

## Early Learning and Childcare

### Background

At the moment, funded provision of early learning and childcare is offered to all 3 and 4 year olds, as well as eligible 2 year olds. By **early learning and childcare**, we mean all pre-school education such as nurseries, early years centres, childminders and playgroups.

From August 2014, funded provision increased to 600 hours per year or around 16 hours per week if delivered during school term time. However, the Scottish Government is committed to increasing the early learning and childcare entitlement to 1140 hours per year by 2020. This will continue to cover all 3 and 4 year old children, and eligible 2 year olds.

High quality will be at the heart of early learning and childcare provision, as well as providing the flexibility parents need to work, train or study.

The Scottish Government has asked councils to consult with parents/carers about which models of delivery of the 1140 hours they would like tested out. The aim of these tests will be to see how best to deliver the 1140 hours to all eligible children. The examples of models are possible ways in which the increase in hours could be implemented - there is no commitment that these models will all be available in Edinburgh.

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## Section 1

1. Have you used your child's entitlement to 600 hours of early learning and childcare?

Yes

No

2. Have the following flexible models of early learning and childcare been available to you?

	Yes	No	Don't know
5 x 3 hours and 10 minute sessions, with additional sessions being available to purchase	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4 x 4 hour sessions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2 x 8 hours sessions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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### Section 2

3. The Scottish Government plans to increase funded early learning and childcare for eligible two year olds and three and four year olds to 1140 hours.

Would you use the increased hours?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

4. How would you like these hours to be delivered?

- In one early learning and childcare establishment (e.g. a nursery, early years centre, playgroup)
- Across two different establishments
- 1140 hours to be split between an early learning and childcare establishment and a childminder

5. What sort of early learning and childcare provision does your child currently have:

- Council (local authority) nursery or early years centre
- Partner provider (such as private nursery or voluntary playgroup/nursery)
- Childminder
- Both local authority and partner provider nursery
- Both local authority and childminder
- Both partner provider and childminder
- Other (please specify)

6. How many hours does your child attend their funded early learning and childcare establishment per week?

**The 1140 hours could be provided in a number of ways. Here are some possible models:**

**Model 1** - 1140 hours delivered in one early learning and childcare establishment, all during term time.

**Model 2** - 1140 hours delivered across two settings e.g. half days in a local authority establishment and half days in a partner provider establishment. Or half days in a local authority or partner provider establishment and half days with a childminder. All during term time.

**Model 3** - 1140 hours spread across the year. This would include some hours during term time and some during school holidays.

**Model 4** - 1140 hours with the option to buy additional hours, all during term time.

7. Which model do you prefer?

- Model 1
- Model 2
- Model 3
- Model 4

8. Can you think of any good points about each model?

Model 1

Model 2

Model 3

Model 4

9. Can you think of any points that are not so good about each model?

Model 1

Model 2

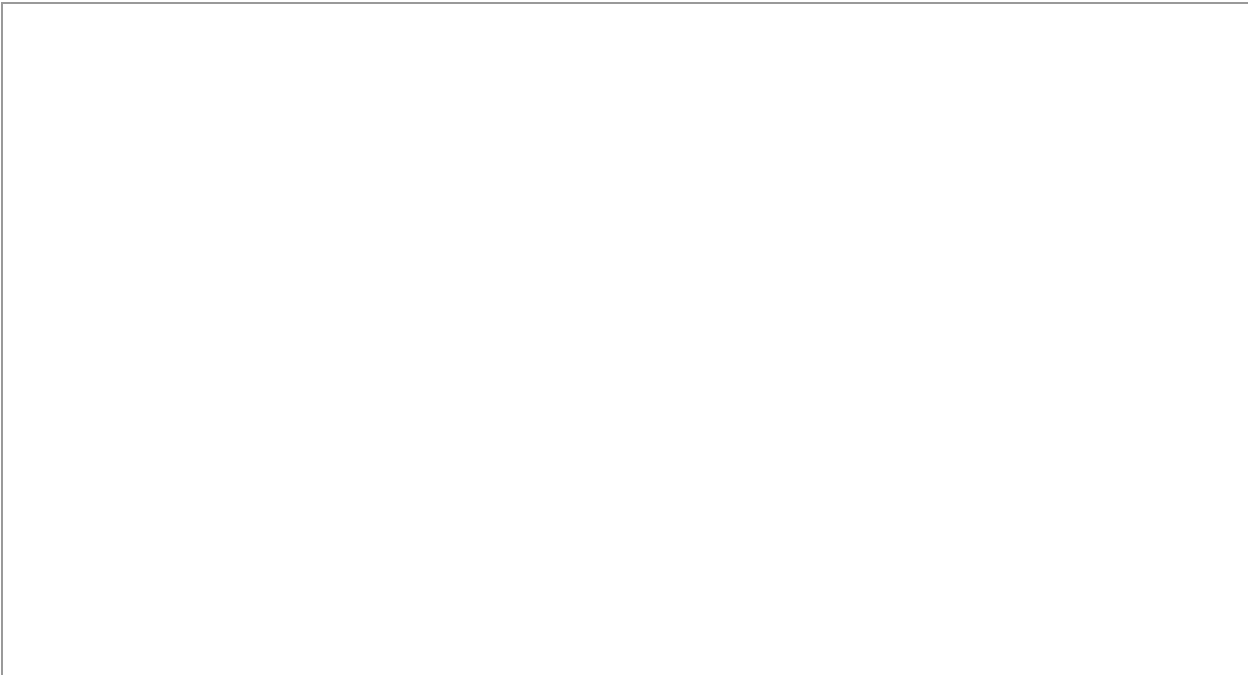
Model 3

Model 4

10. Can you think of other ways in which the hours could be offered?



11. Please use this space to expand on any of your answers or to tell us anything else in relation to early learning and childcare.



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### About You

**The last few questions are about you. We think they will help us to understand the feedback better but they are voluntary and if you would rather not answer any of them, please leave them blank.**

12. Are you:

- Male
- Female
- Other

13. What age are you?

- under 18 years old
- 18-24 years old
- 25-34 years old
- 35-44 years old
- 45-54 years old
- 55-64 years old
- 65-74 years old
- 75 years or older

14. How old is your child? (Or how old are your children?)

(Please tick all that apply)

- under 3
- between 3 and 5 (but not yet at primary school)
- at primary school
- at secondary school
- left school

15. What is your postcode?

16. Are you currently:

- Employed full-time
- Employed part-time
- A student
- Not in paid employment

17. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes

No

18. How would you describe your ethnic background?

White Scottish or UK

Asian-Pakistani

Gypsy Traveller

White-Other

Asian-Other

Occupational Traveller

Asian-Bangladeshi

Black-African

Other Traveller

Asian-Chinese

Black-Caribbean

Mixed

Asian-Indian

Black-Other

Not known