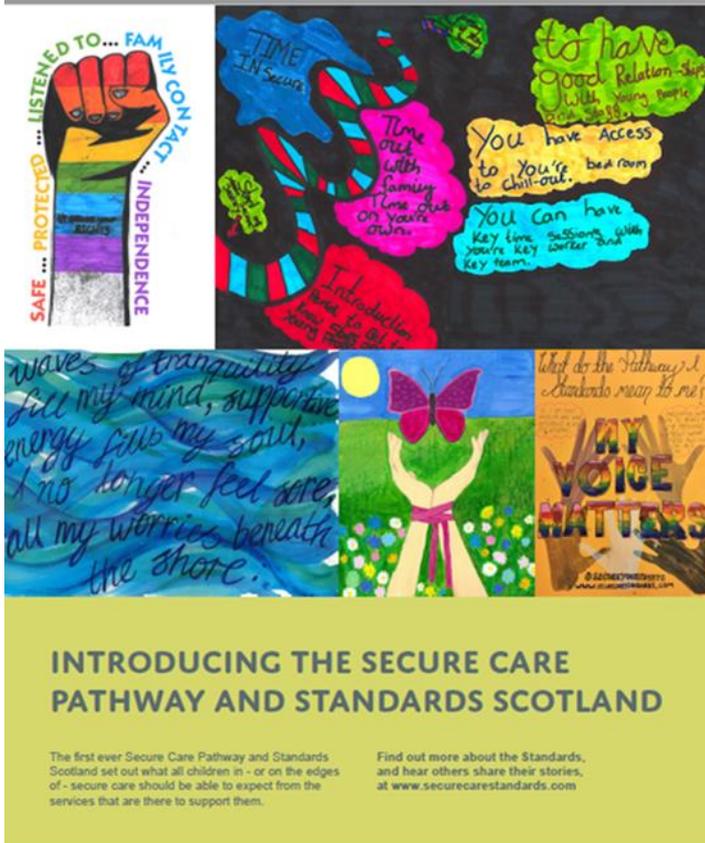




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Secure Care Pathway and Standards Scotland-What, Why and How We Can Help

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Welcome and thanks

- An overview of the Secure Care Pathway and Standards Scotland
- The story so far
- Why the Standards matter and the role of the STARR group
- The experience of partners
- What do the Standards mean for you?



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The Secure Care Pathway and Standards Scotland



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INTRODUCING THE SECURE CARE PATHWAY AND STANDARDS SCOTLAND

The first ever Secure Care Pathway and Standards Scotland set out what all children in - or on the edges of - secure care should be able to expect from the services that are there to support them.

Find out more about the Standards, and hear others share their stories, at www.securecarestandards.com

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Images developed by children in each of Scotland's 5 secure care centres.



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Background

Secure Care National Advisor was a key driver for the development of the secure standards

3 reports published:

- Secure care in Scotland: Looking Ahead
- Secure care in Scotland: Young Peoples Voices
- Chief Social Work Officers and Secure Care

National Secure Care Strategic Board established
October 2017 aims:

- Develop a vision
- Develop standards for Scotland's secure care and;
- Deliver transformational change

