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Childcare – a constituency profile

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

Childcare costs in Gordon

Aberdeen City

• After-school and holiday childcare is generally similar in price to the Scotland-wide average, although under-fives childcare in nurseries and from childminders is often 20-30 per cent more expensive than the Scotland-wide average.
• Scotland average prices are £110.01 per week for a part-time nursery place for a child under two, childminders = £4.00 per hour, after-school clubs = £49.03 per week and a holiday club = £104.28 per week.

Gaps in provision in Gordon

Aberdeen City

There are large gaps in all types of childcare in this local authority.

Free early education in Gordon

Aberdeen City

The registration of three and four year olds who are entitled to free early learning is 90.4 per cent in this local authority, compared with a 98.5 per cent average.

Comment

Aberdeen City

This local authority needs to intervene in the local childcare market to ensure that gaps are filled. It also needs to ensure that more children receive free early education in high quality settings.

Childcare costs in Gordon

Aberdeenshire

• Nursery and childminder costs are often 10-20 per cent more expensive than the Scotland-wide average.
• Holiday childcare is similar in price to the Scotland average, while after-school clubs are significantly cheaper.
• Scotland average prices are £110.01 per week for a part-time nursery place for a child under two, childminders = £4.00 per hour, after-school clubs = £49.03 per week and a holiday club = £104.28 per week.

Gaps in provision in Gordon

Aberdeenshire

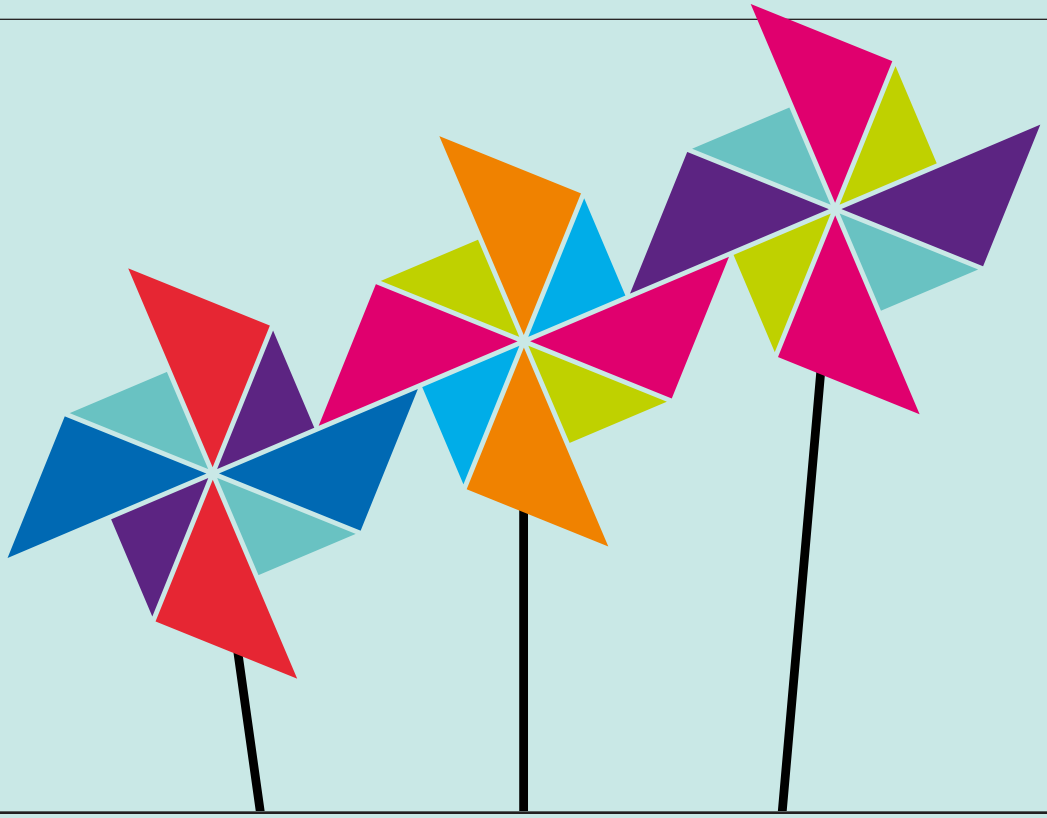
• The most acute gap in provision is for after-school and holiday childcare.
• Aberdeenshire is a sparsely populated area, where private and voluntary sector nurseries, clubs and pre-schools may struggle to break even. It can be particularly challenging to ensure that there is sufficient childcare in rural areas.

Free early education in Gordon

Aberdeenshire

• The registration of three and four year olds who are entitled to free early learning is 93.6 per cent in this local authority, compared with a 98.5 per cent average.
• High proportions of children who are receiving free early education in local authority or partnership centres have access to a registered teacher in this local authority – 99.1 per cent, compared with a Scotland average of 74.3 per cent. Access to a teacher

Comment

Aberdeenshire

This local authority has increased the amount of after-school care provided in schools, but has much less holiday and after-school provision than many local authorities in Scotland.