



# Place Based Data

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# About this document

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## What this document is - and is not

This document contains publicly available information as relates to places across Scotland, aligned to the ten vision statements from the [Promise Story of Progress](#).

It gives the reader a sense of WHAT is happening, not WHY it is happening, or crucially HOW it is being experienced. It should be used in conjunction with all three strands of the Promise Story of Progress, looking together at the perspectives of what matters to children and families, what the care community is saying, what organisations are learning, and what national data shows about progress.

This paper provides supplementary information with additional local data. It supplements reporting of the Promise Progress Framework. The Promise Progress Framework has been quality assured through a Technical Advisory Group appointed to support the updating of the Promise Progress Framework. This paper is drawn from public data sources, updated from the collated data held within Keeping the Promise: A local perspective, originally published August 2025.

For greater context, readers are encouraged to access the embedded hyperlinks within this document, and also the further information section of the Promise Story of Progress.

## How has this document been developed?

The information within this document has been drawn from publicly available data [sources](#), and for local authority boundaries, organised by the [Family Groupings for Children, Social Work and Housing](#) used in the [Local Government Benchmarking Framework](#). This approach groups council areas are by the type of population they serve, looking at factors such as level of deprivation and affluence.

The data shown here uses the language used by the 'system', which was heard by the [Independent Care Review](#) was stigmatising. To avoid confusion on data terms and what they relate to, single quotation marks have been used to highlight where there is language in published data that must change. To make clear how what is written relates to data collection and reporting, sources are provided throughout.

# Context

The data contained here must be considered in its place-based context, and links to Children's Services Plans are included as hyperlinks.

Additionally, readers are encouraged to consider the contextual factors surrounding the data more broadly:

## **Supporting Children to Stay with their Families**

There has been progress in embedding intensive and universal family support, though demand continues to rise due to the cost-of-living crisis and increasing complex challenges families are experiencing. Local authorities report growing numbers of families requiring more intensive help, alongside challenges in equitable access and sustainable funding. Poverty and housing pressures remain major factors driving family stress, with child poverty rates above national targets and a declared housing emergency increasing homelessness among families with children.

Multi-agency partnerships and community-based initiatives such as the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund are supporting more holistic and relational approaches; and peer and community-led activities are strengthening networks for parents and carers, offering accessible routes to early support. However, gaps remain in consistent delivery and long-term resourcing, and universal provision still varies. Ongoing collaboration between services and communities is helping to demonstrate the value of wraparound, early help and family support that aims to keep children safe with those who love them.

## **Carers and Stability**

Efforts continue to strengthen stability for care experienced children and young people through efforts to reduce the number of times they move and recognise the importance of enduring, trusted relationships. There are signs of improvement, but workforce shortages, recruitment challenges and service restructuring at times affect continuity of care and data gaps make it difficult to assess how stable children's experiences are across the 'system'. Local authorities and partners are focusing on reducing unnecessary moves,

maintaining sibling and family connections, and improving learning when things don't work out as hoped.

## **Education**

Across Scotland, year-on-year, rates of school attendance are down, most acutely in secondary school children. Overall achievement of Curriculum for Excellence is also down, and fewer care experienced young people are staying on to S5 or beyond, and fewer are leaving with one or more Nat 4.

Work is underway, and there is greater understanding of the role schools play in supporting children affected by care. Nevertheless, progress is uneven and challenges persist, including learning disruption caused by moves and inconsistent collaboration between education and social care services.

Mentoring programmes, targeted initiatives, and flexible pathways into further learning are helping young people to remain engaged and build confidence. However, differences in local resources, workforce capacity and data tracking continue to limit consistency. There is growing awareness within education policy of care experience and the need for relationship-based, trauma-informed approaches that recognise how stability and trust underpin learning and positive post-school destinations.

## **Brothers and Sisters**

Scotland has made progress in protecting and promoting relationships between care experienced brothers and sisters. There is increased awareness of sibling relationships, and despite workforce pressures and challenges around housing and carers, the number of sibling groups separated in foster care has not increased.

Consistent, relationship-based practice is gradually becoming embedded, but challenges remain in ensuring every child can sustain meaningful connections with those who matter most to them, wherever they live.

## **Physical restraint**

The incorporation of the UNCRC into Scots law marks a significant advance in embedding children's rights across policy and practice. Progress continues toward reducing restraint and seclusion, supported by trauma-informed and relationship-based approaches in residential childcare. Pilot projects have

reported reductions in restraint incidents and stronger workforce confidence, though data quality, reporting and consistent standards remain areas for improvement.

National initiatives such as Calum's Law and wider advocacy have highlighted the need for clear, enforceable guidelines on restraint within schools and care settings. Trauma-informed training and reflective supervision are improving the capacity of staff to de-escalate situations and use co-regulation approaches. Work must continue so Scotland is a nation that does not restrain children.

## **Mental Health and Wellbeing**

Mental health remains a major area of concern for children, young people, families and care experienced adults in Scotland. Although its importance is widely recognised, timely access to appropriate support is increasingly difficult, with delays in treatment and variation in local provision creating barriers to care. The impact is particularly acute for younger children, where early intervention has the greatest long-term benefit. Almost all Children's Services Planning Partnerships have identified mental health and wellbeing as a local strategic priority, signaling broad agreement on the need for coordinated action. Across Scotland, examples of collaborative, multi-agency work are emerging to develop holistic, relationship-based approaches that combine emotional, physical and family support. These partnerships are helping to build more preventative systems that respond earlier and more effectively to distress.

## **Health**

Work to address physical health across Scotland increasingly recognises that health is shaped by family wellbeing and wider social conditions. There is a shift towards more holistic and preventative approaches, with closer working between health, social care, education and community services helping to identify needs earlier and support children and families more effectively. Whole-family and place-based approaches are being used to respond to the wider factors that influence physical health, including poverty, housing and access to services.

Progress is constrained by several ongoing barriers. Data systems are fragmented and often fail to reflect lived experience or long-term health journeys. Services can remain siloed, and workforce pressures limit capacity for

prevention and health promotion. Many systems continue to prioritise crisis response, while poverty remains a significant, cross-cutting factor that undermines physical health.

## **Justice**

Work to address justice across Scotland is increasingly focused on prevention and early support, recognising that justice involvement is often shaped by wider factors such as poverty, trauma and unmet needs. Greater collaboration across justice, social care, education and health is helping to promote more proportionate, supportive responses, including diversion and community-based approaches that aim to reduce escalation into formal systems.

Progress is limited by ongoing barriers. Risk-averse cultures, fragmented systems and workforce pressures can reinforce reliance on formal or crisis-driven processes

## **Aftercare**

There has been investment in training and practical support to help young people move into independent living, alongside approaches to improve housing stability and prevent youth homelessness. Despite this, access to affordable housing remains a major issue, and the quality and coordination of services vary widely across local areas. There continue to be inconsistencies in implementing continuing care and aftercare legislation, meaning not all young people receive their full entitlements or ongoing support. The 100 Days of Listening work developed by The Promise Scotland and Staf highlighted a dedicated workforce committed to improving transitions but constrained by structural and resource limitations. Many services demonstrate strong values of care and belonging, experimenting with flexible and relational approaches to support adults beyond formal care.

## **Support for Care Experienced Adults**

Support for care experienced adults across Scotland is increasingly shaped by recognition that the impact of care experience is life long, and that relational, practical and flexible support must be available. There is growing emphasis on trauma-informed, rights-based approaches and on improving continuity of support around housing, health, education, employment and finances. Where

services work collaboratively and maintain consistent relationships, this is seen as enabling greater stability and improved outcomes.

Progress is constrained by several barriers. Support often remains time-limited, fragmented or dependent on eligibility thresholds, leading to gaps during key transitions. Workforce pressures and inconsistent access to specialist provision reduce the ability to offer sustained, personalised support.

# Sources

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Each data table contains a suite of publicly available data relevant to the vision statements of the Promise Story of Progress. To aid understanding, the citations below detail where this has been sourced from. The citations include details of the data's source: column name, table name, title of the published document or file, publisher, date of publication, and weblink.

The data includes both the most recent published figures (as of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025) and the figures for 2020 (or the nearest year available), to align with the commitment to the promise. The 2020 figures, however, reflect the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and so are not a direct comparison.

In some instances, data is available, but the numbers involved are so small that there is a potential risk of identification. In these cases, despite the data existing in the public domain, this report does not contain these numbers.