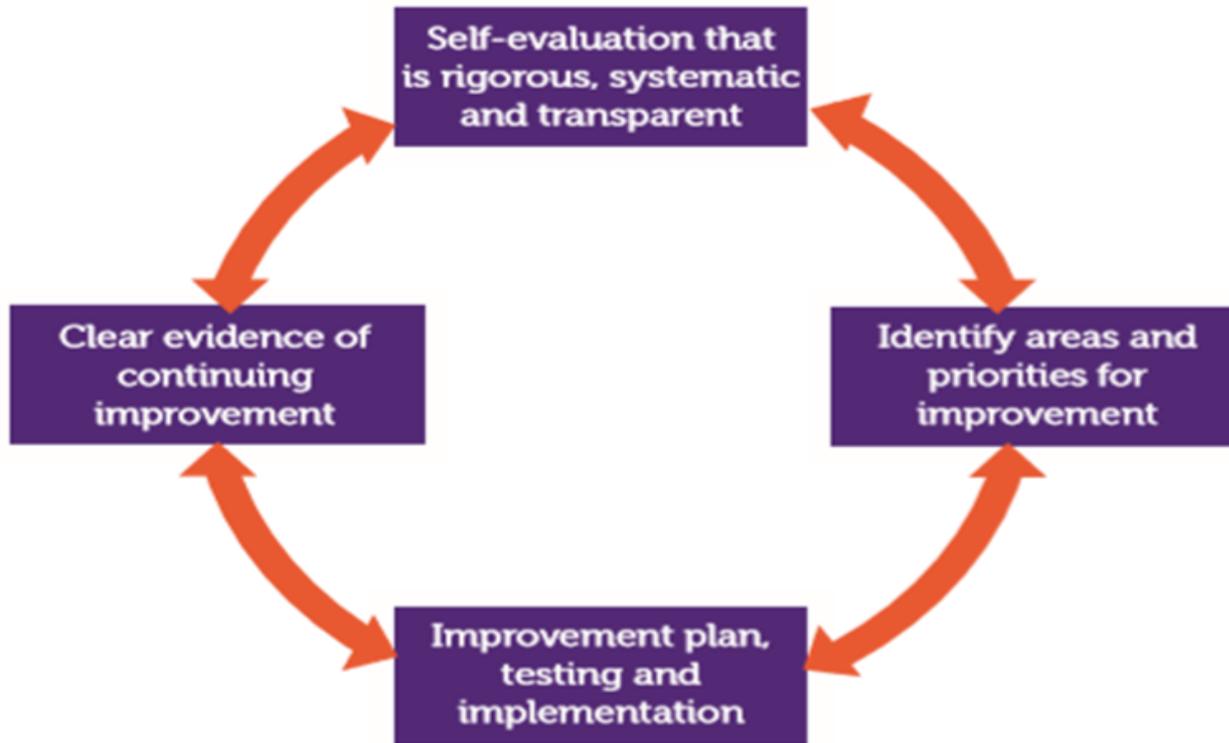
Scottish Government 2018 Programme for Government
commitments:

- Develop Secure Care National Standards to improve experiences and outcomes for our most vulnerable young people.
- Establish a transformative model for secure care in Scotland through a Secure Care Strategic Board.

Development of the Standards

- Secure Care Pathways and Standards were launched in October 2020.
- Set out what support children should expect from professionals when in the community, secure care and transition out of secure care.
- Children, young people and young adults with experience of secure care were involved at every stage.
- Young people also played a key role in developing the [Secure Care Standards website](#)

Implementation



**getting
it right**
for every child

Thank you

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Improving Outcomes
for Children and
Young People in Scotland

