

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

### **1. DELIVERY ASSURANCE**

Simon and the delivery assurance team have continued to meet with councils around the country, as well as with ADES and RIC early years groups.

We are working 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.

The data return provided by each council to the Improvement Service has been collated and reported to the Joint Delivery Board. Nationally, the data showed that the programme is moving forwards as forecast, although of course there is local variation.

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**

Local authorities have returned data to the Improvement Service on the progress of delivery of the expansion up to 30 April 2019, alongside additional data prediction at one year to go. Data from these returns has been reported to the Joint Delivery Board. The Improvement Service would like to thank all local authorities on the work done to complete the data returns. A national progress report will be published in the coming weeks.

Lisa Kennedy joined the Improvement Service at the end of May as a second ELC Business Analyst and is now working alongside Adam Hall.

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

John Mitchell joined the Improvement Service at the end on May 2019 as the Knowledge Management Project Officer on the ELC expansion team. As part of his role, he will help manage the [local authority ELC expansion KHub group](#). He would like to encourage you to join if you haven't already and while the group has been active, sees much more potential for knowledge sharing within this community. If you are on the group you will have recently seen the [ELC case studies](#) noted below, appearing there. If you have anything you would like to develop or find out about using this Knowledge Hub group, such as a blog or webinar, please get in touch with him. John can also support any Regional Improvement Collaborative that is interested in setting up a group for their area.

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## **ELC Case Studies**

A group of Local Authority representatives from each Regional Improvement Collaborative have been working with Aileen Mclean, Professional Advisor on ELC, to collect examples of case studies linked to the opportunities and challenges within the ELC expansion. Four case studies have recently appeared on the Local Authority K Hub. In addition to Falkirk Council, there are now an examples of partnership approaches with private and voluntary sector nurseries in Moray and childminders in Edinburgh. The fourth example illustrates how the outdoor trial site in Angus using a geodome has expanded. If you have an example of work in progress across any aspect of the expansion that might be good for a case study, please contact Aileen.

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

### **Communications and Engagement**

Scottish Government and COSLA jointly hosted a meeting with local authority communications leads. This meeting was to discuss proactive comms opportunities for ELC and the group will continue to work closely on the run up to August 2020 and beyond.

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### **Joint Delivery Board**

The Joint Delivery Board met on 25 June at the new Wallyford Primary School. Members considered updated local authority progress data. 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. SERVICE MODELS**

### **Funding Follows the Child and the National Standard for ELC Providers**

[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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## **Update on Scotland Excel guidance from Scottish Government and COSLA**

The Scottish Government, on behalf of the Service Models Working Group, commissioned Scotland Excel to develop a suite of supporting operational guidance and information that helps 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.

This includes the following technical guidance notes which were published on 29 April:

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

In addition to the hourly rate that providers receive for delivering the funded entitlement, local authorities also provide a range of benefits and support to funded providers. As we progress towards the full roll-out of 1140 hours, and the introduction of Funding Follows the Child, in August 2020 there have been substantial changes in the hourly rates and the support offered to providers.

To understand the changes in the sector the Scottish Government wrote to local authorities on 8 April 2019 to request an update on their actions to support partnership in their area, and on the hourly rates that are paid to funded providers for the delivery of funded Early Learning and Childcare.

A summary of the information provided by local authorities is now available on the Knowledge Hub. This covers, by local authority area, the following information: hourly rates (for delivering 600 hours); hourly rates in 2019-20 for phasing (delivering more than 600 hours); any payments to providers for the delivery of meals as part of phasing; and a summary of the actions to support providers in each local authority.

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

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## **Legislative changes**

Further to the May programme update, the Scottish Parliament has now 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 will take force from **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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## **Impact Assessments**

Our Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA), Children's Rights and Wellbeing Assessment and Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) were published last month to accompany the legislation package. These can be viewed here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2019/206/resources>

Further Equality Impact Assessments relating to specific non-legislative aspects of the ELC Expansion Programme will also be published imminently. Those include EqIAs considering:

- the barriers to taking up employment in the ELC sector and diversifying the workforce;
- the barriers to children with protected characteristics fully benefitting from their ELC experience; and
- how changes to the income threshold impacts the eligible two year old population.