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

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**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

Indicator	Data Citations
<b>Rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year</b>	<p>'Total' on 'Table 1.4: Percentage attendance for children looked after within the last year by local authority and sex, 2023/24': 'Education Outcomes for Looked After Children 2023/24'. Scottish Government. 26 Aug 2025.  <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-for-looked-after-children-2023-24/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-for-looked-after-children-2023-24/</a></p> <p>'Total' on 'Table 3.4: Percentage attendance for children looked after within the last year by local authority and gender, 2020/21 ': 'Educational outcomes of looked after children 2020/21'. Scottish Government. 28 Jul 2022.  <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-looked-children-2020-21/documents/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-looked-children-2020-21/documents/</a></p>
<b>Cases of exclusions per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year</b>	<p>'Exclusion Cases; Exclusions case rate per 1,000 pupils who were looked after' on 'Table 5.5: Cases and rates of exclusion for all children looked after within the last year, by local authority, 2022/23': 'Education Outcomes for Looked After Children 2022-23 - Table'. Scottish Government. 27 Aug 2024.  <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-for-looked-after-children-2022-23/documents/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-for-looked-after-children-2022-23/documents/</a></p> <p>'Total; Exclusions case rate per 1000 pupils who were looked after' on 'Table 4.5: Cases and rates of exclusion for all children looked after within the last year, by local authority, 2020/21': 'Educational outcomes of looked after children 2020/21'. Scottish Government. 28 Jul 2022.  <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-looked-children-2020-21/documents/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-looked-children-2020-21/documents/</a></p>
<b>Percentage of school leavers who experienced care during their last year at school achieving at</b>	<p>'Percentage with 1 or more qualification at SCQF level 5' on 'Table 3.5: Number and percentage of looked after school leavers by local authority and highest level of attainment achieved, 2024': 'Education Outcomes for Looked After Children 2023/24'. Scottish Government. 26 Aug 2025.  <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-for-looked-after-children-2023-24/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-for-looked-after-children-2023-24/</a></p>

<b>least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better).</b>	<p>'Percentage with 1 or more qualification at SCQF level 5' on 'Table 1.5: Number and percentage of school leavers looked after within the last year by local authority and highest level of attainment achieved, 2022': 'Education Outcomes for Looked After Children 2021/22 Publication tables'. Scottish Government. 15 Aug 2023.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-for-looked-after-children-2021-22/documents/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-for-looked-after-children-2021-22/documents/</a></p>
<b>Percentage of school leavers who experienced care during their last year at school achieving at least 1 SCQF level 6 qualification (or better).</b>	<p>'Percentage with 1 or more qualification at SCQF level 6' on 'Table 3.5: Number and percentage of looked after school leavers by local authority and highest level of attainment achieved, 2024': 'Education Outcomes for Looked After Children 2023/24'. Scottish Government. 26 Aug 2025.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-for-looked-after-children-2023-24/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-for-looked-after-children-2023-24/</a></p> <p>'Percentage with 1 or more qualification at SCQF level 6' on 'Table 1.5: Number and percentage of school leavers looked after within the last year by local authority and highest level of attainment achieved, 2022': 'Education Outcomes for Looked After Children 2021/22 Publication tables'. Scottish Government. 15 Aug 2023.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-for-looked-after-children-2021-22/documents/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-for-looked-after-children-2021-22/documents/</a></p>
<b>Percentage of school leavers who experienced care during their last year at school entering a positive destination 9 months after leaving school.</b>	<p>'Initial survey Percentage in a positive destination' on 'Table 4.4a: Number and percentage of looked after school leavers in a positive initial and follow-up destination by local authority, 2023/24': 'Education Outcomes for Looked After Children 2023/24'. Scottish Government. 26 Aug 2025. <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-for-looked-after-children-2023-24/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-for-looked-after-children-2023-24/</a></p> <p>'Initial Survey - Percentage in a positive destination; Follow-up Survey - Percentage in a positive destination' on 'Table 2.4: Positive initial and follow-up destinations school leavers looked after for the full year by local authority, 2019/20': 'Education Outcomes for Looked After Children - 2019/20'. Scottish Government. 15 Jun 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-looked-children-2019-20/pages/3/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/education-outcomes-looked-children-2019-20/pages/3/</a></p>

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

Indicator	Data Citations
<p><b>The number and proportion of children 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers.</b></p>	<p>'With friends / relatives; With foster carers provided by LA; With foster carers purchased by LA' on 'Table 3.3 Number of children looked after by placement type, 31 July 2024': 'Looked After Children Statistics 2023-24 Additional Tables'. Scottish Government. 22 Apr 2025.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-looked-after-children-2023-24/documents/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-looked-after-children-2023-24/documents/</a></p> <p>'With friends / relatives; With foster carers provided by LA; With foster carers purchased by LA' on 'Table 2.2: Number of children looked after by type of accommodation, 2002-2020': 'Children's Social Work Statistics 2019-20 - Additional Tables'. Scottish Government. 30 Mar 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-2019-20/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-2019-20/</a></p>
<p><b>Number of children 'placed' in secure care at 31st July by Scottish local authorities, and as proportion of all children who are 'looked after'.</b></p>	<p>'2024 Number' on 'Table 2 Number and rate per 1,000 of children admitted to secure care during the year by local authority, 2013-2024': 'Secure Care Statistics 2023-24 Additional Tables'. Scottish Government. 25 Feb 2025.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-secure-care-2023-24/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-secure-care-2023-24/</a></p> <p>'2020 Number' on 'Table 5.4: Number and rate of young people admitted to secure care accommodation by local authority, 2013-2020': 'Children's Social Work Statistics 2019-20 - Additional Tables'. Scottish Government. 30 Mar 2021. <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-2019-20/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-2019-20/</a></p>

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

Indicator	Data Citations
<b>Number of referrals to the children's reporter on offence grounds</b>	<p>'Offence' on 'Table 1c - Children referred by referral type and local authority': 'SCRA'S Online Statistics from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025'. Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA). 01 Jun 2025. <a href="https://www.scra.gov.uk/resources_articles_category/online-statistics-2024-25/">https://www.scra.gov.uk/resources_articles_category/online-statistics-2024-25/</a></p> <p>'Offence' on 'Summary Table 1b- Children and young people referred by grounds of referral': 'Online Statistics 2019-20'. Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA). 30 Jul 2020. <a href="https://www.scra.gov.uk/resources_articles_category/official-statistics/">https://www.scra.gov.uk/resources_articles_category/official-statistics/</a></p>

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

Indicator	Data Citations
<b>Proportion of young people who are eligible for aftercare services who are receiving services</b>	<p>'Percentage Receiving' on 'Table 4.5 Number of young people eligible for aftercare services, percentage receiving aftercare and percentage in employment, education or training by local authority, 31 July 2024': 'Looked After Children Statistics 2023-24 Additional Tables'. Scottish Government. 22 Apr 2025.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-looked-after-children-2023-24/documents/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-looked-after-children-2023-24/documents/</a></p> <p>'Percent receiving aftercare services' on 'Table 3.5: Young people eligible for aftercare services, percentage receiving aftercare and percentage in employment, education or training, by local authority, 31 July 2020': 'Children's Social Work Statistics 2019-20 - Additional Tables'. Scottish Government. 30 Mar 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-2019-20/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-2019-20/</a></p>
<b>Number and proportion of eligible young people who are going on to continuing care</b>	<p>'2024 Number; 2024 Rate per 1000' on 'Table 1.12 Number and rate per 1,000 young people ceasing to be looked after with a destination of Continuing Care by local authority, 2021-2024': 'Looked After Children Statistics 2023-24 Additional Tables'. Scottish Government. 22 Apr 2025. <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-looked-after-children-2023-24/documents/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-looked-after-children-2023-24/documents/</a></p> <p>'Continuing care' on 'Table 3.6: Number of children and young people ceasing to be looked after, by destination and local authority, 2019-20': 'Children's Social Work Statistics 2019-20 - Additional Tables'. Scottish Government. 30 Mar 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-2019-20/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-2019-20/</a></p>

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

Indicator	Data Citations
<b>Number of households living in temporary accommodation</b>	<p>'2024 30 Sep' on 'Table 17a: Households in temporary accommodation, by local authority': 'Tables - Homelessness in Scotland: update to 30 September 2024'. Scottish Government. 05 Feb 2025. <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/homelessness-in-scotland-update-to-30-september-2024/documents/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/homelessness-in-scotland-update-to-30-september-2024/documents/</a></p> <p>'2020 30-Sep' on 'Table 16a: Number of children in temporary accommodation, by local authority': 'Homelessness in Scotland: update to 30 September 2020'. Scottish Government. 23 Mar 2021. <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/homelessness-scotland-update-30-september-2020/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/homelessness-scotland-update-30-september-2020/</a></p>
<b>Number and proportion of households assessed as homeless or threatened with homelessness and as a proportion of all households assessed.</b>	<p>'2024 Year to end Sep' on 'Table 9a: Households assessed as homeless, by local authority': 'Tables - Homelessness in Scotland: update to 30 September 2024'. Scottish Government. 05 Feb 2025. <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/homelessness-in-scotland-update-to-30-september-2024/documents/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/homelessness-in-scotland-update-to-30-september-2024/documents/</a></p> <p>'2019-20' on 'Table 8a: Households assessed as homeless, by local authority': 'Homelessness in Scotland: update to 30 September 2020'. Scottish Government. 23 Mar 2021. <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/homelessness-scotland-update-30-september-2020/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/homelessness-scotland-update-30-september-2020/</a></p>

# Place Based Data

## Group One

### East Renfrewshire

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 96 children experiencing care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 14 per 1000 children in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 117 children experiencing care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 5 per 1000 children in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 33 children who entered the 'care system' in East Renfrewshire from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 36 children who entered the 'care system' in East Renfrewshire between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

34 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. This is 35.4% of children who were experiencing care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024.

