

Hounslow in the Childhood Lottery

Analysis of the Children's Commissioner's Childhood Lottery (October 2026) for the London Borough of Hounslow, with ward and GP practice data. Prepared for Joffrey Bogemans, 19 October 2026.

460

Overall score out of 960.
Rank 148 of 149; London average 609.

149

Points behind the London average: 117 from council yes/no answers, 32 from measured data.

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"No" answers to the Commissioner's 25 service questions. Most in England (next highest 16).

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Rank in England on measured data only; 24 of 32 in London.

Key findings

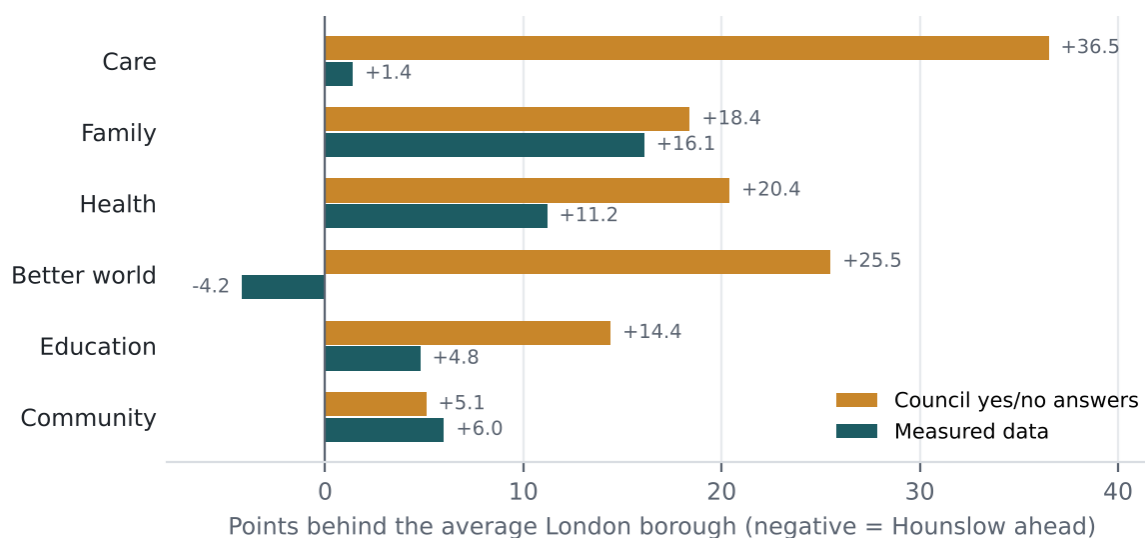
- Most of Hounslow's low score comes from the council's own answers. Of the 149-point gap to the London average, 117 points come from 25 yes/no questions about which services it runs, and only 32 from measured data.
- Some "No" answers contradict the council's own website, for example its Educational Psychology Service (94% of councils said yes) and young carers support (93%).
- If all 17 "No" answers were "Yes", Hounslow would score 630, about 40th in England and 12th in London. If its answers matched the London average it would score about 577 and rank about 86.
- Real measured weaknesses: child mortality (highest rate in England in 2024, one year of small numbers), children saying they lack good healthcare, feel unsafe online or lack somewhere to call home, two-year health visitor reviews, school breakfast clubs and wraparound childcare.
- Vaccination is low but typical for London: Hounslow ranks joint 15th of 32 boroughs on MMR. Across London, low coverage goes with signs of population movement, not with the share of Asian, Sikh or Hindu residents.
- Inside Hounslow, the lowest MMR second-dose rates are at GP practices in the Brentworth and Feltham and Bedfont networks. Coverage does not follow the wards with the most overcrowding and HMOs, which points to how practices invite and record children.

1. The score and where the gap comes from

Each of 95 scored metrics is worth 0 to 10 points. 70 are measured data (outcomes, services, children's survey answers). 25 are yes/no questions the council answered itself (Yes = 10, No = 0). Hounslow is mid-table on the first and bottom of England on the second.

