



We're changing how we collect information on funded Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland

Each year the Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) census collects information about children receiving funded ELC across Scotland. Scottish Government are currently trying to improve this data collection as we realise that the current ELC census doesn't provide the information required to manage this sector. It also places a burden on ELC funded centres and local authorities, with little benefit to them.

The **ELC Data Transformation Project** is a **new** development, which is building on the existing census to make vital information available to measure the Scottish Government's commitment to providing high quality funded ELC. The data collected will be used to inform future planning for provision and the ELC workforce, as well as to better support children and families. There will be a number of **data trials** to test changes to the process before the new census is fully established.

What data will be collected on your child?

The information that will be collected on your child has been chosen to help us understand how families are using funded ELC and to help ensure that funded ELC is accessible to all. The following will be collected:

- Gender
- Date of birth
- Home postcode
- Ethnicity
- Home language
- Stage (e.g. 3 years old)
- Disability status
- Additional support needs
- Support plans
- If Gaelic medium education
- Eligibility reason for 2 year olds
- Funded ELC provision (hours, days, weeks)

The data will be provided by the local authority (parents do not need to do anything). Information such as name or medical information will **not** be shared.

Information will be transferred from local authorities to the Scottish Government using **secure** data transfer systems, and access to data will be restricted.

Where can I get further information?

Further information regarding the project, data security, your rights and how the data is processed can be found on the [ELC Data Transformation Project webpage](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Children/ELCData/ELCDTP):
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Any questions or concerns can be sent to:
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