

## **ELC Expansion Programme Update (August 2019)**

### **1. DELIVERY ASSURANCE**

Simon and the delivery assurance team have continued to meet with councils around the country, and continue to work to provide access to individual support where required on issues of policy, capital programme management, business modelling, and contingency planning. We are also working to unblock issues that councils have raised with us to provide a once-for-Scotland solution.

If the team have not yet made contact with you to arrange a specific discussion, this will happen in the coming weeks. If you would like to discuss any issues that affect the delivery of your programme, please contact Simon.

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### **Progress Reporting**

The Improvement Service continue to visit and offer specific support to local authorities as requested. Support includes the development of supply and demand analysis to prioritise capital programmes, risk analysis workshops and the provision of ongoing support with delivery progress reporting.

The next phase of delivery progress data collection is ongoing, with councils being given the opportunity to update their forecasts for the remaining reporting periods to ensure that progress is measured and reported against forecasts which reflect current expansion plans for the remainder of the expansion. Alongside this reforecasting exercise, local authorities have been asked to report their actual position at the end of August 2019.

If you'd like to know more about any of the above then please get in touch with the team at the Improvement Service.

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### **Local Authority ELC KHub Group**

In August there were two webinars for members of the local authority ELC expansion Knowledge Hub group on: Meals in ELC settings and ELC data collections. Thank you to those who were able to join these webinars and the feedback so far has been encouraging. However, if you didn't manage to catch them, they are available to watch in the group's library. There are plans to do more of these and they'll be notified in the group when dates are available. If you have any suggested topics or would like to present one please let John know. There is also now a weekly round up in the group of what has been appearing in the news or on websites relevant to ELC.

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## **2. PROGRAMME-WIDE ACTIVITIES**

### **Joint Delivery Board**

The Joint Delivery Board is due to meet again in October in Clackmannanshire. Members will consider updated local authority data on progress towards implementing the expanded hours across the country. More information on the Board can be viewed at <https://www.gov.scot/groups/early-learning-and-childcare-joint-delivery-board/>.

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## **3. FUNDING FOLLOWS THE CHILD**

### **\*UPCOMING EVENT\* ELC Partnership Summit – 12 September 2019**

The [ELC Providers: Delivery Support Plan](#), published in December 2018, highlighted that the Scottish Government would work with COSLA to host a Partnership Summit, building on the work of the ELC Partnership Forum.

The Summit will be held on 12 September at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre.

The Summit will bring together local authorities and providers in order to showcase good practice in partnership working, the implementation of the 'provider neutral' Funding Follows the Child approach, and reinforce the focus on high quality, which is central to the ELC expansion and Funding Follows the Child.

We are grateful to the providers, representative bodies, and local authority colleagues who kindly offered to run or support workshop sessions at the Summit. The full programme for the Summit will be available shortly on the Knowledge Hub. Further materials from the presentations and workshops at the Summit will also be available on the Knowledge Hub after the event.

If you would like any further information on the Partnership Summit then please contact us via the email address below.

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### **Engagement sessions**

[Funding Follows the Child and the National Standard for early learning and childcare providers: Principles and practice](#) was published on 18 December, a joint Scottish Government and COSLA publication. Supporting [Operating Guidance](#) and a [Question and Answer](#) document to further support the sector was also published.

To support the introduction of Funding Follows the Child from August 2020 we will continue to run presentation and workshop sessions across local authority areas. We will look to tailor these sessions to meet the needs of the local area and we would be more than happy to support further events over the coming months. Please contact us to register your interest and we will do our best to meet your request.

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## **Technical Guidance on Implementing Funding Follows the Child**

Technical guidance notes developed by Scotland Excel, were published on 29 April to support local authorities and providers in the private and third sectors, including childminders, implement Funding Follows the Child, and the underpinning National Standard, from August 2020. These notes cover:

- [Funding Follows the Child and the National Standard for ELC Providers: Guidance on Meeting Criteria 7 - Business Sustainability](#);
- [Funding Follows the Child and the National Standard for ELC Providers: Guidance for Setting Sustainable Rates from August 2020](#); and,
- [Funding Follows the Child and the National Standard for ELC Providers: Transition Options Guidance on Contracting](#).

Scotland Excel are currently developing template terms and conditions, and supporting tender documentation, that local authorities can draw on as they develop their commissioning approaches ahead of the introduction of the expanded entitlement and Funding Follows the Child in August 2020.