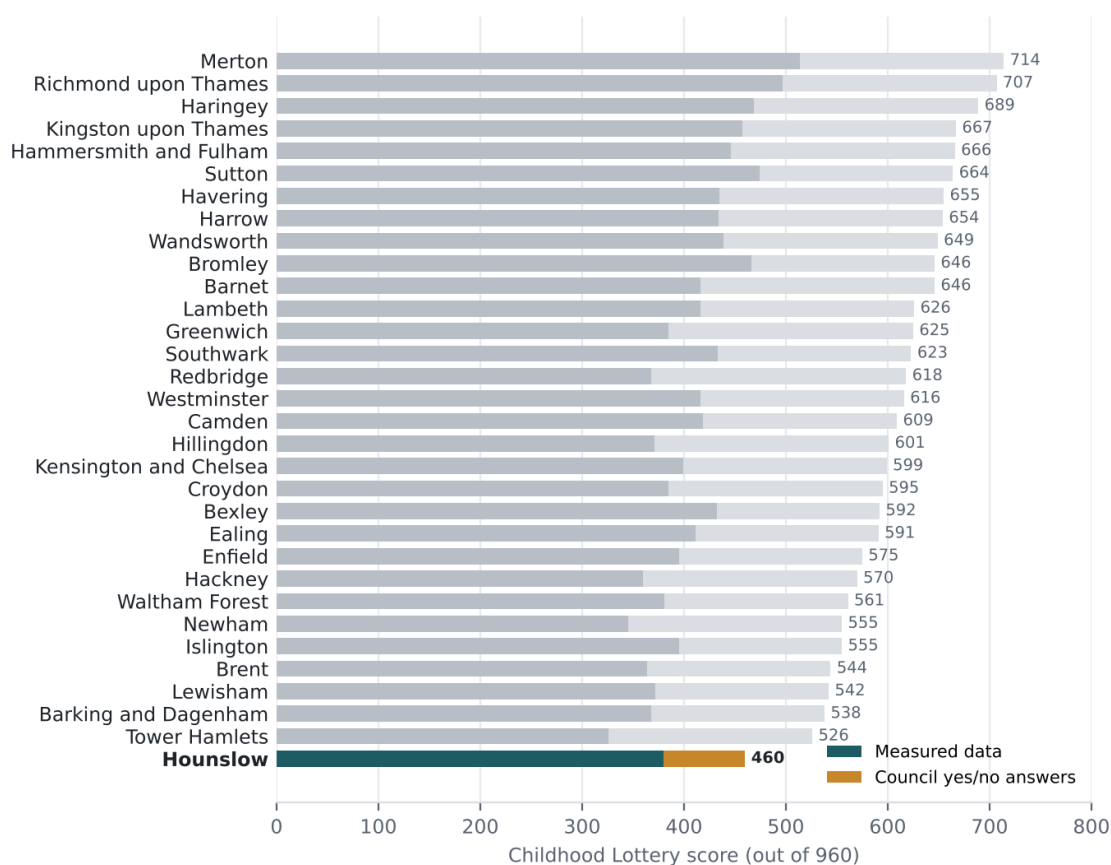
Part of score	Hounslow	London average	Points behind London
Measured data (70 metrics)	380	411.5	31.5
Council yes/no answers (25)	80	197.2	117.2
Total	460	608.7	148.7

Points behind the London average, by theme



Summed over scored metrics: average London borough score minus Hounslow score.

London boroughs, score by type



Grey: other boroughs. Hounslow: measured data in teal, council yes/no answers in amber. Source: Childhood Lottery full dataset.

2. What if the "No" answers were "Yes"?

Each "No" that should have been "Yes" costs 10 points. Correcting a few obvious errors still leaves Hounslow near the bottom; it climbs a long way only if most "No" answers are services it actually runs.

If these "No" answers were "Yes"	Answers changed	Score	Rank in England (of 149)	Rank in London (of 32)
As reported	0	460	148	32
The 2 the council's own website contradicts	2	480	144	32
The 5 that over 90% of councils have	5	510	138	32
The 8 that three-quarters of councils have	8	540	joint 126	30
All 17	17	630	40	12

3. The council's yes/no answers

"Councils saying yes" is the share of councils in England reporting the service, as published in the dataset.

