

## Child Protection

The Scottish Government are ensuring that effective child protection procedures are in place wherever there is a likelihood or risk of a child coming to significant harm and they are taking forward the Child Protection Improvement Programme (CPIP) to make improvements in all areas of child protection.

- Child Protection Improvement Programme
- Child protection systems review
- Tackling child neglect
- Child sexual exploitation
- Children affected by parental substance misuse
- Keeping children safe online
- Justice and support for child abuse survivors
- Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry
- Children's hearings

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/child-protection/>

## Maternal and child health

The Scottish Government are funding and working with NHS Scotland to promote and support good child and maternal health, so that all children in Scotland can have the best possible start in life.

- Child and Adolescent Health and Wellbeing Action Plan
- Improving maternity and neonatal care
- Free vitamins for all pregnant women
- Maternal and infant nutrition survey
- Free school meals
- Universal health visiting service
- Family Nurse Partnership

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/maternal-and-child-health/>

## Getting it right for every child (GIRFEC)

Getting it right for every child (GIRFEC) supports families by making sure children and young people can receive the right help, at the right time, from the right people. The aim is to help them to grow up feeling loved, safe and respected so that they can realise their full potential.

- GIRFEC principles and values
- GIRFEC resources
- Wellbeing (SHANARRI)
- Named person
- Child's plan
- GIRFEC planning
- Information sharing

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/girfec/>

## Youth justice

The Scottish Government focus on tackling the causes of offending by young people and supporting them to change their behaviour, with the aim of avoiding them entering the criminal justice system.

They are delivering on the priorities set out in our youth justice strategy 2015 to 2020.

- Whole system approach to young offending
- Secure care
- Raising the age of criminal responsibility

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/youth-justice/>

## Poverty and social justice

The aim is to create a Scotland where people are healthier, happier and treated with respect, and where opportunities, wealth and power are spread more equally. The Scottish Government have published Fairer Scotland Action Plan to help tackle poverty, reduce inequality and build a fairer and more inclusive Scotland.

- Child poverty
- Funding to help tackle poverty and inequality
- Fair Food Fund

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/poverty-and-social-justice/>

# Children and Families Policies

## Human rights

All human beings are entitled to basic rights and freedoms. The Scottish Government want to create an inclusive Scotland that protects, respects, promotes and implements internationally recognised human rights.

- Embedding human rights in our work
- Our international obligations
- The Human Rights Act and the British Bill of Rights
- Promoting human rights internationally
- Human rights and business
- Children's rights

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/human-rights/>

## Looked after children

The Scottish government provide guidance for public bodies on their corporate parenting responsibilities and aim to ensure that all looked after children receive the support they need.

They published the Getting it right for looked after children and young people strategy in 2015.

- Corporate parenting
- Residential care
- Kinship care
- Foster care
- Children looked after at home
- Adoption
- Children leaving care
- Permanence and Care Excellence (PACE)

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/looked-after-children/>

## Early education and childcare

The Scottish Government provide a range of learning and care support for families with young children, from birth up until starting school, to ensure that all children get the best possible start in life.

- Early learning and childcare
- Additional graduate commitment
- Baby boxes
- Bookbug
- Parenting resources

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/early-education-and-care/>