Scotland Excel are also working with the Regional Improvement Collaboratives to run specific sessions on the guidance over the Summer, and, in addition to this we will look to include further sessions on the Scotland Excel guidance as part of our wider programme of engagement to support implementation of Funding Follows the Child.

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## **Clarification on transition arrangement for the National Standard**

We will shortly be consulting COSLA on the proposed wording of a clarification to ensure that the transition arrangements are fair and that no setting is disadvantaged by the timing of their next inspection. This will provide clarity on whether or not local authorities can commission funded hours from a setting that, at time of procurement, has Care Inspectorate evaluations of less than 'good'. We hope to issue this clarification in mid-September. Please contact us if you are starting your procurement processes before then.

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## **Information on Local Authority Support and Funding for ELC Providers**

A summary of the recent changes in the hourly rates that providers receive for delivering the funded entitlement, and the range of support that local authorities provide to funded providers, was published earlier this summer. This followed a request from the Scottish Government to local authorities in April for updates on their actions to support partnership in their area.

The report is available on the Knowledge Hub.

If you would like to join the [Knowledge Hub](#) then please email, [ELCPartnershipForum@gov.scot](mailto:ELCPartnershipForum@gov.scot). Alternatively, we would also be happy to send you a copy of the summary paper.

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## **Legislative changes**

The Scottish Parliament has recently approved two pieces of secondary legislation to support the ELC expansion programme:

### **[The Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(No.1\) Order 2019.](#)**

- This order removes the minimum session length for funded ELC (currently 2.5 hours) and increase the maximum session to 10 hours or less (currently 'less than 8 hours') so funded ELC can be delivered in a whole day session (e.g. 08:00-18:00).
- The changes to session length supports our wider efforts to improve flexibility of access to affordable ELC and support parents who are in work, training or further study.
- Changes to the minimum framework do not place an obligation on ELC settings to provide the maximum 10 hour sessions where these are not already offered.
- This order came into force in August 2019 to support local authorities to provide more flexibility on session lengths, and to test new delivery models, during the phasing period and in preparation for full implementation of 1140 hours.

### **[The Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(No.2\) Order 2019.](#)**

- This order formally changes in legislation the amount of funded ELC children are entitled to from 600 hours to 1140 hours. This order will take force from August 2020.
- This will provide the necessary legislative basis to underpin the work local authorities are already doing to deliver the expanded ELC offer from August 2020.

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## **Statutory Guidance Refresh**

We are working on revising and updating the Statutory Guidance on ELC. The guidance was first published in 2014 and so it is necessary to review the document to incorporate updates to policy and reflect the new context of delivering the expanded entitlement from August 2020.

A short life working group, which brings together stakeholders from across the sector, is currently helping to support the development of the updated guidance. The draft Statutory Guidance will then undergo wider public consultation this autumn.

As part of this work, the Uptake, Eligibility, and Engagement team are working with colleagues across Scottish Government, COSLA, and Education Scotland to strengthen the relevant sections of the guidance on eligibility for funded ELC in a deferred year. These draft updates are due to be completed and ready for the wider public consultation that will commence this autumn. Please contact Fran if you would like to discuss these updates in more detail.

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## **ELC Partnership Forum**

In order to support and promote genuine partnership between providers and local authorities, the Scottish Government and COSLA have established the ELC Partnership Forum.

Any provider can apply to join the membership pool. Attendee numbers for each Forum are limited in order to enable small group discussions. The Forum's membership pool is steadily increasing with 160 members now having joined, which includes 140 members from the private and third sector. Meetings are taken around the country using Regional Improvement Collaborative (RIC) areas as a guiding principle and to help maximise local representation, wherever possible. The next meeting is scheduled for the Tayside RIC area on 6 November in Perth. Local representation from the RIC area will be sought to attend the Perth meeting.

We understand that some RIC areas are looking at setting up local partnership arrangements, with the West Partnership establishing its own forum. Its second meeting is planned is taking place on 22 August.

All information and supporting arrangements for the Forum's activities are available on the [Knowledge Hub](#). A guide to accessing the Knowledge Hub can be provided on request (again, via the email address below).

