



Aberdeenshire Children's Services Plan (2017-2020)



Our Children's Services Plan was developed by listening to what children, young people, parents, carers, and people who work helping families. We listened to what you told us about your experiences, and what is most important to you.

Our plan shows how all services in Aberdeenshire will work together to plan and provide the best support. It says what we will do to help improve children and young people's wellbeing in Aberdeenshire.

The most important things we agreed to make better over the next 3 years are:

- Providing help for care experienced children & young people (called Corporate Parenting)
- Making sure children and young people aren't affected by their own, or someone who looks after them's, drug or alcohol use
- Supporting children with a disability and their families
- Making sure children get the best start in life by giving the best support to families in the early years (children aged 0 to 8 years old)
- Helping children & young people enjoy great mental health and wellbeing

Our Children's Services Plan Vision:

'Our commitment to Aberdeenshire's children and young people, is to provide you with the right support, in the right place, at the right time. By helping you reach your individual potential and goals, we will work together to make Aberdeenshire the best place in Scotland to grow up.'

What is Wellbeing?

8 *Wellbeing Indicators* describe what all children & young people need to be and feel, to develop, grow, and reach your potential.

The Wellbeing indicators help you, your parents or carers, and other people helping you, to discuss any worries or concerns.

This also helps everybody work together to plan the right support for you, when you need this.



What is *Getting it Right for Every Child*?

Getting it Right for Every Child, (sometimes called *GIRFEC*) is a national approach which aims to make Scotland the best place in the world to grow up. It does this by making sure Children's Rights are respected and that every child and young person's wellbeing is promoted. It did this by creating a new law called the Children and Young People Act 2014 and introducing a way for people to work together to make sure you get the right help, at the right time, from the right people.

You can find out more about *GIRFEC* in Aberdeenshire by visiting our [website](#)