



# Where it all began

Campaigns led by Who? Cares Scotland and the care community highlighted the failings of the 'care system'.

2016

In 2016 the First Minister committed to a root and branch review of Scotland's 'care system'.

2017

The Independent Care review lasted for three years from 2017 and heard from over 5,500 voices, including care experienced children, young people, families, care experienced adults and the workforce.

2020

On Wednesday 5 February 2020, the Independent Care Review published seven reports. The promise laid out five foundations and over 80 calls to action.

On the same day, in The Scottish Parliament, the First Minister pledged to #KeepThePromise a commitment that got the support of all political parties.

2021

The promise Scotland was set up in 2021 and Plan 21-24 was launched.

24-30

Plan 24-30 launches on June 20 2024.

2030

The promise is kept to Scotland's care experienced children, families and adults.

**South Ayrshire's**

**Parenting Promise**



**Keeping our  
promise**

# South Ayrshire Parenting Promise Roadmap

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I support South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise

In September 2021, Promise posts were established in South Ayrshire with £50k funding from The Promise Partnership, two of which were reserved for those with care experience.

The workers, drawing on their own experiences, organised events like Care Day, reshaping the care narrative which was over 1000 participants take part. They actively contributed to consultations, including national GIRFEC materials, short breaks, and the commissioning framework in South Ayrshire, and played a role in the review of family support across South Ayrshire.

Since 2020, South Ayrshire has collaborated with The Promise Scotland on 'Doing Data Differently,' aiming to assess existing data sources, identify gaps, and improve data usage.

The initiative revealed 49 data sets in South Ayrshire, prompting efforts to establish connections and pinpoint information gaps. This involvement increased the organisation's confidence in being more creative with data, emphasizing its integrity as crucial to designing and delivering services.

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£475,019 has been secured from the Promise Partnership (Corra Foundation) since 2020.

This has funded three lived experience posts, research across South Ayrshires school community and a range of wellbeing approaches that supports the workforce to embed trauma informed practice at the heart of service delivery.

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Champions Board

Meet the team

Developed Communication and Engagement Rooted in Lived Experience

Doing Data Differently

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South Ayrshire has strived to soften and clarify the language we use. We have worked directly with Care Experienced Young People to help shape the language we use around what matters to them.

In February 2023, one hundred participants attended Language creates realities, the event aimed to encourage the workforce to talk differently and intentionally about care experience, and tell a new story, reframing care.

Changing Language

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Increased Resources

Changes in the way we work

Signs of Safety

Increasing Care Experienced Voices

The Champions for Change Team provide a platform for young people with care experience to talk directly to council staff, councillors and service providers and ensure they have say in the decisions that affect their lives. Young people are able to use their lived experience to influence improvements in services and support to shape South Ayrshires care system.

South Ayrshire listens to and acts on the voice of our young people in care, making changes to our practice based on their opinions.

Between January to March 2023, 55 care experienced young people helped shape the new naming convention for our Looked After Child Review (LAC review). Scan our QR code to find out more.

South Ayrshire has adopted a Signs of Safety approach, this is a strengths-based model of broadening our understanding of risk, which aligns well with the core values of the Promise.

We have introduced a benefit tracker to allow us to look at the impact we are making #KeepThePromise Reviewing our progress on improvement actions and so much more. Scan our QR code to find out more about our benefit tracker.



To find out more about the Promise in South Ayrshire visit:  
<https://hscp.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/ThePromise>

## VOICE

## FAMILY

## CARE

## PEOPLE

## SCAFFOLDING

- **Participation / Engagement**
- **Listening**
- **Documenting decisions**

- **Poverty**
- **Universal family support**
- **Intensive family support**

- **Decision making**
- **Advocacy**
- **Relationships**
- **Stability**
- **Where children live**
- **Moving on/ lifelong support**

- **Leadership**
- **Recruitment / retention**
- **Rules, processes / culture**
- **Workforce support**

- **Rights**
- **Data / information**
- **Money / commissioning**
- **Legislation**
- **Scrutiny / inspection**
- **Governance**
- **Education**
- **Justice**
- **Health**



