



Who will provide and support Named Persons?

Fife Council and NHS Fife are the main organisations that have a duty to make sure a Named Person is available to every child and young person in Fife, and it is their job to make sure children, young people and parents know about their local Named Person service and what it means for them.

Other organisations, like independent or grant-aided schools, secure accommodation services and the Scottish Prison Service (for the small number of young people held in custody), have a duty to make sure a Named Person is available to the children and young people in their care.

Contact us

For further information on GIRFEC or the support services available in Fife please contact your child's Named Person. If you are unsure who this is you can find out by contacting the Named Person Services on:

Preschool children:

NHSFifenamedpersonservice@nhs.net

School aged children:

NamedPersonSevice@fife.gov.uk

Other leaflets in this series are available with information on:

- Understanding GIRFEC
- Understanding Wellbeing
- The Child's Plan & Lead Professional
- Information Sharing

'Easy Read' GIRFEC guides are also available for parent, carers, children & young people on:

www.fifedirect.org.uk/families

www.gov.scot/gettingitright



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Supporting children, young people and parents

The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is about improving the wellbeing of children and young people in Scotland. The act is wide ranging and includes key parts of the Getting It Right For Every Child approach, commonly known as GIRFEC.

Most children and young people get all the help and support they need from their parent(s), wider family and community, but sometimes they may need a bit of extra support. The act gives all children and young people from birth to 18, or beyond if still in school, access to a Named Person to help promote, support and safeguard their wellbeing.

Who will be a Named Person?

- **Health Visitor or Family Nurse** (preschool children)
- **Promoted Teacher** (school aged children) (i.e. headteacher, guidance teacher or other promoted member of Staff)

The Named Person duties are integrated into their current role and simply strengthen the support they currently provide.



What will a Named Person do?

The Named Person is a central point of contact if a child, young person or their parent(s) want information or advice, or if they want to talk about any worries they may have.

The Named Person is available to listen to and help children, young people and their parent(s). They can provide direct support or help with access to support services when needed. The Named Person is there to make sure that concerns are addressed as early as possible so that children and young people get the right help when they need it.

The Named Person is also a point of contact for other services if they have any concerns about a child or young person's wellbeing.

There is no obligation to accept the offer of advice or support from a Named Person.

What happens when a concern is raised?

When a child or young person, their parent(s), or someone who works with them raises a concern, the Named Person will consider five key questions:

1. What is getting in the way of this child or young person's wellbeing?
2. Do I have all the information I need to help this child or young person?
3. What can I do now to help this child or young person?
4. What can my agency do to help this child or young person?
5. What additional help, if any, may be needed from others?

The Named Person will also discuss these questions with the child, their parent(s) and other appropriate professionals if required.

They will then plan what action(s) will be taken with the child or young person and their parent(s). Each situation and concern will be unique to the child or young person, and the way they are supported will be tailored to their individual needs.

A Named Person will only offer advice or support in response to a request from a child or parent, or when a wellbeing need is identified.