

VSCSF Falkirk



Voluntary Sector

Children's Services Forum

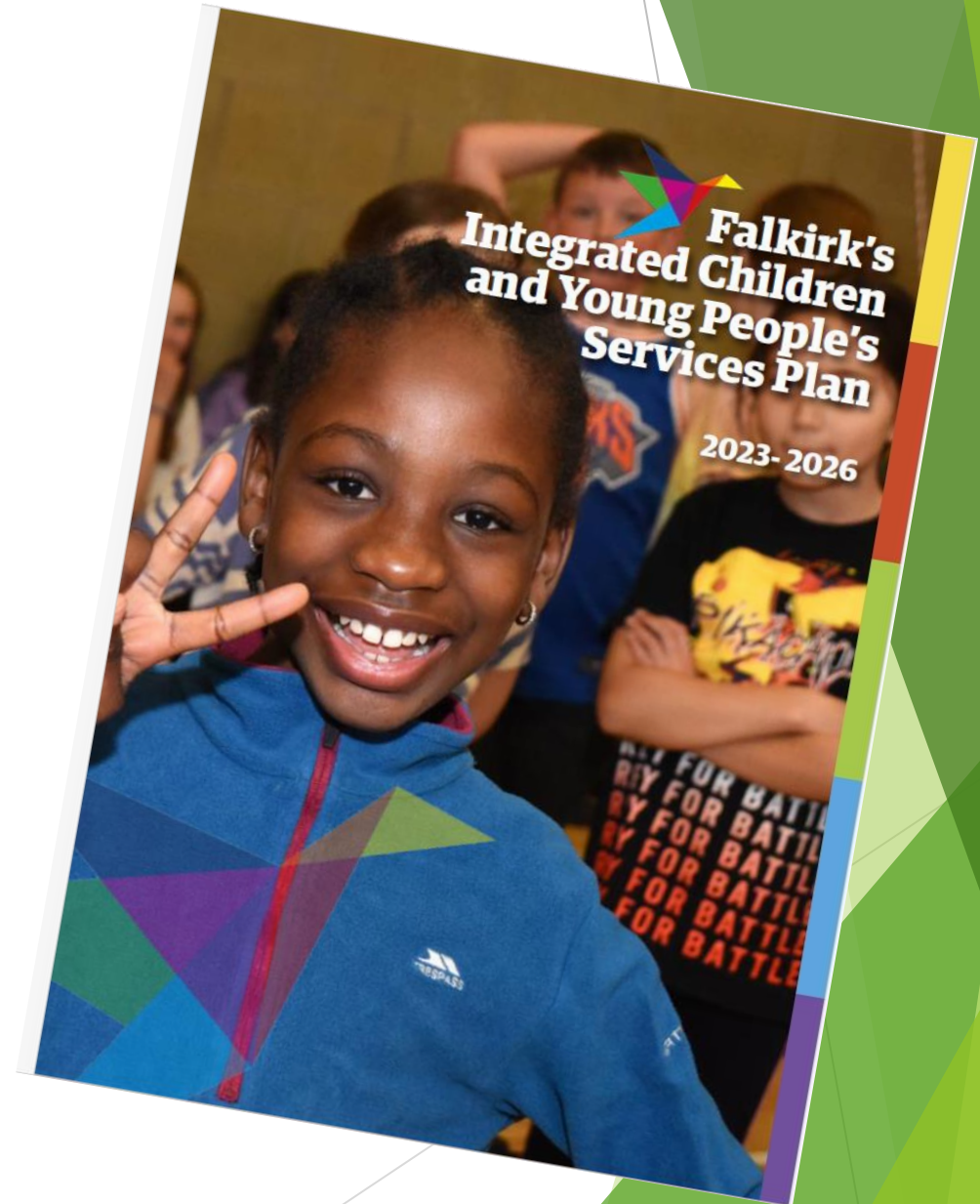
Voluntary Sector Children's Services Forum Falkirk Update

Norman Philip, Barnardo's

1 November 2023

Falkirk's Integrated Children and Young People's Services Plan 2023-2026

Our vision:
To make Falkirk the best place we can for all our children and young people to grow up to be loved, safe and respected to achieve their full potential.