62 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020. This is 53.0% of children who were experiencing care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 88 children experiencing care who were living in the community in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. This is 91.7% of children who were experiencing care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 110 children experiencing care who were living in the community in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020. This is 94.0% of children who were experiencing care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 24 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. This is 25.0% of children experiencing care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 26 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020. This is 22.2% of children experiencing care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020.

18 children were living in foster care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 18.8% of all children experiencing care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024.

22 children were living in foster care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 18.8% of all children experiencing care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 8 children living in residential care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. This is 8.3% of all children experiencing care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 0 children living in residential care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020. This is 0.0% of all children experiencing care in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 34 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in East Renfrewshire, 22 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 1 per 1,000).

10.2% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in East Renfrewshire between April 2023 and March 2024. 14.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in East Renfrewshire between April 2023 and March 2024. 28.7% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in East Renfrewshire between April 2023 and March 2024. 4.2% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in East Renfrewshire during 2019/20. 15.7% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in East Renfrewshire during 2019/20. 17.5% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in East Renfrewshire during 2019/20.

130 children were living in temporary accommodation in East Renfrewshire on 30 September 2024.  
25 children were living in temporary accommodation in East Renfrewshire on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 1653 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in East Renfrewshire. This represents an average of 8.5% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 3456 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in East Renfrewshire. This represents an average of 15.3% of children in East Renfrewshire.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 1897 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in East Renfrewshire. This represents an average of 10.0% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 1335 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in East Renfrewshire. This represents an average of 6.8% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 1531 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families,

before housing costs, annually in East Renfrewshire. This represents an average of 8.1% children.

In East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024, there were 8 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 76% in East Renfrewshire.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 84.0% in East Renfrewshire (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In East Renfrewshire, 1 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 14 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

21% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in East Renfrewshire.

40.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in East Renfrewshire.

0% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in East Renfrewshire.

26.7% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in East Renfrewshire.

100% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in East Renfrewshire. 100% of children who experienced care in their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in East Renfrewshire during 2024.

62.5% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in East Renfrewshire. 87.5% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in East Renfrewshire.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

42 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 44% of all children who were 'looked after' in East Renfrewshire on that day.

48 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 41% of all children who were 'looked after' in East Renfrewshire on that day.

0 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in East Renfrewshire.

0 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in East Renfrewshire.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

31 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in East Renfrewshire.

23 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in East Renfrewshire.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

47.1% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

36.8% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in East Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by East Renfrewshire between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 1 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.1 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by East Renfrewshire between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 0 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 194 households living in temporary accommodation in East Renfrewshire.

On 30 September 2020, there were 74 households living in temporary accommodation in East Renfrewshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 364 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in East Renfrewshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 317 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in East Renfrewshire.

*To protect confidentiality, publicly available datasets suppress small numbers, such as those relating to children in secure care. As a result, the tables in this report may not present data for a completely uniform set of indicators, as unavailable data has been excluded. In a limited number of instances, suppressed data is included in calculations and are therefore only estimates.*

*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## East Dunbartonshire

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 127 children experiencing care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 12 per 1000 children in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 155 children experiencing care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 7 per 1000 children in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 42 children who entered the 'care system' in East Dunbartonshire from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 38 children who entered the 'care system' in East Dunbartonshire between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

15 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. This is 11.8% of children who were experiencing care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024.

48 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020. This is 31.0% of children who were experiencing care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 101 children experiencing care who were living in the community in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. This is 79.5% of children who were experiencing care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 132 children experiencing care who were living in the community in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020. This is 85.2% of children who were experiencing care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 40 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. This is 31.5% of children experiencing care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 44 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020. This is 28.4% of children experiencing care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020.

32 children were living in foster care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 25.2% of all children experiencing care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024.

40 children were living in foster care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 25.8% of all children experiencing care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 26 children living in residential care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. This is 20.5% of all children experiencing care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 17 children living in residential care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020. This is 11.0% of all children experiencing care in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 43 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in East Dunbartonshire, 22 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 1 per 1,000).

9.6% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in East Dunbartonshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

14.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in East Dunbartonshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

19.9% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in East Dunbartonshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

2.2% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in East Dunbartonshire during 2019/20. 15.3% of children had

a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in East Dunbartonshire during 2019/20. 18.2% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in East Dunbartonshire during 2019/20.

75 children were living in temporary accommodation in East Dunbartonshire on 30 September 2024.

90 children were living in temporary accommodation in East Dunbartonshire on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 1684 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in East Dunbartonshire. This represents an average of 8.8% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 3614 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in East Dunbartonshire. This represents an average of 15.9% of children in East Dunbartonshire.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 1837 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in East Dunbartonshire. This represents an average of 9.7% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 1287 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in East Dunbartonshire. This represents an average of 6.7% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 1471 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in East Dunbartonshire. This represents an average of 7.8% children.

In East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024, there were 15 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020, there were 13 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 87% in East Dunbartonshire.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 90.0% in East Dunbartonshire (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In East Dunbartonshire, 9 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 66 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

42% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in East Dunbartonshire.

63.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in East Dunbartonshire.

25% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in East Dunbartonshire.

15.8% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in East Dunbartonshire.

92% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in East Dunbartonshire. 67% of children who experienced care in their last year

at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in East Dunbartonshire during 2024.

83.3% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in East Dunbartonshire. 66.7% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in East Dunbartonshire.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

72 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 57% of all children who were 'looked after' in East Dunbartonshire on that day.

84 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 54% of all children who were 'looked after' in East Dunbartonshire on that day.

0 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in East Dunbartonshire.  
0 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in East Dunbartonshire.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

29 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in East Dunbartonshire.

39 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in East Dunbartonshire.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

43.5% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

19.0% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in East Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by East Dunbartonshire between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 6 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.9 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by East Dunbartonshire between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 12 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 110 households living in temporary accommodation in East Dunbartonshire.

On 30 September 2020, there were 198 households living in temporary accommodation in East Dunbartonshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 203 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in East Dunbartonshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 248 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in East Dunbartonshire.

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## Aberdeenshire

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 388 children experiencing care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 24 per 1000 children in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 404 children experiencing care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 7 per 1000 children in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 128 children who entered the 'care system' in Aberdeenshire from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 110 children who entered the 'care system' in Aberdeenshire between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

49 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2024. This is 12.6% of children who were experiencing care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2024.

71 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2020. This is 17.6% of children who were experiencing care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 307 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2024. This is 79.1% of children who were experiencing care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 333 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2020. This is 82.4% of children who were experiencing care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 77 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2024. This is 19.8% of children experiencing care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 81 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2020. This is 20.0% of children experiencing care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2020.

147 children were living in foster care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 37.9% of all children experiencing care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2024.

174 children were living in foster care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 43.1% of all children experiencing care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 81 children living in residential care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2024. This is 20.9% of all children experiencing care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 71 children living in residential care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2020. This is 17.6% of all children experiencing care in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 143 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Aberdeenshire, 119 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 2 per 1,000).

13.2% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Aberdeenshire between April 2023 and March 2024. 12.0% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Aberdeenshire between April 2023 and March 2024. 13.0% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Aberdeenshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

1.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Aberdeenshire during 2019/20. 2.7% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Aberdeenshire during 2019/20. 1.5% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Aberdeenshire during 2019/20.

50 children were living in temporary accommodation in Aberdeenshire on 30 September 2024.

115 children were living in temporary accommodation in Aberdeenshire on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 4668 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Aberdeenshire. This represents an average of 9.7% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 8798 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Aberdeenshire. This represents an average of 16.7% of children in Aberdeenshire.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 5044 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Aberdeenshire. This represents an average of 10.4% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 3652 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Aberdeenshire. This represents an average of 7.5% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 4130 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Aberdeenshire. This represents an average of 8.5% children.

In Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2024, there were 32 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2020, there were 24 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 85% in Aberdeenshire.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 92.0% in Aberdeenshire (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Aberdeenshire, 99 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 291 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

49% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Aberdeenshire.

61.8% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Aberdeenshire.

18% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Aberdeenshire.

20.6% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Aberdeenshire.

79% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Aberdeenshire. 77% of children who experienced care in their last year at

school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Aberdeenshire during 2024.

85.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Aberdeenshire. 74.1% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Aberdeenshire.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

224 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 58% of all children who were 'looked after' in Aberdeenshire on that day.

255 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 63% of all children who were 'looked after' in Aberdeenshire on that day.

9 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in Aberdeenshire.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

110 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Aberdeenshire.

92 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Aberdeenshire.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

63.9% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

62.3% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Aberdeenshire on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Aberdeenshire between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 6 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.4 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Aberdeenshire between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 7 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 83 households living in temporary accommodation in Aberdeenshire.

On 30 September 2020, there were 251 households living in temporary accommodation in Aberdeenshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 670 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Aberdeenshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 921 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Aberdeenshire.

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## City of Edinburgh Council

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 882 children experiencing care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 18 per 1000 children in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 1180 children experiencing care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 13 per 1000 children in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 209 children who entered the 'care system' in City of Edinburgh from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 262 children who entered the 'care system' in City of Edinburgh between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

168 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2024. This is 19.0% of children who were experiencing care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2024.

288 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2020. This is 24.4% of children who were experiencing care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2020.

There were 785 children experiencing care who were living in the community in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2024. This is 89.0% of children who were experiencing care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2024.

There were 1062 children experiencing care who were living in the community in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2020. This is 90.0% of children who were experiencing care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2020.

There were 178 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2024. This is 20.2% of children experiencing care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2024.

There were 211 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2020. This is 17.9% of children experiencing care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2020.

367 children were living in foster care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2024. This represents 41.6% of all children experiencing care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2024.

519 children were living in foster care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2020. This represents 44.0% of all children experiencing care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2020.

There were 97 children living in residential care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2024. This is 11.0% of all children experiencing care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2024.

There were 118 children living in residential care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2020. This is 10.0% of all children experiencing care in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 192 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in City of Edinburgh, 158 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 2 per 1,000).

11.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in City of Edinburgh between April 2023 and March 2024.

11.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in City of Edinburgh between April 2023 and March 2024.

11.0% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in City of Edinburgh between April 2023 and March 2024.

9.3% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in City of Edinburgh during 2019/20. 10.0% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in City of Edinburgh during 2019/20. 9.2% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in City of Edinburgh during 2019/20.

3290 children were living in temporary accommodation in City of Edinburgh on 30 September 2024.

1620 children were living in temporary accommodation in City of Edinburgh on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 9384 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in City of Edinburgh. This represents an average of 12.4% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 17371 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in City of Edinburgh. This represents an average of 20.2% of children in City of Edinburgh.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 9635 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in City of Edinburgh. This represents an average of 12.3% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 7281 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in City of Edinburgh. This represents an average of 9.6% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 7704 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in City of Edinburgh. This represents an average of 9.8% children.

In City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2024, there were 44 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2020, there were 40 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 85% in City of Edinburgh.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 89.0% in City of Edinburgh (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In City of Edinburgh, 46 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 63 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

44% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in City of Edinburgh.

48.9% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in City of Edinburgh.

13% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in City of Edinburgh.

19.6% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in City of Edinburgh.

87% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in City of Edinburgh. 69% of children who experienced care in their last year at

school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in City of Edinburgh during 2024.

82.1% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in City of Edinburgh. 72.3% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in City of Edinburgh.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

545 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2024. This represents 62% of all children who were 'looked after' in City of Edinburgh on that day.

730 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2020. This represents 62% of all children who were 'looked after' in City of Edinburgh on that day.

11 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in City of Edinburgh.  
32 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in City of Edinburgh.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

174 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in City of Edinburgh.

178 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in City of Edinburgh.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

66.5% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

81.1% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in City of Edinburgh on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by City of Edinburgh between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 0 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.0 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by City of Edinburgh between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 38 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 4112 households living in temporary accommodation in City of Edinburgh.

On 30 September 2020, there were 2190 households living in temporary accommodation in City of Edinburgh.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 3531 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in City of Edinburgh.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 2822 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in City of Edinburgh.

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## Perth and Kinross

The most recent data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 247 children experiencing care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 21 per 1000 children in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 285 children experiencing care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 10 per 1000 children in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 65 children who entered the 'care system' in Perth and Kinross from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 95 children who entered the 'care system' in Perth and Kinross between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

37 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2024. This is 15.0% of children who were experiencing care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2024.

60 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2020. This is 21.1% of children who were experiencing care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2020.

There were 234 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2024. This is 94.7% of children who were experiencing care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2024.

There were 273 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2020. This is 95.8% of children who were experiencing care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2020.

There were 79 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2024. This is 32.0% of children experiencing care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2024.

There were 90 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2020. This is 31.6% of children experiencing care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2020.

96 children were living in foster care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2024. This represents 38.9% of all children experiencing care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2024.

112 children were living in foster care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2020. This represents 39.3% of all children experiencing care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2020.

There were 13 children living in residential care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2024. This is 5.3% of all children experiencing care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2024.

There were 12 children living in residential care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2020. This is 4.2% of all children experiencing care in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 83 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Perth and Kinross, 76 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 3 per 1,000).

16.3% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Perth and Kinross between April 2023 and March 2024.

14.7% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Perth and Kinross between April 2023 and March 2024.

25.7% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Perth and Kinross between April 2023 and March 2024.

13.0% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Perth and Kinross during 2019/20. 15.5% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Perth and Kinross during 2019/20. 17.6% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Perth and Kinross during 2019/20.

10 children were living in temporary accommodation in Perth and Kinross on 30 September 2024.

15 children were living in temporary accommodation in Perth and Kinross on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 3362 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Perth and Kinross. This represents an average of 14.0% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 5807 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Perth and Kinross. This represents an average of 22.0% of children in Perth and Kinross.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 3783 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Perth and Kinross. This represents an average of 15.8% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 2621 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Perth and Kinross. This represents an average of 11.0% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 3082 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Perth and Kinross. This represents an average of 12.9% children.

In Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2024, there were 29 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2020, there were 58 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 86% in Perth and Kinross.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 89.0% in Perth and Kinross (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Perth and Kinross, 11 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 49 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

45% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Perth and Kinross.

56.5% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Perth and Kinross.

20% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Perth and Kinross.

13.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Perth and Kinross.

90% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Perth and Kinross. 75% of children who experienced care in their last year at

school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Perth and Kinross during 2024.

80.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Perth and Kinross. 89.5% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Perth and Kinross.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

175 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2024. This represents 71% of all children who were 'looked after' in Perth and Kinross on that day.

202 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2020. This represents 71% of all children who were 'looked after' in Perth and Kinross on that day.

0 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in Perth and Kinross.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

55 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Perth and Kinross.

28 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Perth and Kinross.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

63.7% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

44.1% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Perth and Kinross on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Perth and Kinross between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 5 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.6 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Perth and Kinross between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 11 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 59 households living in temporary accommodation in Perth and Kinross.

On 30 September 2020, there were 66 households living in temporary accommodation in Perth and Kinross.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 737 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Perth and Kinross.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 640 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Perth and Kinross.

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## Aberdeen City

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 454 children experiencing care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 18 per 1000 children in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 566 children experiencing care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 15 per 1000 children in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 143 children who entered the 'care system' in Aberdeen City from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 144 children who entered the 'care system' in Aberdeen City between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

60 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2024. This is 13.2% of children who were experiencing care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2024.

120 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2020. This is 21.2% of children who were experiencing care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2020.

There were 385 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2024. This is 84.8% of children who were experiencing care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2024.

There were 505 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2020. This is 89.2% of children who were experiencing care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2020.

There were 95 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2024. This is 20.9% of children experiencing care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2024.

There were 105 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2020. This is 18.6% of children experiencing care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2020.

209 children were living in foster care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2024. This represents 46.0% of all children experiencing care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2024.

262 children were living in foster care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2020. This represents 46.3% of all children experiencing care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2020.

There were 69 children living in residential care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2024. This is 15.2% of all children experiencing care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2024.

There were 61 children living in residential care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2020. This is 10.8% of all children experiencing care in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 170 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Aberdeen City, 133 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 3 per 1,000).

10.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Aberdeen City between April 2023 and March 2024. 13.7% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Aberdeen City between April 2023 and March 2024. 20.9% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Aberdeen City between April 2023 and March 2024.

1.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Aberdeen City during 2019/20. 3.4% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Aberdeen City during 2019/20. 2.3% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Aberdeen City during 2019/20.

