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# Are We Keeping The Promise for Children in Conflict with the Law?

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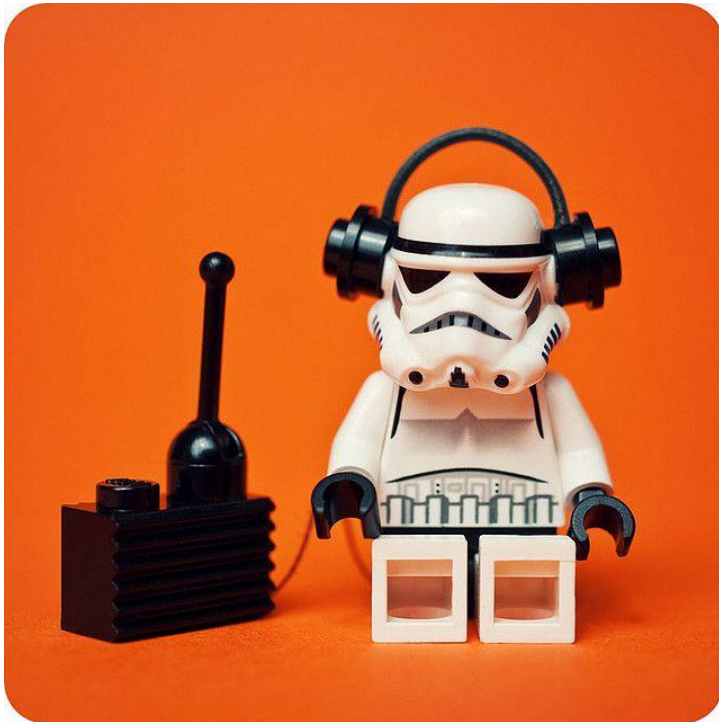
# 1 Review, 7 reports

- **The Promise** reflected what over 5,500 care experienced children and adults, families and the paid and unpaid workforce told the Care Review in the hope that Scotland was listening. It told Scotland what it must do to make sure its most vulnerable children feel loved and have the childhood they deserve.
- **The Pinky Promise** provides a simplified version of The Promise for children and young people.
- **The Plan** explains how this change must happen.
- **The Money** and **Follow the Money** explain how Scotland can invest better in its children and families.
- **The Rules** demonstrates the current legislative framework and how it must change to achieve The Promise.



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# Voice



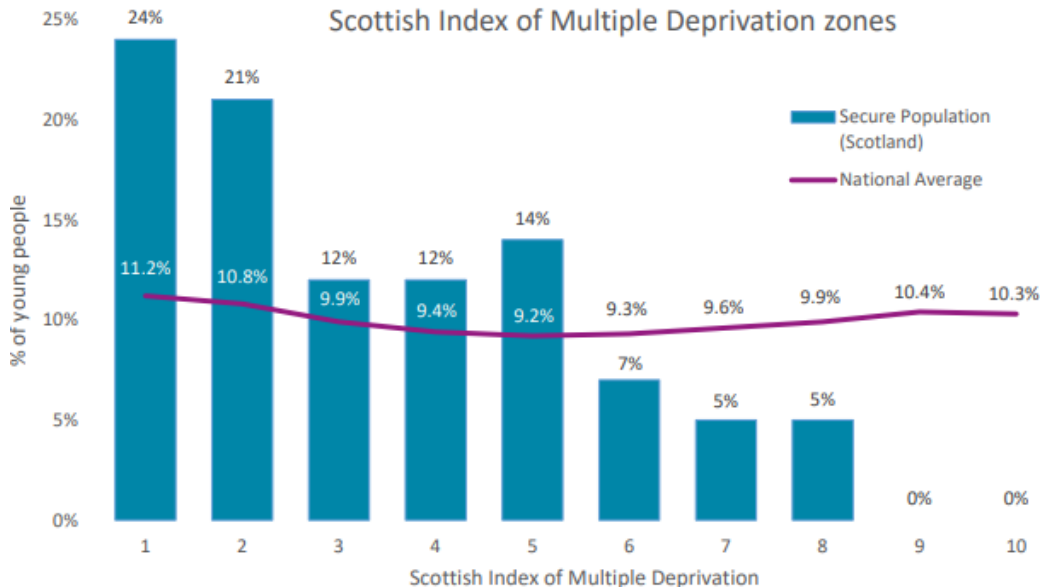
# Rights Respecting?

- Scotland must develop a more progressive, **rights based youth justice approach** that builds on the Kilbrandon principles and makes them a reality for all. p41

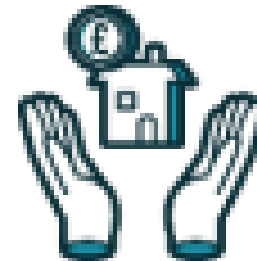
# Poverty fuels adversity

- There must be significant, ongoing and persistent commitment to ending poverty and mitigating its impacts for Scotland's children, families and communities. p18

Proportion of children from  
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation zones



