

The National JII Project - April 2025

Headline report


The National Oversight Group for Joint Investigative Interviewing –
Supporting continuous improvement in joint investigative interviewing
policy and practice across Scotland

Implementation progress



- All police divisions and 31 local authorities now live in practice with the Scottish Child Interview Model
- The final local authority has now identified social workers to be trained in 2025
- Self evaluation template for Quality Assurance and Data Framework disseminated

Training, learning & development

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- Interviewer training intake 19 commences April 2025 with 11 learners enrolled
 - Several interviewers supported with bespoke learning and development input following a break in practice or practice issues identified through evaluation process
 - Updated Interviewer Practice Evaluation Framework developed and disseminated December 2024

Collaborative partnerships



- Two reciprocal learning events with COPFS, February 2025, co-developed and co-delivered
Further events planned
- Two reciprocal learning sessions with BSL Interpreters and learning will be used to develop CPD for interviewers

Wider Context



- Review of the National JII Guidance continues as planned with a second iteration of the statutory guidance now being developed
- Disability data testing project being showcased 16th May 2025

Challenges and risks



- Interview equipment – regularly reported issues
- Staffing – succession planning challenging
- Funding – Bairns' Hoose Pathfinder Fund complexities