130 children were living in temporary accommodation in Aberdeen City on 30 September 2024.

75 children were living in temporary accommodation in Aberdeen City on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 4816 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Aberdeen City. This represents an average of 13.4% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 7071 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Aberdeen City. This represents an average of 21.6% of children in Aberdeen City.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 5292 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Aberdeen City. This represents an average of 15.1% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 3794 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Aberdeen City. This represents an average of 10.6% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 4285 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Aberdeen City. This represents an average of 12.2% children.

In Aberdeen City on 31 July 2024, there were 18 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Aberdeen City on 31 July 2020, there were 44 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 89% in Aberdeen City.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 89.0% in Aberdeen City (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Aberdeen City, 61 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2022/23 were excluded. This is a rate of 164 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

41% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Aberdeen City.

39.1% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Aberdeen City.

5% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Aberdeen City.

10.9% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Aberdeen City.

70% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Aberdeen City. 60% of children who experienced care in their last year at

school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Aberdeen City during 2024.

73.3% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Aberdeen City. 63.3% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Aberdeen City.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

304 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2024. This represents 67% of all children who were 'looked after' in Aberdeen City on that day.

367 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2020. This represents 65% of all children who were 'looked after' in Aberdeen City on that day.

5 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in Aberdeen City.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

124 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Aberdeen City.

114 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Aberdeen City.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

67.2% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

68.9% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Aberdeen City on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Aberdeen City between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 24 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 1.4 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Aberdeen City between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 22 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 384 households living in temporary accommodation in Aberdeen City.

On 30 September 2020, there were 347 households living in temporary accommodation in Aberdeen City.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 1422 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Aberdeen City.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 1280 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Aberdeen City.

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## Shetland Islands Council

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 31 children experiencing care in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 14 per 1000 children in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 28 children experiencing care in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 6 per 1000 children in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 22 children who entered the 'care system' in Shetland Islands from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 8 children who entered the 'care system' in Shetland Islands between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

4 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2024. This is 12.9% of children who were experiencing care in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2024.

5 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2020. This is 17.9% of children who were experiencing care in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2020.

There were 24 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2024. This is 77.4% of children who were experiencing care in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2024.

There were 18 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2020. This is 64.3% of children who were experiencing care in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2020.

There were 6 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2024. This is 19.4% of children experiencing care in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2024.

14 children were living in foster care in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2024. This represents 45.2% of all children experiencing care in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2024.

13 children were living in foster care in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2020. This represents 46.4% of all children experiencing care in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2020.

There were 7 children living in residential care in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2024. This is 22.6% of all children experiencing care in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2024.

There were 0 children living in residential care in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2020. This is 0.0% of all children experiencing care in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 28 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Shetland Islands, 20 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 4 per 1,000).

15.2% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Shetland Islands between April 2023 and March 2024.

13.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Shetland Islands between April 2023 and March 2024.

16.8% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Shetland Islands between April 2023 and March 2024.

10.1% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Shetland Islands during 2019/20. 11.8% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Shetland Islands during 2019/20. 10.1% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Shetland Islands during 2019/20.

20 children were living in temporary accommodation in Shetland Islands on 30 September 2024.

20 children were living in temporary accommodation in Shetland Islands on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 378 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Shetland Islands. This represents an average of 9.1% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 694 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Shetland Islands. This represents an average of 15.8% of children in Shetland Islands.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 413 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Shetland Islands. This represents an average of 9.6% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 303 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Shetland Islands. This represents an average of 7.3% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 321 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Shetland Islands. This represents an average of 7.5% children.

In Shetland Islands on 31 July 2024, there were 5 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 88% in Shetland Islands.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 93.0% in Shetland Islands (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Shetland Islands, 2 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 69 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

33% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Shetland Islands.

0.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Shetland Islands.

0% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Shetland Islands.

0.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Shetland Islands.

100% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Shetland Islands. 100% of children who experienced care in their last year

at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Shetland Islands during 2024.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

20 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2024. This represents 65% of all children who were 'looked after' in Shetland Islands on that day.

13 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2020. This represents 46% of all children who were 'looked after' in Shetland Islands on that day.

0 children were admitted to secure care during 2023 in Shetland Islands.

0 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in Shetland Islands.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

10 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Shetland Islands.

24 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Shetland Islands.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

75.8% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

86.7% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Shetland Islands on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Shetland Islands between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 2 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 1.4 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Shetland Islands between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 0 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 95 households living in temporary accommodation in Shetland Islands.

On 30 September 2020, there were 87 households living in temporary accommodation in Shetland Islands.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 79 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Shetland Islands.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 67 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Shetland Islands.

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## Orkney

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 25 children experiencing care in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 16 per 1000 children in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 31 children experiencing care in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 8 per 1000 children in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 6 children who entered the 'care system' in Orkney Islands from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 11 children who entered the 'care system' in Orkney Islands between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

6 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2024. This is 24.0% of children who were experiencing care in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2024.

8 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2020. This is 25.8% of children who were experiencing care in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2020.

There were 16 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2024. This is 64.0% of children who were experiencing care in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2024.

There were 24 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2020. This is 77.4% of children who were experiencing care in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2020.

There were 3 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2024. This is 12.0% of children experiencing care in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2024.

There were 6 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2020. This is 19.4% of children experiencing care in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2020.

7 children were living in foster care in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2024. This represents 28.0% of all children experiencing care in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2024.

10 children were living in foster care in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2020. This represents 32.3% of all children experiencing care in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2020.

There were 9 children living in residential care in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2024. This is 36.0% of all children experiencing care in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2024.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 17 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Orkney Islands, 12 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 3 per 1,000).

12.0% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Orkney Islands between April 2023 and March 2024. 11.8% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Orkney Islands between April 2023 and March 2024. 16.0% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Orkney Islands between April 2023 and March 2024.

11.7% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Orkney Islands during 2019/20. 11.1% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Orkney Islands during 2019/20. 18.8% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Orkney Islands during 2019/20.

50 children were living in temporary accommodation in Orkney Islands on 30 September 2024.

15 children were living in temporary accommodation in Orkney Islands on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 444 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Orkney Islands. This represents an average of 12.7% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 855 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Orkney Islands. This represents an average of 22.1% of children in Orkney Islands.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 512 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Orkney Islands. This represents an average of 14.6% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 356 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Orkney Islands. This represents an average of 10.2% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 428 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Orkney Islands. This represents an average of 12.2% children.

In Orkney Islands on 31 July 2024, there were 0 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Orkney Islands on 31 July 2020, there were 6 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 83% in Orkney Islands.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 88.0% in Orkney Islands (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

66.7% of children leaving school in 2022/23, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Orkney Islands.

100.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Orkney Islands.

0% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Orkney Islands.

0.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Orkney Islands.

0% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Orkney Islands. 0% of children who experienced care in their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Orkney Islands during 2024.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

10 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2024. This represents 40% of all children who were 'looked after' in Orkney Islands on that day.

16 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2020. This represents 52% of all children who were 'looked after' in Orkney Islands on that day.

0 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in Orkney Islands.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

16 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Orkney Islands.

12 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Orkney Islands.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

53.6% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

64.1% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Orkney Islands on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Orkney Islands between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 0 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.0 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Orkney Islands between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 0 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 63 households living in temporary accommodation in Orkney Islands.

On 30 September 2020, there were 63 households living in temporary accommodation in Orkney Islands.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 103 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Orkney Islands.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 101 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Orkney Islands.

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# Group Two

## The Moray Council

The most recent data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 177 children experiencing care in Moray on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 21 per 1000 children in Moray on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 188 children experiencing care in Moray on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 10 per 1000 children in Moray on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 69 children who entered the 'care system' in Moray from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 52 children who entered the 'care system' in Moray between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

37 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Moray on 31 July 2024. This is 20.9% of children who were experiencing care in Moray on 31 July 2024.

40 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Moray on 31 July 2020. This is 21.3% of children who were experiencing care in Moray on 31 July 2020.

There were 138 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Moray on 31 July 2024. This is 78.0% of children who were experiencing care in Moray on 31 July 2024.

There were 153 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Moray on 31 July 2020. This is 81.4% of children who were experiencing care in Moray on 31 July 2020.

There were 44 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Moray on 31 July 2024. This is 24.9% of children experiencing care in Moray on 31 July 2024.

There were 48 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Moray on 31 July 2020. This is 25.5% of children experiencing care in Moray on 31 July 2020.

55 children were living in foster care in Moray on 31 July 2024. This represents 31.1% of all children experiencing care in Moray on 31 July 2024.

60 children were living in foster care in Moray on 31 July 2020. This represents 31.9% of all children experiencing care in Moray on 31 July 2020.

There were 39 children living in residential care in Moray on 31 July 2024. This is 22.0% of all children experiencing care in Moray on 31 July 2024.

