



Monthly News Bulletin

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GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD

!!IMPORTANT UPDATE!!

[Final draft guidance](#) on the GIRFEC parts of the Children and Young People's (Scotland) Act 2014 is now available on the Scottish Government website.

273 sleeps to GIRFEC live! The pace of implementation in terms of the GIRFEC aspects of Children and Young People's (Scotland) Act 2014 is picking up and January will see the development of guidance, Named Person Service training, a Moray Child's Plan and Integrated Pathway for support. Training and learning sessions will also be in place through the year to support this. Information will be published here.

[Looked After Children and Young People Strategy](#) built on the principles of GIRFEC, reaffirms the commitment to improve outcomes for looked after children and lays out our vision for the future. Launched in November.

[Looked After Children Data Strategy](#) sets out the strategic direction for developing data on looked after children over the next five years. See also government [news release](#).

Touchpoints for Third Sector- [Touchpoints](#) are checklists to help Third Sector organisations prepare for parts 4,5 and 18 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

Information sharing- Updated version of the [Pan Grampian Practitioners Guide to Information Sharing](#). Page 6 has been update to reflect that the Health Visitor will be the Named Person from birth until the child's first day at school.

Remember, you don't need consent to Share Information if you have a concern about a child or young person's wellbeing. Please refer to page 17 of the guide above for more information.

THE EARLY YEARS

2016 Conference - 19 February 2016. 'Improving Outcomes for Children in Moray', focussing on outcomes of the Early Years Strategy. Workshops to include : Building Brains ~ Play Scotland ~ Partnership Working ~ Building the Ambition. Please complete and return this [registration form](#).

[The Early Years Strategy 2023](#) – Consultation has been extended to 31 January 2016. If you need a paper copy, contact the Partnership Hub. Please respond using the [survey monkey](#).

'Bookbug for the Home'. Training available for family support staff, children's services workers, kinship and foster carers. Please contact polly.cheer@moray.gov.uk to book a place.

Joint Early Years Collaborative and Raising Attainment for All – [Learning Session find out more](#).

CHILD PROTECTION

Moray Child Protection Committee Development Day. Themes were: 'What works well', 'What can we improve' and 'New ideas moving forward'. Feedback from the day will be produced early next year. The full CPC meeting took place with guests from the day able to observe to gain an insight on the CPC itself.

National Risk Framework – 5 sessions have taken place across Moray with further sessions being delivered as part of the multiagency calendar next year. Responses to questions raised during the training will be sent out to all attendees.

[National Helplines](#) and their role in supporting child protection were recently discussed at a national seminar. We hope to have the NSPCC up in Moray soon to deliver key messages.

For your information, please see below for Leads in Child Protection in Moray :

Moray Child Protection Committee :

Susan Maclaren, Head of Integrated Children's Services

Child Protection Co-ordinating Group :

Iain Macdonald, Children's Wellbeing Manager

Child Protection Practitioners Reference Group :

Stuart Lamberton, Partnership Officer, Child Protection

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PARTNERSHIP HUB

Moray Foodbank - Information has been sent to primary schools to go out to families. The aim is to support those in need by making them aware of the availability of food parcels whilst encouraging those who are able to support the foodbank if they wish.

Keeping you up-to-date with minutes of meetings :

[Moray Child Protection Committee](#)

[GIRFEC Operational Group](#)

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