The impact of the policy will, of course, depend on local implementation. That is why we are hoping to share our learning with local authorities, to support local EqIAs and FSDAs. We are hoping to host some events later in the year to share our learning and support the sharing of best practice between local authorities.

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## **Statutory Guidance Refresh**

We are beginning work to revise and update 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.

We will provide an opportunity for the sector to inform the development of the updated Guidance. In particular, we will be looking for insights from across the ELC sector to understand how to make the guidance as effective and accessible as possible. We will shortly be convening a short life working group to support the development of the updated guidance. The draft Statutory Guidance will then undergo wider public consultation this autumn.

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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.

The Forum met on 18 June in the Forth Valley and West Lothian Regional Improvement Collaborative area at the Stirling Highland Hotel, with the meeting focusing on parental engagement, support that local authorities offer to their funded providers, and the emerging programme for the ELC Partnership Summit.

Any provider can apply to join the membership pool (via the email address below). Attendee numbers for each Forum are limited in order to enable small group discussions. 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 Forum's membership pool is steadily increasing with 160 members now having joined, which includes 140 members from the private and third sector.

We understand that some RIC areas are looking at setting up local partnership arrangements, with the West Partnership establishing its own forum. Its inaugural meeting took place on 7 June.

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).

Contact: [ELCPartnershipForum@gov.scot](mailto:ELCPartnershipForum@gov.scot)

## **SAVE THE DATE – 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.

We can now confirm that the Summit will be held on 12 September at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre.

The focus of the Summit is to 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 reinforcing the focus on high quality, which is central to the ELC expansion and Funding Follows the Child.

The proposed audience for the Summit will be all local authorities, all funded providers who have joined the ELC Partnership Forum membership pool, representative bodies, Care Inspectorate and Education Scotland, and Scotland Excel, COSLA and Scottish Government.

Further information on the Summit, including details of how to register, will be circulated in July to providers who have signed up to the membership pool. If you are interested in attending the Summit, but have not yet joined the membership pool then please contact us at [ELCPartnershipForum@gov.scot](mailto:ELCPartnershipForum@gov.scot) by close on Monday 22 July.

We hope that some of the workshops will be run by providers and local authority representatives, including joint sessions, as well as a range of other stakeholders and representative groups. We would welcome expressions of interest in hosting a workshop. A paper summarising the Forum's initial views on potential workshop topics for the Summit was produced for the Forum's meeting on 18 June and is available on the Knowledge Hub.

Enquiries or expressions of interest can be sent to the email address below.

Contact: [ELCPartnershipForum@gov.scot](mailto:ELCPartnershipForum@gov.scot).

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

##### **Parental communication**

The second phase of ELC content is now live on the Parent Club website – [www.parentclub.scot/elc](http://www.parentclub.scot/elc). This includes pages on funding, quality, and questions to ask, as well as drop down menus to take parents to local authority pages for more local information. There are also 3 case study videos now on Parent Club with more to be added in the near future. These videos can also be found on the Parent Club Scotland YouTube channel.

We are currently working with key stakeholders, including local authorities, to create a parental communication “toolkit” with the aim of helping to promote and raise awareness of the 1140 hours expansion of funded ELC from August 2020. Following discussions with a variety of stakeholders, we are hoping that the “toolkit” will contain a variety of resources, including, but not limited to:

- Leaflets
- Posters
- FAQs
- Parent friendly guides
- Case studies
- Photos and messages ready to use for social media

We are also working with NPFS to create a nutshell document for the toolkit that will be a parent friendly version of The Funding Follows the Child and National Standard.

The first materials for this Toolkit are now available on Knowledge Hub. We hope that this will allow stakeholders to provide feedback on the materials and even share your own local solutions and examples of good practice.

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## **5. QUALITY**

### **ELC Inclusion Fund Year 2**

We are taking the opportunity over the summer to conduct a short review of the inclusion fund process. Following this review we may revise the application criteria to ensure that in subsequent years the fund continues to support individual children to access their funded ELC entitlement.

