



Young London
Matters



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Overview

1. Government Office role and the London context
2. What we know about outcomes for children in Early Years in London:
 - How they are changing
 - What are the key issues impacting on outcomes
 - What we are doing to improve outcomes within London.



Government Office Role

- 9 Regional Government Offices in England
- Provide “central government in the regions”
- Children and Learners Division established 2006
- Monitor, challenge and support LAs on the delivery of the ECM agenda
- Children’s Services Advisers - *strategic level co-ordinate engagement plan with each local authority area*
- LAAs, Improvement Support Partners and JISPs
- Policy Teams focus on specific themes and have place based knowledge

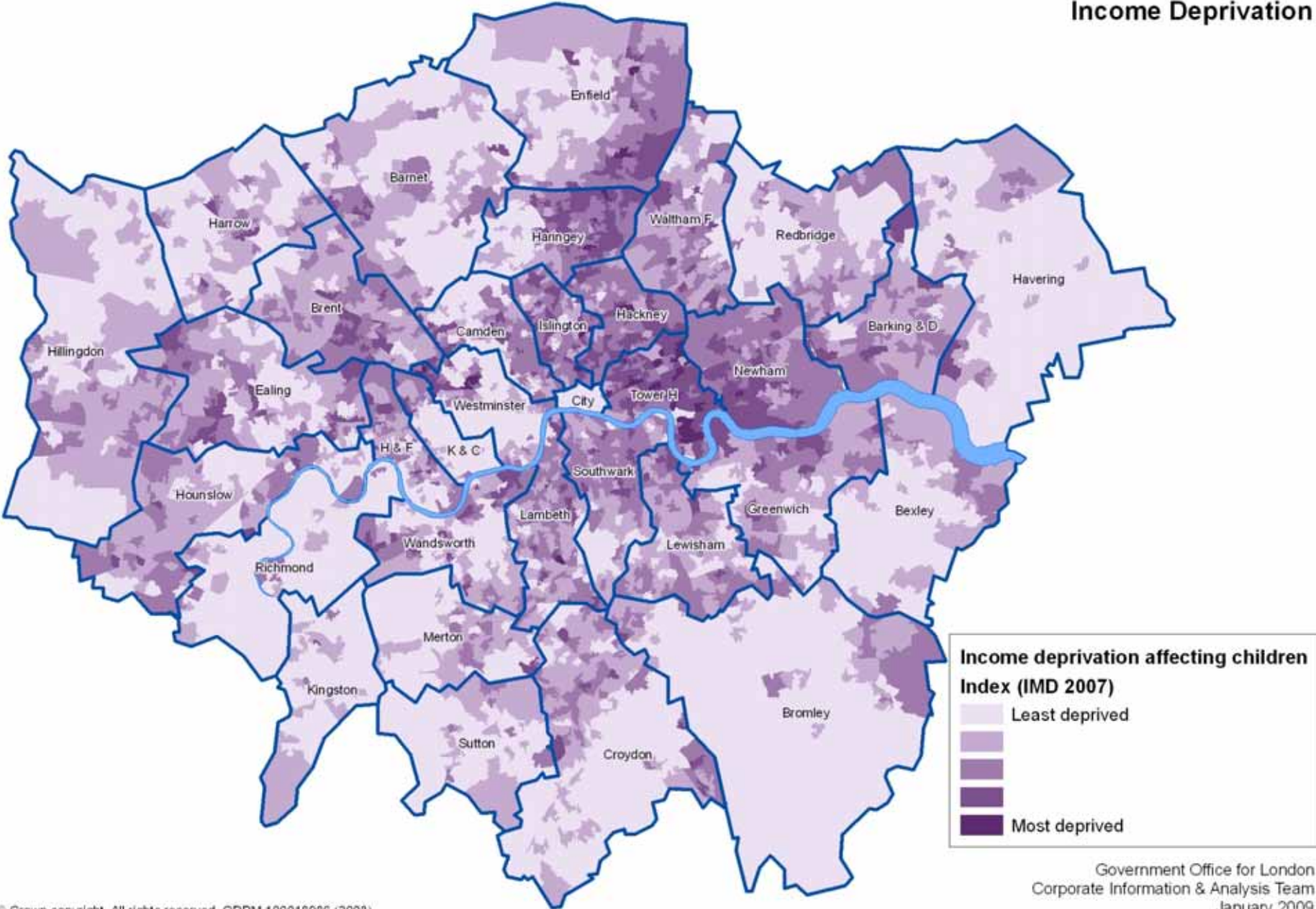


Leading and Managing the system

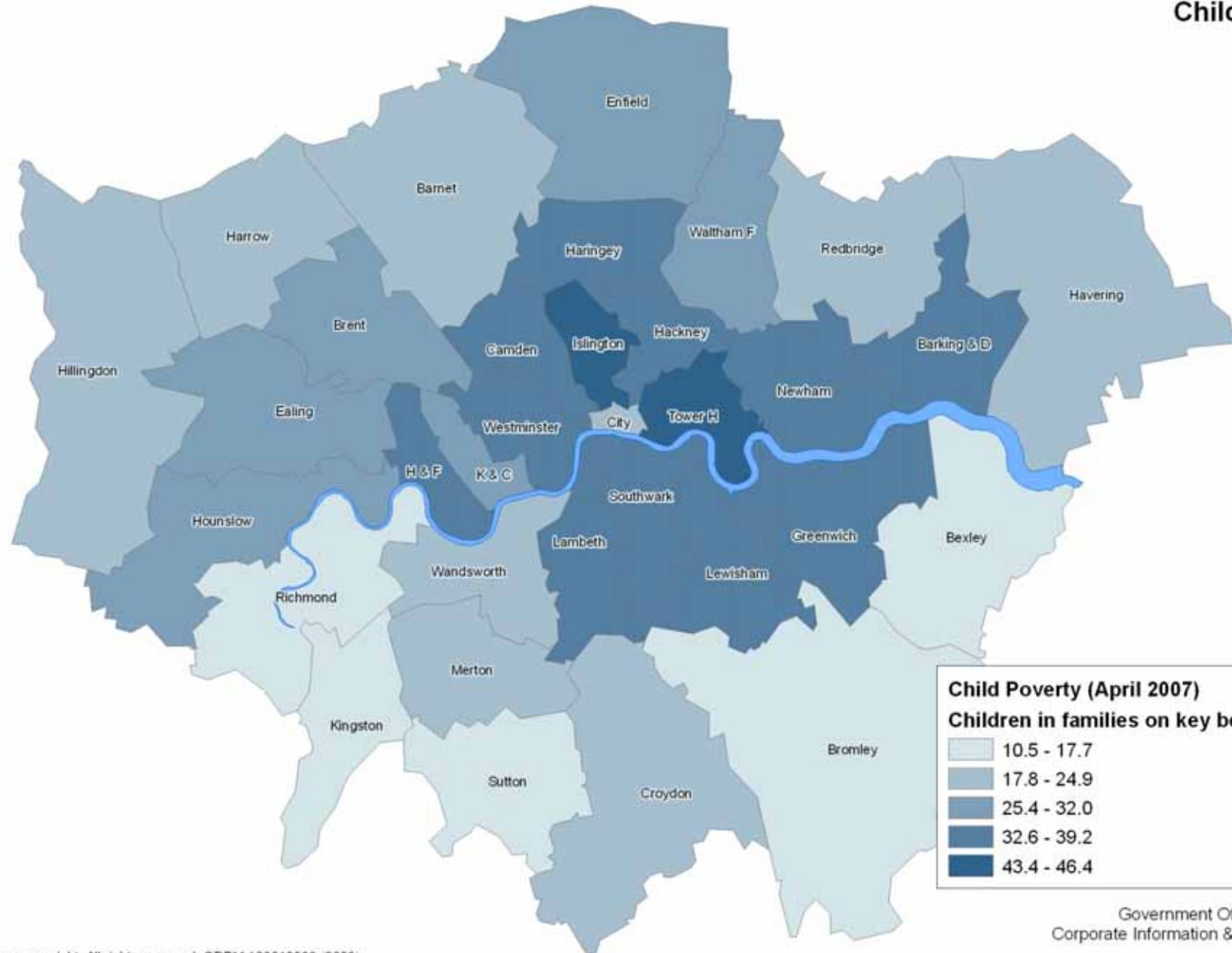
- Co-ordination of support and challenge
- Established an excellent Early Years Regional Childcare Network
 - **Joint intervention and assistance**
 - **Developing peer action learning sets to capture and share learning of what works**
- Established the London Improvement Support Partners Network, an effectively collaboration of key partners; TDA, TfC, Nat Stats, CWDC, 4Children, Early Support, Play and Youth Sports Trust
 - **Improved alignment through collective intelligence to add value to shared agendas .**
 - **Escalate action when issues not resolved**



