



Meeting The Promise at CYCJ



#MeetThePromise

CYCJ's work to #MeetThePromise

<p>Fundamentals... p12-18</p>		
<p>What matters to children and families At all stages in the process of change, what matters to children and families must be the focus. Organisations will be able to demonstrate that they are operating from their perspective, rather than the perspective internal to the 'system'.</p>		<p>CYCJ has established Scotland's first participation project solely for children and young people who have experience of the care and justice systems.</p> <p>CYCJ also supports the STARR group, Scotland's only curated space for secure care experienced children, young people and young adults - from its inception. Our Participation strategy will embed work within CYCJ.</p> <p>Launch of 'Just the Right Space', an accessible website for children, young people and families.</p>
<p>Listening Organisations that have responsibilities towards care experienced children and families, and those on the edge of care will be able to demonstrate that they are embedding what they have heard from children and families into the work that they are doing to #KeepThePromise.</p>		<p>CYCJ has well established relationships with every local authority, and with partners in every area of the broader youth justice system.</p> <p>We will feed back what we hear from children, young people and their families to our partners through our established networks and support them to consider what this means for change in policy and practice.</p> <p>We can share examples of promising practice and progress from local authorities and partners.</p>
<p>Poverty Scotland will have made consistent improvements in reducing poverty, in line with the definitions and targets in the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017. Organisations will be able to demonstrate how they are ensuring that they play their part in mitigating the impacts of poverty.</p>		<p>Aspiration to study poverty more in future research work plans. This would expand on existing work, including Breaking the Links between Poverty and Offending and the Diversity section of our Practice Guidance</p> <p>CYCJ's current workplan includes a commitment to highlighting social adversities encountered by children in conflict with the law, and plan to bring partner organisations together in 2023 to provide learning opportunities - and practical solutions - for those working closely with children and families.</p> <p>Recent research from CYCJ has stressed the significant rates of poverty and deprivation amongst children and families with experience of secure care.</p>

Children's Rights

Organisations that have responsibilities towards care experienced children will be able to demonstrate that their rights under the UNCRC are being consistently upheld.

CYCJ's existing work on participation and promoting a rights-respecting agenda within services who support children in conflict with the law, means that we are well placed to support organisations to uphold children's rights. Our new strand of work to [support service redesign](#) is focused on upholding Children's Rights. Our workplan also builds on the recommendations of the [Rights Respecting? Report](#).

CYCJ launched [a resource](#) in August 2021 for care experienced children in police custody to ensure them and their solicitors know their rights. The resource includes information for residential and foster carers and co-produced materials for children and young people.

We co-produced '[Know Your Rights](#)' with the Inside Out group in Polmont and the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland.

STARR has drafted a new Scottish Letter of Rights (to be published soon).

Over the summer of 2022 CYCJ supported young people with experience of the child protection system to coproduce draft Barnahus standards, which will govern the provision of support within the incoming Bairns' Hoose model.

CYCJ has also sought opportunities for children and young people to influence policy through consultation processes, with the recent review of GIRFEC being one such example. Using both online surveys and focus groups with children in secure care, we were able to support over 100 children to have their say on GIRFEC.

In collaboration with four partner organisations, CYCJ has established the National Leadership Network which will seek opportunities for care experienced people to develop leadership roles within their communities.

CYCJ is currently producing a resource which will advise children as to their rights when they come into contact with the Whole System Approach (WSA); there is scope to extend that beyond the WSA to include formal and informal contact with police and legal rights.

CYCJ chairs and project manages for the Scottish Government's Children's Rights Implementation Group, Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) and

