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Ayr Carrick and Cumnock

Childcare – a constituency profile

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Childcare costs in Ayr Carrick and Cumnock

East Ayrshire

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Gaps in provision in Ayr Carrick and Cumnock

East Ayrshire

The local authority has little data about whether childcare provision is sufficient to meet local demand. Care Inspectorate statistics for Scotland indicate a particular shortage of after-school and holiday childcare.

Free early education in Ayr Carrick and Cumnock

East Ayrshire

High proportions of children receiving free early education in local authority or partnership centres have access to a registered teacher in this local authority –100 per cent, compared with a Scotland average of 74.3 per cent. Access to a teacher promotes the quality of early education.

Comment

East Ayrshire

This area has fewer childcare places per head of population than more prosperous areas. Demand for childcare is low because many parents struggle to pay for it. Childcare providers may also have difficulty making enough money to stay in business. The local authority needs to look at how it can it can help private and voluntary sector childcare providers to become more financially sustainable.

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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

South Ayrshire

It is important that local authorities know about local childcare conditions – supply of childcare and demand for it - if they are to be able to intervene effectively to ensure that there is sufficient childcare.