Family and Childcare Trust
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Maldon

Childcare – a constituency profile

- 4,500 children aged 0-4
- 10,100 children aged 5-14
- 17 per cent of children lived in poverty in 2013 (after housing costs)

Childcare costs in Maldon

- Nurseries prices tend to be 10-20 per cent cheaper than the regional average. Holiday childcare is 20-40 per cent cheaper than the regional average. However, childminders and after-school clubs are 20-40 per cent more expensive.
- East of England average prices are £110.92 per week for a part-time nursery place for a child under two, childminders = £4.85 per hour, after-school clubs = £49.46 per week and a holiday club = £111.13 per week.

Gaps in provision in Maldon

- This local authority undertakes childcare sufficiency reports at a district level. These reports are available on http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Early-Years-Childcare/Pages/Childcare-Sufficiency.aspx
- Holiday childcare is the biggest gap in provision. There are also significant numbers of parents who commute into London who need childcare early in the morning and after 6pm.

Free early education in Maldon

- 5,318 two year olds were eligible for free early education in September 2014. Take up stood at 63 per cent of eligible children in November 2014, similar to regional (66 per cent) and national averages (60 per cent).

Comment

Population growth and new housing developments mean that the demand for childcare will increase over the next five years.

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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