		<p>participation and engagement sub-groups, creating the opportunity to shape and influence the manner in which children in conflict with the law are responded to, and ensuring that this approach is in keeping with a rights respecting agenda.</p>
<p>Language Organisations that have responsibilities towards care experienced children and young people will be able to demonstrate that they are embedding destigmatising language and practices across the way they work.</p>	<p>SLCN</p>	<p>CYJ has been instrumental in changing the language relating to children who are in conflict with the law, avoiding language such as young offenders and perpetrator. We continue to regularly review and update the language and phrasing in all of our communications (e.g., reports, practice guidance, training). We are also supporting the language work of Our Hearings, Our Voice.</p> <p>Our work with partners in residential services and Police Scotland has also embedded destigmatising practice in the way they respond to children encountering distressed behaviour, and who may otherwise experience unnecessary criminalisation.</p> <p>The decision to change our own name in 2020 reflected the importance of language and positioning.</p> <p>CYJ has held an internal improvement session on language to ensure all our communications/correspondence is in line with the language children want us to use.</p> <p>CYJ is a member of the Talking Hope Project to change the language we use within secure care and the community.</p> <p>Via the Secure Care Pathway and Standards, children told us the language and terms they wanted to use, which we have reflected in our wider activity.</p> <p>CYJ chairs the SLCN subgroup (of Children’s Rights Implementation Group) which promotes awareness and practice of SLCNs developing training, webinars and podcasts in collaboration with SLTs to support and uphold the rights of children in conflict with the law.</p>

<p>Good childhoods... p21-24</p> <p>Youth Justice The disproportionate criminalisation of care experienced children and young people will end.</p>	<p>Vision</p> <p>Standards</p> <p>Between a rock and a hard place research</p> <p>Restorative Justice</p>	<p>Contribute to, support, develop and disseminate the Youth Justice Vision and Priorities and future action plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participating in Youth Justice Improvement Board• Project Managing the Implementation Groups which will deliver the action plan• Attendance at Children’s Hearing Improvement Partnership (CHIP) Providing advice and support to policy colleagues• Supporting the work of the National Youth Justice Advisory Group (NYJAG) to contribute as appropriate• Improving awareness of children’s rights <p>Support implementation of the Youth Justice Standards through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Active support to all corporate parents with responsibility for their implementation• Host learning and engagement events• Support partners to audit/monitor the use of standards• Work with partners to identify and address the system, strategic and national barriers to implementation• Work with children and young people to produce an accessible version• Work with children and young people to co-produce the next set of standards <p>CYCJ has helped shaped practice which has been proven to reduce the police footprint within children’s houses, and led to a pilot of the changed procedures and training across Dumfries and Galloway and Glasgow. CYCJ evaluated this project.</p> <p>CYCJ hosts the National Restorative Justice (RJ) coordinator posts, whose responsibilities include rolling out RJ across the country/meeting needs to Scotland’s RJ Strategy.</p> <p>CYCJ recently undertook research into the use of RJ within schools and residential settings, the latter of which provides opportunities to address episodes of behaviour in conflict with the law without the involvement of formal criminal justice mechanisms.</p>
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	<p>Contextual Safeguarding</p> <p>Youth Court</p> <p>Barnahus/Bairns' Hoose</p> <p>Restraint</p> <p>Diversion Forums</p>	<p>CYCJ is part of the Contextual Safeguarding Core Group which are looking at implementing and embedding a contextual safeguarding approach within existing practices to protect children from extra-familial harm.</p> <p>CYCJ is currently evaluating the Glasgow Youth Court Pilot, with close links to South Lanarkshire who have a similar pilot running at present.</p> <p>CYCJ produced a report for the YJIB re youth courts recommending the removal of all children from adult courts. This was added into the Children's Care and Justice Bill consultation. Conversations have started with Sheriff Principals to progress this.</p> <p>CYCJ wrote a Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and the Minister for Children and Young People calling for support for a Bairns' Hoose for all. We are currently working with young people to develop a draft set of standards.</p> <p>CYCJ is part of the Scottish Physical Restraint Action Group, Restraint Reduction Scotland and the Continuing Care Implementation Group.</p> <p>Along with partner organisations, CYCJ has encouraged the recent changes to COPFS policy which now makes it the rebuttable presumption that those subject to a Compulsory Supervision Order will have any charges dealt with by the Principal Reporter, whilst those aged 16 and 17 and not subject to a CSO will receive an offer of Diversion from Prosecution.</p> <p>CYCJ hosts various forums to share best practice to reduce the criminalisation of children. These include Diversion, EEI, Risk Formulation, Secure Care and RJ.</p>
<p>Sixteen and 17-year-olds will no longer be placed in Young Offenders' Institutes for sentence or on remand.</p>	<p>16 and 17s actions</p> <p>Alternatives to remand</p>	<p>16 & 17 year olds in the Children's Hearing/Youth Justice System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance at cross-systems working group - Produce evidence papers as required - Supporting engagement events including supporting young people's participation and gathering views <p>Attendance in working group 'Alternative to YOIs for children' led by Prison Inspectorate; Prison survey (written by CYCJ) of children and young people in Polmont</p>

