# Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)

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### What is GIRFEC?

- Consistent approach and shared language for working with children and young people
- Introduced 2006 and piloted in the Highlands
- Expectation it would be adopted by all agencies
- Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 made some elements of GIRFEC statutory
  - GIRFEC duties apply August 2016
     Guidance from Scot Gov available Nov 2015

### Principles of GIRFEC

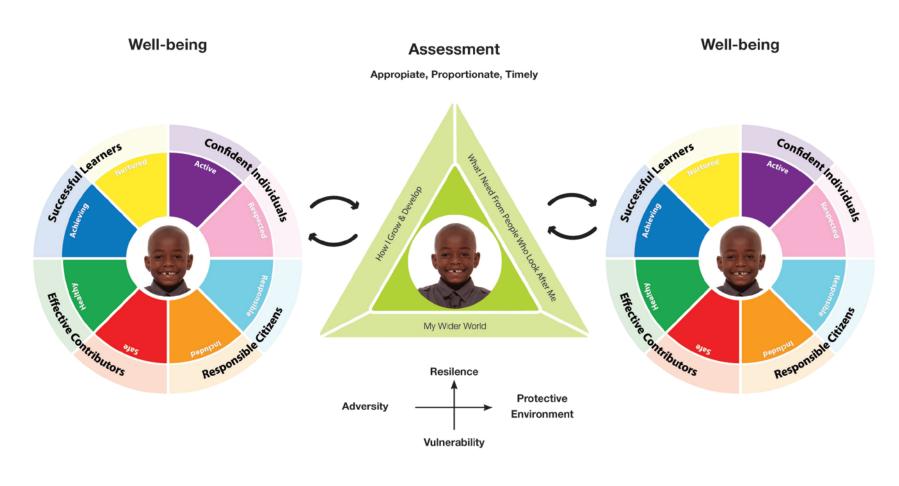
- Children's needs are placed first
- They are listened to
- They understand decisions which affect them
- They get co-ordinated help, where needed, for their well-being and development
  - Services adapt systems, practices and cultures to improve how they work together

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### Key elements of GIRFEC

- Wellbeing assessment and risk assessment
- Named Person pre school Health Visitor or Family Nurse practitioner/School – promoted post
- Lead professional
- Child's Plan
- Information management and sharing
  - Network of support

#### **The National Practice Model**



Observing & Recording

Gathering Information & Analysis

Planning Action & Review

### Progress in Greater Glasgow and Clyde



- Health Board -wide work plan agreed
- Outlines key tasks and who will lead

- Long history of activity by local partnerships
- Health, social work, education, police, third sector etc



# Examples of GIRFEC in NHSGG&C



### Children and Families Teams Support for Named Person role in early years

- Raising awareness/development
- Additional investment in health visiting
- Universal child health pathway 0 to 5 years
- New electronic health record for children
- Wellbeing assessment and risk assessment
- Pathways into services parenting, speech and language therapy etc
  - Management and clinical supervision

### What everyone needs to know – the Universal Pathway

These are the core contacts for all children, women and families (0-5)

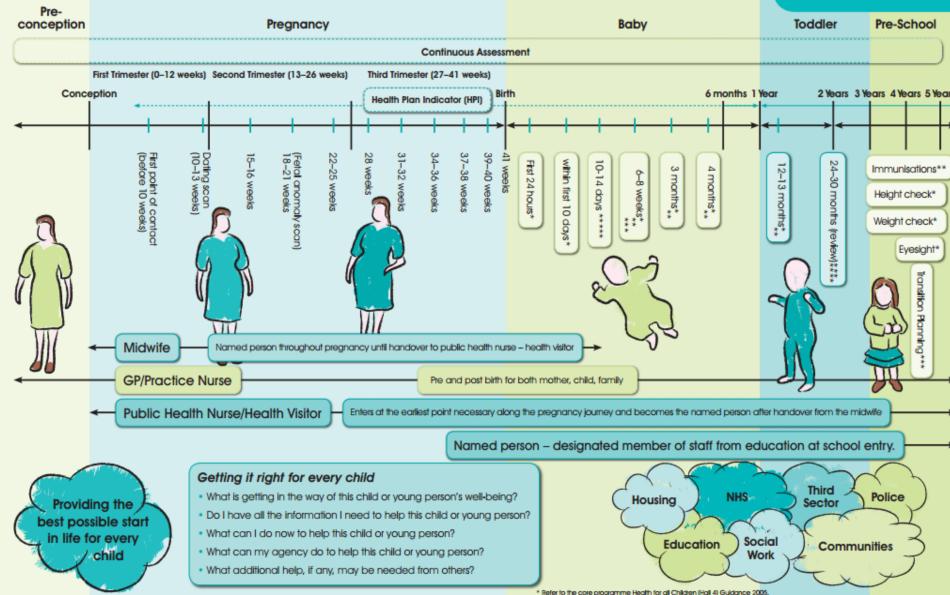


\*\* Refer to the Routine Childhood Immunisation Schedule www.immunisationscotland.org.uk/when-to-immunisation-sch

Prompt family to register with dentist or refer to Childsmile programme.

\*\*\*\* Notification visit by PHN.

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### Maternity

- Focus on education and training
- 300 hospital midwives trained in National Practice Model plus
- Mental health teams & physios
- Extend to community midwives November
- Maternity wellbeing tool
- Commissioning IT system

- Huge reach: 16,500 births per year
- Early intervention: pre to post birth
- Need to improve comms. with Health Visitor
- Impact on resources in following up wellbeing concerns
- Need for IT systems to share info.

### Renfrewshire GIRFEC Steering Group

- Multi-agency group
- Chaired by Director of Children's Services
- Established 3 strands, each with a lead
- Using the touchpoints issued by Scottish Government to assess readiness

- Named Person
- Child's Plan
- Information Sharing

## Nursery and health visiting in partnership with parents

- Bridgeton/Parkhead
- Work with group of parents on provision of notice boards and design of logo
- Partnership working to focus on attachment and improving outcomes for children following their 30mth assessments
  - Group continue to work in Partnership with parents providing information to meet their needs and enable uptake of services in area

## GP Learning and Development Project

- Funded by Scottish Gov
- ▶ 13 GPs, East Dun, Clydebank and North East Glasgow
- Will explore solutions to these questions:
  - What might constitute a wellbeing concern for a child or young person?
  - How might GPs decide what is relevant and proportionate information to share with the named person?
  - How will the GPs communicate with the named person?