

ELC Expansion Programme Update (October 2019)

1. DELIVERY ASSURANCE

Progress Reporting

"One year to go" progress data was reported to the Joint Delivery Board on 2 October, and national data was published on the same day. The report is available on the Scottish Government and Improvement Service websites, and shows the progress made to August 2019. Most notably, over 46,000 children are now receiving more than 600 funded hours, and recruitment and capacity delivery have progressed well.

The next ELC delivery progress data collection is now underway with templates and guidance issued to Local Authorities and due for return to the Improvement Service by Monday 11 November.

Adam and Lisa will feed back to councils in due course with continued engagement on KHub.

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 creation and evaluation of contingency plans.

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

October saw the output from a range of events being shared on the local authority Knowledge Hub group, including:

- ELC Partnership Forum – Partnership Summit on 12 September - video of the plenary sessions and all the workshop presentations
- Scottish Learning Festival - Equity and Excellence lead seminar on 26 September - presentations and a video
- ELC - Recruitment Delivery Group (September meeting) - the minute and presentations
- Northern Alliance Early Years Network in October - summary of a quality workshop

In addition to discussion on various aspects of the expansion, you'll find a weekly roundup of what has been appearing in the news related to ELC and there are also plans for further webinars, which will be announced in due course on the events page.

If you would like to find out more about the group please get in touch with John or join the group at: [Early Learning and Childcare \(ELC\) Expansion Scotland: Local Authorities](#).

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Infrastructure and Contingency Planning

SFT led a workshop in Glasgow on 29 October to discuss approaches to contingency planning for ELC capital projects. All authorities were invited to share experiences, hear from colleagues on their approaches, and discuss with other agencies, including the Care Inspectorate.

If you would like to know more about the event, please contact the SFT team.

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2. PROGRAMME-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Communications and Engagement

At the end of September we attended the Scottish Learning Festival where we had an exhibition stand and delivered three workshops on centres of innovation and impact; equity and excellence leads and outdoor learning. We had 975 engagements at our stand and we really enjoyed speaking to range of people over the two days, from parents to providers to students to centre heads and much more. We also attended the SCMA Conference where we enjoyed another day of fantastic engagement about the early learning and childcare expansion and out of school care. This month we headed North to Inverness for the CALA Conference and also attended and hosted a fringe session at the COSLA Annual Conference. We continue to ensure we have a presence at key sector events and Conferences. We are looking forward to the Children in Scotland Conference, CYPIC event and ADES Conference which are all happening shortly.

We recently created a new hashtag and we would encourage you to use this when sharing ELC material on social media - #TeamELC. If you haven't already follow us on Twitter @ELCScotGov.

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Joint Delivery Board

The Joint Delivery Board met on Wednesday 2 October in Clackmannanshire. Members considered updated local authority data on progress towards implementing the expanded hours across the country and discussed progress with developing the new SEEMIS Early Years system. The next meeting is scheduled to be held in Glasgow on Tuesday 17 December. 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

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.

Contact: Fundingfollowsthechild@gov.scot

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 finalising 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. These additional documents will be available shortly and a link to the resources will be provided [here](#).

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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. A draft of the updated Statutory Guidance will be published for consultation by the end of 2019.

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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 169 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 with local funded providers set to attend. The meeting will take place in Perth and consider Living Wage implementation, myth-busting Funding Follows the Child and workforce issues.

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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4. UPTAKE, ELIGIBILITY AND ENGAGEMENT

Primary 1 deferral and ELC eligibility – future legislative change

During a parliamentary debate of 2 October 2019, Minister for Children and Young People, Maree Todd MSP, stated the Scottish Government's intention to bring forward legislation to ensure that all children who are not yet 5 on the first day of school are eligible for funded ELC if their school start is deferred.

We know that parents and carers who are currently considering deferral for their child will be wondering what this means for them. For now, there is no change in the law. All children who are still 4 years old at the start of the school year can be deferred and start primary one the following year. Children with a birthday in January or February who defer school entry are automatically entitled to another year of funded ELC. For children with a birthday between the school commencement date in August and December, parents continue to have an automatic right to school deferral, but local authorities decide whether another year of funded ELC will be made available. Local authorities may wish to communicate locally about their policy to help parents and carers understand their options in the interim.

Partnership working is vital to the ELC expansion. Before any amendment to the law is made, it is of course essential that Scottish Government, COSLA, and ADES agree the way forward together, in line with the principles of local democracy. This will require proper assessment of the resource implications in the context of delivering the ELC expansion. We will begin these discussions soon and update colleagues in due course.

