

# Dumfries and Galloway Children's Services Plan



Dumfries &

Galloway

Together is  
Better



## Our vision - what we want to see happen



All children and young people in Dumfries and Galloway will be treated with kindness, love and respect.

They will be given the right support at the right time to enable them to live the best life they can.



We want to have better **outcomes** for our children and young people.

**Outcomes** are the way we want to see something turn out.



The Dumfries and Galloway Children's Services plan is supported by other plans with more information about our most important work and what we have promised to do.

## What this plan is for



The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is a law that aims for Scotland to be the best place for children to grow up.



It says that NHS and local councils must work together to make a Children's Services Plan.

Children's services plans want to:

- support the **wellbeing** of children and young people in Dumfries and Galloway and make sure they are safe



**Wellbeing** means feeling comfortable, healthy and happy.

- promote **prevention and early intervention services**



Prevention and early intervention services try to stop problems from happening or stop things from getting worse.



- when a child gets help from different services, they work together with the child at the centre

There is one Child's Plan that has all the actions from all the services.



- make best use of **resources** – money, equipment and staff



- make sure that **related services** are delivered in a way that promotes children's wellbeing

Examples of **related services** could be housing, or drug and alcohol services.

## Our focus – our most important work



Our vision will happen for most children with preventative support and early intervention given by our **universal services**.



**Universal services** are the services that all children can get, like health visitors, GPs and school nurses.



This plan focuses on the children, young people and their families who may need extra support.

## Our commitments – what we promise to do

We will:



- keep our children safe
- work to make [The Promise](#) happen

The Promise says that Scotland's **care experienced** children and young people will grow up loved, safe and respected.



**Care experienced** means a child or young person who has been looked after by their local council at some point in their life.

This could be:



- at home with their parent or parents with help from Social Work
- by other family members or friends
- by foster carers
- in a children's home





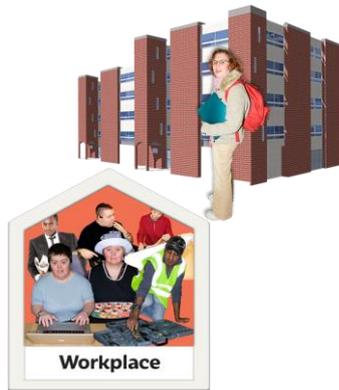
- include **UNCRC** and **human rights** in all areas of our work

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child or **UNCRC** is an agreement that countries will protect human rights for children and young people.



**Human rights** are freedoms that are protected in law.

They make sure we are treated fairly and with dignity.



- make sure all our young people have positive things to do like work, education, training or voluntary work when they have left school.

## Our priorities – our most important work



- early intervention – finding out what a child or young person needs and giving support as early as possible
- improving outcomes for children and young people most in need of support
- listening to and involving children and young people

## Our workstreams – areas of work



- family support



- disabled children with very complicated complex care needs



- mental health and wellbeing



- care experience



- poverty

**Child poverty** means children living in a household where there may not be enough money coming in from jobs or benefits to pay for housing and basic things like food, clothing or to stay warm.



- Getting It Right For Every Child  
(**GIRFEC**)

**GIRFEC** is the Scottish Government's promise to give all children, young people and their families the right support at the right time.



Every year we will check whether our plan is helping children and young people have better wellbeing.

We will ask children and young people if they think their lives are getting better.



If you want to know more about our Children's Services Plan please email: [ChildreanServices@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:ChildreanServices@dumgal.gov.uk)



You can find a short video about our plan here: [dumgal.gov.uk](http://dumgal.gov.uk)

The video has British Sign Language interpretation.