Service asked about	Theme	Hounslow's answer	Councils saying yes (%)
Access to a local authority Educational Psychology Team	Education	No	94
Access to a specialist or targeted support group for young carers	Family	No	93
Access to targeted support or youth group: children with SEND or health needs	Health	No	92
Access to specialist and targeted support for looked after children	Care	No	91
Access to specialist and targeted support for care leavers	Care	No	91
Access to Children in Care Council	Care	No	82
Access to youth clubs or centres	Better world	No	77
Specialist and targeted support for UASC	Care	No	75
Access to targeted support or youth group: children from low income families	Family	No	68
Access to targeted support or youth group for LGBTQ+	Better world	No	58
Access to youth hubs	Better world	No	53
Targeted support or youth group for home educated children	Education	No	53
Access to bereavement service	Health	No	51
Access to Child Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (CIDVA)	Community	No	48
Access to targeted support or youth group for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT)	Better world	No	44
Access to Early Support Hubs (Mental Health Drop in)	Health	No	42
Access to Child Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (CISVA)	Community	No	32
Access to independent advocacy services for looked after children	Care	Yes	99
Access to family hubs and/or children's centres	Family	Yes	97
Access to substance misuse services	Health	Yes	96
Access to independent advocacy services for care leavers	Care	Yes	93
Access to Return Home Interview Services	Community	Yes	93
Access to a Youth Council	Better world	Yes	89
Access to targeted or youth group for children at risk of criminal exploitation	Community	Yes	86
Access to targeted support or youth group for children at risk of sexual exploitation	Community	Yes	84

Shaded: "No" answers for services that 90% or more of councils say they have.

4. Real gaps in the measured data

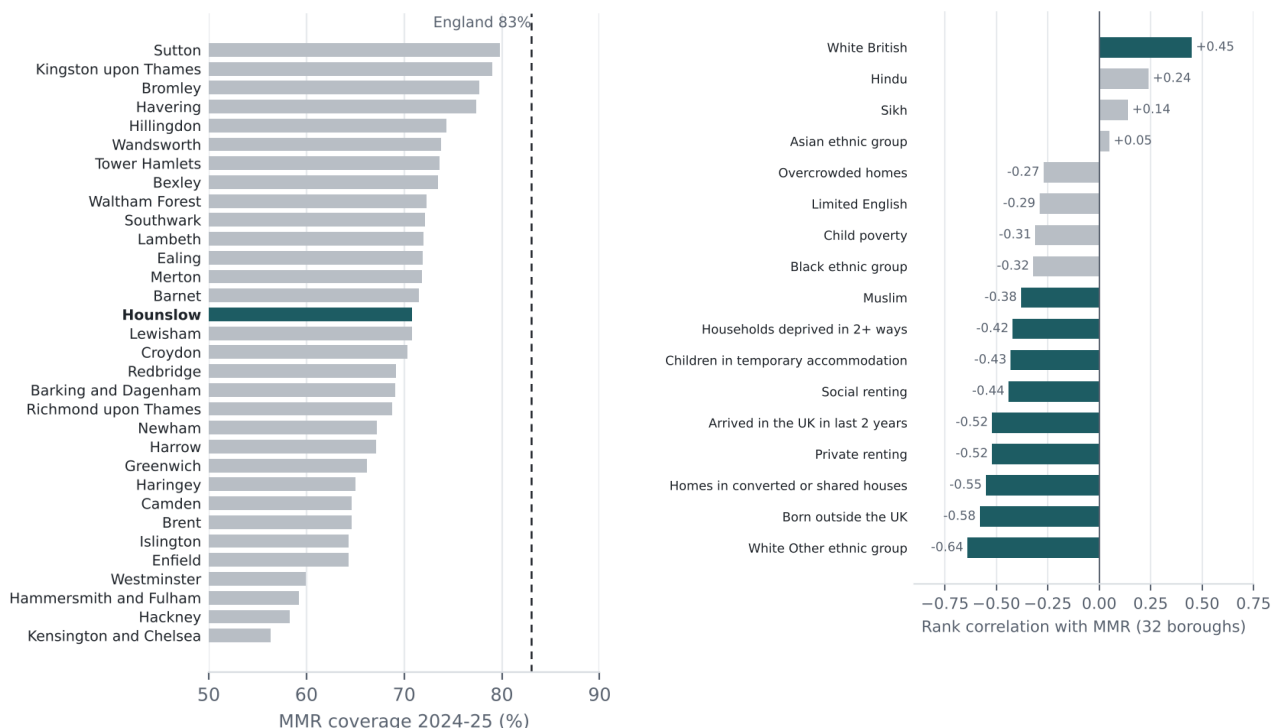
The 26 scored measured metrics where Hounslow loses most points against the average London borough. The full list of all 127 metrics is in the Markdown file. Police figures are Metropolitan Police-wide and identical for every borough.

