GIRFEC

Chairs of Parent Councils

November 2015
Background

• UN Convention on the rights of the child
• For Scotland’s children 2000
• Curriculum for Excellence 2004
• Children’s Charter 2004
• Better Health, Better Care 2007
• Early Years Framework 2008
• New legislation 2014
What is GIRFEC?

• Getting it right for every child - national approach to improving outcomes for all children - child at the centre of thinking, planning and action

• Recognition of individual situations

• Working consistently / supportively with all of Scotland’s young people and families - best outcomes

• Acting quickly if need help – crisis intervention to early intervention

• Partnership working

• Taking care of our children’s wellbeing helps us ensure the most positive outcomes for them later in life
Wellbeing

• The wellbeing of children and young people is at the heart of *Getting it right for every child*. The approach uses eight areas of wellbeing in which children and young people need to progress in order to do well now and in the future. These eight areas are set in the context of the ‘four capacities’, which are at the heart of the [Curriculum for Excellence](https://www.gov.scot/topic/curriculum-for-excellence).

• The four capacities aim to enable every child and young person to be a successful learner, a confident individual, a responsible citizen and an effective contributor.
The Wellbeing Indicators

• These are considered to be the basic requirements for all young people to grow and develop and reach their full potential.

• SAFE
• HEALTHY
• ACHIEVING
• NURTURED
• ACTIVE
• RESPECTED
• RESPONSIBLE
• INCLUDED
Sir Harry Burns

• Supporting parents, and providing services which increase stability in their lives, means children are more likely to perform better at school, become more resilient in their response to challenge, and develop into healthy adults"

• Sir Harry Burns, formerly Scotland's Chief Medical Officer
The Children and Young People’s Act

- August 2016
- Named Person / Lead Professional
- Wellbeing Concern
- Child’s Plan
- Sharing / storing information
The Named Person

- Knows the child - professional capacity
- Contact for children / families
- Contact for others who have concerns
- Coordinator of support

*Person with an overview of a child’s wellbeing*
Who will be a Named Person?

• Birth until 5 / school entry – Health Visitor

• School – Head Teacher, Depute Head Teacher, Guidance / Pupil Support Teacher

• School leavers – age 18 – Local Authorities need to make this provision available
Pupil Views

• Aware of wellbeing – not indicators specifically
• Do a lot around wellbeing in school
• Wellbeing concerns – not for EVERYTHING!
• Speak to me first
• NP sounds positive – like what we already have
• Well supported
Parental Views

- Are parents aware?
- We do need to be making you aware – how?
- Press
- Parent Councils
- Reassurance – this happens already
- National Parent Forum - response
Resources for Parents / Pupils

• “Wellbeing for young Scots” website
• Scottish Government website – Q and A for parents
• EL GIRFEC website
• National Parent Forum of Scotland – response to draft Guidance
• Your school!