%	2,612	-0.5%	2,430	-6.9%
<i>England</i>	2,092	1,973	-5.7%	2,023	2.5%	1,871	-7.5%
<i>Scotland</i>	252	237	-6%	218	-8%	219	0.5%
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	256	198	-22.7%	190	-4%	187	-1.6%
<i>Wales</i>	208	216	3.8%	180	-16.7%	153	-15%

Under the new incorporated structure introduced into Home-Start over the last two years, the new governing documents require each scheme to have fewer trustees than under the old constitution. This may have had an impact on the number of trustees in Home-Start schemes. However there is a general trend nationally in the reduction of people willing to put themselves forward as trustees of voluntary organisations. No Home-Start schemes have been unable to operate because of lack of trustees.

From the schemes which completed the optional section of the annual information form about new trustees, we know that 416 new trustees were recruited in 2006/7. Of these 331 were in England, 30 in Scotland, 39 in Northern Ireland and 16 in Wales. Information was collected on the profile of these trustees to assist in future work in this area.

8. Funding

Below is an overview of the funding for Home-Start schemes including a breakdown of the main sources of funding: health, social services, Sure Start and children’s centres and lottery.

There is a notable decrease in statutory levels of funding over the year and the overall proportion has fallen to 70.2% of total funding compared to 71.6% of funding in 2005/6. This has put added pressure and burden on schemes to attract funding from other sources and has detracted from time that staff and trustees are able to devote to the family support. We are pleased to hear Gordon Brown state that his vision is to see stable funding with 3 year agreements for third sector organisations helping to deliver the government’s agenda for supporting parents.

Table M1 - Total funding breakdown

	2004/5	2005/6	% <i>Change</i>	2006/7	% <i>Change</i>
<i>UK</i>	30,674,687	31,938,260	4.1%	32,560,379	1.9%
<i>England</i>	25,068,091	25,975,685	3.6%	26,421,249	1.7%
<i>Scotland</i>	2,360,129	2,573,320	9%	2,709,649	5.3%
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	1,231,858	1,278,120	3.8%	1,229,553	-3.8%
<i>Wales</i>	1,996,530	2,111,135	5.7%	2,171,437	2.9%

Table M2 – Breakdown of main sources of funding: Health, Social Services, SureStart/Children’s Centres and Lottery

Below are tables showing the amount of funding received from the above sources compared to previous years and as a percentage of all funding received.

Health Funding:

	<i>Health (no of schemes receiving)</i>	<i>Change between 2005/6 and 2006/7</i>	<i>% of total funding for 2006/7</i>	<i>% change</i>	<i>% of schemes receiving funding</i>	<i>% change</i>
UK	£3,129,839 (171)	-11.6%	9.6%	-1.5%	50.3%	-4%
England	£2,860,691 (153)	-11.4%	10.8%	-1.6%	62.7%	6.1%
Scotland	£74,944 (6)	-0.9%	2.8%	-0.1%	18.8%	-7%
Northern Ireland	£49,460 (2)	-37.6%	4%	-2.2%	8%	No change
Wales	£144,744 (10)	-9%	6.7%	-0.8%	47.6%	-2.1%

Social Services Funding:

	<i>Social Services (no of schemes receiving)</i>	<i>Change between 2005/6 and 2006/7</i>	<i>% of total funding for 2006/7</i>	<i>% change</i>	<i>% of schemes receiving funding</i>	<i>% change</i>
UK	£6,569,078 (182)	-8.5%	20.2%	-2.3%	53.5%	-7.6%
England	£5,224,389 (149)	-9.9%	19.8%	-2.5%	61%	-9.7%
Scotland	£503,340 (11)	-5.8%	18.6%	-2.2%	34.4%	-4.3%
Northern Ireland	£510,182 (13)	1.3%	41.5%	2.1%	52%	No change
Wales	£331,168 (9)	-2.9%	15.3%	-0.9%	42.9%	-7.1%

Surestart/Children's Centres Funding:

	<i>Sure Start/ Children's Centres (no of schemes receiving)</i>	<i>Change between 2005/6 and 2006/7</i>	<i>% of total funding for 2006/7</i>	<i>% change</i>	<i>% of schemes receiving funding</i>	<i>% change</i>
UK	£7,503,453 (193)	-1%	23%	-0.7%	56.8%	1.3%
England	£5,601,619 (152)	-0.4%	21.2%	-0.5%	62.3%	2.4%

	<i>Sure Start/ Children's Centres (no of schemes receiving)</i>	<i>Change between 2005/6 and 2006/7</i>	<i>% of total funding for 2006/7</i>	<i>% change</i>	<i>% of schemes receiving funding</i>	<i>% change</i>
Scotland	£1,175,575 (22)	4.8%	43.3%	-0.3%	68.8%	-2.2%
Northern Ireland	£210,726 (8)	-9.9%	17.1%	1.2%	32%	-4%
Wales	£515,533 (11)	-14.5%	23.7 %	-4.9%	52.4%	-2.3%

Lottery Funding:

	<i>Lottery (no of schemes receiving)</i>	<i>Change between 2005/6 and 2006/7</i>	<i>% of total funding for 2006/7</i>	<i>% change</i>	<i>% of schemes receiving funding</i>	<i>% change</i>
UK & BFG/C	£4,086,463 (120)	4.5%	12.6%	0.4%	35.3%	-0.4%
England	£3,714,504 (100)	6.5%	14.1%	0.7%	56.1%	13.5%
Scotland	£81,257 (10)	-30.2%	3%	-1.5%	31.3%	5.5%
Northern Ireland	£33,496 (4)	-17.4%	2.7%	0.5%	16%	No change
Wales	£257,205 (6)	-2.9%	11.8%	-0.7%	28.6%	1.3%