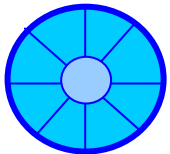


When there are serious concerns about a child's wellbeing or safety, proportionate information will be shared with relevant agencies to ensure agencies meet the child or young person's needs.

To find out the name of your child's Named Person or to speak to a member of staff in your local Health Centre or your child's school, contact your local area :

Falkirk: www.falkirk.gov.uk
Stirling: www.stirling.gov.uk
Clackmannanshire: www.clacksweb.org.uk



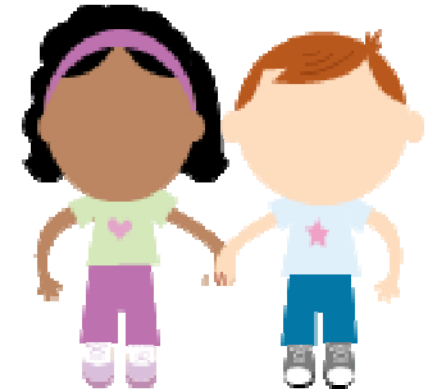
Getting it Right for Every Child aims to:-

- Improve outcomes for children and young people
- Ensure that all agencies respond appropriately when required
- Address the needs and risks for children and young people by agencies and families working together
- Provides processes for identifying and planning how we can help children and young people.

To find out more information about GIRFEC and the Named Person, you can access the following :

- www.scotland.gov.uk/gettingitright
- www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/children-families/policies-strategies/girfec.aspx
- Forth valley information leaflets on: -
 - information sharing between Services for Parents and Carers
 - Information sharing between Services for Children and Young People
 - What is Getting It right for Every Child?

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Named Person Service

**A Guide for Parents,
Carers and Young People**

What is the Named Person Service ?

The Named Person Service is a requirement of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. The Act formalises Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC).

Health Boards and Local Authorities must make a Named Person available for each child and young person in Scotland.

Every child in Scotland has a Named Person available to them who is a single point of contact who can work with children, young people and their families to sort out any help, advice or support if they need it.

Most children and young people get all the support and the help they need from their families, from teachers and health practitioners and from their wider communities. The Named Person Service does not change these roles.



What will the Named Person do?

- Listen and take account of the views of children, young people and their families.
- Help to promote, support and safeguard children's and young people's wellbeing.
- Ensure the right help is available at the right time for children, young people and their families.
- Provide or access information, advice and support from within their own service or request support from other services when required.

Further clarification is noted on FV's GIRFEC information Sharing leaflet (see Practitioner pages)

- Will keep a note of key events in children and young people's lives and pass on relevant information to those professionals who need to know.
- Will make sure that the support is coordinated and focuses on the needs of the child or young person.



Who is the Named Person?

The Named Person Service will usually be provided by a person in universal services i.e. Health and Education.

From birth until 5 or before starting school

The Named Person is the Health Visitor.

Children in school - The Named Person is the Head Teacher, Depute Head Teacher or Pastoral or Guidance Teacher. This applies to local authority and independent/grant aided schools. During school holidays an officer from Children's Services will provide the advice and support you may require.

School age children and young people not enrolled in school

- The Named Person is a senior officer within Children's Services.

Young person who is 16 – 18 years and no longer in school

- The Named Person is a senior officer within Children's Services.

Young person who is serving a custodial sentence

- The Named Person is a representative from the Scottish Prison Service.