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Coming soon...

NEW Child's Plan, National Risk Framework and AYRshare

Child's Plan



The national *Getting it Right* for Every Child policy has called for Local Authorities and others to develop a Single Child's Plan, and within the proposed Children and Young

Person's Bill this is likely to be a statutory requirement.

North Ayrshire partners have been working to redevelop/reformat the 'IAF' to meet the requirements of the Scottish Government, and reflect the GIRFEC Practice Model. This will set us on the right path to a 'Single' Child's Plan.

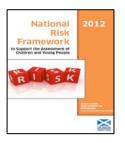
We initially called this the 'Child's Assessment and Plan', as it contains components of assessment and planning. However, to comply with the current Scottish Government thinking it will be called it the 'Child's Plan'.

The new form will replace the 'IAF' on the 1st August 2013 and work is currently being progressed to embed the form in those IT systems that require it. Further information will follow with regard to support, training and guidance on the use of the new form.

If you have any questions about the new Child's Plan, please contact:

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National Risk Framework



In December 2012, the Scottish Government published a National Risk Framework to Support the Assessment of Child and Young People.

Based on the GIRFEC Practice Model, the National Risk Framework is essentially a toolkit of evidence based resources that will help practitioners assess and analyse any concern about a child. The Framework guides practitioners through the stages of information gathering, assessment & analysis and risk management via the Child's Plan.

Practitioners in Health, Education and Social Services in the Irvine/Dreghorn area will be the first to embed implementation of the National Risk Framework and learning from this will inform further roll out across North Ayrshire.

The full document can be downloaded here: http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0040/00
408604.pdf

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We know that this is not rocket science.

We also know that there is a lot of very good practice in North Ayrshire.

We would like to hear from you about something you do that works.

We would like to tell others about it.

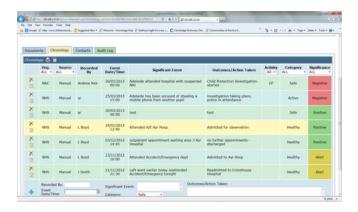
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AYRshare



Sharing information between agencies is necessary to ensure that appropriate steps are taken to address concerns about the

well-being of children and young people. And this is where AYRshare can help...



AYRshare will provide a secure, controlled and auditable computer system for improving the sharing of information on the well-being of children between our partner agencies.

The first phase includes the three Ayrshire local authorities and NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

The process of gathering information to identify concerns and assess a child's needs will be streamlined by having a single secure location where identified professionals can deposit information which could then be **viewed by appropriate partners**.

AYRshare goes live at the end of July!

AYRshare will also provide a secure means for partners to create an **integrated chronology** to provide background information to the Named Person or Lead Professional, and if needed, a Child's Plan. It will provide a means of secure, controlled and auditable distribution of the Child's Plan to practitioners in a range of services and agencies.

The risks associated with incomplete, inappropriate or late sharing of information will be lessened and it is believed that practitioner workload will be reduced by the implementation of AYRshare.

The first area AYRshare will be rolled out to will be the Garnock Valley area with; Garnock Academy, primary feeder schools and early years centres, Kilbirnie Social Work Teams, Health visitors and school nurses covering that area.

Training on the new system will take place near the end of June.

It is planned that we will start implementation in the Kilbirnie area and rollout across the authority over the next six months.

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One more thing....

Children's Hearing Scotland Act 2011

The new act will come into operation in July of this year and introduces some key changes to providing compulsory guidance and support to children and young people. This includes new powers to make and vary orders, new grounds for referral and revision in other areas such as appeals and disposals. Training is being delivered on the new act to social services staff and this will be rolled out on a multiagency basis.