Income Deprivation



Child Poverty



Be Healthy

NI 53: Prevalence of Breastfeeding at 6- 8 weeks

5 LAs have selected this NI as improvement target in 2008-11

NI 55: Obesity among primary school age children in Reception Year

9 LAs- selected as an improvement target

NI 54 : Services for Disabled Children

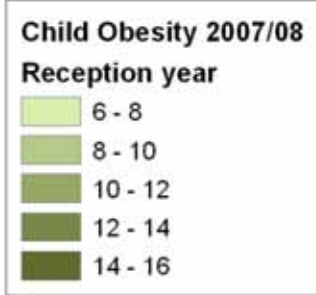
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Impact of Early Support

Significant investment through AHDC;DCATCH,
Shortbreak Pathfinders



Child Obesity 2007/08



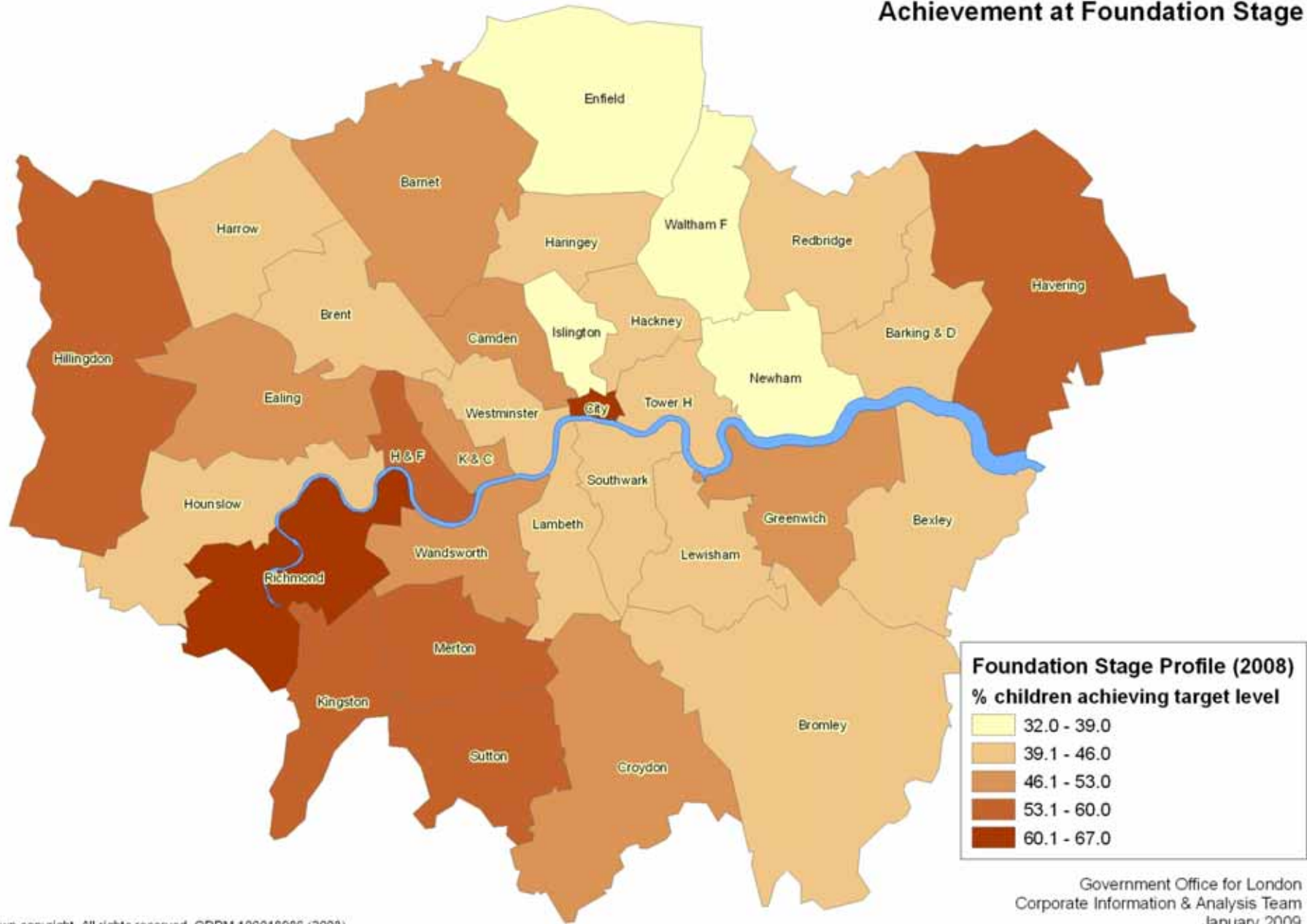
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Enjoy and Achieve

