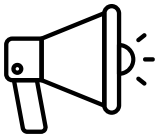


# THE NATIONAL JOINT INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEWING PROJECT

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## TEAM NEWS

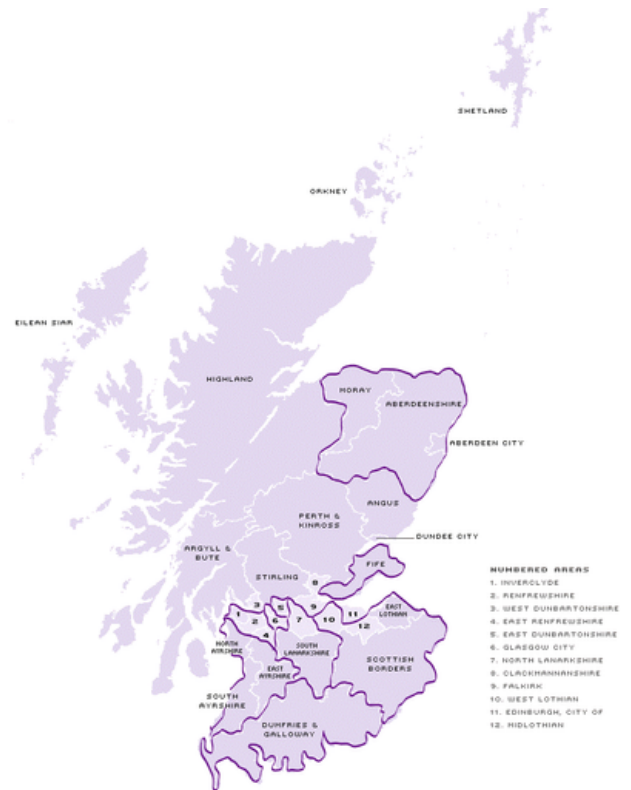


A warm welcome is extended to Lauren Craig, Adeline Kay and Susanne Goetzold who have joined the National JII Team. This increases the social work contingent of the national team by 1.5 posts - increasing our capacity to undertake the ever-growing work of supporting implementation of the Scottish Child Interview Model across the country. We recently said goodbye to Detective Constable Lindsey Lee, a much valued member of our team, and a hello to her replacement, Detective Constable Kyle Crawford.

## Pilot Sites and Early Adopters

Our four pilot sites - Lanarkshire, North Strathclyde, Dumfries & Galloway and Glasgow - are all continuing to gain experience of utilising the Scottish Child Interview Model for joint investigative interviewing in practice. These partnerships are critical to our learning and they are using their experiences to hone the draft Quality Assurance and Data Framework for this new model of practice. This will support a consistently high quality standard for this approach as it is introduced across the country.

Our early adopters are Fife, Lothians and Borders, Ayrshire and North East Scotland. Fife and Lothians and Borders are live in practice and they come together on a quarterly basis, along with the pilot sites, to share experiences and support each other. Ayrshire and North East Scotland are preparing to also go live this year - so watch this space!!



## LEARNING INTO PRACTICE

"Emerging Learning Briefing Paper Two" captures the key learning from the first two pilot sites when they first went live in practice. Access that here: <https://bit.ly/34w4HsM>

## CRUNCHING NUMBERS



- 13 local authorities, 6 police divisions and 6 health boards are now live in practice with the Scottish Child Interview Model
- Almost 2000 children and young people have experienced a joint investigative interview via the Scottish Child Interview Model
- Between January and March 2022, 69 Applications for Evidence in Chief by Prior Statement using Joint Investigative Interview were made - an increase of 23% on the preceding quarter

## RECOGNITION



The Scottish Social Services Council have formally endorsed the National JII Training Programme as specialist training for social workers. This is welcome recognition of this valuable professional development opportunity. Read more here: [Supporting your continuous professional learning - Scottish Social Services Council \(sssc.uk.com\)](#)

## RESEARCH

The Scottish Child Interview Model is very well grounded in empirical research and we continue to operate an iterative learning approach, making adaptations as we learn and continuing to link with the national and international research community. To facilitate greater access to the key messages from research, we are working on a series of research briefings. Recently, we produced a 6 page briefing which distils key messages from research that help us understand the critical role that structured evaluation of interview practice plays in supporting the continuous professional development of forensic interviewers. These messages from research have been used to develop an Interviewer Practice Evaluation Model which forms part of the implementation of the Scottish Child Interview Model; training and support for which is provided to both interviewers and managers by the national team.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS



- Evidence Based Interview Practice - Research Briefing - TOPIC - Evaluation of Interview Practice. Access here: <https://bit.ly/34w4HsM>
- 7 Minute Briefing outlining key aspects of the Scottish Child Interview Model. Access here: <https://bit.ly/34w4HsM>
- IRISS and Social Work Scotland have published an article which draws upon messages from research about the role of non-suggestive social support and how this research has informed the Scottish Child Interview Model. The article can be accessed here: [Joint investigative interviewing in Scotland | Iriss](#)

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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