

Background



4000

children aged 0-4



8400

children aged 5-14



12%

of children lived in poverty

Childcare costs

**0% - 5%
lower**

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

In some parts of Lancashire private and voluntary sector childcare providers find it difficult to break even. Childcare for disabled children and free early education places for two year olds are the biggest gaps in provision.

Free early education

53%

take up rate for
two year olds

58%

national take up
rate for two
year olds



99%

take up rate for
three and four
year olds

96%

national take up
rate for three
and four year

Overall grade and comment

The local authority needs to consider how it