Metric	Hounslow	England	London median	Rank (1 = best)	Points behind London	Who acts
Child mortality (deaths of 0 to 19s)	6.1	3.3	3	149	4.9	NW London Child Death Overview Panel, maternity services, council public health
Children who don't feel they have access to good healthcare	10.3	5	4.4	146	4.9	NHS North West London and GP practices
Children who feel unsafe online	14.6	8.8	9.4	145	4.2	Schools and Hounslow Safeguarding Children Partnership
Breakfast provision by schools	80.9	94	86.8	128	4.1	Schools, with council support
Wrap around childcare provided in school	51.5	63	63.6	131	3.7	Council childcare team and schools
Children who feel they don't have somewhere to call home	5.5	2	2.4	146	3.7	Council housing and children's services
Children achieving a good level of development (EYFS)	67.6	68.3	70.8	93	3.5	Council early years team and nurseries
Children who don't live with people who make them feel loved and cared for	2.7	2	1.9	133	3.4	Council early help and family hubs
Exclusion rate in mainstream schools	11	12.5	4	72	3.1	Schools and council inclusion team
School placement instability	10.3	8	8.2	121	3	Council children's services (virtual school)
Levels of youth services spending	65.9	92	131.7	97	2.9	Council
Children who do not feel they have the same opportunities as other children	17	14	14.4	134	2.8	Council and schools
Access to childcare (age 0 to 7)	23		28	82	2.8	Council childcare sufficiency team
Unauthorised absence rate in state funded alternative provisions	24.8	19.1	20.1	116	2.6	Alternative provision providers and council
Adolescent vaccination coverage (HPV)	51.4	69.6	59.1	140	2.4	NHS commissioners and school-age immunisation service
Children who were overweight or obese in year 6	39.3	36.1	37.4	114	2.3	Council public health
A level average scores	34.1		36.1	78	2	Schools and colleges
Adolescent vaccination coverage (Td/IPV)	61	71.7	65	129	2	NHS commissioners and school-age immunisation service
Children don't have fun activities near where they live	14.6	15	12.4	73	1.9	Council youth and leisure services
Children who do not know about money or life skills	13.2	12	10.7	98	1.9	Schools
Access to child development reviews at 2 to 2 and a half years	65.4	80.8	73.8	131	1.8	Council-commissioned health visiting service
Children who do not feel they know about good jobs for when they are older	6	6	4.8	80	1.7	Schools and careers services
Percent of care leavers not in education, employment or training	38.5	40	35.6	82	1.7	Council leaving care service
Relative child poverty (0 to 15)	32.3	27	29.4	117	1.7	Council, DWP and employers
Children who feel unsafe in their local area	15.3	12.3	15.3	105	1.2	Metropolitan Police and community safety partnership
Children who feel they don't have a healthy diet	10.2	11	9.3	70	1.1	Council public health and schools

Rank is out of about 149 councils. Values are percentages or rates as defined by the Commissioner.

