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"It is the aspiration of the Scottish Government for Scotland to be the best place to grow up in. The objective of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill is to make real this ambition by putting children and young people at the heart of planning and delivery of services and ensuring that rights are respected across the public sector."

Policy memorandum



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What does it mean for us?

- The legislation was put forward by the Scottish government in a bid to support its aim of making Scotland the best place in the world to grow up
- It will see an increase in free childcare for three, four and vulnerable two-year-olds, from 475 to 600 (around 16 hours per week - from August)
- A number of amendments have been made to school closure proposals
- The bill will allow teenagers in foster, kinship or residential care to continue to receive this support up until the age of 21
- Promote children's rights (UN convention of the rights of the child)
- The bill will extend free school meals to all children in the first three years of primary school by August
- All young people will be assigned a named person to monitor their wellbeing



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The role of the Named Person

- Most children and young people get all the help and support they need from their families, teachers, health practitioners, and from their wider communities. Some may need extra help and that's where the named person comes in.
- This means that the child and their family have a point of contact who can work with them to sort out any further help, advice or support if they need it.
- Action is decided against the 8 well being indicators

