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Children's Health Services

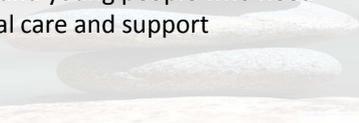
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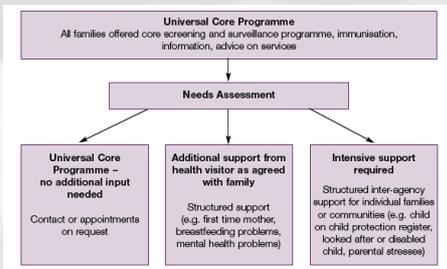
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The Scottish Child Health Programme

- Universal service, offered to all children
- Universal Core Programme of contacts for screening and surveillance
- Delivered by a range of health practitioners
- Followed on by a targeted approach for children and young people who need additional care and support



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graph TD; A["Universal Core Programme  
All families offered core screening and surveillance programme, immunisation, information, advice on services"] --> B["Needs Assessment"]; B --> C["Universal Core Programme - no additional input needed  
Contact or appointments on request"]; B --> D["Additional support from health visitor as agreed with family  
Structured support (e.g. first time mother, breastfeeding problems, mental health problems)"]; B --> E["Intensive support required  
Structured inter-agency support for individual families or communities (e.g. child on child protection registers, looked after or disabled child, parental stressors)"];
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Getting it Right for Every Child

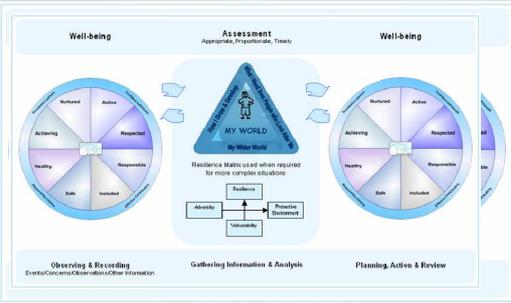
Scottish Legislation and Policy

- UNCRC - Right of children to be protected from harm and have their well-being promoted by families and the state
- For Scotland's Children (Scottish Executive 2001) – introduced the need for one point of contact (Named Person) and stressed importance of one child's plan
- Protecting Children- **The Charter** (Scottish Executive 2004)



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Wellbeing Indicators

Section 96 (2) wellbeing defined as eight indicators:

- Safe
- Healthy
- Achieving
- Nurtured
- Active
- Respected & Responsible
- Included



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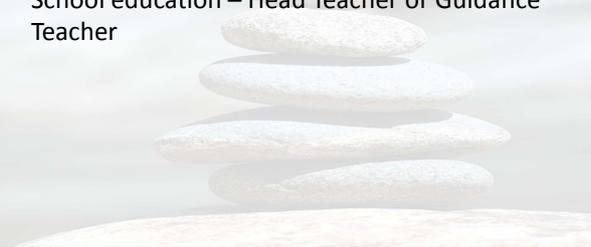
- <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright>



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Named Person for all children

Birth to 10 days old – Midwife
10 days old until entry to school – Health Visitor
School education – Head Teacher or Guidance Teacher



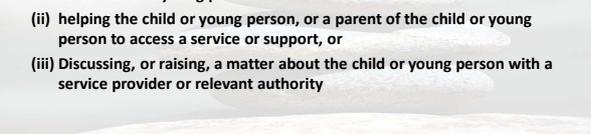
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Provision of Named Persons

The Act: Part 4 (19):
“Named Person service means the making available, in relation to a child or young person, an **identified** individual who is to exercise the functions in subsection (5)” (Scottish Parliament 2014)

(5) (a) subject to subsection (5A), doing such of the following where the named person considers it to be appropriate in order to promote, support or safeguard the wellbeing of the child or young person –

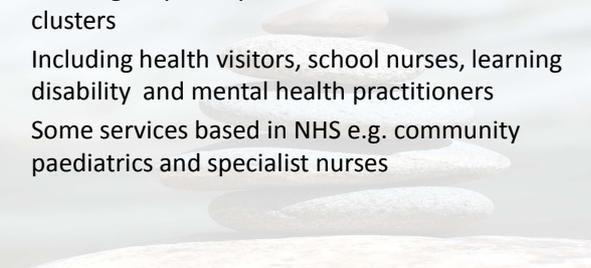
- (i) **advising, informing or supporting the child or young person, or a parent of the child or young person**
- (ii) **helping the child or young person, or a parent of the child or young person to access a service or support, or**
- (iii) **Discussing, or raising, a matter about the child or young person with a service provider or relevant authority**



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Highland children's services

Based in the local authority
Multi agency family teams based around school clusters
Including health visitors, school nurses, learning disability and mental health practitioners
Some services based in NHS e.g. community paediatrics and specialist nurses



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Questions

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