5. Vaccination: low, but a London-wide problem

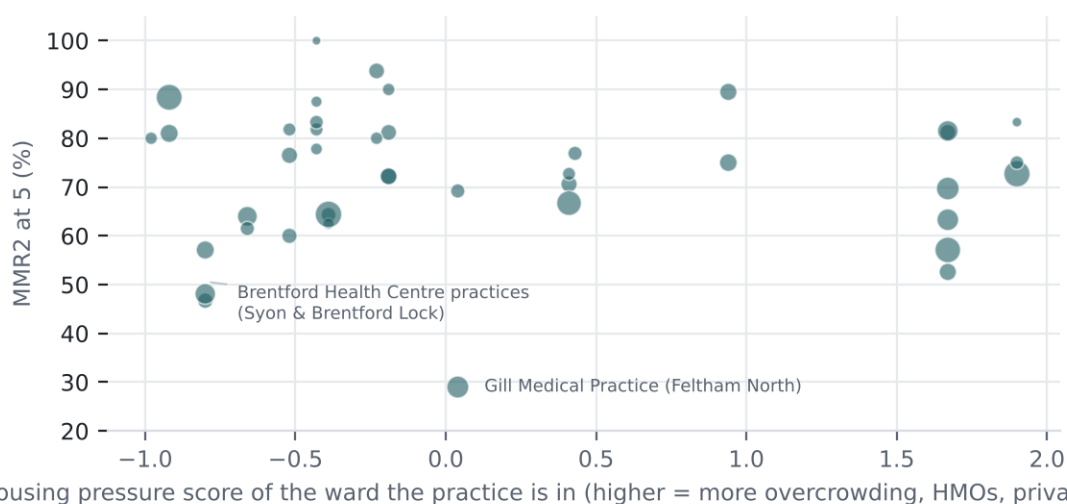
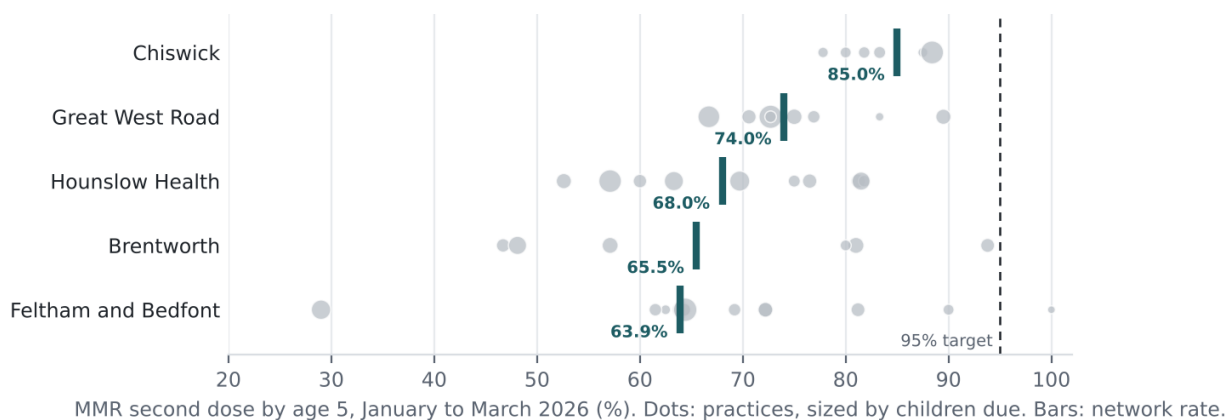
Hounslow's MMR coverage (70.8%) is far below England's (83%) but about the London middle: joint 15th of 32. Across London, boroughs with more residents born abroad or recently arrived, more private renting and more converted flats have lower coverage. The share of Asian, Sikh or Hindu residents, Hounslow's largest communities, shows no such link. NHS England London has linked this pattern to families moving between GP lists and to vaccines given abroad that never reach UK records.



Left: MMR coverage by borough (Childhood Lottery, 2024-25). Right: Spearman rank correlation between MMR and Census 2021 measures across 32 boroughs; teal bars are unlikely to be chance ($p < 0.05$). Area patterns cannot say which families are or are not vaccinated.

6. Inside Hounslow: wards and GP practices

Overcrowding, licensed HMOs and private renting are concentrated in Hounslow Central, Hounslow West, Hounslow Heath, Cranford and Heston. Childhood vaccination, measured at GP practices, does not follow that map. The lowest coverage is at practices in the Brentworth and Feltham and Bedfont networks, including areas with little HMO housing.



Rank correlation across 42 practices between MMR2 at 5 and the ward score: housing pressure +0.01, household deprivation -0.29, newcomers -0.02, Asian ethnic group -0.13. Only deprivation shows a weak link.

Ward profile

Census 2021 and the council's licensed HMO register (October 2026), 2022 wards, highest housing pressure first. Vaccination is for GP practices located in the ward; blank where none is located.

