

National Early Language and Communication (NELC) Project

Newsletter 4

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PROJECT STATUS

The project leads are working through a four-phase plan and are **currently working across Phase 3 and 4.**

- **Phase 1** Understanding the landscape.
- **Phase 2** Reflection & analysis.
- **Phase 3** Seeking to identify areas for national support and development, as well as opportunities for key messaging and supporting partners to implement these.
- **Phase 4** Agreeing SLC system recommendations to support children's early SLC and the development of a SLC Action Plan for Scotland.

PROJECT ACTIVITY and CONNECTIONS



Children and Families Continued connection with partners delivering family support offers including PEEP, Parent Club, Bookbug, Smart Play Network. Development of a plan for parental engagement to inform content of SLC Action Plan.



A Focus on Prevention Publication of an evidence paper to help leaders, and practitioners better understand preventable SLC and advocate for primary and secondary prevention approaches.

Collaboration The National Network for Early Language and Communication continues with network sessions in March and June 2025. NELC contributions to the updated Health Visitor Action Plan



Workforce Learning and engagement sessions delivered for a range of partners including PVI sector leaders, HMIE, Health Visitor and Child Health Commissioner Networks. Initial development of a SLC knowledge and skills matrix to support the EY workforce.

ACTIVITY IN FOCUS

Chatting Together



Introducing [Chatting Together](#) national key messages supporting **early interactions from pre-birth, for parents, carers and the early years workforce.**

Also hosted on [Parent Club](#). To be embedded in universal family support offers including Baby Box, 'Red Book' & Bookbug at Home.