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GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD

While the Supreme Court have made a ruling around information sharing and the Named Person Service under the Children and Young People's (Scotland) Act 2014; **Moray continues to have a single point of contact for all children and young people under the term Named Person and, as of the 16th August, implement new Child Planning Processes and paperwork**. This decision is based on a need to update and stream line our processes to make them more effective in identifying and meeting the wellbeing needs of children and young people and the frustrations expressed by many parents in the past not knowing who to contact regarding issues they had relating to their child.

The Child Planning Process and single point of contact are being implemented as a local policy rather than under statute. As a result we have made minor changes to our guidance and paperwork as detailed below for your convenience.

Child's Plan

The term 'Statutory' has been removed from statutory Child's Plan which will now be known as the Child's Plan. A completed action plan has been added to the Child's plan guidance to support professionals completing them for the first time.

Pathway

The term 'Statutory' has been removed from the phrase 'Statutory Child's Plan'.

Chronologies

New Practitioner guidance is available on the GIRFEC website.

Child Planning Flowchart

This has been amended to reflect the ruling of the supreme court.

Moray Council <u>GIRFEC</u> website has been reviewed and revised to reflect the new paperwork and guidance. This is where you will find the most up to date copies of any documents. We would welcome any feedback on how the web page is structured and if there is anything that needs added. We await further guidance/instruction from the Scottish Government. Until then any guidance, processes and paperwork are subject to change.

Over the next week copies of the Moray GIRFEC Pathway and a Scottish Government Practitioners Information Pack to support communication with the public will also be sent out to relevant practitioners.

As always if there are any suggestions or feedback about any of the above please get in touch.

Lead Professional/Named Person Mop up training -

Training Room 2, Annexe, on 26 September 2016 between 9:15am and 1:00pm. Suitable for LP's and NP's unable to attend training in June.

Training will look at Named Person and Lead Professional roles, Information Sharing, Moray Child Planning Pathway and Plan.

All those who did not attend during June should attend this mop-up. It is essential that we are all aware of both our own and other people's responsibilities in respect of child's planning processes.

Please contact <u>partnership.hub@moray.gov.uk</u> to confirm their attendance.