

**Integration Joint Board**

**Date of Meeting: 27 January 2020**

**Title of Report: Children's Rights Report 2020**

**Presented by: Joanna Macdonald**

**The Board is asked to:**

- Note the report detailing the Children's Rights Report 2020

**1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is Argyll & Bute's first joint Children's Rights Report. The report notes the work to respect the rights of children, young people and their families and to hear and listen to their voices.

In 2018 the Care Inspectorate Joint Inspection of Children's Services in Argyll & Bute reviewed how services work together to protect children where concerns have been raised about their welfare or safety, including children who are currently, or have previously been, on the child protection register.

The inspection looked closely at the support that is provide to children and young people who are currently, or have previously been, 'looked after', including those living with parents, having short periods of respite care, in kinship care, in residential care (including schools and secure care) and, in foster care.

Part of the inspection process involved the Care Inspectorate young inspection volunteers, their role involves attending focus groups with local care experienced young people and to visit care services with inspectors to check that they are providing good quality care and discuss with them ways to improve.

Inspectors, in their final report, noted that it was a strength that: "Children and young people were respected and listened to at both operational and strategic levels, reflecting positive attitudes and significant investment on the part of community planning partners".

This report affirms the commitment of the partners in implementing universal children's rights supporting this activity, evidence of how this is undertaken in Argyll & Bute and plans for developing it further.

**2. INTRODUCTION**

In this report Argyll and Bute Council, Highland Health Board and partners confirm that we support the Scottish Government's vision that Scotland become

the best place in the world for a child to grow up, with opportunities for all in Scotland to flourish. Human rights and the needs of children and young people are central to that vision and to three of Scotland's national outcomes:

- We grow up loved, safe and respected so that we realise our full potential
- We are well educated, skilled and able to contribute to society
- We respect, protect and fulfil human rights and live free from discrimination.

### **3. DETAIL OF REPORT**

The report outlines UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). A core treaty which has a universally agreed set of minimum human rights. This is placed in the context of our national policies and approach, getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) enabling children to reach their full potential.

It reviews the articles of the UNCRC in turn and the application of this in Argyll & Bute giving evidence of current practice and planning in detail.

It also considers application in the following cluster areas:

1. General measures of Implementation
2. General Principles of UNCRC
3. Civil Rights and Freedoms
4. Violence against Children
5. Family environment and alternative care
6. Basic health and welfare
7. Education, Leisure and Culture
8. Special Protection Measures

It further notes the key actions going forwards and is supported in the addendum with links to key documents and plans and supporting historical legislation.

### **4. RELEVANT DATA AND INDICATORS**

There is a breadth of data across multiple areas of work and disciplines noted in the report.

### **5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

The Strategic plan, national and local policy is underpinned by core human rights legislation.

### **6. GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **6.1 Financial Impact**

None for this report

#### **6.2 Staff Governance**

None for this report

**6.3 Clinical Governance**

None for this report

**7. PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY**

None for this report

**8. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

This report supports the delivery of services adhering equalities legislation and taking into account the wider diverse population and geographical requirement in Argyll & Bute.

**9. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION PRINCIPLES COMPLIANCE**

Compliant with data protection principles.

**10. RISK ASSESSMENT**

Activity and Strategic Planning is monitored through the Strategic Group as a partnership.

**11. PUBLIC & USER INVOLVEMENT & ENGAGEMENT**

No user involvement in the writing of this report but communities are consulted through the delivery of actions.

**12. CONCLUSIONS**

The IJB is asked to note this report and that it responds to the 2018 Joint Inspection of Children’s services report.

The report denotes the range of multi-agency, partnership working and planning to support Children’s Rights in Argyll & Bute.

**13. DIRECTIONS**

Directions required to Council, NHS Board or both.	<b>Directions to:</b>	tick
	No Directions required	x
	Argyll & Bute Council	
	NHS Highland Health Board	
	Argyll & Bute Council and NHS Highland Health Board	

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