Family and Childcare Trust
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South West Surrey

Childcare – a constituency profile

- 6,500 children aged 0-4
- 13,000 children aged 5-14
- 13 per cent of children lived in poverty in 2013 (after housing costs)

Childcare costs in South West Surrey

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. The prices for nursery places and childminders are 50 per cent and 20 per cent above the regional average respectively, while afterschool clubs are at the regional average and holiday clubs are 10 per cent below. Childcare tends to be most expensive in the prosperous parts of Surrey, where prices are among the highest in the South East.

Gaps in provision in South West Surrey

The local authority undertook an annual childcare sufficiency review in 2013. This indicated that there were gaps in provision for full daycare for three year olds, for disabled children and for parents who commute into London who need childcare to start before 8am.

Free early education in South West Surrey

- 2,775 two year olds were eligible for free early education in September 2014. Take up stood at 67 per cent in November 2014, higher than the regional (63 per cent) and national averages (60 per cent).

Comment

The local authority has used school premises to keep down the costs of after-school and holiday childcare, but needs to ensure that there are more breakfast clubs for families who need to start work early.

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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