Family and Childcare Trust
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Bognor Regis and Littlehampton

Childcare – a constituency profile

- 5,700 children aged 0-4
- 9,500 children aged 5-14
- 25 per cent of children lived in poverty in 2013 (after housing costs)

Childcare costs in Bognor Regis and Littlehampton

- South East average prices are £133.27 per week for a part-time nursery place for a child under two, childminders = £4.60 per hour, after-school clubs = £52.03 per week and a holiday club = £140.88 per week. The South East is the most expensive region in Britain for holiday childcare.
- Childcare costs in West Sussex are comparable to the regional average for South East England.

Gaps in provision in Bognor Regis and Littlehampton

- The local authority undertook a childcare sufficiency review in 2014 which is available at http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/idoc.ashx?docid=c3745fe7-d02e-4449-8f45-2c77edac10e0&version=-1
- The review indicated that there were gaps in under-fives childcare in some parts of West Sussex, particularly the more deprived areas. It also indicated more widespread shortage of after-school and holiday childcare.

Free early education in Bognor Regis and Littlehampton

2,716 two year olds were eligible for free early education in September 2014. Take up stood at 63 per cent in November 2014, similar to the regional (63 per cent) and national averages (60 per cent).

Comment

The local authority needs to ensure that families are able to access childcare once their children reach school age. It could look at using school premises to deliver more breakfast clubs, after-school and holiday childcare.

Sources: ONS Mid -year population estimates, End Child Poverty Campaign, Family and Childcare Trust costs survey dataset, Department for Education Provision for Children Under Five 2014 statistics.

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