



1140 hours of funded Early Learning and Childcare for August 2020





What we know

- ✓ Parents and carers have the biggest influence on their child's early learning
- ✓ The time children spend in high quality Early Learning and Childcare (EL&C) has a positive impact which goes on well after their early childhood experience into school and beyond
- ✓ Choices area influenced by individual family circumstances, work and future plans for returning to training or employment
- ✓ Legislative changes being introduced in August 2020 will change the landscape of how funded Early Learning & Childcare is offered in Scotland and locally here in East Lothian



What it means in practical terms

- The current entitlement to funded hours will increase from 600 hours to 1140 hours for all 3 & 4 year olds and some eligible 2 year olds
- Parents don't have to take up all of these hours – they can choose to take up as much or as little of these hours – but still within a framework and model
- There will be a variety of provision types which can be used i.e. Childminder, Community Play Group, Day Nursery, School Nursery
- Hours can be taken up with one provider or a combination of providers to offer a blended / shared care option
- Hours can be accessed between 38 – 50 weeks
- Not all providers will provide the same – there will be a mixed market of provision



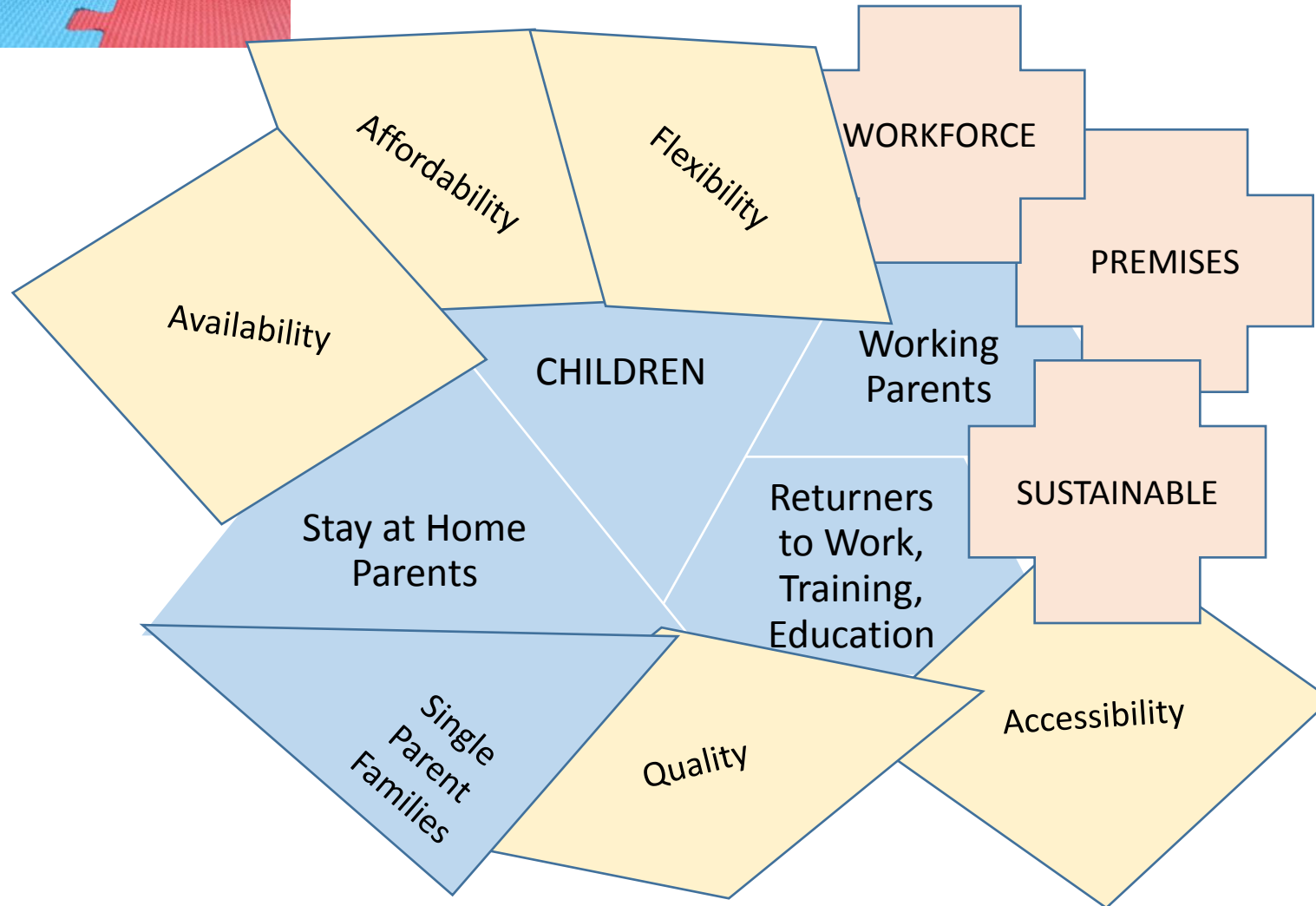
What's happening between now and August 2020

- All Local Authorities in Scotland are phasing in the hours and trialling different models.
- In East Lothian single provider and blended models over 38, 40 and 50 weeks have been introduced to trial systems and processes as well as what is practical, affordable and sustainable – and used by parents
- They will continue to offer the additional hours from now, into implementation 2020 and beyond – however the model may look different by then – depending on what meets the local need
- The phasing will continue until it includes all LA Nurseries , Private Day Nurseries and Childminders who are funded providers and Community Play Groups and Childminders who wish to become funded providers.



Solving the Early Learning & Childcare Puzzle and Making it Work

How we bring it together may not be an exact fit - but it can map together with a bit of creativity and partnership working





Feedback about the expansion of hours when it has been introduced

- Routines
- Communication
- Socialisation
- Hours
- Staff
- Lunches
- Opportunities (children and parents)
- Flexibility



What it will look like in Cockenzie & Port Seton

- All hours with a Funded Partner as sole provider or blended with the LA Nursery
- Asymmetric (below) within LA Nursery

	MODEL	NUMBER OF WEEKS OPERATING	NUMBER OF DAYS	TIMES	HOURS PER WEEK
Cockenzie Nursery Mon – Fri 8.30 a.m. – 16.00 p.m.	Asymmetric with some Flexible options within the nursery day	38 weeks during term- time only	Monday – Thursday (4 days x 6 ½ hours) Friday (1 day x 4 hours)	08.45 – 15.15 8.30 – 12.30	30 funded hours
			Monday – Thursday (4 days x 7 ½ hours)	08.30 – 16.00	30 funded hours
			Monday – Friday (5 mornings x 4 hours)	08.30 – 12.30	20 funded hours



Next Steps

- Take away the option sheet
- Consider which option you would take up from August 2019
- Discuss what a blended model will look like
- Ask further questions where needed – [school/ provider/ or email childcareinfo@eastlothian.gov.uk](#)
- Return completed Options form to school by **5th April**