

Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment

Children and Young People's Services
Plan 2023-2026

Children and Young People's Services Plan

1. Which articles of the UNCRC does this policy/measure impact on?

The Children and Young People's Plan impacts on the following UNCRC articles:

- Article 1 – All children under 18 have rights
- Article 2 – All children have rights
- Article 3 – Adults do what is best for me
- Article 5 – Parental guidance and a child's evolving capacities
- Article 6 – Support to grow and develop
- Article 9 – Family reunification
- Article 12 – Respect for the views of the child
- Article 23 – Children with a disability
- Article 31 – Leisure, play and culture

2. What impact will your policy/measure have on children's rights?

The Scottish Government has put children's rights at the centre of its policy and the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 puts a duty on key public services to report on what they are doing to promote them.

3. Will there be different impacts on different groups of children and young people?

The Plan considers all children and young people. However, there is recognition that some children and young people with particular vulnerabilities may be more likely to experience health inequalities and may require protection. The HSCP will also promote the rights of care experienced children and young people which will also be taken forward by the Corporate Parenting Plan 2021-24.

The Children and Young People's Services Plan 2023-2026 has a strategic focus on the rights of children.

4. If a negative impact is assessed for any area of rights or any group of children and young people, can you explain why this is necessary and proportionate? What options have you considered to modify the proposal, or mitigate the impact?

There are no foreseen negative impacts on any rights or groups for children and young people because of the implementation of the Children and Young People's Services Plan. However, it is essential that all children and young people have equitable opportunities to improve their health and wellbeing outcomes. This may require promoting the interests of one group of children above another.

5. How will the policy/measure give better or further effect to the implementation of the UNCRC in Scotland?

South Ayrshire Council has a duty to safeguard, support and promote the wellbeing of children in their area. South Ayrshire has the 12th highest child poverty levels in Scotland with 12.9% of children under 16 classified as living in absolute low-income families after housing costs. This equates to approximately 2,255 children.

South Ayrshire's Children and Young People's Services Plan was developed in line with the guidance of Part 3 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

The Plan promotes four General Principles of the UNCRC, namely:

1. Non-discrimination (article 2)
2. Best interest of the child (article 3)
3. Right to life survival and development (article 6)
4. Right to be heard (article 12)

6. How have you consulted with relevant stakeholders, including involving children and young people in the development of the policy/measure?

The partners involved included:

- Third Sector Partners
- Alcohol and Drug Partnership
- Housing Services
- Education Services
- Health and Social Care Partners
- Corporate Parenting Lead Officer
- Community Learning and Development
- Employability and Skills
- Police Scotland

To inform the development of the Plan we will established six theme groups:

- The Promise
- Included
- Family
- People
- Voice
- Healthy

Children and young people have been well represented through the process via partners, the third sector and our Corporate Parenting Officer.

7. What evidence have you used to inform your assessment?

Our outcomes and aims are informed by our many statutory requirements and national agendas, policy, and guidance. This includes the following:

- Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017

- Getting it right for every child
- The Promise
- Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

Furthermore, our Plan considers our local priorities, including:

- Local Outcomes Improvement Plan
- Child Poverty Action Plan
- Young Carers Strategy
- Corporate Parenting Strategy

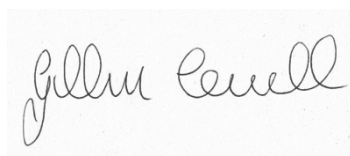
How will the impact of the policy/measure be monitored?

As per the requirements of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, a progress report will be completed on a yearly basis where evaluation and progress monitoring will be required. The Joint Improvement Group will have oversight of the work ongoing through thematic groups 6 weekly and the Children's Services Planning Partnership will meet quarterly to further ensure progress.

How will you communicate to children and young people the impact of the policy/measure on their rights?

The CYPSP will be reviewed and updated as required on an annual basis. A priority within this plan is the ongoing consultation and feedback to our children and young people. This will be addressed through the "Voice" action plan.

Sign & Date:



Policy Lead Signature & Date of Sign Off:

Deputy Director Signature & Date of Sign Off: September 2023