

## 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 wellbeing
- Be treated consistently as an individual in a language you understand
- 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 will you 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 network of support and will always include family and/or carers and the universal services of health and education.

**Named Person:** This person will change as your child gets older, passing from midwife to public health nurse to primary school 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. Some children may also need a Child's Plan to agree a way forward.

**Informed Consent:** Information will not be passed on about you or your child to another agency without your consent. (The exception to this would be relating to a child protection matter).

More information can be sought from:

- [www.girfecna.co.uk](http://www.girfecna.co.uk)
- [www.scotland.gov.uk/gettingitright](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/gettingitright)

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## Information Leaflet for Parents and Carers

