

## Childcare Constituency profile

MP Philippa Whitford

Scottish National Party

North Ayrshire

### Background



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children aged 0-4



**9200**

children aged 5-14



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of children lived in poverty

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registration rate  
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High proportions of children receive their free early education from a qualified teacher in South Ayrshire and the quality of nurseries is high. But it is important that the local authorities knows about local childcare conditions – supply of childcare and demand for it – if they are to be able to intervene effectively to ensure that there is sufficient childcare.

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