**Who are the Standards for?**

The Standards are for everyone, no matter your age or ability. They can be applied to a diverse range of services from childminding and daycare of children in the early years (nursery), housing support and care at home for adults to hospitals, clinics and care homes. We are all entitled to the same high quality care and support.

**Why were the Standards developed?**

The Standards do not replace or remove the need to comply with legislation. The Standards are used to compliment relevant legislation and best practice that supports health and care services to ensure high quality care and continuous improvement.

You can find out more about the new Health and Social Care Standards by visiting

<http://www.newcarestandards.scot/>

Health and Social Care

Standards Explained



Touch Primary and Nursery

A Community with Learning at its Heart

 **What are the Health and Social Care Standards?**

The Health and Social Care Standards are often referred to as The Standards for short. There are 5 headline outcome:

* I experience high quality care and support that is right for me
* I am fully involved in all decisions about my care and support
* I have confidence in the people who support and care for me
* I have confidence in the organisation providing my care and support
* I experience a high quality environment if the organisation provides the premises

Descriptive statements for each of these outcomes detail the standard of care a person can expect.

The Standards are also underpinned by 5 principles

Dignity and respect

Compassion

Be included

Responsive care and support

Wellbeing

We use The Standards to help improve our practice and ensure better outcomes for our children. We use these along with ‘How Good Is our Early Learning and Childcare?’ in our self -evaluation.

The Standards are also used by the Care Inspectorate when they carry out inspections and quality assurance.