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### **Regional Improvement Collaboratives**

The Regional Improvement Collaboratives (RIC) are due to submit their outline 2019/20 regional improvement plans to Education Scotland in September. The Scottish Government will continue to liaise with each RIC, Education Scotland and other partners in supporting the delivery of those plans, including through the provision of further SG funding support.

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## **4. UPTAKE, ELIGIBILITY AND ENGAGEMENT**

### **Parental marketing campaign**

We are continuing to plan for the parental marketing campaign. This will be produced under the Parent Club brand, as with existing leaflets. We expect materials to be pushed out in January-March to coincide with the application dates for most local authorities, and make it easier for families to take action. Please contact us if your application dates are different (or if they are undecided).

We expect the campaign to include: posters/telephone wraps; radio adverts; social media; and leaflets. We will have more details soon of the specific products that the agency are recommending. Part of the work will involve working with local partners to get the materials to the right audience.

We are working closely on this with the marketing and insights team in the Scottish Government. We are trying to streamline contact, so local authorities and other potential partners might hear directly from them. Victoria Lopez already works with local authority marketing leads and will be making contact with them to discuss partnership work. Rachel Watson will be attending the next Scottish Government/COSLA/Local Authority comms group to give an overview of the planned campaign.

## **Resources for the sector**

We will be moving our '[parental comms toolkit](#)' materials on to the gov.scot website soon, to make them more widely accessible. We will keep them on Knowledge Hub as we would like this to be an ongoing piece of work, with documents updated and added based on your feedback. Please continue to share feedback or other useful materials.

If you have any newsletters or magazines and would like support in creating content on the expansion, then please get in touch. Our toolkit is also designed to help partners to create their own content.

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## **5. QUALITY**

### **\*UPCOMING EVENT\* Sharing good practice in how local authorities are embedding and strengthening quality in ELC – 13 September 2019**

While local authority leads are in Edinburgh for the Partnership Summit on 12 September, we'd like to support local authorities to share learning and practice by bringing colleagues together for an extra day, focused on how you're promoting leadership of quality within settings in your local area. This event will take place on Friday 13 September. ADES Early Years network is helping us to shape the agenda and have offered up one of their scheduled meeting dates. The event is open to all local authorities.

We'll be showcasing examples identified during discussions with local authority quality leads over the last year, particularly on how they're supporting the professional development of their ELC leaders. This will also be an opportunity to hear from the Care Inspectorate and Education Scotland about how you can support settings to meet the quality criteria in the national standard and to hear about how some of your colleagues are working across local authority boundaries to support quality improvement.

Authority leads now should have received an Eventbrite invitation link. If you are an authority and did not receive this link, then please let [James.Niven@gov.scot](mailto:James.Niven@gov.scot) know. Places are limited to two per local authority. (Local authorities that have been invited to present will be invited separately to register an extra attendee.) The event will take place between 09:45 and 15:45, at 'The Place', York Place in Edinburgh.

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### **Space to Grow: Indoor / Outdoor Settings**

Guidance for creating high-quality experiences and opportunities for children in indoor/outdoor settings was published by the Care Inspectorate in the Hub area of their website on the 11 July 2019. ELC teams in Local Authorities have been emailed with a link to the report. An eshot was circulated to LAs and all service providers w/c 15 July. Hard copies will be sent to service providers in due course. A link to the report can be found [here](#).

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## **6. WORKFORCE**

### **\*UPCOMING EVENT\* Men in Early Years – Seminar 26 September 2019**

Scottish Government has provided funding via the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) to investigate innovative ways of attracting and retaining males on ELC training programmes. To ensure the learning from that work is spread widely, to share best practice and to celebrate the increasing diversity in the ELC workforce, we will be hosting an event with SFC and Skills Development Scotland (SDS) in Stirling on 26 September. We'd encourage anyone involved in recruitment or training of ELC practitioners, as well as male practitioners, to attend the event. For further information and to register for attendance, please follow the link below:

<http://www.sfc.ac.uk/access-inclusion/access-priorities/gender/men-early-years-seminar.aspx>

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### **Recruitment Marketing Campaign**

The National Recruitment campaign has two distinct audiences. School leavers and parental returners/career changers. Radio advertising went live in early August for the school leavers audience to pick up on those considering next steps after exam results.