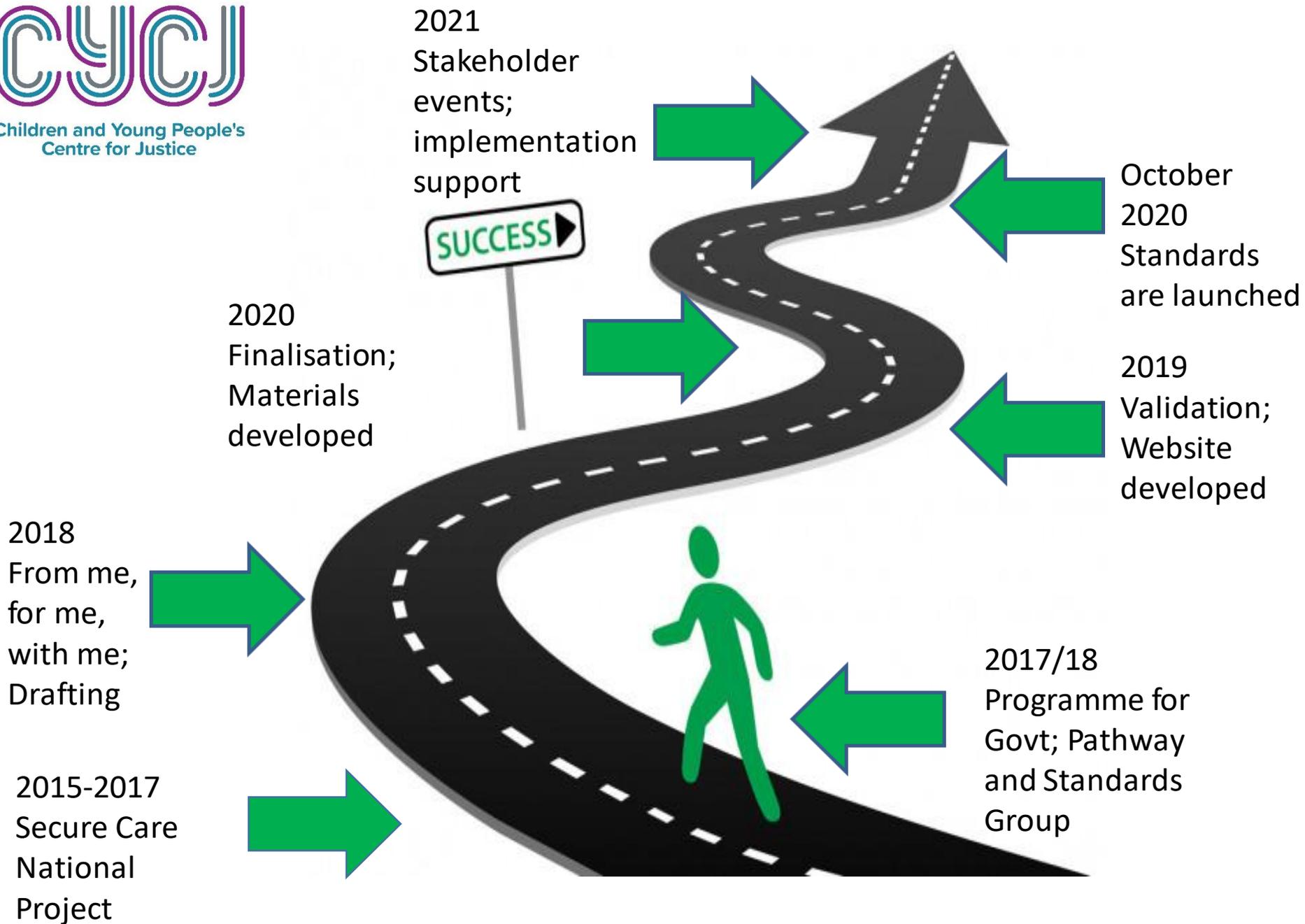


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The Journey So Far...



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Implementation & Supports

- Forums, discussions and inputs
- Supporting self-evaluation, learning and improvement
- Standards Champions Group
- Website
- Secure Care Group

Secure Care Pathway and Standards Scotland

BEFORE DURING AFTER

Your right to care

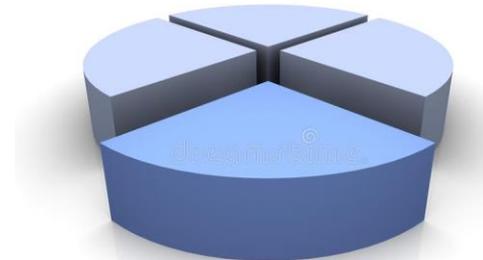
The Secure Care Pathway and Standards Scotland were created to improve the experiences of children and young people who are in, or on the edges of, secure care, leading to better and brighter outcomes.

START HERE

A video thumbnail showing two people, an adult and a young person, standing outdoors in a grassy area. They are holding hands and forming a circle. A play button icon is overlaid on the video. A Creative Commons license icon is visible in the bottom right corner of the video frame.

Activity so far

- Over 15 Agencies and Forums
- ¼ of local authority areas completed multi-agency workshops
- ¼ more initial input or involved in other forums
- ¼ more have sessions in plan
- Secure care centres
- All Centres and 4 local areas on Standards Champions Group
- Website users
- Blogs and information sheet



Theme: Preparation and understanding



STANDARD 12

I know what my rights are and how these will be upheld during my stay in secure care. These rights are explained to me by someone I know and trust before my stay begins.