There were 35 children living in residential care in Moray on 31 July 2020. This is 18.6% of all children experiencing care in Moray on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 102 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Moray, 84 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 5 per 1,000).

19.9% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Moray between April 2023 and March 2024. 16.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Moray between April 2023 and March 2024. 13.0% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Moray between April 2023 and March 2024.

2.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Moray during 2019/20. 4.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Moray during 2019/20. 4.0% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Moray during 2019/20.

25 children were living in temporary accommodation in Moray on 30 September 2024.

30 children were living in temporary accommodation in Moray on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 2575 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Moray. This represents an average of 16.5% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 4095 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Moray. This represents an average of 22.8% of children in Moray.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 2607 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Moray. This represents an average of 16.6% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 2047 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Moray. This represents an average of 13.1% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 2146 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Moray. This represents an average of 13.7% children.

In Moray on 31 July 2024, there were 28 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 82% in Moray.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 89.0% in Moray (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Moray, 22 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 156 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

24% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Moray.

37.5% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Moray.

0% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Moray.

12.5% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Moray.

68% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Moray. 60% of children who experienced care in their last year at school,

had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Moray during 2024.

84.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Moray. 72.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Moray.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

99 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Moray on 31 July 2024. This represents 56% of all children who were 'looked after' in Moray on that day.

108 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Moray on 31 July 2020. This represents 57% of all children who were 'looked after' in Moray on that day.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

53 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Moray.

54 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Moray.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

26.9% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Moray on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

52.6% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Moray on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Moray between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 7 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 1.2 children per 1000.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 110 households living in temporary accommodation in Moray.

On 30 September 2020, there were 150 households living in temporary accommodation in Moray.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 397 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Moray.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 344 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Moray.

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*been excluded. In a limited number of instances, suppressed data is included in calculations and are therefore only estimates.*

*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## Stirling

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 195 children experiencing care in Stirling on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 21 per 1000 children in Stirling on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 246 children experiencing care in Stirling on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 14 per 1000 children in Stirling on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 49 children who entered the 'care system' in Stirling from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 60 children who entered the 'care system' in Stirling between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

33 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Stirling on 31 July 2024. This is 16.9% of children who were experiencing care in Stirling on 31 July 2024.

76 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Stirling on 31 July 2020. This is 30.9% of children who were experiencing care in Stirling on 31 July 2020.

There were 184 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Stirling on 31 July 2024. This is 94.4% of children who were experiencing care in Stirling on 31 July 2024.

There were 223 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Stirling on 31 July 2020. This is 90.7% of children who were experiencing care in Stirling on 31 July 2020.

There were 116 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Stirling on 31 July 2024. This is 59.5% of children experiencing care in Stirling on 31 July 2024.

There were 99 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Stirling on 31 July 2020. This is 40.2% of children experiencing care in Stirling on 31 July 2020.

31 children were living in foster care in Stirling on 31 July 2024. This represents 15.9% of all children experiencing care in Stirling on 31 July 2024.

48 children were living in foster care in Stirling on 31 July 2020. This represents 19.5% of all children experiencing care in Stirling on 31 July 2020.

There were 11 children living in residential care in Stirling on 31 July 2024. This is 5.6% of all children experiencing care in Stirling on 31 July 2024.

There were 16 children living in residential care in Stirling on 31 July 2020. This is 6.5% of all children experiencing care in Stirling on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 75 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Stirling, 65 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 4 per 1,000).

17.1% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Stirling between April 2023 and March 2024. 15.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Stirling between April 2023 and March 2024. 21.2% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Stirling between April 2023 and March 2024.

11.8% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Stirling during 2019/20. 13.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Stirling during 2019/20. 10.4% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Stirling during 2019/20.

180 children were living in temporary accommodation in Stirling on 30 September 2024.

110 children were living in temporary accommodation in Stirling on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 1972 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Stirling. This represents an average of 13.4% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 3628 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Stirling. This represents an average of 20.9% of children in Stirling.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 2234 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Stirling. This represents an average of 14.4% children.

In Stirling on 31 July 2024, there were 20 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Stirling on 31 July 2020, there were 28 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 87% in Stirling.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 86.0% in Stirling (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Stirling, fewer than 10 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 21 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

53% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Stirling.

34.8% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Stirling.

16% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Stirling.

13.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Stirling.

89% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Stirling. 68% of children who experienced care in their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Stirling during 2024.

70.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Stirling. 45.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Stirling.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

147 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Stirling on 31 July 2024. This represents 75% of all children who were 'looked after' in Stirling on that day.

147 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Stirling on 31 July 2020. This represents 60% of all children who were 'looked after' in Stirling on that day.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

18 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Stirling.

51 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Stirling.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

13.8% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Stirling on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

97.0% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Stirling on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Stirling between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 10 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 1.2 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Stirling between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 0 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 316 households living in temporary accommodation in Stirling.

On 30 September 2020, there were 310 households living in temporary accommodation in Stirling.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 471 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Stirling.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 543 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Stirling.

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## East Lothian

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 193 children experiencing care in East Lothian on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 25 per 1000 children in East Lothian on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 260 children experiencing care in East Lothian on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 12 per 1000 children in East Lothian on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 39 children who entered the 'care system' in East Lothian from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 71 children who entered the 'care system' in East Lothian between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

40 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in East Lothian on 31 July 2024. This is 20.7% of children who were experiencing care in East Lothian on 31 July 2024.

70 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in East Lothian on 31 July 2020. This is 26.9% of children who were experiencing care in East Lothian on 31 July 2020.

There were 161 children experiencing care who were living in the community in East Lothian on 31 July 2024. This is 83.4% of children who were experiencing care in East Lothian on 31 July 2024.

There were 220 children experiencing care who were living in the community in East Lothian on 31 July 2020. This is 84.6% of children who were experiencing care in East Lothian on 31 July 2020.

There were 44 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in East Lothian on 31 July 2024. This is 22.8% of children experiencing care in East Lothian on 31 July 2024.

There were 52 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in East Lothian on 31 July 2020. This is 20.0% of children experiencing care in East Lothian on 31 July 2020.

69 children were living in foster care in East Lothian on 31 July 2024. This represents 35.8% of all children experiencing care in East Lothian on 31 July 2024.

98 children were living in foster care in East Lothian on 31 July 2020. This represents 37.7% of all children experiencing care in East Lothian on 31 July 2020.

There were 32 children living in residential care in East Lothian on 31 July 2024. This is 16.6% of all children experiencing care in East Lothian on 31 July 2024.

There were 40 children living in residential care in East Lothian on 31 July 2020. This is 15.4% of all children experiencing care in East Lothian on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 43 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in East Lothian, 33 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 1 per 1,000).

16.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in East Lothian between April 2023 and March 2024. 12.1% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in East Lothian between April 2023 and March 2024. 12.3% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in East Lothian between April 2023 and March 2024.

9.6% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in East Lothian during 2019/20. 13.4% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in East Lothian during 2019/20. 12.5% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in East Lothian during 2019/20.

80 children were living in temporary accommodation in East Lothian on 30 September 2024.

195 children were living in temporary accommodation in East Lothian on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 2430 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in East Lothian. This represents an average of 12.0% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 5281 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in East Lothian. This represents an average of 24.0% of children in East Lothian.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 2830 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in East Lothian. This represents an average of 14.4% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 1855 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in East Lothian. This represents an average of 9.2% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 2259 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in East Lothian. This represents an average of 11.5% children.

In East Lothian on 31 July 2024, there were 21 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In East Lothian on 31 July 2020, there were 20 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 88% in East Lothian.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 87.0% in East Lothian (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In East Lothian, 7 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 43 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

32% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in East Lothian.

33.3% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in East Lothian.

16% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in East Lothian.

8.3% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in East Lothian.

89% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in East Lothian. 79% of children who experienced care in their last year at

school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in East Lothian during 2024.

77.8% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in East Lothian. 77.8% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in East Lothian.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

113 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in East Lothian on 31 July 2024. This represents 59% of all children who were 'looked after' in East Lothian on that day.

150 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in East Lothian on 31 July 2020. This represents 58% of all children who were 'looked after' in East Lothian on that day.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

56 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in East Lothian.

45 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in East Lothian.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

28.4% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in East Lothian on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

39.8% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in East Lothian on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by East Lothian between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 2 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.3 children per 1000.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 310 households living in temporary accommodation in East Lothian.

On 30 September 2020, there were 421 households living in temporary accommodation in East Lothian.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 626 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in East Lothian.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 552 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in East Lothian.