- EYFS- mandatory for all schools and EY providers in Ofsted registered settings attended by children aged 0-5
- Significant investment in terms of Programmes- MABD, CLLD, PPEL, ECAT, reforms starting to have an impact
- FSP results- figures show improvement but more needs to be done
- Close working with NS SFRAs.
- Sharing of early learning and best practice from London Pilots
 - **Single Funding Formula/Flexible Entitlement**
 - **2 year old offer pilots**
- Focus on maintaining Quality of provision and improving outcomes for the most disadvantaged
- Investment in EY workforce: GLF and EYPS



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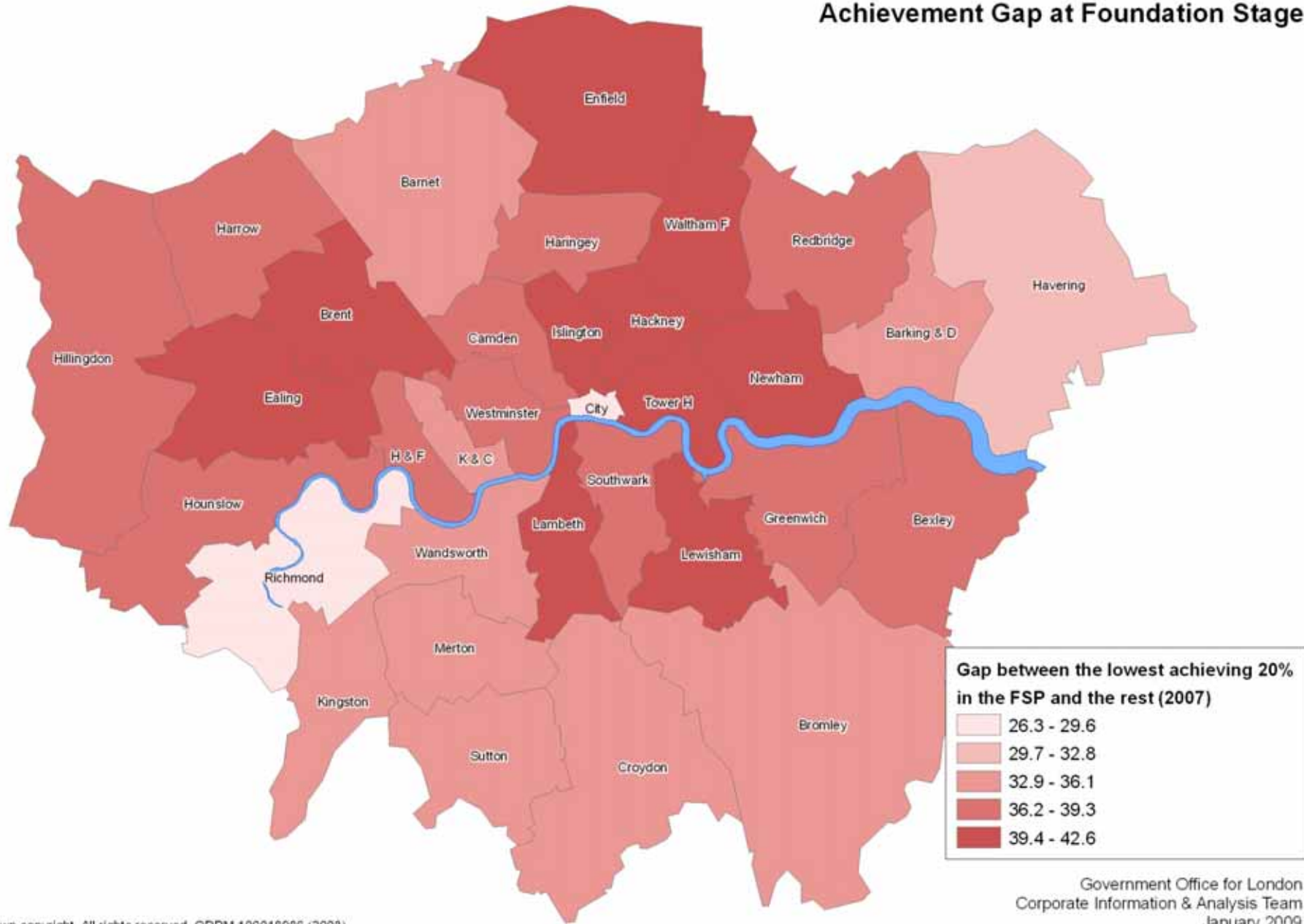


Foundation Stage Profile (2007)
% children achieving target level

26.0 - 33.8
33.9 - 41.6
41.7 - 49.4
49.5 - 57.2
57.3 - 65.0

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Achievement Gap at Foundation Stage



Achieve Economic Wellbeing

- Reduce proportion of children living in poverty.
 - London Child Poverty Pledge
 - London Target to raise parental employment rate by 3% by 2013.
 - London Child Poverty Delivery Group set up:
 - Broad membership
 - Responsibility for monitoring driving forward the target
- Childcare Sufficiency Audit
- Extension of the free entitlement offer
- Take up of Childcare by Lower income families- 7 London LAs with NI118 as an improvement target



£125m of pilots to inform future strategy...

Increasing employment, raising incomes and providing financial support.

- Work-focused services for parents in children's centres across 3 London LAs- Ealing, Westminster and Lambeth
- Placing HMRC advisers in children's centres- Newham

Improving Children's Life Chances

- Extend London Childcare Affordability pilots – known as CAP 09 (tbc)
- Child Development Grants in 3 LAs payable where parents take up their childcare places and have contact with their local children's centre. Ealing, Lambeth and TH
- New approaches to supporting the children of teenage parents. (To be launched soon)
- Extend Family Intervention Projects: Child Poverty FIPs.