- ▶ The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 embeds the rights for all children and young people in law. The Act promotes early intervention as the best way of supporting families to make sure their needs are identified and addressed effectively.
- ▶ The addition of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in Scots Law will further improve and strengthen our work around participation and engagement with children and young people, as well as helping us to continue our commitment to ensuring a rights respecting approach.
- ▶ We want all children and young people who live in Falkirk to have opportunities to have their voices heard in ways that are most appropriate for them. Children's Rights sit at the heart of the work of the partnership, moving forward, we aim to ensure that our future collaboration with children and young people helps us to shape and inform the delivery of services.



Would you like an opportunity to come together with your colleagues across your locality?

We want to invite you to your locality based GIRFEC Refresh learning session, to continue learning how we put 'Policy into Practice'.

Join partner agencies to strengthen our relational based practice.

Informed training for : Practitioners and Managers working alongside and supporting children, young people and their families.

This includes staff from : Police, Education, Health, Social Work, Fire Service, Children's Reporter, Children's Panel members, Housing, Review Co-ordinators, Third Sector Family Support Services.

Content:	Overview of GIRFEC Key Changes	What has not changed ? What has changed ?	What developments are taking place across Falkirk ?	How is the UNCRC incorporation & The Promise influencing GIRFEC Refresh?
	Clarity regarding Named Person and Lead Professional .	The revised National Child Protection Practice Guidance 2021 is reflected with GIRFEC Refresh	GIRFEC Values and Principles have been strengthened and are underpinned by the UNCRC, ensuring policy and practice protects, respects and fulfils the rights of all children and young people .	

Services supporting families in the following localities	Venue	Date & Times
Boness locality	Boness Academy	Wednesday 25th October 3.30 – 6.00pm
Falkirk locality (Including Graeme)	Falkirk High School	Wednesday 1st November 3.30 – 6.00pm
Braes locality	Braes High School	Thursday 2nd November 3.30 – 6.00pm
Denny locality	Denny High School	Tuesday 7th November 3.30 – 6.00pm
Grangemouth locality	Grangemouth High School	Wednesday 8th November 3.30 – 6.00pm
Larbert locality	Larbert High School	Tuesday 14th November 3.45 – 6.15pm
Any Services from across the Falkirk area who are unable to attend the above events	Falkirk Council, The Foundry, Central Boulevard, LARBERT, FK5 4RU (Office building next to Larbert Police Office)	Monday 13th November 9.30 – 12noon OR 2.00 – 4.30pm
		Monday 4th December 9.30 – 12noon OR 2.00 – 4.30pm
		Wednesday 24th January 9.30 – 12noon OR 2.00 – 4.30pm



Request to attend training

GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD REFRESH	
	<p>OR</p> <p>https://forms.office.com/e/czwzsstjFh</p>

Choosing which venue to attend:

If you work in **one specific locality**:

- please select the venue that is connected with that locality.
- If you are unable to attend the date for your locality, please select 'The Foundry'.

If you work **across various localities** (including St Mungo's):