		<p>was undertaken in summer 2021. CYCJ supported the report and letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice.</p> <p>We continue to monitor the number of children remanded and sentenced to custody and communicate this to partners through our monthly e-bulletin.</p> <p>Paper written for Chief Social Work officers regarding alternatives to remanding a child in custody. Creation of an alternatives to deprivation of liberty group under the WSA group. Currently drafting guidance to highlight alternatives/promising practice.</p> <p>CYCJ chairs a National SPS partners meeting with various partners to improve transitions and reintegration/alternative services. We are supporting the secure care workforce to be skilled in their work with children from Polmont.</p> <p>New Postgraduate Certificate on Children and Young People in Conflict with the Law. Continue training provision around reducing risk of harm to improve practice and confidence in community alternatives.</p> <p>Roll out of the Secure Care Pathways and Standards and regular support offered to ensure that care provided before, during and after, achieves the high level of practice it ought to.</p> <p>CYCJ has undertaken research into the use of Bail and Remand, speaking to actors at each stage of the process. This knowledge - when disseminated across the relevant systems - can help develop practice in this area, leading to less use of remand and more creative options when bail is opposed. It includes an accessible version and animation.</p> <p>Work with SPA, Police Scotland, SWS and Chief SW Officers is ongoing to reduce the number of children in police custody.</p> <p>Research to be published on children's views of police custody.</p>
	SPS Partners meeting	
	Training/Postgraduate Certificate	
	Secure Care Pathway and Standards	
	Bail and Remand research	
	Place Of Safety	

	<p>Age of Criminal Responsibility</p> <p>Community alternatives to secure care and custody</p> <p>Secure care census</p>	<p>Work to support an increase in the Age of Criminal Responsibility; chair data and research sub-group; member of all other sub-groups; written and delivered ChIRP training; international research of practices abroad.</p> <p>New CYCJ workplan includes work that examines WSA/Alternatives to secure care and custody; increase the use of alternatives to custody through supervised bail; MRCs; community alternatives. CYCJ will identify examples of promising practice in Scotland and internationally, alongside learning from bail and remand research and risk practice to propose a best practice model and create credible alternatives.</p> <p>Through the publication of three reports, ACEs Distance and Sources of Resilience, ACEs Places and Status and What do we know about children from England and Wales in secure care in Scotland?, CYCJ has highlighted the particular needs, adversities and life experiences of children within the secure environment. This informs and frames discussion regarding the use of secure care for all under 18s, as well as the provision of community based resources for those children who face, make or take the highest levels of risk.</p>
<p>There will be sufficient community-based alternatives so that detention is a last resort.</p>	<p>Community alternatives to secure care and custody</p>	<p>WSA/Alternatives to deprivation of liberty group. Aims to increase the use of alternatives to custody through supervised bail; Movement Restriction Conditions (MRCs); community alternatives. A practice guide section to support practice in this area is currently being drafted, using examples of promising practice in Scotland and internationally, alongside learning from bail and remand research and risk practice to propose a best practice model and create credible alternatives.</p> <p>CYCJ project manages the Scottish Government WSA group to take this work forward. An updated Practice Guide section was published in June 2021, highlighting new evidence/research. Additionally, a section on Court support highlights the need for alternatives.</p> <p>Discussion underway with SCRA and UWS about joint judicial training on alternatives to YOIs and outcomes for children.</p> <p>Event in August for solicitors to highlight referral to CHS and alternatives to secure care.</p>

	Mental Health	<p>Paper written for Chief Social Work Officers about ways to prevent children being remand in custody. Blog with the Children’s Commissioner re not using custody for children.</p> <p>CYJ is working with partners to support the implementation of the Scottish Government Mental Health Strategy, the development of the Scottish Prison Service Mental Health Strategy for children and young people and the implementation of recommendations from the Expert Review of Mental Health in Polmont.</p>
	Research	<p>Research into the views of children in custody; research into the treatment of children in custody during COVID, including Dyer, Lighttower and Vaswani (2021) and Nolan (2020).</p>
	Secure research/Pathway and Standards	<p>Secure care census reports identified the needs of children who face, take or make the highest level of risk. CYJ is disseminating this to politicians, policy makers and practitioners in order that they can tailor community-based resources that meet this need without unnecessary use of detention. Our work to support implementation of the “before” Standards will contribute to ensuring children’s needs can be met more appropriately “before” secure care and may prevent entry to secure care being required.</p>
	Action research	<p>CYJ is currently undertaking research, examining the circumstances of children who are within YOIs, and examining what community alternatives were offered. This work will enable CYJ to identify pockets of the country where provision does not match that found elsewhere and offer support for services to be developed. Due to be completed in July/August.</p>

Whole Family Support...p25-27		
<p>Family Support The ten principles of intensive family support will be embedded into the practice (planning, commissioning and delivery) of all organisations that support children and their families, directly or indirectly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holistic and relational • Therapeutic • Non-stigmatising • Patient and persistent • Underpinned by children’s rights • Community Based • Responsive and timely • Work with family assets • Empowerment and agency • Flexible 	<p>Rights Respecting?</p> <p>Vision and Action Plan</p> <p>WSA project</p> <p>Community alternatives to secure care and custody</p> <p>Secure Care Pathway and Standards</p> <p>Journey through Justice</p>	<p>CYCJ’s comprehensive report on children’s rights for those who have come into conflict with the law is well positioned to act as a starting point from which further progress and action can be made at strategic level.</p> <p>Influenced by the above report, Scotland’s newly published vision and action plan highlights the need to incorporate a rights-respecting approach to children who come into conflict with the law. CYCJ is a significant actor in the roll out of this vision, and indeed played a significant part in the production and content of the action plan. As well as playing a significant role in project managing the aspects of the action plan, CYCJ’s workplan includes contributing to NYJAG, CHIP and other relevant groups where this plan will be discussed, monitored and amended as necessary.</p> <p>In partnership with Staf, CYCJ has co-producing a guide to children’s rights for each of the distinct components of the Whole System Approach. This guide will be available to children in a format that explains their rights, and shared across the country.</p> <p>New CYCJ workplan includes work that examines WSA/Alternatives to secure care and custody. Increase the use of alternatives to custody through supervised bail; MRCs; community alternatives. CYCJ will identify examples of good practice in Scotland and internationally, alongside learning from bail and remand research and risk practice to propose a best practice model and create credible alternatives.</p> <p>Work to support implementation of the Standards, which focus heavily on support to children and their families that adheres to these principles throughout the totality of a child’s journey.</p> <p>CYCJ has created resources to advise children, young people and families of each stage of the justice process, their rights and who can support them.</p> <p>We have developed a website for children, young people and families and has a suite of accessible versions of resources, to support and empower</p>

Supporting the workforce...p28-30		
<p>Trauma-informed Organisations that have responsibilities towards care experienced children and families and those on the edge of care will be able to demonstrate that they are embedding trauma informed practice across their work and within their workforce.</p>	<p>Vision and Action Plan</p> <p>Secure Care Standards</p> <p>YJ Standards</p> <p>Workforce development</p>	<p>New vision and actions plan states that: “To the extent possible, no under-18s should be detained in Youth Offenders’ Institutes, including those on remand, with secure care being used, where therapeutic trauma informed approaches are required for the safety of the child or those around them and where community alternatives are available for those who require additional support”. As noted above, CYCJ will have a role in identifying community, trauma informed alternatives to locked environments.</p> <p>CYCJ is assisting in the roll out and implementation of the Secure Care Pathway and Standards and hosting a specific secure care focused post. CYCJ was also instrumental in the Standard’s coproduction. Standard 4 specifically calls for “the professionals supporting me (to) understand the impact of any trauma and difficulties I have experienced and they respond to my needs and behaviours sensitively.”</p> <p>CYCJ requested for the YJ Standards to be co-produced - agreement for assessable version now and start co-production on new standards next year.</p> <p>CYCJ will continue to promote trauma-informed practice across our inputs/events and training and through our knowledge exchange with partners. Additionally, we will be reviewing our own organisation to consider where improvements in our practice can be made.</p>
<p>Workforce support A new framework of support will be in place to ensure people involved in the care of care experienced children and young people feel valued, encouraged and have supportive relationships for reflection with high quality supervision and environmental conditions.</p>	<p>Practice support, training service</p>	<p>CYCJ’s continued practice support service will assist members of the workforce to develop their expertise and abilities. This includes supervisory staff who work with children and their families and other professionals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice support/advice • Training • Roadshows • Forums • PG Certificate on Children in conflict with the law • Lectures across Scottish Higher Education
Planning...p31-33		
<p>Information Sharing Organisations with responsibilities towards children and families will be confident about when, where, why and</p>	<p>Named Person/ information sharing</p>	<p>CYCJ is involved in a number of decision-making fora where issues such as named person, information sharing are discussed. This includes regular communication with</p>

<p>how to share information with partners. Information sharing will not be a barrier to supporting children and families.</p>		<p>COPFS, Police Scotland and Disclosure Scotland who may be most relevant in this area.</p>
<p>Planning Scotland will have a national, strategic planning process in place that ensures that children who are cared from away from their family of origin 'belong to a loving home.' The planning process will reflect the needs of Scotland's children and young people whilst operating with the expectation that more children will remain with their families. It will reflect the principles of the promise ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland's most vulnerable children are not profited from (page 111) • Standards of care are consistent (page 111) • End to the selling of care placements to Local Authorities outside Scotland (page 110) • Acute and crisis services are phased out to promote early intervention and prevention (page 111) 	<p>Secure Care Standards</p> <p>Service redesign</p> <p>YJ Standards</p> <p>Early and Effective Intervention</p>	<p>Through our involvement in the roll out of the Secure Care Standards, CYCJ is well placed to influence practice for those children who face, make or take the highest levels of risk. CYCJ's secure care advisor post has regular contact and dialogue with partners in local authorities, secure care providers and statutory bodies in order to support implementation of, and monitor adherence to, the Standards.</p> <p>In light of Scotland's imminent move away from selling care placements to local authorities outwith this nation, there may be a need to redesign existing provision. CYCJ's 'Reimagining Justice' service redesign work can assist in this regard.</p> <p>National standards for youth justice were launched in June 2021. CYCJ's 21/22 workplan states that they shall support implementation of the YJ Standards through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active support to all corporate parents with responsibility for their implementation • Host learning and engagement events • Support partners to audit/monitor the use of standards • Work with partners to identify and address the system, strategic and national barriers to implementation <p>An accessible version of the standards is underway and there is agreement for the co-production of the next version of the standards.</p> <p>CYCJ has supported practice around EEI for a number of years, including hosting a PhD student who specifically looked into the benefits and unintended consequences of the approach. CYCJ also hosts regular practitioner forums to discuss and address practice issues, whilst engaged in policy level discussions and developments. This allows CYCJ to promote and improve early intervention across the youth justice landscape. CYCJ led on the new EEI Core Elements document that was published by the govt in June 2021.</p>

	<p>Community alternatives to secure care and custody</p> <p>Mental Health services</p>	<p>Combining learning from international and Scottish research, evidence and examples, CYCJ will develop potential models for alternatives to deprivation of liberty for children in conflict with the law. These will be rights upholding and respond to the child and their support systems in a developmentally, systemically and trauma informed way that reduces risk of harm, promotes safe opportunities, and builds strengths and capacity. This will also include supporting the development of a competent and competent workforce whilst ensuring restrictive practices are proportionate and appropriate to scaffolding the child and their support systems, growing capacity and abilities.</p> <p>Recent research from CYCJ allows us to identify the broad range of needs that children entering secure care face, thus assisting service design. CYCJ has several links with existing mental health planning and strategy groups that will enable us to influence change in those areas.</p>
<p>Building capacity... p36-38</p>		
<p>Legislation Over the course of the next Parliamentary term, there will be identifiable progress made towards ensuring Scotland’s legislative framework around the breadth of the ‘care system’ is coherent and cohesive, upholds the conclusions of the Independent Care Review and is compliant with the UNCRC.</p>	<p>16 and 17 working group</p> <p>Children’s Care and Justice Bill</p>	<p>16 & 17 year olds in the CH/YJ System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at cross-systems working group • Produce evidence papers as required <p>Supporting engagement events including supporting young people’s participation and gathering views</p> <p>Support given to the Bill team in areas of youth justice practice; hosted two round table discussions with Practitioners and two with children and young people. CYCJ responded to the consultation.</p>
	<p>ACR working groups</p>	<p>Support implementation of Age of Criminal Responsibility Act for the age increasing past 12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support work to promote a culture shift • Support work of Advisory Group • Assisting with engagement sessions • Attendance on & chair of sub-groups • Developing evidence papers

		CYJ is a member of the advisory group and all sub-group; chairs one subgroup; and has written and delivered ChIRPS training.
	Barnahus/Bairns' Hoose	<p>CYJ participation team has worked with a group of young people to develop a draft set of standards for Scotland's Bairns' Hoose.</p> <p>CYJ wrote a letter to Ministers to have the Bairn's Hoose available for all children.</p> <p>We are hosting two round table events to support this consultation.</p>
<p>Children's Hearings System</p> <p>The Children's Hearings System will have gone through a redesign process. That redesign process will bring together children and families, and organisations that hold the responsibility, to rethink the structures, processes and legislation that underpin the hearing system. The aim will be to ensure there are coherent, cohesive and collaborative proposals on an operating framework for the Children's Hearings System that has been designed with children and families. That redesign process will be underpinned by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ giving effect to The Promise; ○ ensuring compliance with the UNCRC, ○ upholding the original intention of The Kilbrandon Review that children involved in offending need care and protection; and ○ ensuring the Children's Hearings System and the Courts can facilitate child friendly justice that upholds children's rights and enables their effective participation. 	<p>16/17 year olds</p> <p>Support WSA</p> <p>Secure Care Standards</p>	<p>16 & 17 year olds in the CH/YJ System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attendance at cross-systems working group ● Produce evidence papers as required ● Supporting engagement events including supporting young people's participation and gathering views <p>WSA/Alternatives to secure care and custody. Increase the use of alternatives to custody through supervised bail; MRCs; community alternatives.</p> <p>Use examples of good practice in Scotland and internationally, alongside learning from bail and remand research and high risk practice, to create a proposed best practice model to create credible alternatives.</p> <p>Support implementation of Secure Care Standards and secure care work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support agencies with responsibilities for implementation - recognising the different phases/needs of areas and agency ● Identify and support local and national barriers to implementation ● Continued dissemination of the Standards, provision of spaces to share experiences and capturing of good practice; and findings of secure care censuses ● Capture learning about the journey of implementation and impact of the Standards through a range of mediums, including events, blogs, Information Sheets, case studies and maintenance of the website ● Develop and implement evaluation, monitoring and accountability plans for the Standards and any necessary research

