

**Early
Years**

Scotland

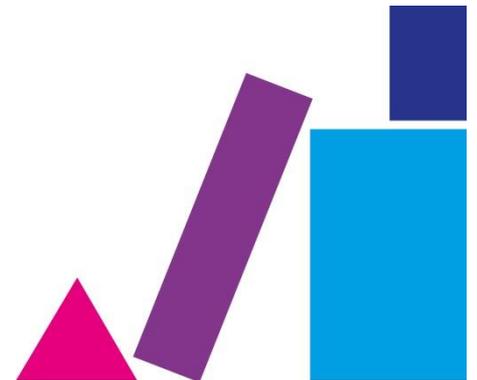
Investing in our youngest children

Early Years Scotland College Development Network Government Funded ELC Expansion Trials



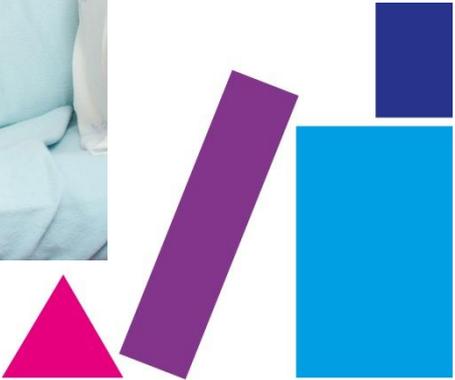
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Early Years Scotland.....

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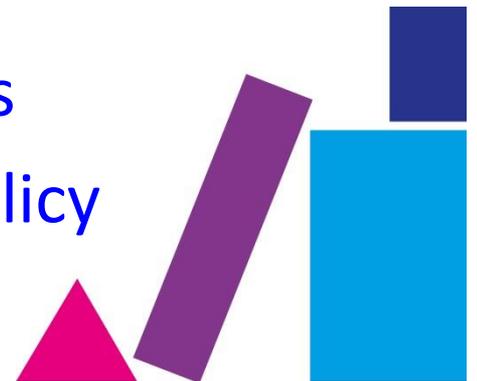


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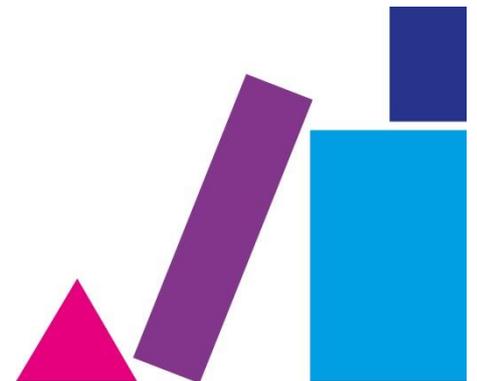
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EYS Membership

Who are our members?

- ELC Settings (Voluntary, Private, LA)
- Parent and Toddler groups
- Local Authority departments
- College and university departments
- ELC students
- Practitioners

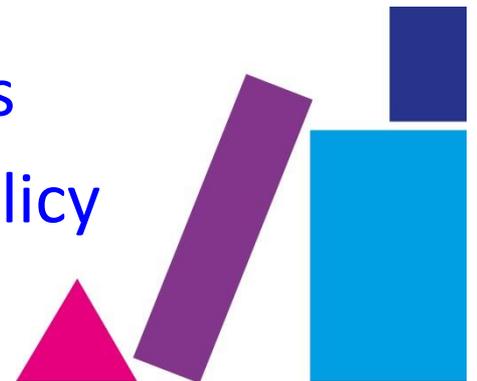


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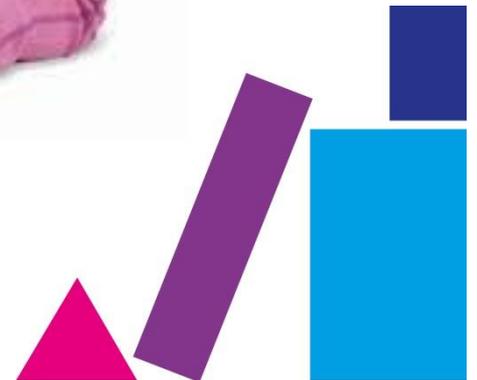


Working directly with children and families

We work with young children and their parents in a wide range of community settings across Scotland.