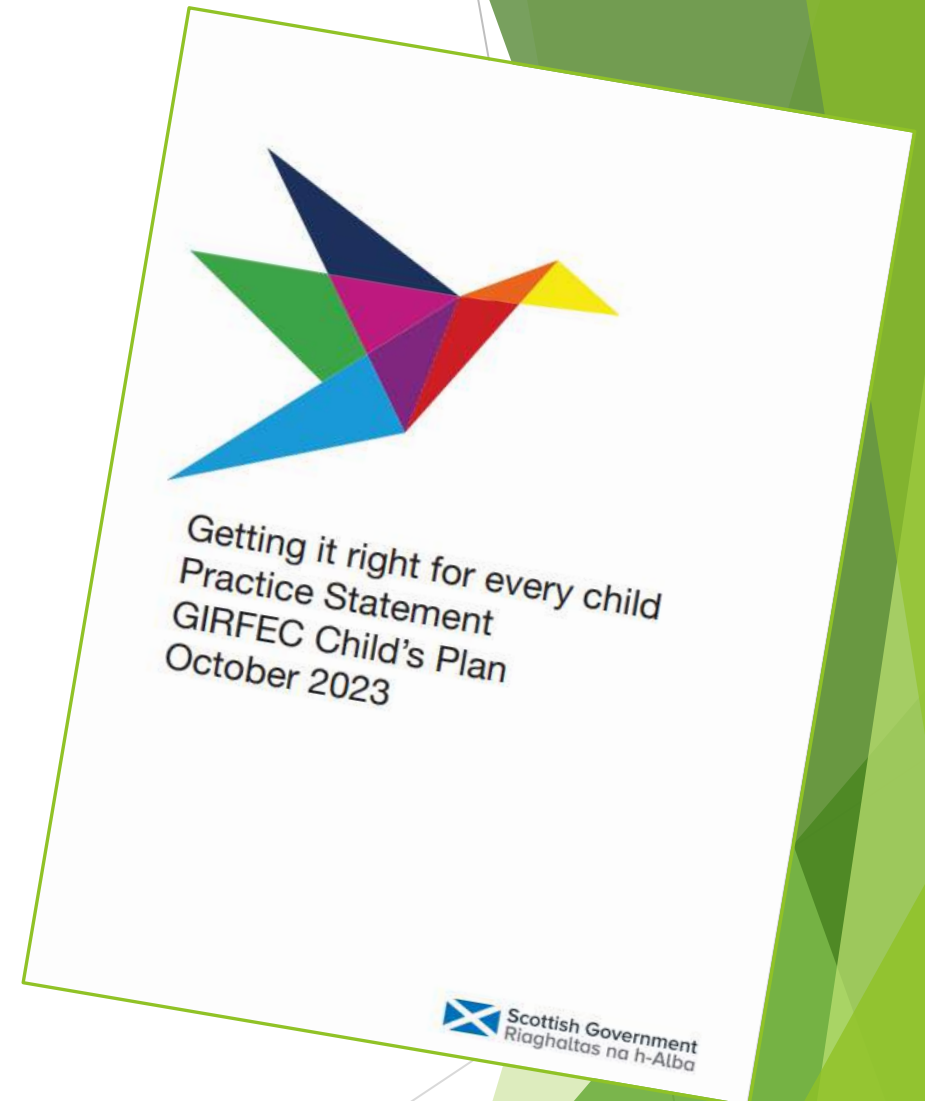
- Select any of the localities.
- If your staff team works across various localities, please plan that your team is represented across various localities.
- If you are unable to attend the date for any of the localities, please select 'The Foundry'.

A new GIRFEC Child's Plan Practice Statement has been published by the Scottish Government.

It aims to provide practitioners with confidence, clarity and practical support to continue to implement GIRFEC.

- ▶ The non-statutory child's plan remains a core component of the GIRFEC approach to promoting, supporting and safeguarding the wellbeing of children and young people.
- ▶ This new practice statement reflects the relationship and alignment between statutory and non-statutory plans, and recent legislative and policy developments. It covers what a child's plan is within GIRFEC, when a child's plan should be considered, who should be involved in the development and review of a child's plan, how a child's plan supports transitions and chronologies.
- ▶ You can find the statement [here](#), along with an easy read version [here](#).
- ▶ The practice statement complements the [guidance series](#) published in September 2022 to help and support practitioners and managers embed GIRFEC into their everyday practice.

The GIRFEC Team.



What is a child's plan?

