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## COMPETING DISCOURSES OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE ACROSS THE UK'S FOUR JURISDICTIONS

**The Research Commission aims to analyse how current policy agendas impact upon practice in the four different early childhood education and care policy jurisdictions of Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland and England.**

During the course of the commission's work, four one day seminars will bring together established academics, early career researchers and local practitioners in each of the four countries. Through a mixture of invited presentations and structured discussions, each seminar will explore a particular aspect of the

research-policy-practice nexus to produce a critical discussion on that particular issue, synthesized from both existing research and practitioners' perspectives emerging during the seminar.

**The seminars will critically explore local issues with national and international significance for early child education and care:**

- **Readiness - why and for whom?**  
(Manchester: May 2019)
- **Collaborative Agency: policy enactment or resistance?**  
(Aberdeen: August 2019)
- **A Curriculum for Early Years?**  
(Swansea: October 2019)

- **Professionalisation and the ECEC workforce**  
(Northern Ireland: February 2020)

The seminars will include participatory workshops so that the Research Commission can analyse participants' responses, understandings and alternatives. The core research team from UCL, Institute of Education and University of Plymouth will work with the local teams to produce a summary report which draws together themes from the four seminars. Key messages will also be disseminated through Insight cards for each topic.

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