

Early Years Speech, Language and Communication Action Plan

Published in December 2025, the action plan builds on the work of the National Early Language and Communication (NELC) team and describes a bold national vision to ensure every child in Scotland has the strongest possible foundation in speech, language and communication, from the earliest stages of life.

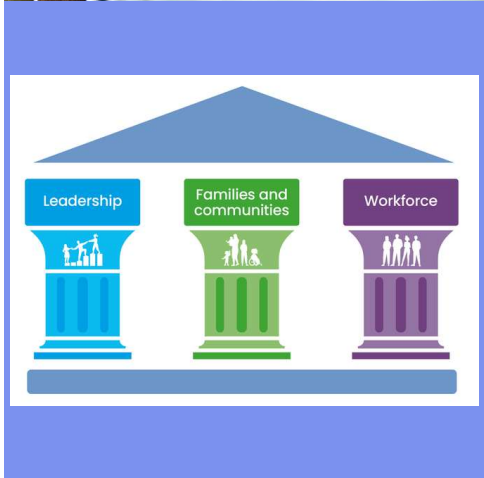
The plan identifies system level opportunities to take a preventative approach in order to mitigate difficulties and improve outcomes for children and their families.



Skilled and Supported Workforce



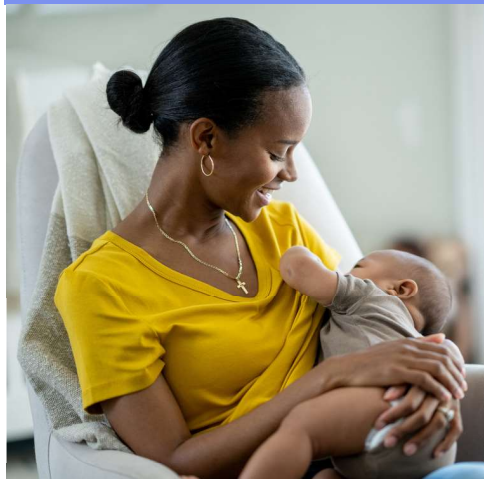
- supporting the early years' workforce across health, education, social care and the third sector
- pre and post registration training
- support with implementation and quality assurance



Leadership and Accountability



- clear leadership
- transparent governance
- data-driven decision making
- sustained focus
- targeted allocation of resources



Families and Communities



- strengths-based
- public health approach
- support from pregnancy onwards
- community-based resources
- framed around responsive interactions from pre-birth



Find out more: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/speech-language-communication-action-plan/documents/>
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/creatingtheconditions/>