80%



# Family



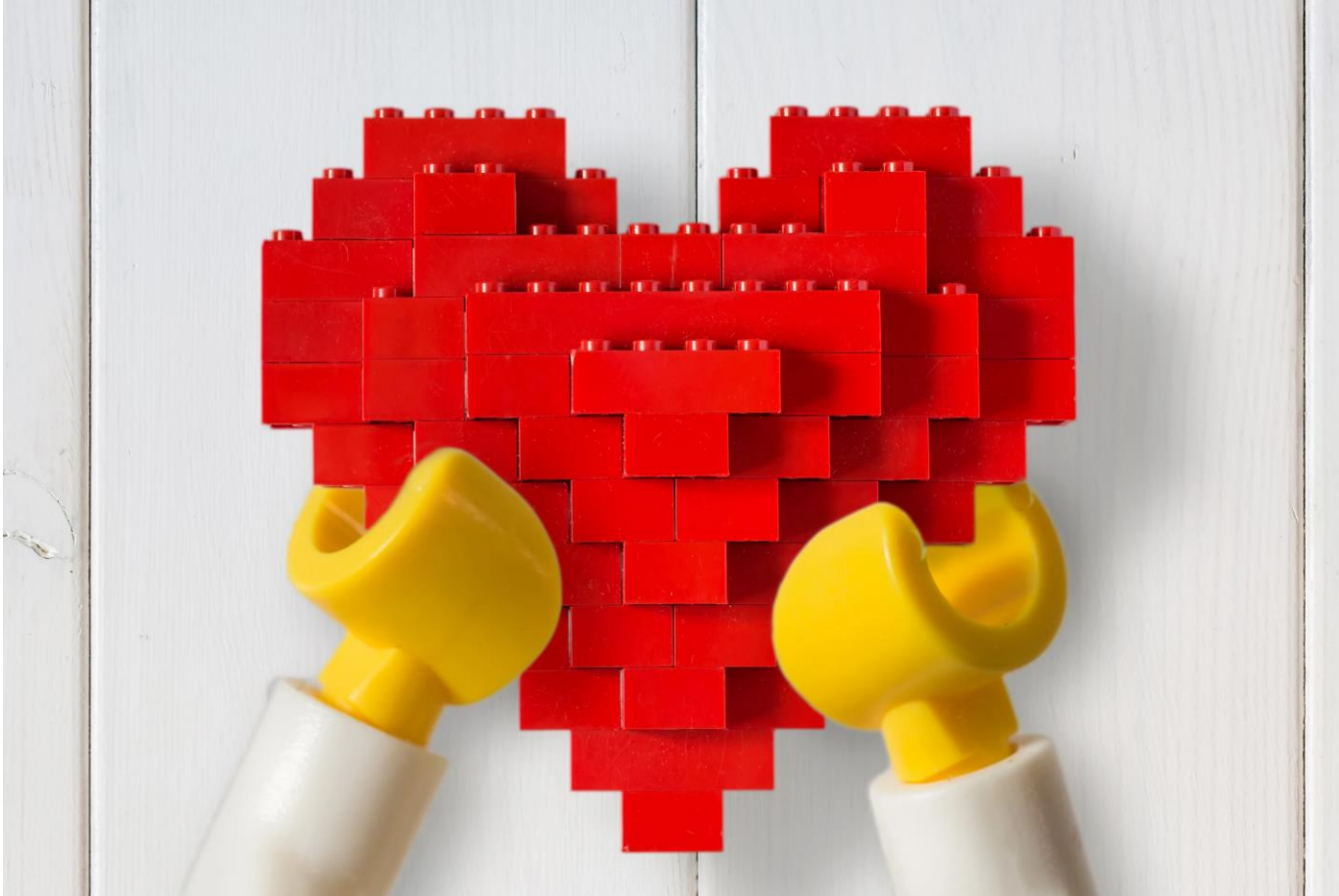
# Intensive supports: 10 key components

- Community based
- Responsive and timely
- Work with family assets
- Empowerment and agency
- Flexible
- Holistic and relational
- Therapeutic
- Non-stigmatising
- Patient and persistent
- Underpinned by children's rights



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# Care







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# Competing demands? pt1

- Young offenders institutions are not appropriate places for children and only serve to perpetuate the pain that many of them have experienced. There are times where it is right for children to have their liberty restricted, but that must only be done when other options have been fully explored and for the **shortest time possible** and in **small, secure, safe, trauma informed environments** that uphold the totality of their rights. p91



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## Competing demands? pt2

- There must be absolute clarity that the underlying principle of secure care is the provision of **therapeutic, trauma informed support**. p80



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# People





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# Embracing risk

- Scotland must support the workforce to contribute to a **broader understanding of risk**. Scotland must understand, through its people and structures, **the risk of children not having loving** supportive relationships and regular childhood and teenage experiences.



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# Scaffolding



# Families together

- Scotland must create a clear legislative, enabling environment that **supports families** to stay together and protects and **allows relationships to flourish**. p112



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# Plan 21-24

- The disproportionate criminalisation of care experienced children and young people will end.
- 16- and 17-year-olds will no longer be placed in Young Offenders Institutes for sentence or on remand.
- There will be sufficient community-based alternatives so that detention is a last resort.
- Children who do need to have their liberty restricted will be cared for in small, secure, safe, trauma-informed environments that uphold their rights.

# The Promise 21 - 24

## Five Priority Areas

### A good childhood



### Whole family support



### Planning



### Supporting the workforce



### Building capacity



## Actions

- Support
- A right to an education
- Relationships
- Brothers and Sisters
- Youth Justice
- Advocacy
- Moving on
- Physical Intervention



- Family Support
- Peer and Community Support
- Service Integration
- Family Therapies



- Planning
- Investment
- Information sharing



- Workforce Values
- Trauma-informed
- Relationships
- Workforce support



- Legislation
- Children's Hearing System
- Inspection and Regulation
- Policy Coherence
- Data Mapping and Collection
- Governance Structures



## The Fundamentals



What matters to children and families



Listening



Poverty



Children's Rights



Language