

Edinburgh West

Childcare Constituency profile

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Background



5600

children aged 0-4



10000

children aged 5-14



15%

of children lived in poverty

Childcare costs

**10% - 15%
higher**

than regional average
childcare costs



Average prices in

Scotland

£111.13

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

£4.10

hourly charge for
childminders

£53.21

weekly charge for
after-school clubs

£120.61

weekly charge for
holiday clubs

Gaps in provision

There are gaps in most types of childcare in Edinburgh.

Free early education

94.8%

of 3 and 4 year
olds registered for
free early
education

96.6%

registration rate
in Scotland



69.3%

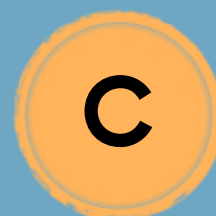
of 3 and 4 year olds
in early education
with regular access
to a GTCS
registered teacher

70.1%

access rate to a
GTCS registered
teacher for 3
and 4 year olds
in Scotland

Overall grade and comment

A much lower proportion (40 per cent) of nurseries are run by local authorities in Edinburgh compared with Scotland as a whole (60 per cent). There are fewer private and voluntary sector nurseries in deprived parts of the city than in more prosperous areas. Consequently there is sometimes a shortage of early education places in parts of the city. The local authority needs to consider how it



Sources: ONS Mid-year population estimates, End Child Poverty Campaign, Family and Childcare Trust dataset, Scottish Government Early Years and Childcare Statistics.

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