

## Childcare Constituency profile

MP Liz Kendall

Labour

Leicestershire

### Background



**8900**

children aged 0-4



**12800**

children aged 5-14



**34%**

of children lived in poverty

### Childcare costs

**0% - 5%  
lower**

than regional average  
childcare costs



Average prices in

East Midlands

**£116.63**

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

**£3.95**

hourly charge for  
childminders

**£44.80**

weekly charge for  
after-school clubs

**£113.71**

weekly charge for  
holiday clubs

### Gaps in provision

The biggest gaps in provision are childcare for disabled children, after-school and holiday childcare and free early education places.

### Free early education

**59%**

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

The quality of childcare is above average in Leicestershire and prices are below the regional average. However, take up of free early education is lower than in other local authorities with a similar economic and demographic profile.

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### Childcare costs

**10% - 15%  
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### Gaps in provision

Some geographic gaps in deprived areas where use of formal childcare is low and providers may struggle to break even. More childcare is also needed for disabled children and those of school age.

### Free early education

**45%**

take up rate for  
two year olds

**58%**

national take up  
rate for two  
year olds



**95%**

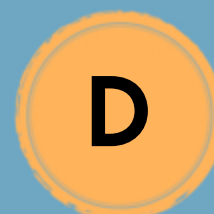
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### Overall grade and comment

Quality of early education provision is an issue in this local authority, with 29 per cent of three and four year olds receiving their free early education in settings judged by Ofsted to be inadequate or in need of improvement, compared with 15 per cent nationally. This local authority needs to work hard to ensure that all children benefit from high quality free early education.



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 2015 statistics.

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