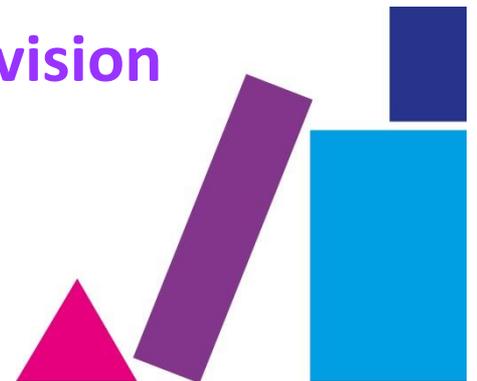
Includes

- Community or Church halls
- Early Years Settings
- Primary Schools
- Family Homes (One to One Service)
- Prisons



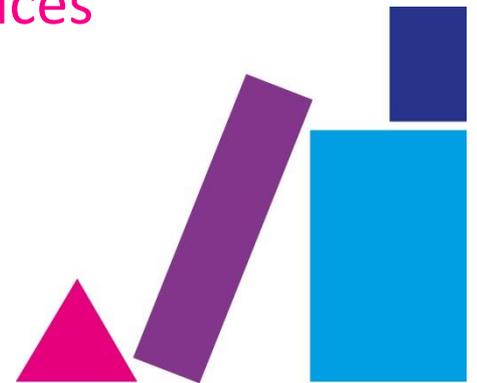
ELC Expansion to 1140 hours by 2020

- From August 2014, funded entitlement increased from to 600 hours per year
- Commitment to increase to 1,140 by 2020
- 3 to 4 year old children, and eligible 2 year olds
- High quality will be at the heart of ELC provision
- Flexibility to allow parents to work, train or study



4 reasons for expanding ELC

- To promote social justice by providing the best start in life for all children and thereby improve children's outcomes (reducing the attainment gap)
- To develop gender equality, particularly in labour market participation (parents can study and work)
- To reduce future costs on demand for public services (pay now, save later)
- To encourage economic growth (more buoyant



Key dates and developments

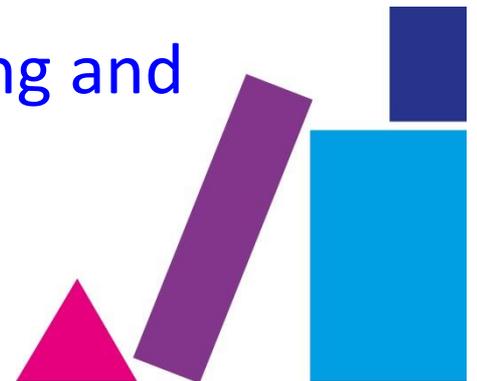
ELC in Scotland

2000	2002	2007	2014	2020
Standards in Scotland's Schools etc Act places a duty on local authorities to secure a preschool education place for all 3 and 4 year olds whose parents wished this.	Free pre-school education introduced 412.5 hours pa, normally delivered 2.5 hours per day over 33 weeks.	Free pre-school education increased to 475 hours pa, normally delivered 2.5 hours per day over 38 weeks.	Children & Young People Act free ELC increased to 600 hours pa - initially delivered via five 3 hour 10 minute sessions per week over 38 weeks. Statutory requirement on local authorities to consult with parents every 2 years.	1140 free hours ELC per year Delivering high quality ELC with greater flexibility for parents/carers and other beneficiaries e.g. employers.

Aims.....

It is envisaged by SG that this unprecedented expansion and commitment will transform the lives of young children and their families across Scotland by:

- Improving choice and access to affordable ELC
- Improve outcomes and reduce inequalities for all children and families
- Develop high quality, flexible early learning and childcare
- Innovative models of delivery

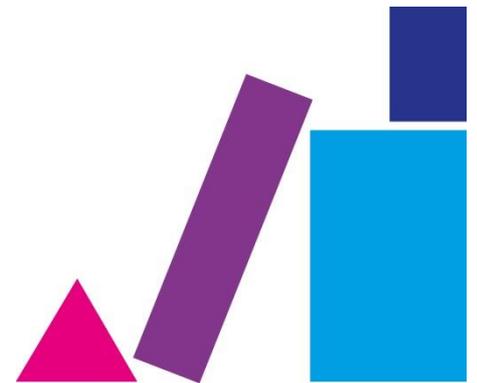


Announcement of the Scottish Government Trials

The First Minister(early 2016) announced that a series of trials would run to test a variety of models for delivering ELC expansion to 1,140 hours

