
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
Health and Social Care Partnership

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Children and Young People's Service Plan 2023-2026

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Argyll and Bute 2023–2026 Children and Young People's Service Plan builds on earlier plans and was developed by listening to and understanding the needs of our children, young people, and their families. This plan continues our focus on promoting children and young people's wellbeing, underpinned by Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC), and extends this by developing our trauma informed workforce.

Through this we are ensuring we embed UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) and The Promise at the core of everything we do. This links across several other plans including the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP).

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment provides the foundation for this work, underpins the Children and Young People's Service Plan and the Corporate Parenting and Child Protection Plans.

The plan is developed in partnership including our most important partners; children and young people and sets out the joint vision, priorities and outcomes for Argyll & Bute.

The council is asked to endorse and support delivery of the plan.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Argyll and Bute Children's Services Partnership are legally required under S15 of the Children & Young People's (Scotland) Act 2014 to publish a Children Services Plan every three years. The three year cycles started on 1st April 2014, thus the current plan runs from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2026.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Endorse and support the plan.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The plan is underpinned by Getting it Right for Every Child, UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) and The Promise.

We have fully committed to The Promise made to Scotland's infants, children, young people, adults, and families. By 2030, we will transform our care system and the values around which it operates. Ensuring we uphold safe, loving relationships that are important to children and young people and that we continue the transformation of our community services to make sure more children are supported to stay safely with their families. Integral to this plan is building upon and embedding our commitment to the priorities and values of the Promise.

The four values outlined are ensuring that Children have a **Voice** and are listened to meaningfully and involved in decisions about their care. **Family** and **Care** support to ensure that young people are in a safe nurturing environment and where that is not possible with their family that they have the opportunity to belong in a safe home staying there for as long as is needed.

The promise wants children to be actively cared for by **People** in the wider workforce and community who in turn must be supported to listen and be compassionate in their decision making and care.

The **Scaffolding** that is required to help this system be sustainable and effective, accountable, ready and responsive.

This plan provides a framework for professionals, parents, carers, and volunteers to work with our children and young people, helping to shape and

improve the services we offer. The partnership is fully committed to continuing to deliver our Children and Young People's Service Plan. We thank all contributors to the plan for their ongoing support and commitment to working together and achieving the best possible outcomes for young people.

Argyll and Bute's vision commits partners to "work together to achieve the best for children, young people, and families." To realise this vision, this Children and Young People's Service Plan is underpinned by the Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) framework. The strategic priorities also align with Outcome 4 in the local Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and the National Performance Framework (NPF)

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The plan has been co-produced with our most important partners, our children and young people and addresses the identified need, policy and guidance to support children and young people in Argyll & Bute. The Council is asked to endorse the plan and note annual reporting.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy Framework delivery of key policy areas in respect of children and young people
- 6.2 Financial not specific to this report
- 6.3 Legal not specific to this report
- 6.4 HR The Promise ensures that we support the workforce looking after children and young people and is aligned with partnership values.
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:
 - 6.5.1 Equalities This plan is supported by data from the Joint Needs Assessment and is co-produced with children and young people. It links to other key strategies such as the Child Poverty Action Plan.
 - 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty
 - 6.5.3 Islands It gives consideration to the particular needs of island communities as noted on page 12.
- 6.6 Climate Change not specific to this report
- 6.7 Risk The plan notes different areas of risk for children and young people and how it aims to support at different stages and through the life of a young person to help them stay safe and fulfil their potential.
- 6.8 Customer Service not specific to this report

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Children and Young People's Service Plan 2023-26