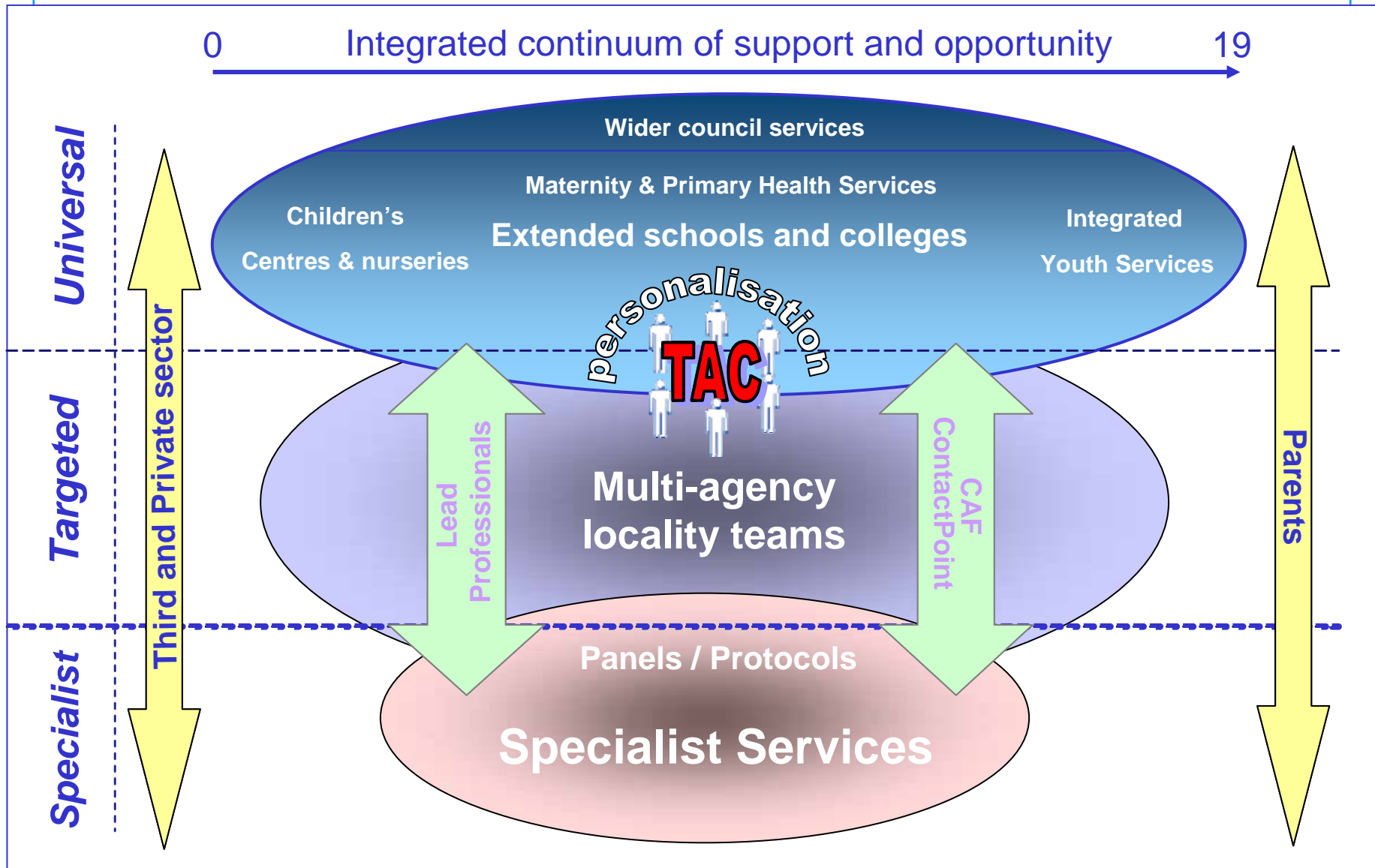
Additional resources for LAs and their partners to develop and pilot new approaches

Children's centres play a critical role

- High quality early years education and care
- Helping parents to gain skills and enter work
- Multi agency, integrated services – meeting the needs of children
- Family Support- outreach to the most vulnerable
- Plans to establish SSCC on a statutory legal basis as part of the forthcoming Children, Skills and Learning Bill.
- 474 designated London CCs.
- LAs receiving support to develop Performance Management system
- Can support the delivery of the following
- NI 72, NI 92, NI 53, NI 55, NI 116, NI118 and more...



2010 integrated 'whole system' frontline delivery of children's services



Strategic Engagement Cycle

