

Getting it right for every child (GIRFEC) / Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

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National GIRFEC Team**

What is GIRFEC?



- A consistent way for people to work with all children and young people
- An approach that puts the child or young person and their family at the centre – working with people, not ‘delivering services to’ people
- Aims to improve lives by ensuring the right level of support can be accessed when it’s needed

Keeping it simple

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- What is getting in the way of this child's or young person's wellbeing?
- Do I have all the information I need to help this child or young person?
- What can I do now to help this child or young person?
- What can my service do to help this child or young person?
- What additional help, if any, may be needed from others?

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- Wide-ranging piece of legislation (18 Parts)
- Elements of GIRFEC included:
 - Wellbeing indicators
 - the Named Person service
 - the Child's Plan

Children & Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 - Timeline

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- Act passed by Scottish Parliament – Royal Assent March 2014
- GIRFEC elements expected to come into force autumn 2016
- Draft secondary legislation and statutory guidance public consultation Feb – May 2015
- Development of the draft secondary legislation and revision of draft guidance on-going
- Final draft statutory guidance expected late autumn 2015

Key Issues

1. Need for more clarity around children's rights, the central role of the family and community and the voice/views of the child.
2. Misunderstanding of the role of the Named Person.
3. Need for clarity around planning / Child's Plan processes to address wellbeing needs.
4. Planning pathways linking to existing pathways for child protection, Children's Hearings, Additional Support for Learning , Looked After Children and Self-Directed Support.

Key Issues Cont^d

5. Need for clarity around information sharing
6. Rights and ways for children and parents to make complaints
7. Role of the Third Sector (voluntary sector)

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