

37608 Early Learning and Childcare Budget

What percentage of Early Learning and Childcare budget for 2021/22 was spent on training and support for partner providers?

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with the percentage requested because it is not held by the Council.

Private businesses are responsible for funding the qualifications and training of their own staff.

The early years' service chose to provide additional council funding for registered managers in private ELC settings in partnership with the local authority. This was introduced when the Scottish Social Services Council made it a requirement for registered managers to have a level 9 qualification within 5 years of taking up the post. We believe this was introduced around 2012. The number of providers requesting this support has reduced year on year and this session we are providing funding to 5 providers in partnership to deliver funded ELC.

It would not be possible to calculate the % of money used to provide training and support for Partners as the model of delivery for training and delivery includes both the leadership training and also all the Career-Long Professional Learning for the session that are made available to all Early Year settings across the session. There is also a significant amount of individual support given to partners on a 1-1 basis; including Service Improvement protocol, proportionate support etc. from the EY Quality Improvement team.