

ELC Expansion Programme Update (September 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 next phase of delivery progress data collection is now complete and Adam and Lisa would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in collating and delivering the reporting templates. They are currently analyzing and reporting on the data and 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

If you've not joined the group for local authorities now is a great opportunity to tap in to the knowledge and experience of your peers. In particular, materials from the recent ELC Partnership Forum - Partnership Summit in September are to be shared in the group. The group has also seen a series of case studies and a number of recorded webinars being gradually added over the last few months, along with discussions in the forum on various aspects of the expansion. 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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2. PROGRAMME-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Communications and Engagement

We had our second Scottish Government, COSLA and Local Authority comms meeting on 18 September where we discussed our parental marking campaign and talked about key comms milestones between now and August 2020 and beyond. 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 is due to meet again on Wednesday 2 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

ELC Partnership Summit – 12 September 2019

The ELC Partnership Summit, which built on the work of the ELC Partnership Forum, was held on 12 September. Thank you to everyone who attended, and, in particular, we are very grateful to those providers, representative bodies and local authorities who either ran or supported workshop sessions.

The Summit brought together local authorities and providers in order to showcase good practice in partnership working, implementation of Funding Follows the Child, and reinforce the focus on high quality, which is central to the ELC expansion and Funding Follows the Child. All the materials and presentations from the Summit are available on the Knowledge Hub. 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. These additional documents will be available in October 2019.

Scotland Excel have also been working with the Regional Improvement Collaboratives to run specific sessions on the guidance since July, 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 have agreed with COSLA and the Care Inspectorate the following guidance regarding service improvement periods for existing funded providers in the transition to the introduction of the National Standard:

The national standard comes into effect from 1 August 2020. Where local authorities are entering into contracts with funded providers before that date, they may contract existing funded providers who do not yet meet the quality criteria on Care Inspectorate evaluations, provided that:

- The setting must be able to meet all other aspects of the national standard from 1 August 2020;
- The local authority enters into a service improvement period with the setting at the time of contract being awarded; and
- The local authority believes that the setting has the capacity to improve its Care Inspectorate evaluations by the end of the service improvement period.

As already stated in the Operating Guidance, the length of the service improvement period is 12 months or, if the criteria not met are related to Care Inspectorate quality evaluations, the service improvement period will end upon publication of the next inspection report. However, the Care Inspectorate has agreed to be flexible about the date of the next inspection for settings contracted on this basis during the transition period, to ensure that they have a reasonable period to implement change. Depending on the nature of the improvement challenge, this may, for the transitional period only, extend beyond the normal maximum 12 month interval.

What happens to providers whose Care Inspectorate grades fall in the period between being awarded the contract and 1 August 2020 following an CI Inspection?

Local authorities may continue to contract with these providers to deliver the funded entitlement from 1 August 2020 provided that:

- The setting continues to meet all other aspects of the national standard;
- The local authority enters into a service improvement period with the setting following the completion of the Care Inspectorate inspection; and
- The local authority believes that the setting has the capacity to improve its Care Inspectorate evaluations by the end of the service improvement period.

This clarification ensures that settings are not unfairly affected by the timing of their inspection from the Care Inspectorate and that we remove the risk that a setting that is inspected before the national standard comes into effect and drops below evaluations of 'good' is automatically disqualified from offering funded hours, while a setting that is inspected after August 2020, benefits from a service improvement period before having its funded status withdrawn. It means that any setting dropping below an evaluation of 'good' in their Care Inspectorate inspection in the period up to 1 August 2020 has an opportunity to work towards improving its Care Inspectorate evaluations and will have another inspection before their funded status is withdrawn.

This information is also available on the Knowledge Hub.

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Information on Support for ELC Providers

At the ELC Partnership Summit we launched an information leaflet for ELC providers setting out some of the Scottish Government opportunities that are available to support recruitment and retention – especially schemes aimed at diversifying the workforce and increasing the pipeline of younger and older people coming to work in ELC through apprenticeship schemes.

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.

All this information is available on the Knowledge Hub. 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 any of the papers.

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Legislative changes

The Scottish Parliament approved two pieces of secondary legislation to support the ELC expansion programme in June 2019:

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

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. 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.