Ward	Housing pressure	Over-crowded %	HMO licences	HMOs per 1,000 homes	Private rented %	Deprived 2+ ways %	Arrived <5 yrs %	Limited English %	Children due at 5	MMR2 at 5 %
Hounslow Central	+1.90	27.5	110	30.3	56.5	21.8	30.9	6.9	62	74.2
Hounslow West	+1.67	24.2	155	31.8	42.3	26.5	21.1	7.4	167	66.4
Hounslow Heath	+1.10	22.4	117	22.7	41.6	25.8	16	7.5		
Cranford	+0.94	22.4	98	19.6	34.5	27.7	15.9	7	39	82.1
Heston Central	+0.78	19.8	91	21	30.8	23.7	16	7.6		
Hounslow East	+0.61	18.1	69	22.7	35.4	22.6	17	7.1		
Heston East	+0.43	16.9	51	14.4	34.7	21.5	14.8	7.9	13	76.9
Heston West	+0.41	20	54	11.5	27.2	27.3	10.6	8.3	67	68.7
Feltham North	+0.04	16.1	73	17.3	22.4	25	10.6	5.5	44	40.9
Bedfont	-0.19	15.2	76	14.3	23.3	23.5	9.2	4.8	62	77.4
Osterley & Spring Grove	-0.23	9.9	59	11.2	35.1	13.9	10.3	3.8	26	88.5
Feltham West	-0.39	15.6	49	8.6	25.7	21.9	10.3	4.2	67	64.2
Chiswick Gunnersbury	-0.43	5.7	96	16.8	38.5	13.4	14.1	2.5	40	82.5
Hanworth Park	-0.43	12.7	51	13.2	23.9	20.6	8.2	4.1	5	100
Hounslow South	-0.52	9.4	57	11.9	24.8	16.9	7.5	4.5	43	72.1
Brentford East	-0.65	16.4	13	3.6	27.9	23.5	10.9	3.9		
Hanworth Village	-0.66	14.8	33	5.8	18	25.3	6.1	4.6	38	63.1
Brentford West	-0.75	7.8	35	10.4	29.3	15.6	8.1	2.7		
Syon & Brentford Lock	-0.80	11.1	18	3.4	29.4	19.6	9.9	3	63	50.8
Chiswick Homefields	-0.92	5.1	48	8.3	30.3	10.2	10.6	1.8	43	88.4
Isleworth	-0.92	11.2	19	3.5	24	19.4	7.3	3	21	81
Chiswick Riverside	-0.98	5.1	28	6.3	31.4	12.2	10.1	1.9	10	80

GP practices, lowest MMR second dose first (January to March 2026)

One quarter with small numbers per practice. A low figure can mean children are unvaccinated, or vaccinated but not recorded.
Source: UKHSA COVER supplementary GP-level tables.

Practice	Network	Ward	Due at 5	MMR2 at 5 %	Pre-school booster %	Due at 2	MMR1 at 2 %
Gill Medical Practice	Feltham and Bedfont	Feltham North	31	29	41.9	19	73.7
Albany Practice	Brentworth	Syon & Brentford Lock	15	46.7	40	17	52.9
Brentford Family Practice	Brentworth	Syon & Brentford Lock	27	48.1	48.1	21	57.1
Blue Wing Family Doctor Unit	Hounslow Health	Hounslow West	19	52.6	47.4	10	70
The Practice Heart of Hounslow	Hounslow Health	Hounslow West	42	57.1	71.4	50	80
Brentford Group Practice	Brentworth	Syon & Brentford Lock	21	57.1	61.9	27	70.4
Willow Practice	Hounslow Health	Hounslow South	15	60	66.7	14	78.6
Little Park Surgery	Feltham and Bedfont	Hanworth Village	13	61.5	46.2	17	76.5
Queens Park Medical Practice	Feltham and Bedfont	Feltham West	8	62.5	62.5	12	50
Hounslow Medical Centre	Hounslow Health	Hounslow West	30	63.3	66.7	25	80
Mount Medical Centre	Feltham and Bedfont	Hanworth Village	25	64	72	19	78.9
St Davids Practice	Feltham and Bedfont	Feltham West	14	64.3	64.3	11	100
The Practice Feltham	Feltham and Bedfont	Feltham West	45	64.4	71.1	33	75.8
HMC Health Heston Great West	Great West Road	Heston West	39	66.7	56.4	33	66.7
Carlton Surgery	Feltham and Bedfont	Feltham North	13	69.2	61.5	10	70
Bath Road Surgery	Hounslow Health	Hounslow West	33	69.7	66.7	37	86.5
Jersey Practice	Great West Road	Heston West	17	70.6	70.6	21	90.5
Grove Village Medical Centre	Feltham and Bedfont	Bedfont	18	72.2	72.2	17	82.4
Greenbrook Bedfont	Feltham and Bedfont	Bedfont	18	72.2	83.3	13	69.2
Skyways Medical Centre	Great West Road	Heston West	11	72.7	54.5	21	85.7
HIYOS	Great West Road	Hounslow Central	44	72.7	72.7	46	87
Cranford Medical Centre	Great West Road	Cranford	20	75	80	30	76.7
Hounslow Family Practice	Hounslow Health	Hounslow Central	12	75	66.7	11	100
Redwood Practice	Hounslow Health	Hounslow South	17	76.5	76.5	12	83.3
Crosslands Surgery	Great West Road	Heston East	13	76.9	76.9	24	79.2
West4 GPs	Chiswick	Chiswick Gunnersbury	9	77.8	77.8	17	88.2
Grove Park Terrace Surgery	Chiswick	Chiswick Riverside	10	80	90	5	80
Spring Grove Medical Practice	Brentworth	Osterley & Spring Grove	10	80	80	14	71.4
The Isleworth Practice	Brentworth	Isleworth	21	81	81	21	85.7
Pentelow Practice	Feltham and Bedfont	Bedfont	16	81.2	81.2	18	72.2
Chestnut Practice	Hounslow Health	Hounslow West	16	81.2	75	15	80
Green Practice	Hounslow Health	Hounslow West	27	81.5	81.5	25	92
Chiswick Health Practice	Chiswick	Chiswick Gunnersbury	11	81.8	100	15	86.7
Kingfisher Practice	Hounslow Health	Hounslow South	11	81.8	81.8	14	100
Holly Road Medical Centre	Chiswick	Chiswick Gunnersbury	12	83.3	91.7	7	71.4
Medical Centre	Great West Road	Hounslow Central	6	83.3	66.7	14	85.7
Glebe Street Surgery	Chiswick	Chiswick Gunnersbury	8	87.5	87.5	8	87.5
Chiswick Medical Practice	Chiswick	Chiswick Homefields	43	88.4	88.4	62	75.8
Clifford Road Surgery	Great West Road	Cranford	19	89.5	94.7	21	95.2
Hatton Medical Practice	Feltham and Bedfont	Bedfont	10	90	80	15	73.3
Thornbury Road Centre for Health	Brentworth	Osterley & Spring Grove	16	93.8	75	26	100
Clifford House Medical Centre	Feltham and Bedfont	Hanworth Park	5	100	60	7	85.7