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## Angus

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 245 children experiencing care in Angus on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 26 per 1000 children in Angus on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 265 children experiencing care in Angus on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 12 per 1000 children in Angus on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 91 children who entered the 'care system' in Angus from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 78 children who entered the 'care system' in Angus between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

25 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Angus on 31 July 2024. This is 10.2% of children who were experiencing care in Angus on 31 July 2024.

78 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Angus on 31 July 2020. This is 29.4% of children who were experiencing care in Angus on 31 July 2020.

There were 213 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Angus on 31 July 2024. This is 86.9% of children who were experiencing care in Angus on 31 July 2024.

There were 238 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Angus on 31 July 2020. This is 89.8% of children who were experiencing care in Angus on 31 July 2020.

There were 62 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Angus on 31 July 2024. This is 25.3% of children experiencing care in Angus on 31 July 2024.

There were 57 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Angus on 31 July 2020. This is 21.5% of children experiencing care in Angus on 31 July 2020.

111 children were living in foster care in Angus on 31 July 2024. This represents 45.3% of all children experiencing care in Angus on 31 July 2024.

95 children were living in foster care in Angus on 31 July 2020. This represents 35.8% of all children experiencing care in Angus on 31 July 2020.

There were 32 children living in residential care in Angus on 31 July 2024. This is 13.1% of all children experiencing care in Angus on 31 July 2024.

There were 27 children living in residential care in Angus on 31 July 2020. This is 10.2% of all children experiencing care in Angus on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 80 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Angus, 73 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 4 per 1,000).

15.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Angus between April 2023 and March 2024. 17.1% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Angus between April 2023 and March 2024. 19.3% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Angus between April 2023 and March 2024.

11.1% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Angus during 2019/20. 13.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Angus during 2019/20. 15.6% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Angus during 2019/20.

10 children were living in temporary accommodation in Angus on 30 September 2024.

20 children were living in temporary accommodation in Angus on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 3132 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Angus. This represents an average of 17.1% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 4916 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Angus. This represents an average of 23.8% of children in Angus.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 3363 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Angus. This represents an average of 17.7% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 2434 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Angus. This represents an average of 13.3% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 2735 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Angus. This represents an average of 14.4% children.

In Angus on 31 July 2024, there were 19 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Angus on 31 July 2020, there were 9 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 86% in Angus.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 86.0% in Angus (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Angus, 46 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 279 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

31% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Angus.

55.6% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Angus.

6% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Angus.

11.1% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Angus.

69% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Angus. 63% of children who experienced care in their last year at school, had

entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Angus during 2024.

79.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Angus. 79.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Angus.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

173 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Angus on 31 July 2024. This represents 71% of all children who were 'looked after' in Angus on that day.

152 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Angus on 31 July 2020. This represents 57% of all children who were 'looked after' in Angus on that day.

5 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in Angus.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

43 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Angus.

74 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Angus.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

53.0% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Angus on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

98.7% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Angus on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Angus between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 4 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.6 children per 1000.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 97 households living in temporary accommodation in Angus.

On 30 September 2020, there were 130 households living in temporary accommodation in Angus.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 571 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Angus.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 340 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Angus.

To protect confidentiality, publicly available datasets suppress small numbers, such as those relating to children in secure care. As a result, the tables in this report may not present data for a completely uniform set of indicators, as unavailable data has been excluded. In a limited number of instances, suppressed data is included in calculations and are therefore only estimates.

The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.

## Scottish Borders

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 199 children experiencing care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 22 per 1000 children in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 187 children experiencing care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 9 per 1000 children in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 65 children who entered the 'care system' in Scottish Borders from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 50 children who entered the 'care system' in Scottish Borders between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

24 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2024. This is 12.1% of children who were experiencing care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2024.

47 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2020. This is 25.1% of children who were experiencing care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2020.

There were 139 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2024. This is 69.8% of children who were experiencing care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2024.

There were 153 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2020. This is 81.8% of children who were experiencing care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2020.

There were 53 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2024. This is 26.6% of children experiencing care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2024.

There were 53 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2020. This is 28.3% of children experiencing care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2020.

56 children were living in foster care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2024. This represents 28.1% of all children experiencing care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2024.

53 children were living in foster care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2020. This represents 28.3% of all children experiencing care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2020.

There were 60 children living in residential care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2024. This is 30.2% of all children experiencing care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2024.

There were 26 children living in residential care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2020. This is 13.9% of all children experiencing care in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 75 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Scottish Borders, 54 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 3 per 1,000).

11.9% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Scottish Borders between April 2023 and March 2024.

12.6% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Scottish Borders between April 2023 and March 2024.

10.7% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Scottish Borders between April 2023 and March 2024.

10.8% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Scottish Borders during 2019/20. 11.1% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Scottish Borders during 2019/20. 9.6% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Scottish Borders during 2019/20.

40 children were living in temporary accommodation in Scottish Borders on 30 September 2024.

30 children were living in temporary accommodation in Scottish Borders on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 2863 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Scottish Borders. This represents an average of 15.8% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 4980 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Scottish Borders. This represents an average of 23.5% of children in Scottish Borders.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 3244 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Scottish Borders. This represents an average of 17.3% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 2191 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Scottish Borders. This represents an average of 12.1% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 2542 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Scottish Borders. This represents an average of 13.6% children.

In Scottish Borders on 31 July 2024, there were 25 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Scottish Borders on 31 July 2020, there were 13 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 86% in Scottish Borders.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2019/20 was 1 in Scottish Borders during 2020.

Per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year, 61 children were excluded in Scottish Borders during 2023.

7% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Scottish Borders.

25.0% of children leaving school, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Scottish Borders during 2020.

0% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Scottish Borders.

93% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Scottish Borders. 100% of children who experienced care in their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Scottish Borders during 2024.

75.0% of children leaving school, who experienced care in their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Scottish Borders during 2020.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

109 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2024. This represents 55% of all children who were 'looked after' in Scottish Borders on that day.

106 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2020. This represents 57% of all children who were 'looked after' in Scottish Borders on that day.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

45 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Scottish Borders.

57 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Scottish Borders.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

23.7% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

48.4% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Scottish Borders on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Scottish Borders between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 5 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.7 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Scottish Borders between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 10 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 122 households living in temporary accommodation in Scottish Borders.

On 30 September 2020, there were 98 households living in temporary accommodation in Scottish Borders.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 656 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Scottish Borders.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 596 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Scottish Borders.

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## The Highland Council

The most recent data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 432 children experiencing care in Highland on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 24 per 1000 children in Highland on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 495 children experiencing care in Highland on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 11 per 1000 children in Highland on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 145 children who entered the 'care system' in Highland from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 136 children who entered the 'care system' in Highland between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

110 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Highland on 31 July 2024. This is 25.5% of children who were experiencing care in Highland on 31 July 2024.

141 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Highland on 31 July 2020. This is 28.5% of children who were experiencing care in Highland on 31 July 2020.

There were 375 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Highland on 31 July 2024. This is 86.8% of children who were experiencing care in Highland on 31 July 2024.

There were 411 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Highland on 31 July 2020. This is 83.0% of children who were experiencing care in Highland on 31 July 2020.

There were 81 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Highland on 31 July 2024. This is 18.8% of children experiencing care in Highland on 31 July 2024.

There were 98 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Highland on 31 July 2020. This is 19.8% of children experiencing care in Highland on 31 July 2020.

141 children were living in foster care in Highland on 31 July 2024. This represents 32.6% of all children experiencing care in Highland on 31 July 2024.

152 children were living in foster care in Highland on 31 July 2020. This represents 30.7% of all children experiencing care in Highland on 31 July 2020.

There were 57 children living in residential care in Highland on 31 July 2024. This is 13.2% of all children experiencing care in Highland on 31 July 2024.

There were 84 children living in residential care in Highland on 31 July 2020. This is 17.0% of all children experiencing care in Highland on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 166 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Highland, 152 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 4 per 1,000).

12.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Highland between April 2023 and March 2024. 12.8% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Highland between April 2023 and March 2024. 14.6% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Highland between April 2023 and March 2024.

8.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Highland during 2019/20. 12.4% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Highland during 2019/20.

140 children were living in temporary accommodation in Highland on 30 September 2024.

205 children were living in temporary accommodation in Highland on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 5783 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Highland. This represents an average of 15.5% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 10627 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Highland. This represents an average of 23.2% of children in Highland.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 6219 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Highland. This represents an average of 16.1% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 4560 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Highland. This represents an average of 12.2% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 4970 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Highland. This represents an average of 12.8% children.

In Highland on 31 July 2024, there were 59 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Highland on 31 July 2020, there were 45 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 80% in Highland.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 87.0% in Highland (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Highland, 67 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 204 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

32% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Highland.

57.9% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Highland.

6% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Highland.

21.1% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Highland.

81% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Highland. 63% of children who experienced care in their last year at school,

had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Highland during 2024.

