

## Named Person



## **Getting it right for every child in Dumfries and Galloway.**

What is *Getting it right for every child*?

*Getting it right for every child* is a way of working with children and families in Scotland.

What does *Getting it right for every child* mean for you and your child/ren?

It's about making sure that if your child needs any help, the right help will be there at the right time.

*Getting it right* in Dumfries and Galloway:

One of the most important things about the *Getting it right* approach is that every child in Scotland will have a Named Person from before birth to the age of 18. This will usually be someone from your child's medical practice or school who will keep an eye on his/her wellbeing.

### **Who is the Named Person?**

<b>Birth</b> (0 to 10 days)	<b>Birth to Primary 1</b> (This includes pre-school)	<b>Primary to Secondary</b> (Primary 1 to Secondary 1)	<b>Secondary to leaving school</b> (From Secondary 1)
<b>Midwife</b>	<b>Health Visitor/Public Health Nurse</b>	<b>Head teacher or senior member of staff</b>	<b>Delegated member of school staff</b>
From before the child is born to about 10 days after birth.	From 10 days after birth to when the child starts primary school.	From when the child starts primary school to when they start secondary school.	From when the child starts secondary school to when they leave education.







### What is the role of the Named Person?

Most children and young people get all the help and support they need from their families, from teachers and health professionals, and from their wider communities. But some may need extra help and that's where the role of the Named Person comes in.



At any stage between birth and 18, there will always be someone who you can talk to if you have concerns about any aspect of your child's wellbeing. In some cases, the Named Person may need to bring in extra help and support – if they do, they will always involve you and your child in any plans.

If you need help, advice or support, your child's Named Person is who you would contact. They will work with you to sort out the help you need. In most cases, the Named Person will not have to do anything more than they normally do in the course of their day-to-day work.

In some circumstances, the Named Person may need to take action so that your child can get the help that he or she needs and it is the Named Person's responsibility to do this. They are also the first point of contact for any other professionals working with the child.

To find out who your Named Person is, contact your midwife, health visitor or school.

You can find out more about *Getting it right for every child* here: [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright)