7. Who needs to act

Hounslow Council (biggest lever)

- Explain each "No" given to the Children's Commissioner and correct any that are wrong.
- Plan services that are really missing: youth hubs and clubs, targeted youth groups (low-income families, LGBTQ+, SEND, young carers), bereavement support, child domestic and sexual violence advisers, a Children in Care Council.
- Raise youth services spending, about half the London median per young person.

NHS North West London and GP practices

- Target call and recall at the practices with the lowest MMR and pre-school booster rates, mainly in the Brentworth and Feltham and Bedfont networks.
- Clean practice lists and record vaccines given abroad.
- Lift HPV and teenage booster uptake through the school-age immunisation service.
- Find out why so many children say they lack good healthcare.

Council public health and health visiting

- Raise the share of children getting their 2 to 2 and a half year review, among the lowest in England.
- Use the review to check and catch up vaccinations.
- Work with maternity services on low birthweight.

NW London Child Death Overview Panel

- Publish a multi-year picture of child deaths in Hounslow and its findings.

Council housing and private sector housing

- Focus HMO licensing checks and overcrowding enforcement on Hounslow Central, Hounslow West, Hounslow Heath and Cranford.
- Act on children saying they lack somewhere to call home.

Schools and the safeguarding partnership

- Online safety, where children here feel less safe than almost anywhere in England.
- Breakfast clubs and wraparound childcare.
- Build on strengths: GCSE results, low NEET, children enjoying school and trusting teachers.

8. Method and caveats

Scores, values and ranks come from the Children's Commissioner's full Childhood Lottery dataset. Totals exclude Isles of Scilly, City of London, Bury and Nottinghamshire, as the Commissioner does. London averages use 32 boroughs, excluding the City of London.

GP practice vaccination comes from UKHSA's supplementary COVER GP-level tables for January to March 2026, published as management information to be used with caution. Practices were placed in wards by postcode (NHS ODS, postcodes.io). Patients often live in neighbouring wards.

Ward profiles use Census 2021 (ONS Nomis, 2022 wards) and Hounslow Council's register of licensed HMOs, matched to wards by postcode (1,400 of 1,403 records). The register shows only licensed HMOs.

Within Hounslow, housing pressure, newcomer share and ethnic mix move together very closely across wards, so ward data alone cannot separate them. All patterns are for areas, not individuals, and none says anything about any community's attitudes.

"Who acts" is an assignment of responsibility made for this analysis, not part of the Commissioner's dataset.

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