



Monthly News Bulletin

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GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD

120 sleeps to GIRFEC live!

[The Scottish Government](#) website for GIRFEC has undergone changes to make it more user friendly for children, young people and their families. On the website you can find generic leaflets to explain [GIRFEC](#), the [Child's Plan](#), [Wellbeing](#) and the [Named Person](#) that may be useful to explain what these are as well as other resources. You can find a link to these on the [Moray Council GIRFEC](#) page.

Named Person and Lead Professional Training - In March, nearly 150 Named Person's from Health and Education attended sessions on the Named Person role where the focus was on 'supporting the Named Person'. This also involved other colleagues from Health and Integrated Children Services who gave an input into how their services could have an input into the Named Person role. In May there will be a further day session for Named Person's that will look at how the Service will work with sessions planned in June for Lead Professionals.

Work is going on behind the scenes to ensure that as a Community Planning Partnership we will be ready for the GIRFEC parts of the Children and young People's (Scotland) Act 2014 by August 31st and final drafts are nearly finished for the Child's Plan and the single planning pathway. It is hoped that this can be shared in May.

[A Knowledge Hub](#) has been created by the Scottish Government where an information toolkit and further practice materials can be found. Details on how to sign up can be found [here](#).

CHILD PROTECTION

Review of policy, practice, services and structures. The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, Angela Constance, made a [statement to Parliament](#) announcing a programme of action on child protection. The Scottish Government will commission a comprehensive review of policy, practice, services and structures in our current child protection system to identify strengths, achievements and priorities for change

with recommendations to be made by the end of 2016. There will be a focus on:

- Child Protection Committees
- Initial Case Reviews
- Significant Case Reviews
- The Child Protection Register

This will be backed by tougher scrutiny through a revised inspection programme, steps to promote and support leadership action to address the impact of neglect on children, work on data and evidence and consideration of the impact of changes of legislation and practice in the Children's Hearings System.

THE EARLY YEARS STRATEGY

Early Years Conference – the presentations from three of the workshops are below. The key note speaker and remaining workshop will be available in the May issue :

- [Play Scotland](#)
- [Partnership Working – Susan Leslie](#)
- [Building The Ambition](#)

'Highlights' – Quality Improvement Throughout a Child's Journey. The Scottish Government have produced a newsletter linking the Early Years Collaborative (EYC), Raising Attainment for All (RAFA) and the Maternity and Children Quality Improvement Collaborative (MCQIC).

PARTNERSHIP HUB

Updated HV generic email addresses can be found [here](#)

Is the Partnership Hub making a difference? Please take five minutes to complete the survey monkey to help us improve. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PartHub>

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

[Moray Council Child Protection Committee](#)

For more information please see [Partnership Hub Priorities](#).

If underlined and [blue](#), this is an electronic link to the information