

Children, Young People and Families Outcomes Framework

Summary and Recommendations

This paper updates the Children and Young People Board on the work of Scottish Government and partners to develop a Children, Young People and Families Outcomes Framework and a Core Wellbeing Indicator Set (early drafts of both are attached to this paper). This work is being developed in partnership with Children's Services Planning Partnerships.

This paper invites Board Members to:

- i. Agree the direction of travel related to the development of the Outcomes Framework and Core Wellbeing Indicator set;
- ii. Provide comments or feedback on the content at this stage.

References

No previous reports

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Purpose

1. This paper sets out for the Board work with Scottish Government and partners to develop a nationally agreed, and used, Children, Young People and Families Outcomes Framework and Core Wellbeing Indicator set.
2. The purpose of this work is to establish an Outcomes Framework and Core Wellbeing indicator set which provide a holistic overview of wellbeing at local and national level and ensure they meaningfully reflect what matters to children, young people and families and enables measurement of progress.

Current COSLA Position

3. Local authorities are fully committed to the implementation of GIRFEC, the Promise and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

What is changing?

4. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) has now been incorporated into Scots law, building children's rights into the fabric of decision-making in Scotland. Scotland has committed to delivering The Promise, and to providing a care system with love and nurture at its heart. At the same time there is a continuing drive to deliver ambitious targets to reduce the number of children in Scotland experiencing the effects of poverty. Together, this presents huge challenges, but it is also a watershed opportunity to transform outcomes for all children and families in Scotland. How we go about delivering this programme of transformation is as critical to its success as the changes themselves.
5. The UNCRC is the foundation for *Getting it right for every child* (GIRFEC), our national approach to improving outcomes for children and young people. GIRFEC takes a holistic approach to wellbeing, recognising that a child or young person's wellbeing is experienced within the context of their family, local community and wider society.
6. While there are a number of different approaches to describing wellbeing, in Scotland we have been using the eight inter-connected aspects of Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included. These are commonly known as the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators, and are defined in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.
7. Scotland's National Performance Framework (NPF) provides a clear vision of what we are all working towards to improve our individual and collective wellbeing. The intention is to adopt a similar approach and create a framework for children, young people and families, aligned to the NPF. An outcomes framework for children and families will consist of a set of intermediate NPF outcomes and a means of reporting progress against these in a meaningful and transparent way.

8. Currently a number of different indicators and datasets exist in relation to children young people and families which have developed and evolved through different organisational partners and policy areas. There is significant variation in the indicators being used due to the absence of an agreed core wellbeing indicator set. Analysis has further identified a lack of consistency in how indicators to demonstrate improved wellbeing are currently reported through annual reporting on Children's Services Plans across Scotland, and between and across different reporting arenas. While there will always be appropriate local variations in data dependent on local needs and priorities, consultation feedback has highlighted that development of core wellbeing indicators would enhance consistency of approach and support comparative benchmarking.
9. The findings of the Independent Care Review and feedback from stakeholder engagement has made clear that many existing indicators do not measure the things which matter to children, young people and their families. The Promise Scotland's 'Measuring Change, Monitoring Progress' will set out clear requirements for change, and evolution of the Outcomes Framework and refinement of any core wellbeing indicators will by necessity be dynamic and aligned to the learning from this work.
10. Attached to this paper are the draft Children, Young People and Families Outcomes and a draft list of Core Wellbeing Indicators. Both to be discussed and developed further and are attached for early feedback.