Extracts from easy read version:

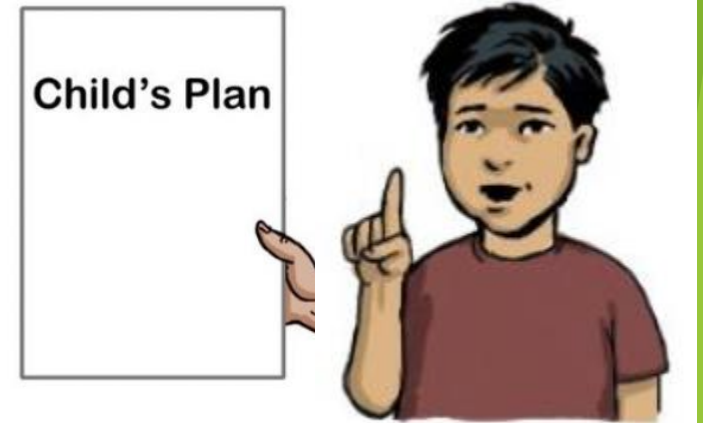
Children, young people, and families sometimes need support. This might mean making a child's plan for the child or young person so that everyone helping them knows what needs to happen.

Children, young people, and families can say they do not want a child's plan. But they **must** accept support if a Children's Panel or Sheriff says it is **compulsory** to keep them safe from harm or harmful behaviours.

The National Practice Model is a way for workers to find out if a child or young person needs support for their wellbeing. Information will be gathered from different professionals, and the child or young person and their family.

The plan could be made by a single organisation or different organisations working together. Everyone involved should use all their skills and experience to meet the child or young person's needs.

If children, young people, and families need support from different organisations, this means making a multi-agency child's plan. This is where a lead professional is needed.



We request your support in sharing and displaying the attached posters, developed by CPCs Scotland, within your services as part of our public information and engagement agenda.

We would be grateful if you can confirm how you have used these so we can feedback to CPCs Scotland.

With thanks

Tony McLaughlin

Tony McLaughlin

Lead Officer Child Protection

tony.mclaughlin@falkirk.gov.uk

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/fvpp/child-protection/reporting-a-child-protection-concern/>

WE CAN ALL HELP KEEP KIDS SAFE

Everyone can help to make sure that Scotland's children are kept safe from harm, abuse and neglect.

If you're worried about a child's safety or welfare, talk to your local school, health visitor or GP, social work department or the police.

- Children's Services Initial Response Team - Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm: 01324 506070
- Emergency Duty Team - 01786 470500 (out of hours service)
- Police Scotland 101 at anytime. If it's an emergency, always dial 999.

It's always better to say something than do nothing.

#KEEPINGKIDSSAFE



We can all help keep kids safe

WE CAN ALL HELP KEEP KIDS SAFE

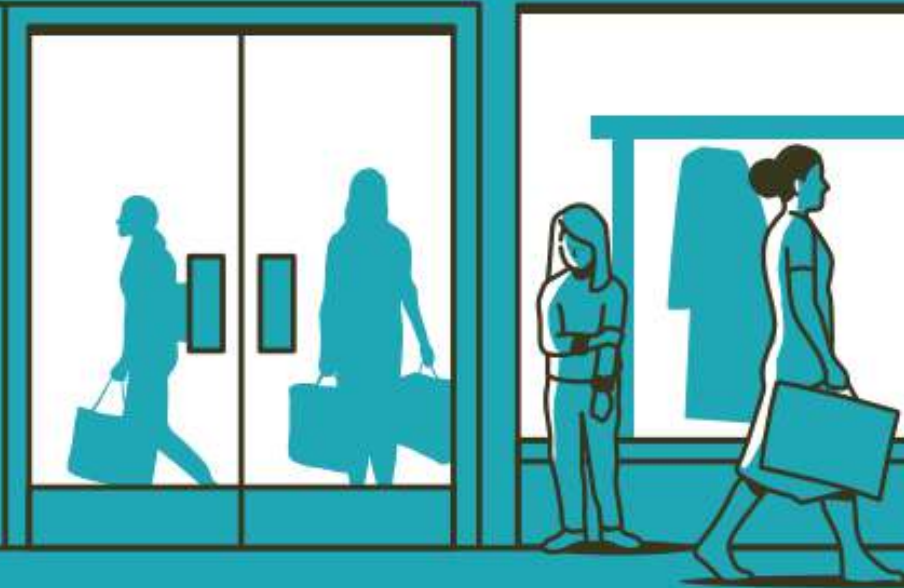
Everyone can help to make sure that Scotland's children are kept safe from harm, abuse and neglect.