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Parental marketing campaign

We contacted local authorities on 15 October to update them on planned national activities, particularly the marketing campaign planned for January to March 2020. We asked for feedback on 2 areas:

- Confirmation of the best local authority link to include on www.parentclub.scot/elc, and
- Dates of local application windows for August 2020 applications.

This will help with bookings for outdoor advertising that need to be made this month.

Our marketing colleagues (Victoria Lopez and Rachel Watson) and our marketing agency (the Union) are in contact with local authorities and other partners to discuss partnership work that is expected to take place from January to March 2020.

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5. QUALITY

Short Life Working Group on ELC Leadership Support

We have established a short life working group to look at how we can best support ELC Leaders in the run up to August 2020. We recognise that the expansion raises some significant challenges for recruitment, training, coaching and mentoring staff and building and maintaining relationships with local authorities and funded providers. The working group will look at the specific challenges that ELC leaders are facing to identify opportunities for further support or improvements to be made.

It is anticipated that 3 meetings will be held over 3 months, the first meeting took place on 29 October 2019 with two further meetings to be held in November and December.

The first meeting looked at the current landscape of support and challenges the expansion has for effective leadership. The second meeting will identify key areas for action/support/improvement in the short term. The third meeting will finalise a forward action plan.

The working group will build on the discussion and sharing of practice from the LA Sharing Practice Event on Leadership of high quality ELC as well as focusing on the evidence and feedback from the Delivery Assurance team around Leadership risks.

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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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National Professional Learning Community

Early Learning and Childcare practitioners in Scotland can now access Education Scotland's [National Professional Learning Community](#) (GLOW) site to access national content, helpful links and share resources. ELC Practitioners can also chat with other Scottish practitioners on the new [National Early Learning & Childcare Yammer Group](#). If prompted insert your Glow email address into the Microsoft login page to access the resources. You will then be required to log in to Glow. For easy access to the community and Yammer you can download Yammer and Sharepoint to your mobile device. For help with Glow go to [Glow Connect](#).

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Family Learning Scotland Programme

The Programme for Government that was published in early September states that we will use the opportunities presented by our expansion of ELC and provide £500,000 to establish the Family Learning Scotland Programme. While many ELC practitioners are already delivering family learning, the intention is to roll-out an evidence-based programme across all 32 local authority

areas by providing national training and support for over 400 practitioners so that we can embed this in the ELC offer for families living in our most disadvantaged communities.

An invitation to tender for the delivering of the programme was published in Public Contract Scotland on 17 October and we hope to have a contract in place from early 2020. Further updates will be provided in due course but please get in touch if you would like to discuss the allocation of training places or any other aspect of the programme.

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Equity and Excellence Leads: Care Inspectorate Special Inspection Focus

The aim of the Equity and Excellence Leads is to contribute to improving the quality of early learning and childcare provided to children living in the most deprived areas, and ultimately to contribute to closing the poverty-related attainment gap. The Care Inspectorate is currently undertaking a Special Inspection Focus to support the monitoring and evaluation of this new role. This will run until March 2020 in settings with a lead that were already due to be inspected. It will include an interview with the leads and their managers and will focus on process measures e.g. access to professional development. A further evaluation focusing on impact is planned in the future. These interviews will not be graded as part of the inspection process.

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ELC Inclusion Fund

The ELC Inclusion Fund opened for applications at 12 noon on Monday 28 October until Monday 2 December. Applications can be made through the [Children in Scotland website](#).

The Fund provides funding to ELC settings to support children with additional support needs (ASN) in Scotland to access their funded ELC entitlement. Staff working in ELC settings can apply for funding for training, resources, equipment and adaptations to support children with ASN within their setting.

Children in Scotland have reviewed the impact of the Inclusion Fund to date and have made a number of recommendations. The review and recommendations will be published in due course.

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6. 2 YEAR OLD PROJECT

ELC Quality Improvement Practicum

The 2 year old project team has been working with the Children and Improvement Collaborative (CYPIC) since September 2018 to support 9 multi-agency local authority teams to address barriers and to identify practical changes to increase uptake and awareness of the 2 year old offer in their area.

The first phase of this programme has now concluded and was marked with a Celebration Event on 24 September. The event was an opportunity for the teams to share their learning and showcase the significant improvements that have been introduced.

CYPIC colleagues intend to create an improvement package that will include the change ideas that have been successful within this programme. It is envisaged that this will be shared with all 32 local authorities in Scotland. The teams' improvements will also form part of the annual CYPIC learning session taking place at the SECC Glasgow on 12-13 November.

