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Information in relation to CEC Early Years funding of degree level qualifications for early years staff and partnership provider staff, specifically:

Documentation relating to the source of this funding, including any such documents detailing stipulations from the Scottish Government (or other source of these funds) as to how it is to be administered by the Local Authority.

All local authorities receive funding from the Scottish Government for the delivery of funded early learning and childcare and the following statutory guidance sets out how this is delivered. <https://www.gov.scot/publications/early-learning-childcare-statutory-guidance-july-2021/>

Documentation in relation to any criteria set by the Scottish Government (or other source of these funds) regarding eligibility for recipients of this funding, or permitting CEC to set their own criteria for eligibility.

Private providers in partnership with the local authority receive a funded hourly rate from the council to enable their business to meet the requirements of the Funding Follows the Child, National Standard for funded early learning and childcare. This supports business sustainability and enables private providers to meet the cost of delivering funded ELC including paying the real living wage and ensuring their staff have obtained the bench mark qualification for their role, or if they are still within their first 5 years of registering with the SSSC have started to work towards this.

Documentation detailing CEC's policies, direction, or decision making basis for allocation of this funding including confirmation of any legal, Care Inspectorate, SSSC or other governing body registration requirements for eligibility.

Private providers are responsible for the training and qualifications of their own staff, however, in addition to the hourly rate, the local authority provides them with additional funding to enable their registered managers to obtain either a BA Childhood Practice or PDA Childhood Practice Level 9. Details are available here <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/information-professionals/early-years-staff-training/1>