If you're worried about a child's safety or welfare, talk to your local school, health visitor or GP, social work department or the police.

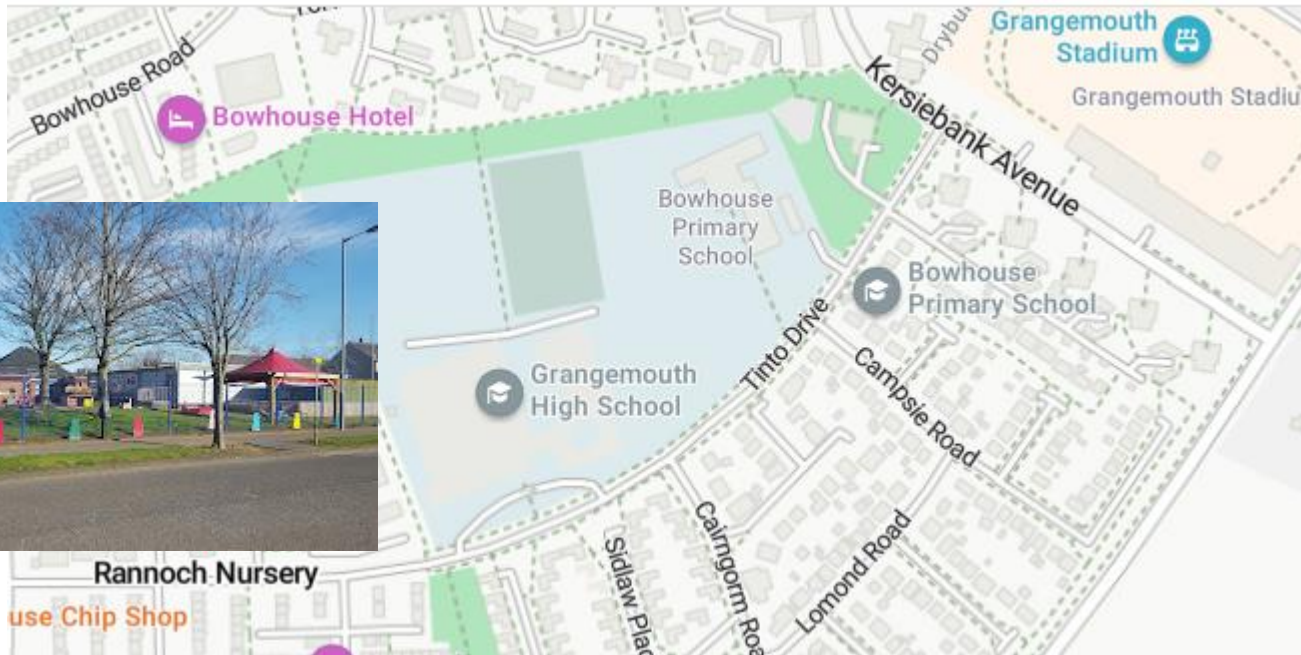
- Children's Services Initial Response Team - Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm: 01324 506070
- Emergency Duty Team - 01786 470500 (out of hours service)
- Police Scotland 101 at anytime. If it's an emergency, always dial 999.

It's always better to say something than do nothing.

#KEEPINGKIDSSAFE



Falkirk child poverty action group Grangemouth Test of Change



The focus of the Test of Change is to bring services from the range of council and partnership services, such as health and appropriate external supports to the families where they access support on a daily basis.

Provost's Christmas Appeal 2023