The idea of 'trialling' is to assist our understanding of:

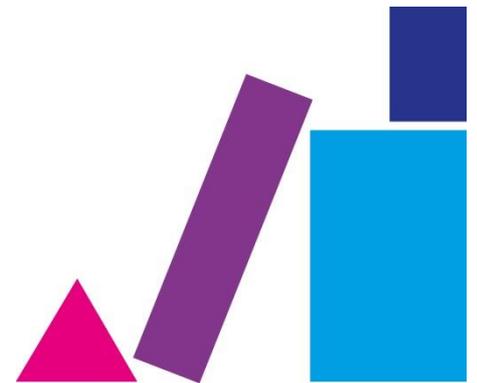
- What parents and children need and want
- What actually works



The aspiration is to increase not just the number of hours offered, but also the types of provision.

The trials should assist us to:

- Deliver differing ELC provision for all children across a spectrum of differing requirements
- Assist the dissemination of best practice across local authorities and providers
- Co-design services
- Evaluate the various models

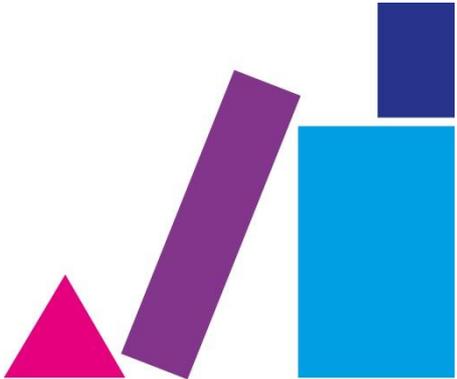




*Minister for Childcare
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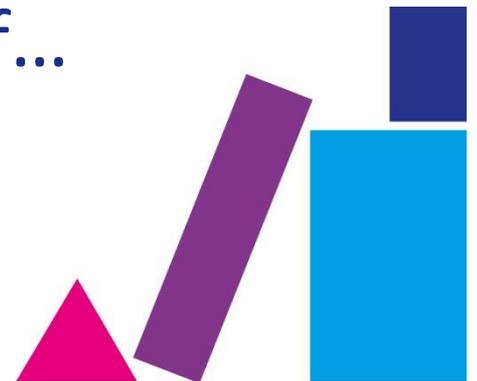
*The First 3 Trials
have been
selected.
They will start in
January 2017 and they are.....*

- ** Aberdeen City and Early Years Scotland*
- ** Edinburgh*
- ** Scottish Borders*



Trial: Stay Play and Learn

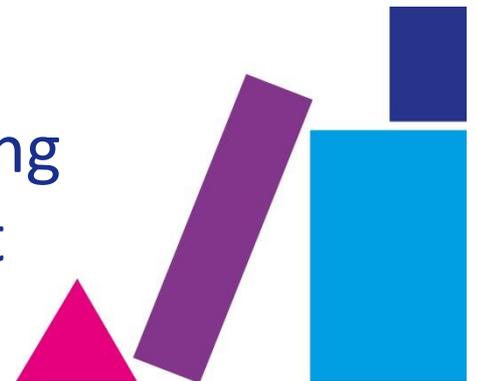
- New and innovative approach to providing ELC for eligible **2 year olds**
- Based on existing EYS model of **Stay and Play**
- **Partnership Provider Funding**
- Essentially children have **best of both worlds**.... parents don't drop child off... they stay too.....and support their children's learning.



