Family and Childcare Trust
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Central Ayrshire

Childcare – a constituency profile

• 25 per cent of children lived in poverty in 2013 (after housing costs)

Childcare costs in Central Ayrshire

North Ayrshire

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• Childcare costs in North Ayrshire are lower than the Scottish national average. Nurseries are 15 per cent lower, childminders are 10 per cent lower, and holiday clubs are 20 per cent lower. However, after-school clubs are 50 per cent higher than the Scottish

Gaps in provision in Central Ayrshire

North Ayrshire

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Free early education in Central Ayrshire

North Ayrshire

North Ayrshire has had to find a large number of places (280) for deprived two year olds who now qualify for free early education.

Comment

North Ayrshire

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South Ayrshire

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• Nursery, childminder, after-school and holiday childcare prices tend to be 10-20 per cent cheaper in this local authority than the Scotland-wide average.

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The local authority has managed to register almost all three and four year olds in early education provision, with a registration rate of 100 per cent.

Comment

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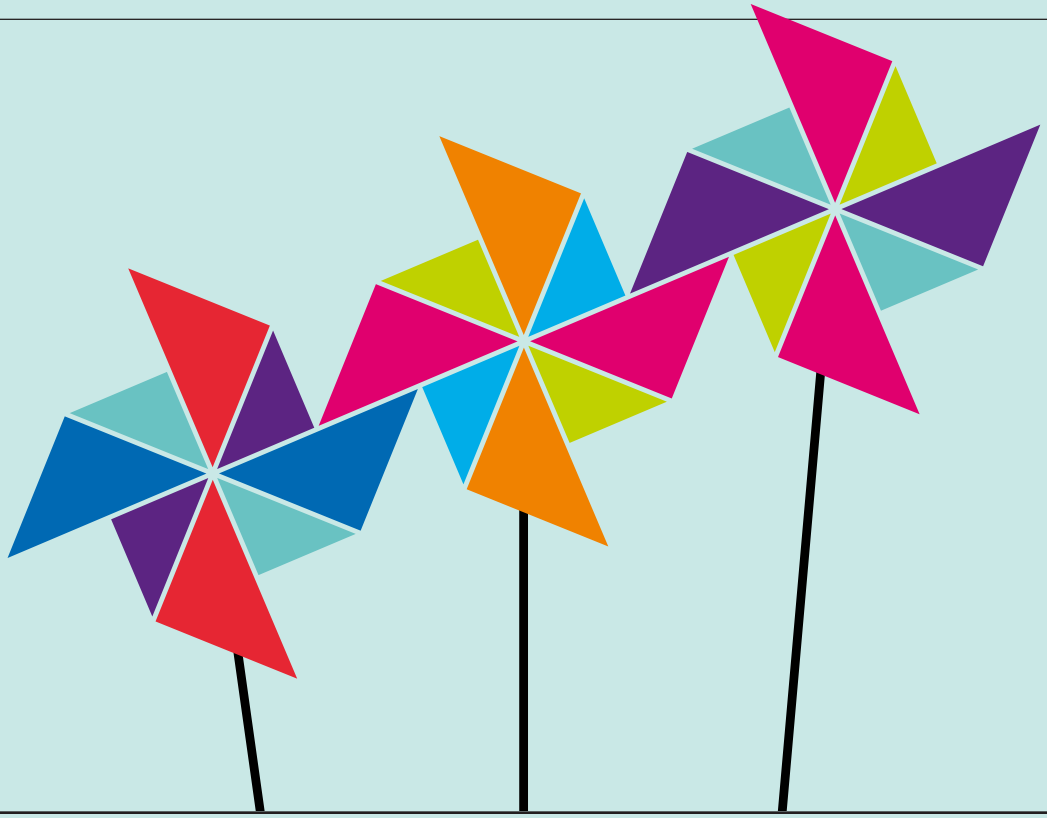
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