Children's Rights Impact Assessment



1. What impact will or might the proposal have on the rights of children and young people?

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.

2. Will the rights of one group of children in particular be affected?

The Strategic Plan encompasses 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 2018-21. The Children's Services Plan 2020-2023 has a strategic focus on the rights of children.

3. Are there competing interests between the groups of children or between children and other groups?

It is essential that all children and young people have equitable opportunities to improve their health and wellbeing outcomes and this may require promoting the interests of one group of children above another.

4. How does the proposal relate to, promote, or inhibit the provisions of the UNCRC, other relevant international treaties and standards, or domestic law?

The Strategic Plan promotes the 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)

Other articles related to the Strategic Plan include Health and Health Services (Article 24), Review of treatment in care (Article 25) and Juvenile justice (Article 40).

5. How does the proposal contribute to the achievement of national goals for children and young people?

Progress on the Strategic Plan is measured against the following national outcomes:

- Our children have the best possible start in life
- Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.
- We have improved the life chances of children, young people and families at risk The Plan also references the joint work on <u>integrated children's services planning</u>, <u>corporate parenting</u> and <u>The Promise</u>.

6. What overall impact will the proposal entail other policy areas or agendas, or other professionals or groups in their work with children?

An 18-month bridging plan has been developed of the Strategic Plan to allow recovery and learning from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Strategic Plan is focused on the delivery of services by the HSCP but emphasises the work that is done in collaboration with partners.

7. Is follow-up evaluation/monitoring of the proposal and its implementation required?

Yes. The Implementation Plan of the Strategic Plan will be reviewed on a six-monthly basis and a progress report will be provided to the Performance and Audit Committee of the South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

8. Is research required to assess the proposal's impact on children once implemented?

The Strategic Plan will be reviewed after 12-18 months. Evaluation and performance monitoring will be required at this point to determine impact and success.

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