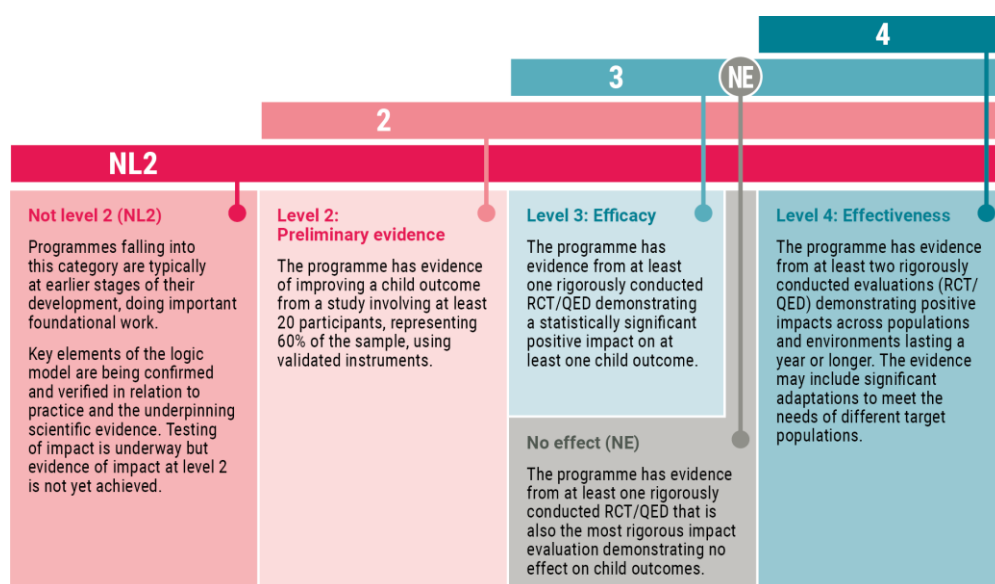


## Annex 1: EIF Evidence Standards

EIF's evidence standards provide a simple and accessible rating for providers and commissioners of the strength of evidence underpinning interventions. The standards cover five ratings and are underpinned by 34 criteria covering study design, sample, outcome measurement and analysis. Building on the principles of the Maryland Scale and approaches of organisations such as Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development, their standards are a cutting edge method for analysing the rigour of evidence. They provide a straightforward assessment of interventions in terms of the evidence they have obtained through rigorous evaluations.

### EIF Standards of Evidence



The primary purpose of EIF's standards is to assess programmes for their Guidebook, which provides information about programmes that have at least preliminary evidence of achieving positive outcomes for children; rating their strength of evidence alongside details on cost, outcomes and qualifications of delivery staff. There are currently over 80 programmes on the guidebook.

The Guidebook is used by local leaders, commissioners, practitioners and policy makers to understand the strength of evidence for different approaches and to find out more about what good evidence of impact looks like. It is an essential part of EIF's work to support the development of and investment in effective early intervention programmes and is used by around 80 of Local Authorities in England.