



Dear parents / carers

I hope this finds you well. We would like to invite you to participate in a consultation pertaining to Aberdeenshire's Integrated Children's Services Plan 2020-2023. This is your opportunity to help shape our future direction and priorities for all children and young people living in Aberdeenshire.

The plan will set out the strategic direction and objectives of Aberdeenshire's Children's Services Plan for the next three years to enable us to continue to achieve our ambition:

'Our commitment to Aberdeenshire's children and young people, is to provide them with the right support, in the right place, at the right time. In helping them reach individual potential and goals, we will work together to make Aberdeenshire the best place in Scotland to grow up.'

The Plan sets out our priorities for all partner agencies including Aberdeenshire Council, Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership, Police Scotland, NHS Grampian, the Grampian Fire Service, third sector, Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership and the Scottish Children's Reporter.

Children's Services Plans are underpinned by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), and the Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC) approach adopted by the Scottish Government. Both these require that children, young people and families must have their views taken into account when decisions are being made about them.

The following priorities were identified in 2017:

- #1. Providing help for care experienced children & young people (called Corporate Parenting).
- #2. Making sure children and young people aren't affected by their own, or someone else's drug or alcohol use.
- #3. Supporting children with a disability and their families.
- #4. Making sure children get the best start in life by giving the best support to families in the early years (children aged 0 to 8 years old).
- #5. Helping children & young people enjoy great mental health and wellbeing.

Please complete the consultation questions online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CSP2023>

For more information to assist with completing the consultation is available here:

<http://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/consultations/details.aspx?id=90>

Or get in touch with the service by phone or email to find out about other ways to submit your views:

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Kindest regards



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