A more comprehensive update is available on the Knowledge Hub at: [https://khub.net/group/early-learning-and-childcare-elc-expansion-scotland-local-authorities/group-forum/-/message\\_boards/message/207588635](https://khub.net/group/early-learning-and-childcare-elc-expansion-scotland-local-authorities/group-forum/-/message_boards/message/207588635)

The campaign website contains resources which can be used for local recruitment activity. We'd encourage everyone to make use of these resources to ensure a consistent approach to potential recruits across the country. We are very happy to discuss how we can support local recruitment efforts. Campaign resources can be found at: <https://childcarecareersscotland.scot/resources/>

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### **MyJobScotland website**

Private and third sector ELC providers registered with the Care Inspectorate can now post jobs on the myjobscotland website free of charge, following an agreement between Scottish Government and COSLA to support providers with their recruitment needs in the period leading up to 2020.

Anyone wishing to advertise vacancies should visit [www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/recruiter](http://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/recruiter)

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### **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Short Life Working Group**

In response to a number of enquiries from people wanting to move to the ELC sector asking about the extent that relevant prior learning and experience can be used to obtain ELC qualifications and how qualifications from other countries can be used, the Scottish Government ELC workforce expansion and development team has established a short life working group to look at the current RPL landscape and establish whether there are areas that can be improved. The Group has representatives from across the sector.

Three meetings will take place over three months. The first meeting took place on 26 June 2019 where the current RPL landscape, specific case studies and potential opportunities for

improvement were discussed. The second meeting took place on the 31 July where we identified 6 areas for action. The final meeting is scheduled for 29 August 2019.

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## **7. EVIDENCE AND ANALYSIS**

### **SEEMiS Early Years and Transformation of the ELC Census**

Work is on-going to develop 'SEEMiS Early Years' to replace the current NAMS system. The developers are progressing with the system design and build, with work currently on track to roll out the new system on 31 July 2020. Communications and engagements in the lead up to delivery are being planned, including information around testing, training and data migration. There will be a session at the up-coming Partnership Summit on the 12 September on the system, and a session for local authorities is planned for October.

Preparations for the current ELC census are underway, with census week beginning on 16 September 2019.

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### **Scottish Study of Early Learning and Childcare (SSELC)**

Our findings from Phase 1 of SSELC – which collected data on eligible two-year-olds and their parents in November 2018 – were published on 14 August 2019 at:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-study-early-learning-childcare-phase-1-report/pages/10/>.

Data collection for Phase 2 of SSELC – which focused on four- and five-year-olds who started Primary 1 in August 2019 – ended in June. We will be analysing this data over the coming months, with a view to publishing a report on Phase 2 early in 2020.

Data collection for Phase 3 of SSELC – which will follow-up with eligible two-year-olds involved in Phase 1, as well as collecting data on a new cohort of three-year-olds as they begin accessing their statutory entitlement – will begin in October 2019. We will be in touch with LA leads over the next month to clarify arrangements for data collection.

We very much appreciate the support of all involved in this important evaluation of the ELC expansion in Scotland.

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## **8. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

### **Children Service Strategic Engagement**

The Children's Services Strategic Engagement finished on 10 June 2019. The team heard about excellent examples of multidisciplinary approaches which embody Getting it right for every child and aim to: promote targeted services through universal services; improve outcomes for looked after and care experienced children and young people; support earlier support and advice for mental health and wellbeing; and support multi-agency collaboration to deliver routes into work for



parents and young people as well as income maximisation being delivered through universal children's services.

To promote and share some of the excellent examples, the team hosted an Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People Networking event on 24 June. This was attended by every Children's Services Planning lead from across Scotland, key senior children's services stakeholders and colleagues from across learning and health directorates. Key challenges that were highlighted from the visits were that: collaboration of resources in local areas is variable causing tensions in some partnerships; there is a need for leaders to work across boundaries and be truly collaborative; and assessment of need should be done jointly with local authorities and health boards – working together using all resources provides better assessments of need.

To support the engagement the SG reviewed the 2017 Children's Services Plans and consulted on the Statutory Guidance on Part 3 (Children's Services Planning) of the Children and Young People Act, which closed on 17 June.

The team are now considering the learning from the visits alongside the responses to the consultation and redrafting the statutory guidance as appropriate. The children's services planning strategic leads network will meet on 7 October to discuss the redrafting of the guidance and progress made on the challenges posed to the government on the visits.

