Family and Childcare Trust
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Chesterfield

Childcare – a constituency profile

- 5,300 children aged 0-4
- 9,600 children aged 5-14
- 25 per cent of children lived in poverty in 2013 (after housing costs)

Childcare costs in Chesterfield

- Both nursery and holiday childcare process are generally 10-30 per cent lower than regional averages. Childminder and after-school clubs are generally a similar price to the regional average.
- East Midlands average prices are £118.82 per week for a part-time nursery place for a child under two, childminders = £3.70 per hour, after-school clubs = £48.20 per week and a holiday club = £128.44 per week.

Gaps in provision in Chesterfield

- The local authority is meant to undertake and annual childcare sufficiency report and make this available to councillors and parents. An analysis of under-fives provision was undertaken in 2014. This identified a shortage of places for two year olds who qualify for free early education.
- The local authority has not assessed if it has sufficient out-of-school and holiday childcare since 2011.

Free early education in Chesterfield

- 3,148 two year olds were eligible for free early education in September 2014. Take up stood at 58 per cent of eligible children in November 2014, similar to regional (55 per cent) and national averages (60 per cent).
- There is an almost universal take-up of free early education among three year olds in this local authority.

Comment

There are pockets of deprivation in Derbyshire and also sparsely populated rural areas, where private and voluntary sector nurseries, clubs and pre-schools may struggle to break even.

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 2014 statistics.

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