



Statement – on Liberal Democrat Early Intervention Revolution

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Investment commitment a move in the right direction – but statutory entitlements needed

Children in Scotland welcomes today's commitment by the Liberal Democrats to significant investment in early years services and believes this is a move in the right direction.

However it is important to ensure increased funding is allocated as intended to support early years services. Children in Scotland also welcomes the suggestion by the Liberal Democrats at our election hustings, that ring fencing may be necessary to make sure this happens. Norway took this line and now offers all children aged one to six a full time subsidised place in high quality early childhood education and care.

Until funding for early years services is statutory, services families depend on will be easy targets.

Notes to Editors

1. **Children in Scotland** is the longstanding national agency for the whole of the children's sector, reaching over 250,000 individuals through our extensive membership of more than 450 statutory agencies, voluntary sector organisations, professional associations and community groups. For further information visit www.childreninscotland.org.uk.

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