

Early Learning and Childcare

SFT's On-going Support to the Early Learning and Childcare Expansion Programme

In its 2020-21 Programme for Government, the Scottish Government re-confirmed the commitment to deliver increased early learning and childcare and set a new target date for the expansion of childcare to 1,140 hours for all three and four year olds, and vulnerable two year olds, across all local authorities by the end of 2020.

With ELC facilities now reopening it is worthwhile reflecting on the significant infrastructure investment that this expansion programme has already delivered. Shortly prior to ELC facilities being closed and construction activities being suspended in response to COVID-19, SFT commissioned three video case studies of completed ELC facilities. Whilst the model of service provision envisaged in these videos will have changed to reflect ELC re-opening guidance, facilities such as these along with many others which are now nearing completion, will play a vital role in providing essential ELC services as parents and carers begin to return to work.

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