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**ELC Programme – Communications and Engagement calendar**

| <b>SEPTEMBER 2019</b> |  |  |   |
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| 3 Sept                | ELC Strategic Forum  | The ELC Strategic Forum was set up in 2016. The purpose of the group is to develop and help implement our vision for high-quality and flexible early learning and childcare (ELC) in Scotland - integrated with an out-of-school care system - that is affordable and accessible for all.  | <a href="https://www.gov.scot/groups/early-learning-and-childcare-strategic-forum/">https://www.gov.scot/groups/early-learning-and-childcare-strategic-forum/</a> |
| 12 Sept               | ELC Partnership Summit   | Taking place in the Edinburgh International Conference Centre the National ELC Partnership Summit brings together local authorities and providers in order to showcase good practice in partnership working, support implementation of the ‘provider neutral’ Funding Follows the Child approach, and to reinforce the focus on high quality, which is central to the ELC expansion and Funding Follows the Child. |   |
| 13 Sept               | Learning Event – Sharing good practice in how local authorities are embedding and strengthening quality in ELC | While local authority leads are in Edinburgh for the partnership summit in mid-September, we’d like to take the opportunity to bring them together, the day after the summit to share good practice in how they’re embedding and strengthening quality in ELC across all of their providers.   |   |
| 14 Sept               | Early Years Scotland Annual Conference   | Early Years Scotland Annual Conference will be held in central Glasgow and will have a focus on ‘There is more to learning than play’. Full details can be found in the link on the right hand side column.  | <a href="https://earlyyearsscotland.org/conference">https://earlyyearsscotland.org/conference</a>   |
| 19 Sept               | Scottish Government/COSLA/Local Authority joint comms meeting  | Scottish Government, COSLA and Local Authority communication leads are meeting in Glasgow to discuss all aspects of ELC communications.  |   |

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| 25-26 Sept          | Scottish Learning Festival                             | SLF is Scotland's key educational event which provides a great professional learning opportunity with a fantastic line-up of keynote speakers, opportunities for professional networking and a practitioner-led seminar programme. This year's theme is 'Achieving Excellence and Equity'. The SG ELC team will be attending the SLF as I am sure many of you will be. Look out for our stall and workshops and we look forward to seeing you all there.  | <a href="https://education.gov.scot/news-and-events/events/Scottish%20Learning%20Festival%202019">https://education.gov.scot/news-and-events/events/Scottish%20Learning%20Festival%202019</a>         |
| 26 Sept             | Men in Early Years – Seminar                           | Scottish Government has provided funding via the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) to investigate innovative ways of attracting and retaining males on ELC training programmes. To ensure the learning from that work is spread widely, to share best practice and to celebrate the increasing diversity in the ELC workforce, we will be hosting a free event with SFC and Skills Development Scotland (SDS) in Stirling.   | <a href="http://www.sfc.ac.uk/access-inclusion/access-priorities/gender/men-early-years-seminar.aspx">http://www.sfc.ac.uk/access-inclusion/access-priorities/gender/men-early-years-seminar.aspx</a> |
| 28 Sept             | Scottish Association Conference<br>Childminding Annual | SCMA's annual conference will be held in Stirling and the theme will be 'Lean on Me' which has been carefully chosen to encompass a myriad of topics including: community, resilience, quality, the importance of strong partnerships, friendship, interventions to address stigma, and thought leadership.   | <a href="https://www.childminding.org/conference">https://www.childminding.org/conference</a>   |
| <b>OCTOBER 2019</b> |  |   |   |
| 2 Oct               | ELC Joint Delivery Board                               | The Early Learning and Childcare Joint Delivery Board was set up in September 2018 and is jointly chaired by Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Children and Young People, and Councillor Stephen McCabe, COSLA Spokesperson for Children and Young People. The purpose of the group is to provide overall governance of the ELC expansion programme, to manage and monitor progress against the Key Milestone Plan to ensure that the Scottish and local Government deliver the ELC Expansion on time and within budget. | <a href="https://www.gov.scot/groups/early-learning-and-childcare-joint-delivery-board/">https://www.gov.scot/groups/early-learning-and-childcare-joint-delivery-board/</a>                           |

