

## What is GIRFEC?

**Getting it right for every child** and young person is a national policy to help all children and young people grow, develop and reach their full potential. Its focus is to improve outcomes for children and their families based on a shared understanding of their wellbeing.

### What does GIRFEC mean for you and your children?

- *You and your children will be fully involved in any processes and decisions which affect you.*

### It enables you to:

- *understand your responsibilities and the responsibility of others in developing your child's well-being,*
- *be treated consistently as an individual in a language you understand,*
- *to access services more easily and be helped in the right way by the right people at the right time,*
- *experience positive relationships with practitioners and other adults*

## How you will be supported

**Getting it right for every child** aims to have the right people in place so that children and young people get the help they need at the right time. This is known as the 'Team Around the Child' and will always include family and/or carers and normally include the universal services of health and education.

**Named Person:** This person will change as your child gets older, passing from **midwife** to **health visitor** to **primary school head teacher** to staff in **secondary school** such as a **guidance teacher, head teacher, depute head teacher**. If you have concerns about your child you should speak to the **Named Person** who will work with you to resolve any issues.

**Lead Professional:** When two or more agencies need to work together to help your child and family, a **Lead Professional** will co-ordinate that help. The LP will normally be identified at a multi-agency meeting. Some children may also need a **Child's Assessment and Plan** which will be discussed at a Childs planning meeting which you will be invited to attend.

**Informed Consent:** Information will not be passed on about you and your child to another agency without your informed consent. (The exception to this would be where someone has a concern about your child). This would normally be discussed with you beforehand.

**More information can be sought from:**

- <http://www.gov.scot/gettingitright>

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**Information Leaflet for  
Parents and Carers**

**Getting it right for  
your child**

# Getting it Right for Every Child Wellbeing Outcomes



The 8 examples of Wellbeing are just some of the ways in which you can help your child grow and develop.