

### Background



**5600**

children aged 0-4



**10600**

children aged 5-14



**17%**

of children lived in poverty

### Childcare costs

**10% - 15%  
higher**

than regional average  
childcare costs



Average prices in

North West

**£102.44**

weekly charge for a  
part-time nursery place  
for a child under two

**£3.55**

hourly charge for  
childminders

**£45.80**

weekly charge for  
after-school clubs

**£107.08**

weekly charge for  
holiday clubs

### Gaps in provision

Shortages of childcare are most acute in deprived areas, where providers find it difficult to break even

### Free early education

**58%**

take up rate for  
two year olds

**58%**

national take up  
rate for two  
year olds



**96%**

take up rate for  
three and four  
year olds

**96%**

national take up  
rate for three  
and four year

### Overall grade and comment

The quality of nursery provision is also far below national average. This is important as it is only high quality provision that has the potential to narrow development gaps between disadvantaged children and their peers.

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