

## **Childcare and Early Years Survey of Parents: Compliance with the Code of Practice for Statistics**

### **Trustworthiness**

- DfE commission Ipsos to complete the data collection, analysis and reporting, ensuring an independent contractor.
- DfE's Research Board, comprising senior analysts from a range of analytical professions, provides challenge and scrutiny on the methodology and robustness of the data, given the sample approach to collecting the data for this release.
- We have also worked with the Office for Statistics Regulation, ONS and the DfE Deputy Head of Statistics on how we apply the code of practice.
- Only individuals on the pre-release access list have 24 hours advance access to the data. The production of the release has been carried out independently of policy officials and ministers and is overseen by DfE analysts and Ipsos to ensure that the data remains impartial.

### **Quality**

- A [user consultation](#) was conducted in 2018 to ensure that the outputs of the survey remained relevant and to identify and key improvements to meet user needs.
- The information collected about childcare use is collected by trained interviewers at Ipsos. Known issues and limitations are clearly noted in the release.
- The data undergoes several rounds of validations and quality assurance at Ipsos before it is shared with analysts at DfE who then also review the outputs for accuracy and clarity.

### **Value**

- In publishing this data, we aim to provide good quality and robust evidence to Ministers, policymakers and external users on parents' perceptions and use of childcare, amongst other topics.
- This information supports policy development and decisions relating to childcare.
- In making this information available, and archiving the data for wider use, we are responding to user needs. This also reduces administrative burden by allowing the public to access and analyse this information rather than conduct their own data collection activities.