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Submitted to Getting it right for every child (GIRFEC) Refresh - Practice Guidance - Stakeholder Consultation
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GIRFEC Policy Statement

1. How clear and easy is the statement to understand?

Completely

2. Does the statement provide clarity on the refreshed values and principles of GIRFEC and its core components (sections 25-28)?

Mostly

3. Does the statement give practitioners confidence in the importance of embedding and implementing GIRFEC to improve outcomes for children and families?

Mostly

4. To what extent do you think that the statement will help practitioners understand how to embed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and to protect, respect and uphold children's rights?

Mostly

5. Does the statement reflect the importance of the voice of the child and family?

Mostly

6. Can you outline anything specific that would be helpful to add to this statement?

Please add your answer below:

The section "the parts of the law we cannot use will be cancelled" is confusing. Is there a clearer way to phrase this? Is it just about saying these are policies not legislation?

There could be something in the document about Scottish Government's ambition.

Mostly satisfied with the policy statement.

Practice Guidance on the role of the named person

1. How clear and easy is the guidance to understand?

Mostly

2. Does the guidance provide clarity on the role of the named person in the implementation of GIRFEC?

Mostly

3. Does the guidance help provide confidence and understanding for practitioners working in the role or alongside the named person?

Mostly

4. To what extent do you think that the guidance will help practitioners understand how to embed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and to protect, respect and uphold children's rights within the role of the named person?

Mostly

5. Does the guidance reflect the importance of the voice of the child and family?

Mostly

6. Can you outline anything specific that would be helpful to add to this guidance?

Please add your answer below:

The easy read document is helpful.

Much clearer than 2 years ago when the role of named person seemed like a very grey area. Clearer about the role and also about how that might look

different in different local authorities.

7 Are there any areas where the further development of resources or guidance would be helpful in supporting the role of the named person?

Please add your answer below:

Debate around how to continue to embed GIRFEC without the legislation on named person. Youth workers mentioning that the role of the sector pre-dates any legislation and so culturally there should be no differences in application. However, some raised how named person will be applied consistently across local authorities as public messaging. Supportive messaging from Scottish Government might assist where people might perceive a non legislative response as diminishing responsibilities.

Practice Guidance the role of the lead professional

1 How clear and easy is the guidance to understand?

Somewhat

2 Does the guidance provide clarity for the role of the lead professional in implementing GIRFEC?

Mostly

3 Does the guidance help provide confidence and understanding for practitioners working in the role or alongside the lead professional?

Somewhat

4 To what extent do you think that the guidance will help practitioners understand how to embed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and to protect, respect and uphold children's rights within the role of the lead professional?

Mostly

5 Does the guidance reflect the importance of the voice of the child and family?

Mostly

6 Can you outline anything specific that would be helpful to add to this guidance?

Answer:

Less clear document than role of named person.

The age bands are confusing. Clarity on when age 25 is relevant. Why 25?

7 Are there any areas where the further development of resources or guidance would be helpful in supporting the role of the lead professional?

Answer:

Comments around conflicting areas of law in Scotland between ages 16 and 18. Clarity required in the documents on 18 years of age taking priority for the purposes of GIRFEC.

Practice Guidance on using the National Practice Model

1 How clear and easy is the guidance to understand?

Completely

2 Does the guidance provide clarity in using the National Practice Model as a key part of the GIRFEC approach?

Completely

3 Does the guidance help provide confidence and understanding for practitioners when including children and families in discussing the areas of the National Practice Model?

Completely

4 To what extent do you think that the guidance will help practitioners understand how to embed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and to protect, respect and uphold children's rights while using the National Practice Model?

Completely

5 Does the guidance reflect the importance of the voice of the child and family?

Completely

6 Can you outline anything specific that would be helpful to add to this guidance?

Please add your answer below:

The five questions are accessible and clear.

7 Are there any where the further development of resources or guidance would be helpful in supporting the use of the National Practice Model?

Please add your answer below:

No.

Practice Guidance on Information Sharing

1 How clear and easy is the guidance to understand?

Somewhat

2 Does the guidance provide clarity on the practice of information sharing within GIRFEC?

Mostly

3 Does the guidance provide practitioners with confidence and understanding in making decisions about sharing information?

Somewhat

4 To what extent do you think that the guidance will help practitioners understand how to embed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and to protect, respect and uphold children's rights within the practice of information sharing?

Mostly

5 Does the guidance reflect the importance of the voice of the child and family?

Completely

6 Can you outline anything specific that would be helpful to add to this guidance?

Please add your answer below:

The information sharing document includes a lot of back and forth about what can and cannot be shared. This document is thought to be too long and complex.

The document could bring about some anxiety about what the right thing is to do/share and that could result in defaulting to doing less not more. This could run contrary to the stated aims of GIRFEC.

7 Are there any areas where the further development of resources or guidance would be helpful in supporting information sharing?

Please add your answer below:

Advise further refinement/streamlining proposed resource.

Information Sharing Charter

1 How clear and easy is the charter to understand?

Mostly

2 Is the language used child and family friendly?

Completely

3 Does it provide clarity for your role and responsibilities when informing children and families how their information will or will not be shared?

Mostly

4 To what extent do you think that the charter will help practitioners understand how to embed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and to protect, respect and uphold children's rights while sharing the charter with children and families?

Completely

5 Does the charter reflect the importance of the voice of the child and family?

Mostly

6 Is there anything missing from this charter that would be helpful for children and families to know and understand about information sharing?

Please add your answer below:

Clarity on how GDPR and how it relates with obligations of GIRFEC.

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Yes

I confirm that I have read the privacy policy and consent to the data I provide being used as set out in the policy.

I consent

Evaluation

Please help us improve our consultations by answering the questions below. (Responses to the evaluation will not be published.)

Matrix 1 - How satisfied were you with this consultation?:

Very satisfied

Please enter comments here.:

Thank you to the GIRFEC team for reaching out to YouthLink Scotland in order to engage with key youth work representatives.

Matrix 1 - How would you rate your satisfaction with using this platform (Citizen Space) to respond to this consultation?:

Very satisfied

Please enter comments here.: