

Integrated Models of Care & Whole System Approach

Creation of a model of care that is multi-theoretical and multi-modal to ensure an individualised approach to understanding and responding to distress behaviour.

Creation of space and networks for professionals to have time and opportunity to learn from each other and with each other in evolving model of care that meets the needs of children in Scotland.

Creating consistency in risk practice, credibility and confidence in ability to respond, reduce and prevent risk of harm to safely hold children in their communities through embedding a multi-disciplinary approach applied through the lens of child protection.

Development of a single assessment framework and process to support consistency and create familiarity for any child in circumstances when they cannot be safely held in the community by wraparound and flexible services.

Infrastructure Development

Scoping the potential for more geographically accessible multi-disciplinary teams / supports (including secure care, social work, mental health, physical health, third sector etc.) across Scotland.

Scoping the potential for a nationalised secure care provision alongside a review of the current contracting model.

Defining the purpose, function, referral pathways and ways of working etc. for potential multi-disciplinary teams, embedded across secure care settings, social work teams, mental health teams, physical health teams and community supports – offering joint formulations of need and offers of support to children, young people and their families.

As cross-border placements are likely to continue beyond 2024, multi-agency review of the cross-border offer, including the criteria for accommodation in Scotland and the impact on children and young people's rights to family life in relation to necessary safety planning where a placement in Scotland is deemed to be in best interest.
-Exploration of national approach to provision of secure care and implications.

Continuum of Care & Whole Family Approaches

Development of strategies to embed accessible supports in communities to maintain and develop relationships and local connections for CYP and families/carers, and involving communities in this development

Strategic planning required to prioritise longer term supports for children, young people and their families.

Development of flexible multi-agency (including third sector) supports which can accompany children, young people and their families throughout their care journeys and across geographical locations.

Culture Shifts & Sustainable Transitions

Scottish Government communication and engagement planning and evidence/reasons informing systemic changes - for communities, CYP/families and those working across the continuum of care

Review of language used within the system to improve the narrative associated with CYP in conflict with the law.

The wider system within communities, health, social care, secure care, justice etc. in Scotland can envision, develop and implement a model of care that can provide emotional and physical security without the need for physical containment.