	<p>Youth Justice Standards</p> <p>Participation</p> <p>EEl</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support and grow the Standards Champions Group and STARR, as well as attendance at any Secure Care related groups <p>National standards for youth justice were launched in June 2021. CYCJ's 21/22 workplan states that they shall support implementation of the YJ Standards through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active support to all corporate parents with responsibility for their implementation • Host learning and engagement events • Support partners to audit/monitoring the use of standards • Work with partners to identify and address the system, strategic and national barriers to implementation <p>An accessible version of the standards was co-produced by Hannah Snow, CYCJ and pupils at the Robert Burns Academy in Cumnock.</p> <p>CYCJ actively encourages the participation of children and young people and supports others to seek the views of children and young people.</p> <p>As well as two participation posts, CYCJ employs five young people with lived experience, has two individuals with lived experience on the Executive Governance Group, hosts a regular prison placement and University placements for individuals with lived experience.</p> <p>CYCJ employed a group of young people to create an accessible guide to the Whole System Approach for children and young people. We are also offering a fully funded place for someone with experience of the justice system on our Postgraduate Certificate on Children and Young People in Conflict with the Law.</p> <p>Through undertaking the following pieces of work, greater involvement of children's voice and perspectives can filter through the systems which respond to children in conflict with the law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All aspects of the WSA • Youth Justice Policy/consultations • Other relevant issues raised by young people • Develop child-friendly version of YJ standards • Review Journey through Justice and other CYCJ resources
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<p>Inspection and Regulation</p> <p>A new, holistic framework for inspection and regulation that values what children and family's value, will have been scoped and developed. It will understand the necessary legislative change required to focus on children's experiences and will be underpinned by the principles set out in the promise and give full effect to the Secure Care Pathway and Standards.</p>	<p>Secure Care Pathway and Standards</p> <p>YJ Standards</p>	<p>Support implementation of Secure Care Standards and secure care work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support agencies with responsibilities for implementation - recognising the different phases/needs of areas and agency • Identify and support local and national barriers to implementation • Continued dissemination of the Standards, provision of spaces to share experiences and capturing of good practice; and secure care censuses • Capture learning about the journey of implementation and impact of the Standards through a range of mediums, including events, blogs, information sheets, and case studies and maintenance of the website • Develop and implement evaluation, monitoring and accountability plans for the Standards and any necessary research • Continue to support and grow the Standards Champions Group and STARR, as well as attendance at any Secure Care related groups <p>The way the Standards are monitored and evaluated provides an opportunity for new and different approaches. STARR support to the Care Inspectorate appreciative inquiry of outcomes for children relating to the Secure Care Pathway and Standards.</p> <p>CYCJ is currently writing a self-evaluation tool to support local authorities/agencies to ensure they meet these standards.</p>
<p>Policy Coherence</p> <p>There will be cohesive alignment in the policy initiatives and frameworks across Scotland. Policy development across Scotland will reflect the realities of people's lives and create a coherent policy environment.</p>	<p>Practice and policy development</p>	<p>CYCJ is a member of various groups that can contribute to the shaping and making of policy, including: NYJAG, JYIB, CHIP, SWS standing committees, ACR working groups, ERG on advocacy and similar. CYCJ also has a central role in the new vision and action plan which is to be reviewed every three months.</p>

<p>The focus of the 21-24 period will be on implementation and alignment not inquiries and reviews.</p>		<p>CYJ has sought opportunities for children and young people to influence policy through consultation processes, with the recent review of GIRFEC being one such example. Using both online surveys and focus groups with children in secure care, we were able to support over 100 children to have their say on GIRFEC.</p>
<p>Data Mapping and Collection Scotland will have a cohesive central picture of all data on the processes and systems that directly and indirectly impact on children and their families, including wider socio-structural factors.</p> <p>The data picture will have been used to fully align data systems, collection and analysis methodologies as to what matters to children and families, and the needs of those who take decisions on how best to support children and their families.</p>	<p>Data</p>	<p>New 22/23 workplan states that CYJ will support the collection/collation of data and research on children in conflict with the law to aid service redesign. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update published children’s data paper annually - Progress implementation of minimum data sets if approved - Feed the recommendations from the children’s rights data paper into the Scottish Government implementation groups for action and provide support where appropriate <p>CYJ chairs Age of Criminal Responsibility (ACR) data and research sub-group - report drafted regarding children in the justice system at all ages; exploration of other countries’ responses to children in conflict with the law.</p> <p>CYJ co-produced and published the ACR survey for children and young people.</p> <p>In 2021 CYJ produced a paper pulling together all official published data that is available in relation to children in conflict with the law; this will be updated on an annual basis. A second paper on what this tells us about children’s rights is underway.</p> <p>CYJ supports work on the Data and Evidence priority in the new Scottish Government action plan: “Data on children and young people is recorded, gathered and analysed in order to evidence the need for change and guide further improvements in policy and practice and to ensure that improvements are sustained”.</p>
<p>Other work to meet The Promise</p>		<p>CYJ holds regular webinars, inviting speakers to share best practice and inspirations for learning across justice and care. Our annual National Youth Justice Conference brings together practitioners, academics and young people to hear from speakers, participate in workshops and network. CYJ’s blog ‘Raising Youth Justice’ shares stories from our team and those with experience of the justice system, and our podcast ‘Creative Conversations with CYJ’ explores issues relevant to The Promise and how we are working with stakeholders to keep it.</p>