

### Background



**5000**

children aged 0-4



**10000**

children aged 5-14



**11%**

of children lived in poverty

### Childcare costs

**5% - 10%  
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

Local authorities are obliged to carry out an annual childcare sufficiency report looking to see if there are any shortages of childcare. Cheshire East Council has not undertaken any childcare sufficiency reviews since 2011, so it is difficult to see if previous gaps have been filled. There is also

### Free early education

**65%**

take up rate for  
two year olds

**58%**

national take up  
rate for two  
year olds



**100%**

take up rate for  
three and four  
year olds

**96%**

national take up  
rate for three  
and four year

### Overall grade and comment

This local authority needs to ensure that it knows about gaps in childcare provision and these do not drive up prices and prevent parents from working.

