# Scottish Government Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-2026

**Summary of actions**

**Working together to deliver differently**

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| **Action** |
| In the coming year we will identify a small number of pathfinder areas to commence work on a new phased approach to whole system change. |
| We will also build on the learning of our Social Innovation Partnership to work with up to 300 people in 2022-23, providing deep, adaptable, person-centred support that strengthens wellbeing, while addressing short-term needs and supporting long-term aspirations including employment and other positive destinations. |

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| **Funding to support these actions** |
| Up to £5 million in 2022-23 from the Tackling Child Poverty Fund and leverage the full package of funding set out throughout this plan |
| Up to £9.75 million in 2022-23, alongside investment from The Hunter Foundation, this will include relational support, delivery of accessible funded childcare options and close working with employers to promote flexible working and wellbeing in the workplace. |

# Part A: Providing the opportunities and integrated support parents need to enter, sustain and progress in work

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| **Action** |
| Developing a new offer to parents providing access to holistic support through a dedicated employability keyworker with local employability  partnerships providing access to upskilling and supported opportunities |
| Making child poverty a central pillar of our Lifetime Skills Offer, with enhanced support for the priority groups |
| Working to further develop our funded offers for early learning and childcare for children aged one and two, starting with low-income  households within this Parliament |
| Building a system of school age childcare, offering care before and after school, and during the holidays, by the end of this Parliament |
| Reviewing how Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) can be used to support low income families |
| Stepping up our ambition on Connecting Scotland to bring 300,000 people online by the end of 2026 |
| Targeting new public and third sector employment opportunities, including up to 200 funded placements for parents in the NHS in 2022-23 |
| Stepping up our ambition on tackling low pay and employment inequalities, setting out our refreshed approach in the Fair Work Action Plan |

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| **Funding to support Part A actions 22/23** |
| Up to £81 million to deliver a new employability offer to parents, including keyworker, upskilling and supported opportunities |
| Up to £2 million to deliver a new Challenge Fund, to test out new approaches to supporting parents into work |
| Up to £15 million to deliver a new Parental Transition Fund to tackle financial barriers to entering the labour market, particularly in the initial period of employment |
| £13 million for the Summer 2022 holiday programme and initial investment to support development of school age childcare |
| £1.5 million of resource for Connecting Scotland, capital resources will be confirmed later in 2022 |
| Up to £800,000 to work with employers to reduce labour market barriers and address inequalities for disabled workers, minority ethnic workers, women and the over 50s workforce |
| Up to £1 million to support women who have taken a break from paid work back into jobs that match their skills and experience |
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# Part B: Maximising the support available for families to live dignified lives and meet their basic needs

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| **Action** |
| Investing £500 million of Whole Family Wellbeing Funding, helping transform services so that families can access preventative, holistic support which is wrapped around their needs, and provided when they need it and for as long as they need it |
| Doubling the value of the Scottish Child Payment from April 2022, delivering the benefit in full to all eligible children under the age of 16 and further increasing the value to £25 per child, per week, by the end of 2022 |
| Increasing the value of 8 Scottish social security benefits by 6%, including Best Start Grants and Carer’s Allowance Supplement, to keep pace with rising costs |
| Working with local government to mitigate the benefit cap as fully as we can within the scope of devolved powers |
| Expanding the Family Nurse Partnership to reach all first time mothers aged 21 and under by 2025 and continue to target 22-24 years olds where capacity allows |
| Delivering 110,000 more affordable homes by 2032 with 70% for social rent and strengthen housing planning processes to ensure that larger family homes are delivered where they are required |
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| **Funding to support Part B actions 22/23** |
| £50 million of Whole Family Wellbeing Funding, with £500 million to be invested over the course of this Parliamentary term |
| £225 million for the Scottish Child Payment in 2022-23 |
| £1.5 million for the expansion of welfare advice in accessible settings, with £10 million committed over this Parliamentary term |
| £830 million for the Affordable Housing Supply Programme, with £3.6 billion committed over this Parliamentary term |
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# Part C: Supporting the next generation to thrive

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| **Action** |
| Publishing a suite of refreshed materials throughout 2022 to provide practitioners with the confidence, clarity and practical support to continue to implement GIRFEC in well-planned, joined-up and streamlined ways, helping to prevent or mitigate childhood adversity and trauma |
| Investing a further £1 billion over the course of the Parliamentary term in the Scottish Attainment Challenge |
| Publishing a new Youth Work Strategy focused on providing services to young people most in need |
| Continuing to invest in the Young Person’s Guarantee, including Our Future Now and Discovering Your Potential, in 2022-23 |
| Enhancing the total student support package over the next three years so that it reaches the equivalent of the Living Wage, including for estranged students |
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| **Funding to support Part C actions 22/23** |
| £4 million for the Promise Partnership Fund |
| £200 million for the Scottish Attainment  Challenge, with £1 billion to be invested  over the Parliamentary term |
| £15.2 million for devices in schools |
| £45 million for the Young Person's Guarantee |
| £1.9 billion in further and higher education |
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