We will be opening the next funding round by the end of October 2019.

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### **SAVE THE DATE - 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 in mid-September, we'd like to take the opportunity to bring them together, the day after the summit – on Friday 13 September – to share good practice in how they're embedding and strengthening quality in ELC across their providers. We'll be drawing on examples collected during the individual discussions with local authority quality leads that James Niven has been undertaking over the last year. We'll be in touch shortly with any local authorities who haven't yet been able to take part in these conversations and with local authorities from which we would like to showcase practice. In the meantime, if you're particularly keen to showcase practice in embedding and strengthening quality among your providers or to share learning and challenges, please do let us know.

The 13 September is a date being held for one of the ADES Early Years Network's regular meetings. They've kindly offered us this date and we've agreed to host the event, extend invitation to all relevant local authority leads and to work with ADES Early Years Network to finalise a programme for the day.

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## **6. WORKFORCE**

### **Recruitment Marketing Campaign**

The National Recruitment Campaign went live with the latest burst of activity on 10 June and will run until the end of July.

TV is live throughout June, as is radio, while out of home advertising (phone boxes, bus shelters etc) runs for two weeks from 17 June. Digital advertising and video on demand will run until the end of July. 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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## **7. 2 YEAR OLD OFFER**

We are currently working towards a legislative solution to protect the eligibility for those 2 year olds whose parents who will be affected by changes to UK Government policies in respect of the increase in the National Living Wage and a freeze to the income threshold for those in receipt of both maximum Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit. We have now laid legislation to increase the income threshold before the Scottish Parliament.

Subject to approval from the Minister, we have agreed with COSLA that we will write out to Local Authorities to provide an update on the forthcoming legislation and ask to bring in the revised income threshold using their discretionary powers in advance of the SSI being laid and coming into force.

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## **8. EVIDENCE AND ANALYSIS**

### **Transformation of the ELC Census**

Work is on-going for developing a new ELC data management system. Local authorities and settings have been made aware that NAMS is being retired and a new system is being developed.

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

Data collection for Phase 2 of SSELC – which is focused on four and five-year-olds who are starting Primary 1 in August 2019 – has now ended. Our contractor, ScotGen, is beginning to process the completed questionnaires that settings are returning. We very much appreciate the support of all involved in this important national study.

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**ELC Programme – Communications and Engagement calendar**

<b>AUGUST 2019</b>			
August	1 year to go until ELC expansion is fully rolled out in all 32 LA's	<b>You will all be aware that August this year is a big milestone for us all as we hit 1 year to go until the ELC expansion is rolled out. We are currently working up a media plan for August to mark this milestone and hope that you will join us in celebrating 1 year to go.</b>	
August (date tbc)	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.	
<b>SEPTEMBER 2019</b>			
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>
10 Sept	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>

12 Sept	ELC Partnership Forum Summit	Taking place in the Edinburgh International Conference Centre the National ELC Partnership Forum Summit focus is to 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 reinforcing 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>
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/new-events/events/Scottish%20Learning%20Festival%202019">https://education.gov.scot/new-events/events/Scottish%20Learning%20Festival%202019</a>
28 Sept	Scottish Childminding Association Annual Conference	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>

## OCTOBER 2019

October (date tbc)	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.	
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## NOVEMBER 2019

22 November	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>
27-28 November	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

3 December	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>
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## FEBRUARY 2020

February	6 months to go	A key milestone in the run up to August 2020.	
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## AUGUST 2020

August	ELC expansion programme to be begin formal roll out	Formal roll out of the ELC expansion increased 1140 hours will begin from August 2020.	
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**ELC Programme**

<b>Date Published</b>	<b>Document Link</b>
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**

<b>Date Published</b>	<b>Document Link</b>
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**

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

**Service Models**

<b>Date Published</b>	<b>Document Link</b>
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**

<b>Date Published</b>	<b>Document Link</b>
22/05/2018	<a href="#">Early Learning and Childcare Expansion delivery trials: evaluation</a>

## Workforce

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

## Workforce Development

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

## 2 Year Old Offer

Date Published	Document Link
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

Date Published	Document Link
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>
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