Proposed COSLA Position

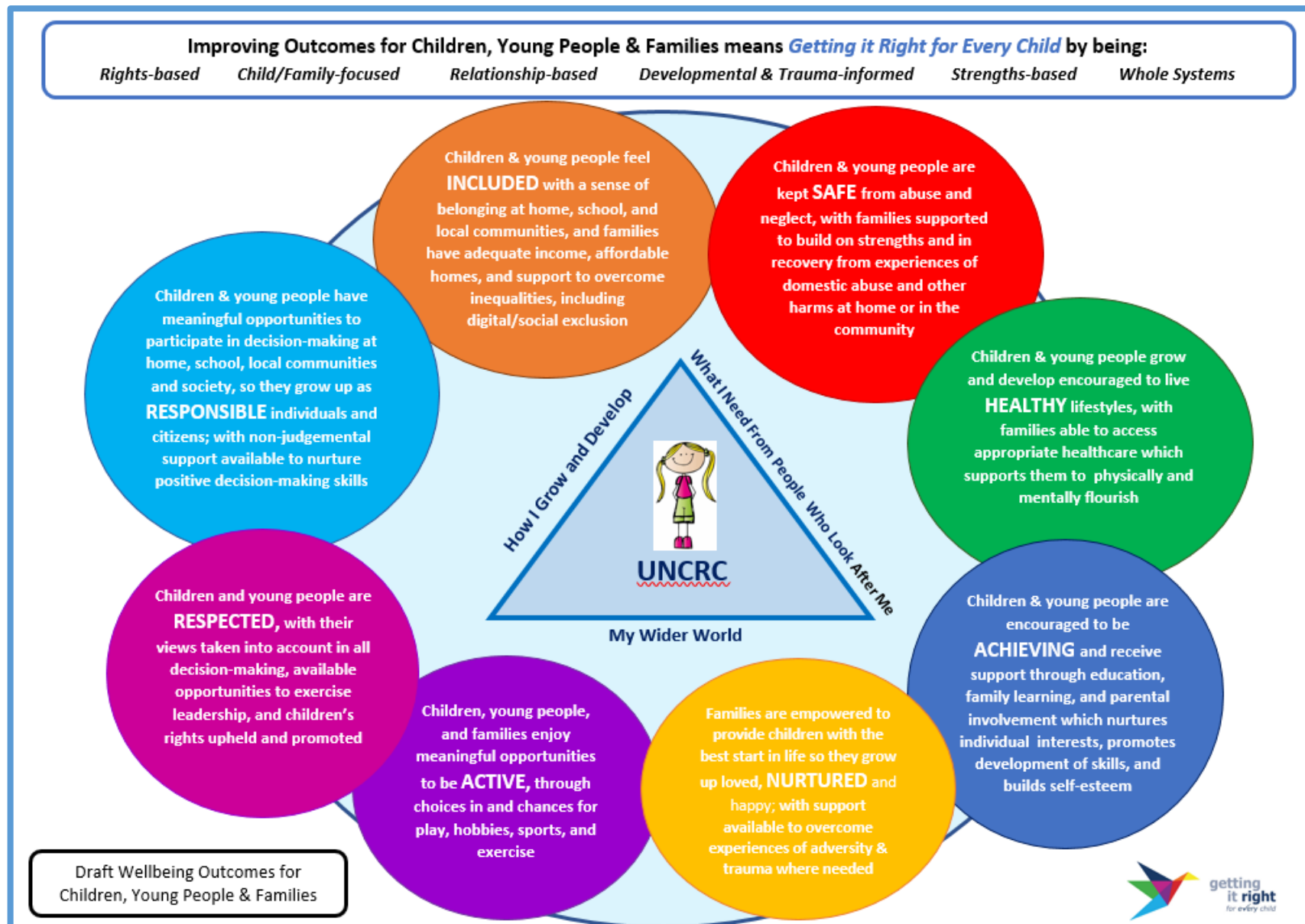
11. Scottish Government have established a Steering and a Working Group tasked with refining and developing the outcomes and indicators, as attached. COSLA are represented on the Steering Group, alongside the Scottish Government, The Promise Scotland, Public Health Scotland, Education Scotland, Care Inspectorate 3rd sector partners.
12. The Steering Group will report its progress to the Children and Families Collective Leadership Group (CLG) and the Children and Young People Board, as required.

Next Steps

13. An indicative timeline for this work has been proposed:
 - Draft Outcomes Framework and Wellbeing Indicators by end 2021
 - Engagement throughout December/January
 - Endorsement through governance structures – Feb/Mar 2022
 - Initial Core Wellbeing Indicator set operational for 1 April 2022.

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Draft Children, Young People and Families Outcomes



Draft Core Wellbeing Indicators (Pre-Covid)

Summary of themes for outcomes	
1	Parents, carers and families are supported from the earliest stages to give their children a healthy start & ensure they grow up loved & NURTURED
	Maternal health during pregnancy
	Neonatal health
	Breastfeeding
	Smoke exposure
	Family relationships
2	Families have adequate incomes and affordable, warm homes to ensure children have the best start in life
	Child poverty rates
	Other measures of child poverty
	Household debt and savings
	Parental/household employment
	Housing quality and cost
3	Children & young people are SAFE and are cared for in their home, learning and community environments
	Perception of local area and safety of area
	Experience of bullying
	Injuries and assault
	Child protection
4	Children & young people are RESPECTED & RESPONSIBLE, including being involved in decisions that affect them
	Participation in decision making
	Adult views on YP decision making
	Caring
	Positive activities
	Negative behaviours (Bullying, gambling)
	Offending
5	Children & young people have good mental & physical HEALTH, and live in communities which support health, including play, being ACTIVE and eating well
	Greenspace/Environment
	Physical activity and sedentary behaviours
	Diet and related health behaviours and outcomes
	Sleep
	Immunisations
	Substance use (smoking, alcohol, drugs)
	Sexual behaviours
	General health
	Mental wellbeing and mental health
	Body image
	Deaths
6	Children & young people are INCLUDED by addressing inequalities & are supported to learn, develop & ACHIEVE at home, in school and the community
	Peer relationships
	Relationships with adults other than family
	Local area facilities to socialise
	Caring responsibilities
	Early years development
	Attitudes to school
	Teacher support

	Attendance and exclusions
	Attainment
	Positive destinations
7	Children, young people & adults affected by childhood adversity & trauma are supported, where needed, to improve wellbeing & life outcomes
	Resilience
	Prevalence of ACEs