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| 3 Oct     | CALA Conference                        | This year's CALA Conference will take place in Inverness with a theme of 'Childcare Heroes: Inspiring practitioners and the impact they have on children, families and the community'. | <a href="https://www.careandlearningalliance.co.uk/cala-conference-2019/">https://www.careandlearningalliance.co.uk/cala-conference-2019/</a>   |
| 10-11 Oct | COSLA & Improvement Service Conference | The Scottish Government ELC team will be in attendance at the annual COSLA and Improvement Service Conference.   | <a href="https://www.cosla.gov.uk/meetings-events/cosla-annual-conference-2019">https://www.cosla.gov.uk/meetings-events/cosla-annual-conference-2019</a>   |
| 29 Oct    | NDNA Scotland Member Event             | The NDNA Scotland Member Event will take place in Glasgow. The agenda is to be confirmed.  | <a href="https://www.ndna.org.uk/NDNA/Events/Event_Display?WebsiteKey=5e278c52-0dec-4482-ad81-d06b25949f8b&amp;EventKey=ME_GLAS19">https://www.ndna.org.uk/NDNA/Events/Event_Display?WebsiteKey=5e278c52-0dec-4482-ad81-d06b25949f8b&amp;EventKey=ME_GLAS19</a> |

## NOVEMBER 2019

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| 6 Nov     | ELC Partnership Forum                   | To support providers of early learning and childcare, the Scottish Government and COSLA have established the Partnership Forum to allow as many providers to participate as possible, and ensure appropriate geographic coverage. The Forum builds on good practice and look at ways to further strengthen effective partnership working across Scotland. |   |
| 27-28 Nov | Education Scotland Buildings Conference | Education Buildings Scotland Exhibition, Conference and Awards Dinner brings the Scottish education built environment and policy professionals together from early years, schools, colleges and universities for two days under one roof. ELC will feature in this year's two day conference and more details on what to expect will be available soon.   | <a href="https://www.educationbuildings.scot/">https://www.educationbuildings.scot/</a> |

## DECEMBER 2019

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|                      |  | Scotland - integrated with an out-of-school care system - that is affordable and accessible for all.  |   |
| w/c<br>16 Dec        | ELC Joint Delivery Board                                   | The Early Learning and Childcare Joint Delivery Board was set up in September 2018 and is jointly chaired by Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Children and Young People, and Councillor Stephen McCabe, COSLA Spokesperson for Children and Young People. The purpose of the group is to provide overall governance of the ELC expansion programme, to manage and monitor progress against the Key Milestone Plan to ensure that the Scottish and local Government deliver the ELC Expansion on time and within budget. | <a href="https://www.gov.scot/groups/early-learning-and-childcare-joint-delivery-board/">https://www.gov.scot/groups/early-learning-and-childcare-joint-delivery-board/</a> |
| <b>JANUARY 2020</b>  |  |   |   |
| January              | Launch of national parental marketing campaign             | In January our local and national marketing campaign under Parent Club brand to include radio; social media; outdoor marketing.   |   |
| <b>FEBRUARY 2020</b> |  |   |   |
| February             | <b>6 months to go</b>                                      | A key milestone in the run up to August 2020.   |   |
| <b>AUGUST 2020</b>   |  |   |   |
| August               | <b>ELC expansion programme to be begin formal roll out</b> | Formal roll out of the ELC expansion increased 1140 hours will begin from August 2020.  |   |

**ELC Programme**

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| 23/03/2017            | <a href="#">A Blueprint for 2020: The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland - 2017–18 Action Plan</a>          |
| 23/03/2017            | <a href="#">A Blueprint for 2020: Early Learning and Childcare Expansion Planning Guidance for Local Authorities</a>           |
| 23/03/2017            | <a href="#">A Blueprint for 2020: The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland – Next Steps - Analysis Report</a> |
| 15/10/2016            | <a href="#">A Blueprint for 2020: Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare Consultation</a>                                   |

**Learning and Wellbeing**

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| 22/12/2017            | <a href="#">Daily Mile Guidance</a>  |
| 31/10/2017            | <a href="#">A Blueprint for 2020: The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland: Quality Action Plan</a> |
|                       | <a href="#">Additional Graduate Commitment</a>   |

**Out of School Care / Outdoor Learning**

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| 21/12/2018            | <a href="#">Out to Play: practical guidance for creating outdoor play experiences in early learning and childcare</a> |