Eligibility Criteria – New income threshold for 2 year olds eligible due to household in receipt of Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit

Local Authorities were advised on 27 June of the intended legislative change to the income threshold for the eligibility criteria for 2 year olds related to receipt of Working Tax Credits and Child Tax Credits – from £6,420 to £7,320.

The regulations have now completed their Parliamentary process and these will come into force shortly. We will issue a letter to all local authorities once they are in force but would ask all authorities to continue to use their discretion to bring in the new threshold (£7,320) in the interim, so that no eligible 2 year olds misses out on their entitlement.

Care experienced parents

In September 2019 the Programme for Government confirmed the intention of extending eligibility to funded early learning and childcare provision to 2 year olds children of care-experienced parents by August 2020. We are discussing implementation of this commitment with COSLA and more information will be provided to local authorities and funded providers in due course.

Events and Online Collaboration

We are exploring options for establishing an online community that can be accessed by multi-agency teams and providers. We currently have an area on the Knowledge Hub which we would like to encourage use of as a way to raise questions and share best practice.

The project team are also considering hosting a 2 year old event (timescales are yet to be defined but we hope to hold an event by the end of January 2020). We would like to gauge interest for this and would ask you to consider what topics, workshops and information you would value from such an event.

Please send any recommendations or notes of interest to Kerrie Harkness.

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7. WORKFORCE

Recruitment Marketing Campaign

The National Recruitment campaign has two distinct audiences. School leavers and parental returners/career changers. A 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

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/>

***UPCOMING EVENTS* Skills Scotland Shows**

The national recruitment campaign will have a presence at the Skills Scotland Shows in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen in November. Free to attend, the events help young people understand all the pathways available to them, whether that's further education or just straight into the world of work through routes like apprenticeships.

There will also be early-evening sessions for parents, carers and teachers at each location, to find out more about the opportunities available to young people. Potential recruits will be able to engage with the stand and understand how they can pursue a career in ELC.

Dates and locations are:

- **Glasgow SEC:** Wednesday 6 November 2019: 9.30 am – 3.00 pm and 4.30 pm – 7.00 pm and Thursday 7 November 2019: 9.30 am – 3.00 pm
- **Aberdeen P&J Live at TECA:** Monday 11 November 2019: 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm and Tuesday 12 November 2019: 9:30 am – 3.00 pm
- **Edinburgh Royal Highland Centre:** Wednesday 13 November 2019: 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm and Thursday 14 November 2019: 9.30 am – 3.00 pm

Visit the Skills Development Scotland pages for more information:

<https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/news-events/2019/october/skills-event-to-put-pupils-on-career-path/>

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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

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8. EVIDENCE AND ANALYSIS

SEEMiS Early Years and Transformation of the ELC Census

Work is on-going to develop 'SEEMiS Early Years' to replace the NAMS system. The developers are progressing with the system design and the system build has commenced. The working group are also continuing to refine system requirements. Communications and engagements in the lead up to delivery are being planned, including information around testing, training and data migration. As part of the communications plan, a session was held with local authorities on 7 October. This provided an update on developments, with a first look at some screenshots of different parts of the new system. Local preparations required ahead of system roll out were also discussed, and feedback was gathered to inform the development of the future ELC census process.

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Scottish Study of Early Learning and Childcare (SSELc)

Data collection for Phase 3 of SSELc will run from 21 October to 22 November 2019. This final phase of the baseline data collection for the evaluation is following up with the group of eligible two year olds from Phase 1, as well as collecting data on a new sample of three year olds as they begin accessing their statutory entitlement. We very much appreciate the support of all those involved in this important evaluation of the ELC expansion in Scotland.

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9. OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

On Friday 30 August the draft framework on Out of School Care was published for consultation. This draft framework sets out what we know about the out of school care sector in Scotland and asks questions about what the Scottish Government can do to support families in accessing high quality, flexible and affordable services which benefit children and parents and carers.

The consultation will be live until Friday 6 December and we would encourage you to respond and share widely with your stakeholders. Responses to this consultation will help us shape future policy in our final draft framework which will be published before the end of this Parliament.

We are planning a range of face to face engagement events with children, parents and carers and the out of school care sector over the next few months and are particularly interested in meeting with hard to reach groups. If you have any events or meetings coming up where it would be appropriate to discuss Out of School Care, please get in touch.