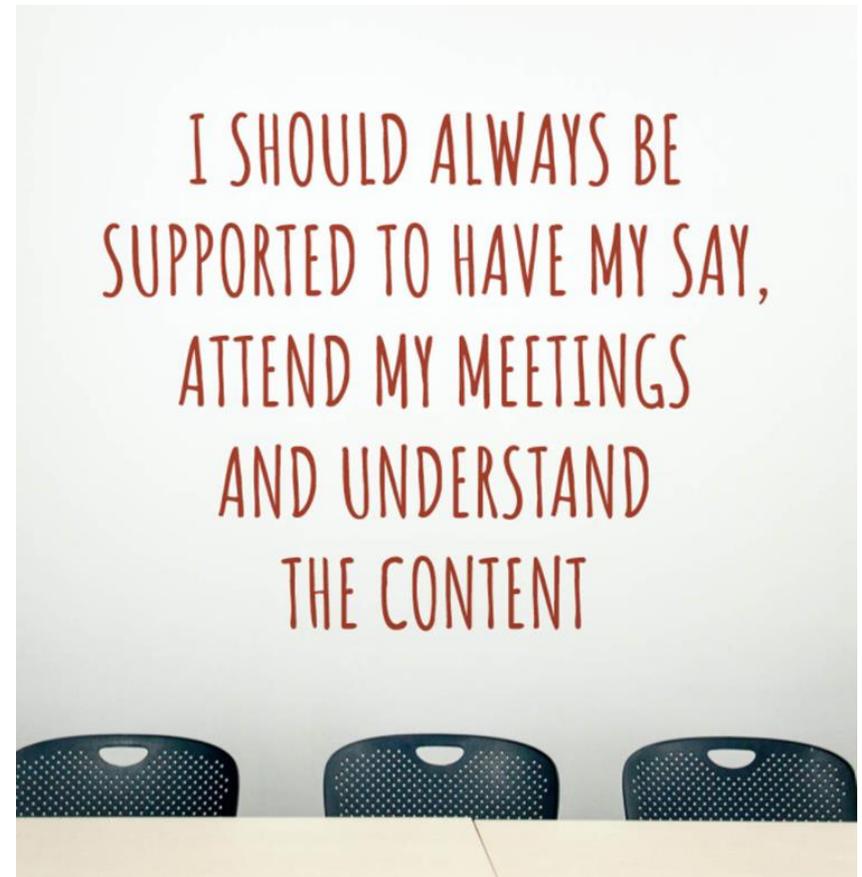
I would have liked it better if my social worker just sat me down and explained what could happen...what secure was... what it looked like...how it would help me...why it was the only option now...instead of threatening me with secure care all the time. Social Workers need to be more truthful with us.

Theme: Involvement, Influence & Advocacy



STANDARD 23

I am fully involved and have influence in all discussions, including within 72 hours of me arriving, about what I need during my stay and who will help me and how.





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Theme: Access to Supports



STANDARD 2

My needs are met by appropriate supports in the community which are right for me and the people who are important to me. These supports help keep me and others safe and prevent my liberty from being restricted.

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LIFE WAS CRAP
UP TO NOW.
I'VE BEEN IN 28
RESIDENTIAL
AND FIVE
SECURE UNITS.

collaborating for rights-respecting justice

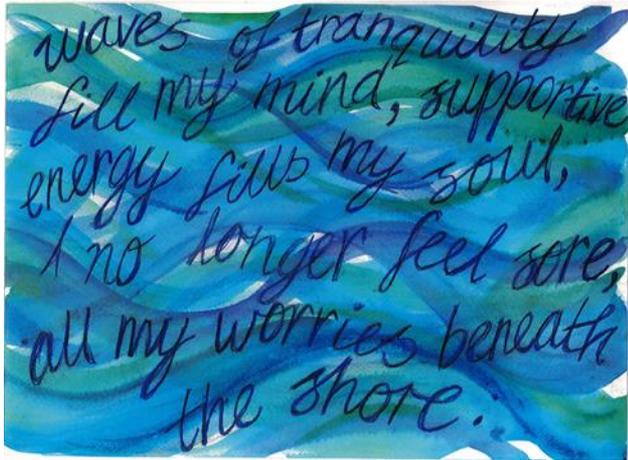
Next Steps

- Reaching agencies we have yet to reach
- Providing self-evaluation support
- Working with partners to identify next phase of support
- Evidencing improvement
- Capturing and sharing learning
- Seeking to address challenges and barriers



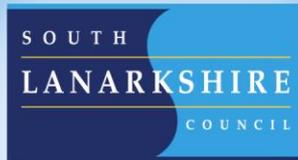
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The Experience of Partners



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Donaghy
East Ayrshire Council**

**Janet Adams
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Council**



Secure Care Pathway and Standards

An Experience of Self-Evaluation

Janet Adams
Team Leader Children and Justice Services

Self evaluation – the beginning

- Three multi-agency workshops facilitated by CYCJ on secure standards informed self evaluation
 - Before
 - During
 - After

What happened next?

- Review of feedback from workshop discussions
- Main themes collated and shared with multi-agency subgroup reporting to the Youth Justice Strategy group

Main themes

- Communication
- Language
- Access to advocacy
- Child/young person's participation in decision making and accessibility of decision making process
- Multi-agency working
- Continuity of supports and relationships
- Relationship-based and trauma informed practice

- Training and awareness raising
- Access to specialist knowledge and expertise
- Capturing children's voices and experiences to inform and effect change

What's happening now?

