

Initial data gathering to consider impact of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act

In anticipation of the remaining parts of the Act commencing, various local authorities have asked about what data might be available to help them assess and anticipate the likely impact of the Act. National-level information was contained within the [financial memorandum](#) and [updated financial information](#) shared with Parliament as the Bill progressed but this is not broken down locally. CYCJ have also mapped [different sections](#) of the Act to existing data sets. Based on analysis of the Act and on the experience of local authorities who have collated data, potentially useful information that could be collated locally, highlighted under the different parts of the Act, includes:

Part 1: The Children's Hearings System

- Number of children referred to SCRA on offence and non-offence grounds (aged 16/17 or some areas are looking at all ages) and offence type/welfare concern/outcome (much of this can be found on SCRA referrals [dashboard](#) and [breakdown by local authority area](#))
- Number of children aged under 16 remaining subject to hearing measures post-16
- Number of children subject to Movement Restriction Conditions and Secure Accommodation Authorisations (all ages)
- Number of children with supervision and guidance requirements made by a hearing when a Compulsory Supervision Order is terminated
- Number of child protection referrals to social work for children aged 16/17 (note this is not included as part of Child Protection minimum data set so Initial Referral Discussions may be more collatable)
- Number of Initial Referral Discussions for children aged 16/17
- Number of 16/17 year olds made subject to a child protection order
- To think about 16/17 year olds who could meet the criteria for referral to the reporter on welfare grounds, the number who are:
 - In homeless accommodation
 - Subject to domestic, sexual or emotional abuse by parent or partner
 - Subject to adult support and protection referrals
 - Subject to mental health disposals
 - In receipt of addiction service
 - Referred to other "adult services"

Part 2: Criminal Justice and Procedure

- Number of children taken into police custody (and for all children how many held in police custody to appear at court or released on an undertaking)
- Number of children jointly reported cases and decisions by age (Some info on SCRA referrals [dashboard](#) and [breakdown by local authority area](#))
- Number of children appearing at court and offence type/court type/summary or solemn level/outcome by age
- Number of Justice Social Work Reports completed for children
- Number of children:
 - Subject to court disposals e.g. bail, supervised bail, Community Payback Order, hospital directions by age (useful to match this to offence and court type where possible)
 - Subject to non-harassment orders, sex offender notification requirements and driving disqualification or penalty points (given these children could under the Act also be remitted to the children's hearings system)

- Remitted to the children's hearings system
- In secure care having been remanded or sentenced (and previously in Young Offenders Institutions)

Part 5: Anti-social behaviour orders, named person and child's plan

- Subject to Anti-Social Behaviour Orders

All of this information might not be readily available in all areas but this might be data that areas wish to consider exploring. Please note that there is no requirement to collate or share this data-this would purely be for local purposes to inform local planning.

CYCJ are offering to support local areas with workshops to think through the implications of the different parts of the Act locally or we can share materials to help you assess impact and action plan. Please get in touch if we can help you.