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

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

The 'parental comms toolkit' is now live on the gov.scot website:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/early-learning-and-childcare-resources-toolkit>

We will also 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

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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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. 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/>

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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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Leadership in ELC Short Life Working Group

In response to the feedback from Local Authorities and the Leadership Learning Event, the Scottish Government ELC workforce expansion and development team is establishing a short life working group to look at the current Leadership support landscape and establish whether there are areas that can be improved. The Group will have representatives from across the sector.

Three meetings will take place over three months: October – December 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 scheduled 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 was a session at the ELC Partnership Summit on the 12 September, and a session for local authorities is planned for 7 October. This session will provide an update on developments, consider local preparations required ahead of system roll out, and also discuss options for the future ELC census process.

The 2019 ELC census is underway, with census week beginning on 16 September 2019.

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Scottish Study of Early Learning and Childcare (SSELC)

Data collection for Phase 3 of SSELC will begin in October 2019. This phase will follow-up with the group of eligible two-year-olds in Phase 1, as well as collecting data on a new sample of three-year-olds as they begin accessing their statutory entitlement. We will be contacting LA leads and individual settings during September 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. 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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9. GIRFEC

What's the future for Scotland's Named Person policy?

On 19th September 2019 John Swinney, Deputy First Minister of Scotland made a statement to the Scottish Parliament which will be of interest to everyone who works with children and families. You can find the details of his statement here <https://www.gov.scot/publications/getting-right-child/>

The Deputy First Minister announced that the Scottish Government would no longer pursue legislation to make the provision of a named person for every child a statutory entitlement. This does not mean that the named person policy has been scrapped.

Across Scotland families are already benefitting from a key point of contact, usually a health visitor for young children and a senior teacher for school age children, who can offer help and support to children and families when they need it. Scottish Government is fully supportive of the named person service being delivered in this way, in line with existing laws and guidance on data protection, confidentiality, human rights and other relevant rules of law.

The key priority for Scottish Ministers is how best to support and promote good practice so that practitioners can confidently handle information in a way that respects the rights of the individual and ensures that children, young people and families get the help they need.

Scottish Government will now will work with stakeholders to develop a suite of products to support and promote good, proportionate and appropriate, information sharing practice. This will include further training and guidance for practitioners and greater transparency for children and families about how their personal data will be handled.

In his statement the Deputy First Minister reaffirmed Scottish Government's commitment to Getting it right for every child as Scotland's approach to helping ensure that children get the right support at the right time. Provision of a named person continues to be part of GIRFEC best practice. So health visitors and senior teachers in Scotland will be supported to continue to fulfil their role as a named person on a non-statutory basis so that more families can benefit from a professional contact who is accessible and responsive when families want or need advice, information or support.

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ELC Programme – Communications and Engagement calendar

OCTOBER 2019			
30 Sept – 6 Oct	Maths Week Scotland	We will be celebrating Maths Week and remembering how important Maths is to our everyday lives. We will be sharing pictures, stories and case studies on social media. Join in too and tag us on social media @ELCScotGov and using #TeamELC.	https://www.mathsweek.scot/
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 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/
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'.	https://www.careandlearningalliance.co.uk/cala-conference-2019/
7-13 Oct	Scotland's Climate Change Week	We will be using social media to celebrate Scotland's Climate Change week. We would love to see what you are doing during the week and more generally to make Scotland a more sustainable and green country. Tag us on social media @ELCScotGov and using #TeamELC	https://sustainablescotlandnetwork.org/news/scotland-s-climate-week-2019
10-11 Oct	COSLA & Improvement Service Conference	The Scottish Government ELC team will be in attendance at the annual COSLA and Improvement Service Conference.	https://www.cosla.gov.uk/meetings-events/cosla-annual-conference-2019
29 Oct	NDNA Scotland Member Event	The NDNA Scotland Member Event will take place in Glasgow. The agenda is to be confirmed.	https://www.ndna.org.uk/NDNA/Events/Event_Display

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31 Oct	ELC Finance Working Group	The ELC Finance Working Group is responsible for ensuring the programme is underpinned by a robust financial evidence base and to offer professional finance input to the development of the programme.	
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 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.	https://www.cypic.co.uk/learning-session/
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/
DECEMBER 2019			
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