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10. CHILDREN'S SERVICES STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

The first Children's Services Planning Strategic Leads Network took place on Monday 7 October, this group was set up to bring the strategic leads for Children's Services across Scotland together to improve how they can work together and support each other to improve outcomes for children and young people by identifying improvement in local areas and applying this more widely. Breaking down boundaries and encouraging cross Scotland working to support the challenges partnerships are facing. This meeting was used to update the group on different SG policy areas such as Getting It Right For Every Child and the next steps following on from the DFM statement on Information Sharing, and to reflect on the Strategic Engagement visits to local authorities which ran from October 2018 – June 2019.

The next steps are to redraft the statutory guidance and identify what practice materials could better support local areas, in collaboration with local leads, working with CYPIC to create a more strategic approach to our improvement offer across Scotland, providing more co-ordination centrally for family support and link better at a local level and assessing the issues around the workforce required to deliver children's services and deliver GIRFEC.

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ELC Programme – Communications and Engagement calendar

NOVEMBER 2019			
6 Nov	ELC Partnership Forum (Perth)	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.	
7 Nov	National Classroom Day Outdoor	We will be joining in the celebrations around National Outdoor Classroom Day by sharing some outdoor learning and outdoor play publications, photos and stories on social media. Join in by signing up to National Outdoor Classroom Day via the link on the right hand side. Tag us in your social media posts by using @ELCScotGov and #TeamELC.	https://outdoorclassroomday.org.uk/
5-11 Nov	Living Wage Week Scotland	As part of the our National Standard all ELC practitioners delivering funded ELC will be paid at least the Living Wage. We will be supporting and celebrating Scotland’s Living Wage week by sharing photos and information on social media. Join in with us @ELCScotGov and by using #TeamELC.	https://scottishlivingwage.org/living_wage_week
12-13 Nov	Children and Young People Improvement Collaborative (CYPIC) Learning Session	CYPIC Learning sessions allow partners to come together to share and learn from one another’s QI activity with children, young people and families. This year’s session gives everyone	https://www.cypic.co.uk/learning-session/

		an opportunity to build even stronger connections and partnerships. It provides an opportunity to work together, to improve life chances for children and young people across teams, services, areas, organisations and boundaries. And it affords the opportunity to work collaboratively to scale up and spread those improvements that are proven to work.	
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.	https://www.educationbuildings.scot/

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3 Dec	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.	https://www.gov.scot/groups/early-learning-and-childcare-strategic-forum/
17 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 Programme Plan to ensure that the Scottish and local Government deliver the ELC Expansion on time and within budget.	https://www.gov.scot/groups/early-learning-and-childcare-joint-delivery-board/

JANUARY 2020

January	Launch of national parental marketing campaign	Local and national marketing campaign under Parent Club brand to include radio; social media; outdoor marketing.	
FEBRUARY 2020			
February	6 months to go	A key milestone in the run up to August 2020.	
AUGUST 2020			
August	ELC expansion programme statutory implementation date	Formal roll out of the ELC expansion increased 1140 hours will begin from August 2020.	

ELC Programme

Date Published	Document Link
23/03/2017	A Blueprint for 2020: The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland - 2017–18 Action Plan
23/03/2017	A Blueprint for 2020: Early Learning and Childcare Expansion Planning Guidance for Local Authorities
23/03/2017	A Blueprint for 2020: The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland – Next Steps - Analysis Report
15/10/2016	A Blueprint for 2020: Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare Consultation

Learning and Wellbeing

Date Published	Document Link
22/12/2017	Daily Mile Guidance
31/10/2017	A Blueprint for 2020: The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland: Quality Action Plan
	Equity & Excellence Leads

Out of School Care / Outdoor Learning

Date Published	Document Link
21/12/2018	Out to Play: practical guidance for creating outdoor play experiences in early learning and childcare
30/08/2019	Out of School Care Parent Survey: report

Service Models

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

Trials

Date Published	Document Link
22/05/2018	Early Learning and Childcare Expansion delivery trials: evaluation

Workforce

Date Published	Document Link
03/2017	The Skills Investment Plan Prospectus

Workforce Development

Date Published	Document Link
20/05/2019	ELC National Induction Resource

2 Year Old Offer

Date Published	Document Link
07/03/2017	Drivers and Barriers to uptake of Early Learning and Childcare amongst 2 year olds

Evaluation and Data Transformation Project

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

Infrastructure

Date Published	Document Link
30/06/2017	Space to Grow design guidance

Related SG Policies

Date Published	Document Link
04/09/2018	Programme for Government 2018
06/06/2018	Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Act 2017 – Guidance
29/03/2018	Every Child, Every Chance: The Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2018-22
16/11/2017	Education Governance Review
22/08/2017	Report of the Barclay Review of Non-Domestic Rates
	Scottish Attainment Challenge