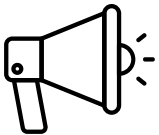


THE NATIONAL JOINT INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEWING PROJECT

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TEAM NEWS



Exciting changes in the National JII Team. DI Linda Dunn who works jointly with Jillian Ingram to provide implementation support to local partnerships has retired from Police Scotland and we wish her well. The team will shortly welcome DI Julie Mullen as her replacement. Julie brings a wealth of knowledge and skills, including experience in implementing the Scottish Child Interview Model in Glasgow.

NATIONAL PICTURE

We would like to express thanks to our four pilot sites - Lanarkshire, North Strathclyde, Dumfries & Galloway and Glasgow - as we celebrate the conclusion of the pilot stage of the National JII Project. These four local partnerships have contributed significantly to our understanding of the Scottish Child Interview Model, it's application within the local child protection system and the impact on children and young people. This learning is helping to support the introduction of the Scottish Child Interview Model across the country.



We now have 8 local partnerships live in practice, which comprise 19 local authorities, 8 police divisions and 8 health boards.

The collaboration and leadership demonstrated across the local partnerships who are steering local implementation of the Scottish Child Interview Model is exceptional. Below is a list of all fourteen partnerships across the country, working to ensure all children and young people in Scotland have access to the Scottish Child Interview Model when they need it.

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| 1. Lanarkshire | 9. Edinburgh |
| 2. North Strathclyde | 10. Argyll & Bute, West
Dunbartonshire & L Division |
| 3. Dumfries & Galloway | 11. Highland |
| 4. Glasgow | 12. The Islands |
| 5. Fife | 13. Forth Valley |
| 6. Lothians and borders | 14. Tayside |
| 7. Ayrshire | |
| 8. North East Scotland | |



SHARING, SUPPORTING, LEARNING



FIFE FAMILIES

Fife partnership have an established process for capturing feedback from children and their families about their experiences of the child protection system. Fife incorporated a focus on joint investigative interviewing into this process which enabled them to swiftly capture relevant feedback to inform their continued implementation of the Scottish Child Interview Model. Fife shared their learning with areas who are live in practice with the Scottish Child Interview Model at our most recent Quarterly Discussion Forum.



The Scottish Social Services Awards were held on the 9th November 2022 and North Strathclyde Partnership were one of the 3 finalists shortlisted for the category; Excellence in Children's Services. Claire Haughey, Minister for Children and Young People, announced the partnership as the winner, much to their shared delight. Huge congratulations are extended from the National JII Team.

CPD

The National JII Team facilitated a Continuous Professional Development opportunity for all interviewers trained in the Scottish Child Interview Model. The session was led by Dr Julie Gawrylowicz and was entitled: Suggestibility and memory in children in the legal context: What does research tell us? The team are keen to hear future CPD theme suggestions from those live in practice with the Scottish Child Interview Model.

QUALITY STANDARDS



The Scottish Child Interview Model is a national model of practice that is implemented by integrating it into local child protection systems. Our Quality Assurance and Data Framework outlines national standards which support the delivery of a consistently high-quality service to children and their families, while also providing for local flexibility in how such standards are met and measured. This framework has been tested by our four pilot sites and the honed and revised version is now publicly available on our website: [Scottish-Child-Interview-Model-Quality-Assurance-and-Data-Framework-November-2022](https://www.scim.gov.uk/quality-assurance-and-data-framework-november-2022)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS



- Three further 7 Minute Briefings, each outlining key aspects of the Scottish Child Interview Model have been published by our team. Access here: <https://bit.ly/34w4HsM>
- Hannah Carr, Trainee Clinical Psychologist at University of Glasgow, has published her PhD paper "A New Approach to Investigative Interviews with Children: What can we Learn from the Interviewers?" The article can be accessed here: [2022CarrDClinPsy.pdf \(gla.ac.uk\)](https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/research-projects/2022CarrDClinPsy.pdf)

These newsletters are for all partners in child protection work. They will provide current information regarding the new approach to joint investigative interviewing of children in Scotland, and all related work in respect of improving this aspect of protecting children and young people. You can access previous newsletters and other information at: <https://bit.ly/34w4HsM>



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