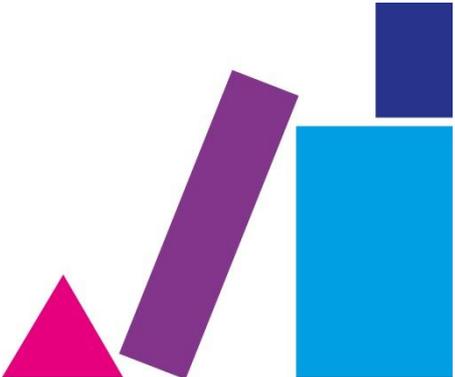
Growing Up In Scotland (GUS)

GUS highlights that, whilst it is difficult to counter the powerful socio-economic Influences on children's lives, some factors seem to promote positive outcomes in the face of socio-economic disadvantage

- parent-child attachment
- rich home learning environment
- informal and formal parenting support

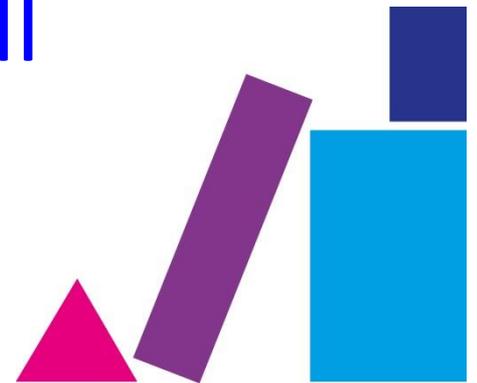


Current EYS Stay and Play Sessions



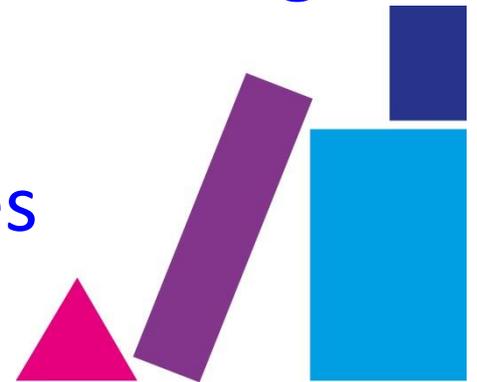
Stay and Play Aims

The main aim of EYS Stay and Play sessions is to work with children and parents/carers to encourage them to play and learn together which helps to improve attachments, strengthen bonds and enhance children's overall development.



Stay and Play Strategies

- Early intervention involving child and parent playing, learning and interacting together
- Reducing attainment gap and inequalities
- Effective family support in a familiar setting
- Assets and Evidence Based
- Support for parents to build capacity to improve children's health, wellbeing, learning
- Reduction of vulnerability
- Signposting to other relevant services

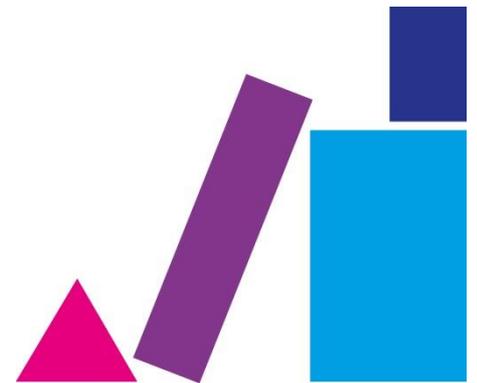


Example of EYS

Stay and Play Session....

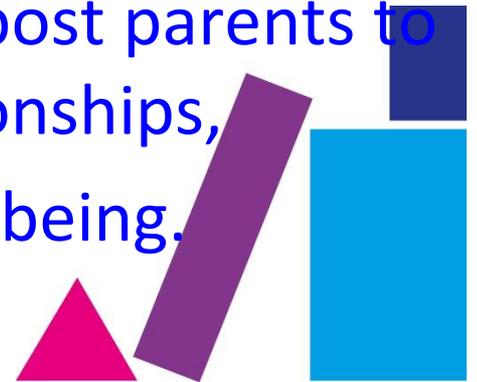
- Welcome and sign in
- Free play
- Art and craft activity or messy play
- Physical play / outdoor play
- Healthy fresh fruit snack
- Shared play game
- Book bug singing/rhyme or storytelling session

(Focus on enriching HLE)



Learning at Home

- Families take part in simple, fun, low cost activities which can be developed or adapted at home e.g. planting seeds, making playdough.
- EYS Briefings and magazines with recipes, activity ideas and song words to replicate at home.
- Parents' confidence develops through taking part in shared play and learning, and this continues at home.
- EYS qualified Early Years Practitioners signpost parents to other services which often improves relationships, attachments and children's health and wellbeing.