- Identified areas of good practice, and areas for improvement (local and national)
- Some evidence of positive change following workshops
- Review of secure care paperwork and process
- Current local practice guidance is being revised
- Admin procedures are being updated
- Changes within education service

So what next?

- Identify priorities for change (multi agency)
- Develop improvement plan to include all agencies including advocacy and secure care provider
- Continue to raise awareness of the secure standards across agencies
- Learn from other LA experience to develop and refine our process for involving children and young people in reviews
- Continue to link with CYCJ for advice, learning and support, and to support national change



Any questions contact:

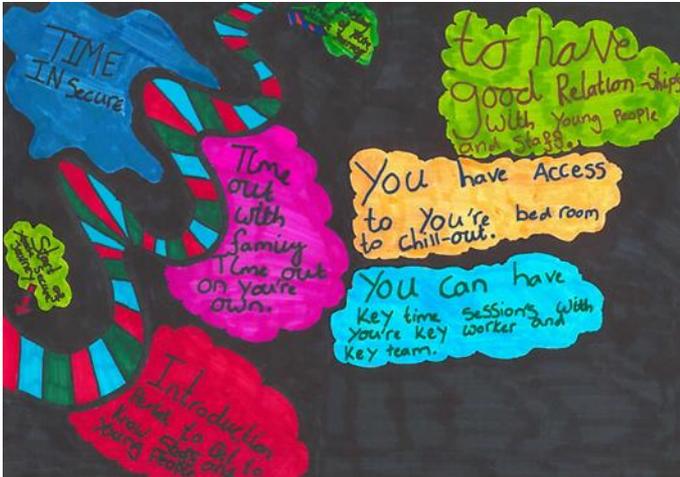
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*Working together to improve health and wellbeing
in the community – **with** the community*



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STARR



Beth-Anne Logan
Chair and founding
member

- We are a group of adults with lived experience of secure care
- We formed in March 2018 after asking the Secure Care Strategic board to “give power” to those with lived experience
- We want to help inform, advise, challenge and change the pathways into, during and after secure care

Why STARR?

