Family and Childcare Trust
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Enfield North

Childcare – a constituency profile

- 8,500 children aged 0-4
- 14,600 children aged 5-14
- 38 per cent of children lived in poverty in 2013 (after housing costs)

Childcare costs in Enfield North

- All types of childcare tend to be 20-30 per cent cheaper than the London-wide average prices.
- London average prices are £152.06 per week for a part-time nursery place for a child under two, childminders = £5.85 per hour, after-school clubs = £53.65 per week and a holiday club = £111.78 per week.

Gaps in provision in Enfield North

- The local authority undertook a childcare sufficiency review in 2013 which is available at http://www.enfield.gov.uk/if/downloads/file/757/enfield_2013_childcare_sufficiency_assessment_update
- There is a shortage of childcare for the under-fives (including free places), disabled children and families with atypical work patterns. Many Enfield parents commute into the centre of London, so childcare is needed before 8am and after 6pm.

Free early education in Enfield North

- 2,716 two year olds were eligible for free early education in September 2014. Take up stood at 62 per cent in November 2014, higher than the London-wide average (50 per cent and also national averages (60 per cent).
- 83 per cent of three year olds are receiving free early education, compared with 94 per cent nationally. This local authority needs to ensure that all three and four year olds also benefit from free early education.

Comment

This local authority has done well to achieve a high uptake among two year olds who qualify for free early education, given that its population is ethnically diverse and there are high proportions of families living in private rental accommodation who move frequently and can be hard to contact. The local authority has produced dome high quality information about childcare for parents.

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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