

What's in a Child's Plan?

Every Child's Plan is developed in partnership with the child or young person, with parent(s) and others who are supporting.

Every Child's Plan includes details of:

- The child's wellbeing including the views of the child and their parent(s)
- What the plan is aiming to achieve
- Services who will deliver support and how progress will be measured
- How the plan will be monitored and reviewed.

How long will the Child's Plan be in place?

In some cases, plans will be in place for a very short period of time, in more complex cases it will be open for longer. As soon as support detailed in the plan has addressed wellbeing it will be closed. This doesn't prevent a Child's Plan being opened up again in the future.



for advice on childcare,
education, family support &
additional support needs

telephone 03000 200 293 option 6
email fis@aberdeencity.gov.uk
text 07825 053136
www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/fis

Remember if you have a concern about the welfare or safety of a child or young person then you must follow service guidance for Child Protection.
For information regarding Child Protection in Aberdeen go to:
<http://bit.ly/2q0tZy1>



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For parent and carers

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The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 aims to make Scotland the best place in the world to grow up by making sure that public services (Schools, Colleges, Health Services and the Police) work together with the Third Sector so that all children and young people reach their full potential. Services across Aberdeen have been working like this for a while now. It is commonly known as the Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) approach.

Parents are, with very few exceptions, the best people to raise their children. Nothing in the Act changes parents' rights and responsibilities. For the most part, you will notice little change but you will be able to access the Named Person Service if you want and need it.



What is the Named Person Service?

GIRFEC is for all children and young people as it is impossible to predict who might need extra help from time to time. The GIRFEC approach helps identify a problem as early as possible to avoid it becoming a bigger problem. In these instances, the Named Person is a supportive single point of contact.

The Named Person will listen carefully to your concerns and will work with you to identify how best to help in order to avoid bigger problems developing. This could involve providing you with information and advice or requesting other services to help.

In most cases you will know your Named Person already. Knowing that you can access advice and support from a single contact will help reduce the time you spend approaching a number of services. Having a Named Person does not change how services protect children when there are child protection concerns.

Who will be the Named Person?

From birth until the first day of Primary 1, the Named Person will be either the Health Visitor or Family Nurse Partnership.

From the first day in Primary 1 until the first day in Secondary School, the Named Person will usually be the Head Teacher.

From the first to the last day in Secondary School, the Named Person will usually be the Guidance Teacher.

Where children attend Independent Schools the service is provided by that school.

Children who are home educated, from travelling families and those who have left school but are not yet 18 years old, can all access the Named Person Service.

The Named Person Service is available during office hours Monday to Friday and remains in place over school holiday periods. If you would like to access the Named Person Service over school holiday periods you can do so by telephone (01224 523580) or by e-mail namedperson@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Why do some children need a Child's Plan and Lead Professional?

When a child or young person needs extra support from more than one service, there is a need for careful coordination and monitoring through a Child's Plan. A Lead Professional will make sure that the Child's Plan is managed properly.