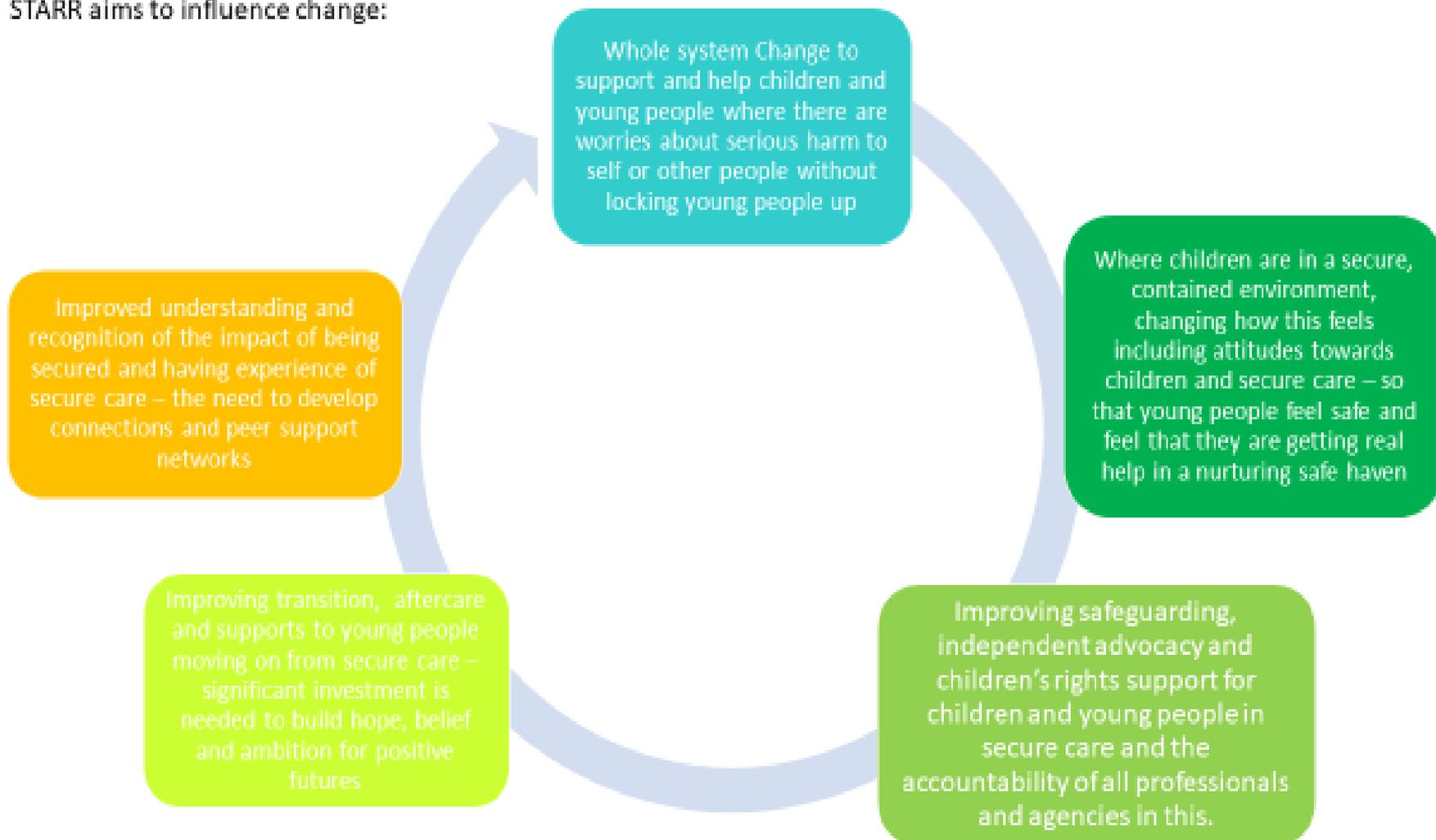
Naming the STARR

- The Group agreed the name STARR Group
- This is not an acronym, although there are several values, principles and aims represented by each letter
- STARR represents the North Star - people with care experience are the constant, the North Star is an anchor, a guiding light, for *ambition* and *hope* that everyone involved with secure care will aim high and be brave and bold about changes for the future



STARR Our Aims

STARR aims to influence change:



STARR and the Standards

- As part of the secure care strategic board, STARR had oversight of the Standards
- We had a meeting in which each Standard was explored in depth and any strategic implications were noted
- STARR agreed, supported and championed the need for these Standards to be led by the voice of lived experience
- Contributed to each iteration
- Post-launch media activity and awareness raising
- Contributed to self-evaluation sessions and discussions
- Members of Secure Care Group



Why do the Standards matter?

- These Standards provide a blueprint for how Scotland listens to, cares for and protects our countries children who are involved in secure care
- They give power and tools to professionals involved with children in and around secure care the direction they need to help improve life outcomes



The future of STARR...

- We hope to gain new members
- We hope to become a constituted group
- We hope we will have much more of a presence within the sector
- We hope to have more contact with young people in or around secure care, and provide them with a safe space to share their thoughts, feelings and views
- We hope we are able to provide a check and balance for the sector to ensure voice is embedded in all that we do
- Standards implementation

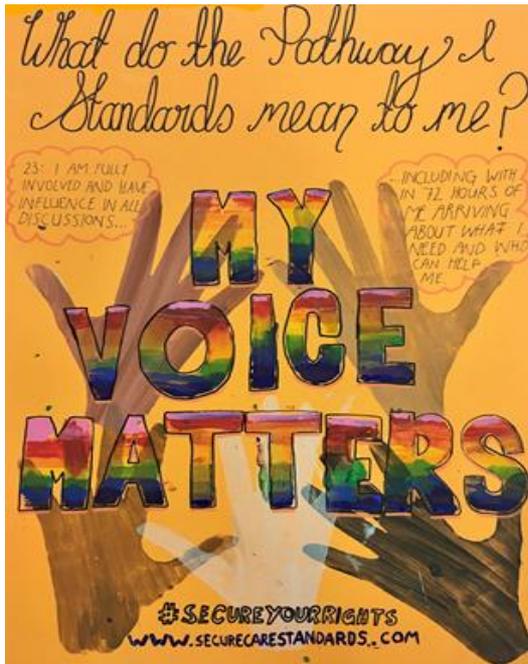


And today...

- We launch our online platforms
- A dedicated page on the CYCJ website
- Our own Twitter account, that will be ran solely by members
- Find us at www.cycj.org.uk/what-we-do/starr
- Follow STARR on Twitter @STARR_Secure



Questions and reflections



- What do the Standards mean for you or your agency?