Family and Childcare Trust
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Leeds East

Childcare – a constituency profile

- 7,700 children aged 0-4
- 13,100 children aged 5-14
- 35% of children lived in poverty in 2013 (after housing costs)

Childcare costs in Leeds East

- Nurseries, childminders and holiday childcare are generally a similar price to the regional average, while after-school clubs tend to be 10-20 per cent more expensive.
- Yorkshire and Humberside average prices are £96.47 per week for a part-time nursery place for a child under two, childminders = £3.60 per hour, after-school clubs = £42.84 per week and a holiday club = £115.12 per week.

Gaps in provision in Leeds East

- Local authorities are obliged to carry out an annual childcare sufficiency report that examines the supply of and demand for childcare and also provides and action plan explaining how any gaps might be filled. This report is meant to be made available to councillors and parents. Leeds City Council has not undertaken any childcare sufficiency reviews since 2011, so it is difficult to see if previous gaps have been filled.
- There has been an expansion of places in after-school clubs in the last three years.

Free early education in Leeds East

- 4,544 two year olds were eligible for free early education in September 2014. Take up stood at 55 per cent in November 2014, lower than the regional (66 per cent) and national averages (60 per cent).
- 99 per cent of three year olds are receiving free early education, compared with 94 per cent nationally.

Comment

This local authority needs to ensure that all eligible two year olds are able to benefit from free early education and that they are aware of any gaps in provision.

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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