

SERVICE UPDATE

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Introduction

The purpose of this Service Update is to provide Elected Members with an update, following a question at Education and Children’s Services Committee on 18 February 2025, in relation to the percentage split between term-time, full day and fully flexible ELC placements across the city.

The following tables, for context, detail:

1. The total number and percentage of children placed in ELC settings across the city by Service Type;
2. The number of ELC settings by Service Type;
3. The number and percentage of Aberdeen City Council ELC settings by delivery model; and
4. The percentage of children placed in Aberdeen City Council ELC settings by delivery model.

1. Total Number / % of Eligible Children placed in ELC settings (Eligible 2’s, 3-5s and Deferred Entry) in 2023/24

Service Type	Number of Children Placed	Percentage of Total Number of Children
Local Authority	2981	63%
Funded Provider	1697	35.5%
Funded Provider Childminder	67	1.5%
Total	4745	100%

*Funded Providers offer a fully flexible model.

2. Number of ELC Settings as at September 2024 (Improvement Service Data Collection Exercise)

Service Type	Number of Settings	Number of Active Settings
Local Authority	52	52
Funded Provider	41	41
Funded Provider Childminder*	64	14

*64 childminders are registered and approved Funded Providers. 14 were active at the time of the data collection exercise. This figure can fluctuate depending on demand for Childminder placements and availability of places as Childminders are also registered for Under 2's and School Age Childcare, as well as Community Childminding.

3. Number / % of Aberdeen City Council ELC Settings by Delivery Model (From August 2025)

Delivery Model	Number of ELC Settings	Percentage of Total Number
9am-3pm Term Time	25	48%
8am-6pm x 46 weeks	18	35%
Mixed model (ELC settings delivering both of above)	6	12%
600 hours Term Time (morning or afternoon)	3	5%
Total	52	100%

4. Approximate percentage of Children placed in Aberdeen City Council ELC Settings by Delivery Model (in Current Session 2024/25 and based on figures as at 03/02/2025)

Delivery Model	Percentage of Total Children placed
9am-3pm Term Time	51%
8am-6pm x 46 weeks	46%
600 hours Term Time (morning or afternoon)	3%
Total	100%



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