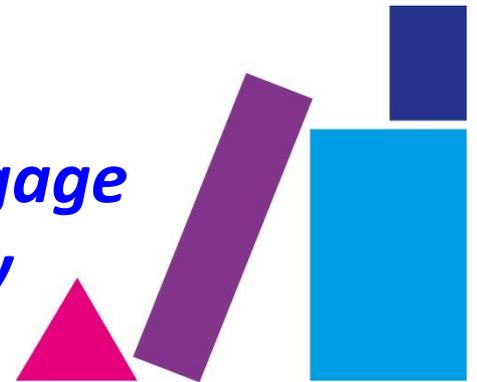
Outline of Aberdeen ELC Trial

- 2 Venues: Manor Park Learning Centre and Kirkhill Primary School
- One venue is (am) provision and the other is (pm) provision
- Each service will offer up to 600 hours of funded ELC for 10 eligible 2 year olds and their parents/carers
- The first service will begin in January 2017 and the other service will begin in February 2017
- There is a Trial Team of 3 EY qualified EYS staff
- The trial service will be launched by the Minister



Outcomes

- *Children have more secure relationships and improved levels of confidence, communication and learning.*
- *Parents have improved levels of confidence, knowledge, core skills and able to be responsive and able to meet their child's needs.*
- *Parents' knowledge and understanding of child development and learning will be supported leading to an enriched home learning environment for the child.*
- *Parents will have the opportunity to engage in new learning which may lead to study and/or employment.*



Current Related ELC Developments

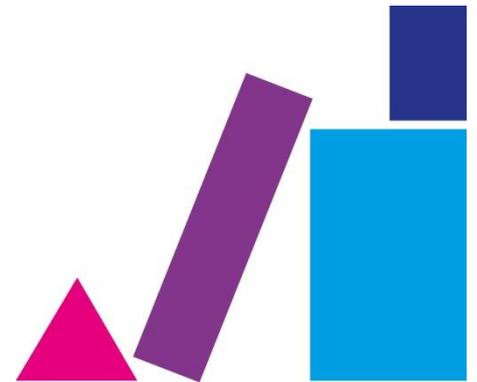
- A Blueprint for 2020 (Consultation 9/1/17)
- Governance Education Review (Consultation 6/1/17)
- Care Inspectorate New Standards (Consultation 20/1/17)
- Care Inspectorate ELC Statistics 2015
- Baby Box
- HGIOELC
- PHd EYS Prison Work and CPD for College Staff?



Thank you

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Comments/Questions Welcome



Aberdeen and EYS Trial

Aberdeen City Council has put forward a proposal jointly with Early Years Scotland to trial a new approach to providing childcare for eligible two year olds.

The trial will be based on the existing model of Stay and Play delivered by Early Years Scotland. Unlike existing services for vulnerable two year olds where a general period of settling in is planned, this is focused on offering parents the opportunity to stay and play to achieve positive outcomes for children, especially disadvantaged children and families.

The trial target group is 20 two year olds where parents have expressed a reluctance to leave their children. It will be located at Manor Park Primary school, a deprived area which currently has little two-year-old provision.

The service will be offered four days per week, 50 weeks of the year. The Government will provide over £39,000 of investment towards the trial.



Edinburgh Trial

In Edinburgh, the trials will be targeted at nurseries in areas of high deprivation, with Craigentinny and Ferryhill nurseries identified as potential settings. Around 10-12 children in each setting will receive the additional hours and the Scottish Government will invest just over £32,000 in the trial.

Councillor Cammy Day, education children and families convener for the City of Edinburgh Council, said: “Apart from the positive educational benefits the project will also give pupils from areas of social deprivation opportunities and experiences which may otherwise be limited to them.”



Scottish Borders Trial

The Scottish Borders trial will offer extra hours to children accessing early learning and childcare in the Philiphaugh Community School campus in Selkirk.

It builds on existing provision where wraparound exists but parents are required to pay. The trial will offer an increase in the number of hours of childcare provided Monday to Friday during term and additional provision will be offered during holiday periods to meet parent demand. The Government will provide over £66,000 of investment for the trial.