**Service Models**

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| 29/04/2019            | <a href="#">Funding follows the child and the national standard for early learning and childcare providers: transition options guidance on contracting</a>              |
| 29/04/2019            | <a href="#">Funding follows the child and the national standard for early learning and childcare providers: guidance for setting sustainable rates from August 2020</a> |
| 29/04/2019            | <a href="#">Funding follows the child and the national standard for early learning and childcare providers: guidance on criteria 7 - business sustainability</a>        |
| 19/12/2018            | <a href="#">ELC providers: delivery support plan</a>  |
| 18/12/2018            | <a href="#">Funding Follows the Child and the National Standard for early learning and childcare providers: Principles and practice</a>                                 |
| 18/12/2018            | <a href="#">Funding follows the child and the national standard for early learning and childcare providers: operating guidance</a>                                      |
| 18/12/2018            | <a href="#">Funding follows the child and the national standard for early learning and childcare providers: guidance for local authorities</a>                          |
| 31/10/2018            | <a href="#">Early learning and childcare service model for 2020: consultation analysis</a>  |
| 29/03/2018            | <a href="#">Early Learning and Childcare Service Model for 2020: Consultation Paper</a>   |

**Trials**

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| 22/05/2018            | <a href="#">Early Learning and Childcare Expansion delivery trials: evaluation</a> |

## Workforce

| Date Published | Document Link   |
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| 03/2017        | <a href="#">The Skills Investment Plan Prospectus</a> |

## Workforce Development

| Date Published | Document Link                                   |
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| 20/05/2019     | <a href="#">ELC National Induction Resource</a> |

## 2 Year Old Offer

| Date Published | Document Link  |
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| 07/03/2017     | <a href="#">Drivers and Barriers to uptake of Early Learning and Childcare amongst 2 year olds</a> |

## Evaluation and Data Transformation Project

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| 29/06/2013     | <a href="#">Early childhood education and care provision: international review of policy, delivery and funding</a>             |
| 23/03/2016     | <a href="#">Early Learning and Childcare Data Consultation Findings</a>  |
| 15/06/2016     | <a href="#">Early learning and childcare trials discussion paper: analysis of responses</a>                                    |
| 27/09/2016     | <a href="#">Financial review of early learning and childcare in Scotland: the current landscape</a>                            |
| 27/09/2016     | <a href="#">Cost of early learning and childcare provision in partner provider settings</a>                                    |
| 07/03/2017     | <a href="#">Drivers and barriers to uptake of Early Learning and Childcare amongst 2 year olds</a>                             |
| 19/06/2017     | <a href="#">Evaluability assessment of the expansion of early learning and childcare (NHS Health Scotland)</a>                 |
| 19/06/2017     | <a href="#">Provision of early learning and childcare and parents outcomes - an evidence brief (NHS Health Scotland)</a>       |
| 03/08/2017     | <a href="#">Recommendations for Early Learning and Childcare Data report</a>   |
| 28/09/2017     | <a href="#">Early Learning and Childcare Data Transformation Project - May 2017 Data Trial</a>                                 |
| 31/10/2017     | <a href="#">Rapid evidence review: childcare quality and children's outcomes</a>   |
| 22/12/2017     | <a href="#">Changes in early learning and childcare use and outcomes at age 5: compared two Growing up in Scotland cohorts</a> |
| 22/12/2017     | <a href="#">The expansion of Early Learning and Childcare: evaluation report 2017</a>  |
| 22/05/2018     | <a href="#">Evaluation of the Early Learning and Childcare delivery trials</a>   |
| 07/08/2018     | <a href="#">Parents' views and use of early learning and childcare: report</a>   |
| 27/11/2018     | <a href="#">Early Learning and Childcare Data Transformation Project - June 2018 Data Trial</a>                                |
| 14/08/2019     | <a href="#">Scottish Study of Early Learning and Childcare: Phase 1 report</a>   |

## Infrastructure

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| 30/06/2017     | <a href="#">Space to Grow design guidance</a> |

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| 06/06/2018     | <a href="#">Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Act 2017 – Guidance</a>               |
| 29/03/2018     | <a href="#">Every Child, Every Chance: The Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2018-22</a> |
| 16/11/2017     | <a href="#">Education Governance Review</a>   |
| 22/08/2017     | <a href="#">Report of the Barclay Review of Non-Domestic Rates</a>                          |
|                | <a href="#">Scottish Attainment Challenge</a>   |