64.9% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Highland. 69.4% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Highland.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

222 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Highland on 31 July 2024. This represents 51% of all children who were 'looked after' in Highland on that day.

250 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Highland on 31 July 2020. This represents 51% of all children who were 'looked after' in Highland on that day.

5 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in Highland.

9 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in Highland.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

131 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Highland.

182 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Highland.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

61.4% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Highland on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

17.1% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Highland on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Highland between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 9 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.7 children per 1000.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 536 households living in temporary accommodation in Highland.

On 30 September 2020, there were 880 households living in temporary accommodation in Highland.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 1306 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Highland.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 1091 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Highland.

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*been excluded. In a limited number of instances, suppressed data is included in calculations and are therefore only estimates.*

*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## Argyll and Bute

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 144 children experiencing care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 17 per 1000 children in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 162 children experiencing care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 11 per 1000 children in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 49 children who entered the 'care system' in Argyll and Bute from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 56 children who entered the 'care system' in Argyll and Bute between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

41 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2024. This is 28.7% of children who were experiencing care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2024.

48 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2020. This is 29.6% of children who were experiencing care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2020.

There were 111 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2024. This is 77.6% of children who were experiencing care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2024.

There were 132 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2020. This is 81.5% of children who were experiencing care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2020.

There were 41 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2024. This is 28.7% of children experiencing care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2024.

There were 51 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2020. This is 31.5% of children experiencing care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2020.

28 children were living in foster care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2024. This represents 19.6% of all children experiencing care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2024.

33 children were living in foster care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2020. This represents 20.4% of all children experiencing care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2020.

There were 32 children living in residential care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2024. This is 22.4% of all children experiencing care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2024.

There were 24 children living in residential care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2020. This is 14.8% of all children experiencing care in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 56 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Argyll and Bute, 44 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 3 per 1,000).

11.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Argyll and Bute between April 2023 and March 2024. 12.7% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Argyll and Bute between April 2023 and March 2024. 15.1% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Argyll and Bute between April 2023 and March 2024.

13.3% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Argyll and Bute during 2019/20. 12.9% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Argyll and Bute during 2019/20.

45 children were living in temporary accommodation in Argyll and Bute on 30 September 2024.

55 children were living in temporary accommodation in Argyll and Bute on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 1820 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Argyll and Bute. This represents an average of 14.5% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 3494 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Argyll and Bute. This represents an average of 23.2% of children in Argyll and Bute.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 2149 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Argyll and Bute. This represents an average of 16.6% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 1410 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Argyll and Bute. This represents an average of 11.3% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 1696 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Argyll and Bute. This represents an average of 13.0% children.

In Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2024, there were 16 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2020, there were 32 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 86% in Argyll and Bute.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 91.0% in Argyll and Bute (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Argyll and Bute, 2 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 16 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

75% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Argyll and Bute.

8% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Argyll and Bute.

10.0% of children leaving school in 2022/23, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Argyll and Bute.

25.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Argyll and Bute.

83% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Argyll and Bute. 83% of children who experienced care in their last year at

school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Argyll and Bute during 2024.

72.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Argyll and Bute. 72.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Argyll and Bute.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

69 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2024. This represents 48% of all children who were 'looked after' in Argyll and Bute on that day.

84 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2020. This represents 52% of all children who were 'looked after' in Argyll and Bute on that day.

5 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in Argyll and Bute.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

52 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Argyll and Bute.

45 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Argyll and Bute.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

89.2% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

100.0% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Argyll and Bute on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Argyll and Bute between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 2 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.4 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Argyll and Bute between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 5 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 120 households living in temporary accommodation in Argyll and Bute.

On 30 September 2020, there were 129 households living in temporary accommodation in Argyll and Bute.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 405 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Argyll and Bute.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 335 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Argyll and Bute.

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## Midlothian

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 219 children experiencing care in Midlothian on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 25 per 1000 children in Midlothian on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 214 children experiencing care in Midlothian on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 11 per 1000 children in Midlothian on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 82 children who entered the 'care system' in Midlothian from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 78 children who entered the 'care system' in Midlothian between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

40 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Midlothian on 31 July 2024. This is 18.3% of children who were experiencing care in Midlothian on 31 July 2024.

56 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Midlothian on 31 July 2020. This is 26.2% of children who were experiencing care in Midlothian on 31 July 2020.

There were 198 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Midlothian on 31 July 2024. This is 90.4% of children who were experiencing care in Midlothian on 31 July 2024.

There were 195 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Midlothian on 31 July 2020. This is 91.1% of children who were experiencing care in Midlothian on 31 July 2020.

There were 87 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Midlothian on 31 July 2024. This is 39.7% of children experiencing care in Midlothian on 31 July 2024.

There were 70 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Midlothian on 31 July 2020. This is 32.7% of children experiencing care in Midlothian on 31 July 2020.

70 children were living in foster care in Midlothian on 31 July 2024. This represents 32.0% of all children experiencing care in Midlothian on 31 July 2024.

63 children were living in foster care in Midlothian on 31 July 2020. This represents 29.4% of all children experiencing care in Midlothian on 31 July 2020.

There were 21 children living in residential care in Midlothian on 31 July 2024. This is 9.6% of all children experiencing care in Midlothian on 31 July 2024.

There were 19 children living in residential care in Midlothian on 31 July 2020. This is 8.9% of all children experiencing care in Midlothian on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 112 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Midlothian, 88 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 4 per 1,000).

12.7% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Midlothian between April 2023 and March 2024. 14.7% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Midlothian between April 2023 and March 2024. 16.9% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Midlothian between April 2023 and March 2024.

4.9% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Midlothian during 2019/20. 7.0% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Midlothian during 2019/20. 8.1% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Midlothian during 2019/20.

320 children were living in temporary accommodation in Midlothian on 30 September 2024.

320 children were living in temporary accommodation in Midlothian on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 2573 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Midlothian. This represents an average of 14.1% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 4436 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Midlothian. This represents an average of 23.4% of children in Midlothian.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 2637 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Midlothian. This represents an average of 15.2% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 1977 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Midlothian. This represents an average of 10.8% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 2093 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Midlothian. This represents an average of 12.1% children.

In Midlothian on 31 July 2024, there were 20 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Midlothian on 31 July 2020, there were 36 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 88% in Midlothian.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 90.0% in Midlothian (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Midlothian, 6 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 37 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

33% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Midlothian.

40.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Midlothian.

0% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Midlothian.

10.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Midlothian.

89% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Midlothian. 78% of children who experienced care in their last year at

school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Midlothian during 2024.

93.8% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Midlothian. 87.5% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Midlothian.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

157 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Midlothian on 31 July 2024. This represents 72% of all children who were 'looked after' in Midlothian on that day.

133 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Midlothian on 31 July 2020. This represents 62% of all children who were 'looked after' in Midlothian on that day.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

44 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Midlothian.

42 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Midlothian.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

26.1% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Midlothian on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

44.4% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Midlothian on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Midlothian between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 0 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.0 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Midlothian between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 10 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 406 households living in temporary accommodation in Midlothian.

On 30 September 2020, there were 437 households living in temporary accommodation in Midlothian.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 656 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Midlothian.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 415 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Midlothian.

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# Group Three

## Falkirk

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 352 children experiencing care in Falkirk on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 24 per 1000 children in Falkirk on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 369 children experiencing care in Falkirk on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 12 per 1000 children in Falkirk on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 83 children who entered the 'care system' in Falkirk from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 103 children who entered the 'care system' in Falkirk between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

94 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Falkirk on 31 July 2024. This is 26.8% of children who were experiencing care in Falkirk on 31 July 2024.

114 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Falkirk on 31 July 2020. This is 30.9% of children who were experiencing care in Falkirk on 31 July 2020.

There were 298 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Falkirk on 31 July 2024. This is 84.9% of children who were experiencing care in Falkirk on 31 July 2024.

There were 298 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Falkirk on 31 July 2020. This is 80.8% of children who were experiencing care in Falkirk on 31 July 2020.

There were 91 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Falkirk on 31 July 2024. This is 25.9% of children experiencing care in Falkirk on 31 July 2024.

There were 62 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Falkirk on 31 July 2020. This is 16.8% of children experiencing care in Falkirk on 31 July 2020.

106 children were living in foster care in Falkirk on 31 July 2024. This represents 30.2% of all children experiencing care in Falkirk on 31 July 2024.

122 children were living in foster care in Falkirk on 31 July 2020. This represents 33.1% of all children experiencing care in Falkirk on 31 July 2020.

There were 53 children living in residential care in Falkirk on 31 July 2024. This is 15.1% of all children experiencing care in Falkirk on 31 July 2024.

There were 59 children living in residential care in Falkirk on 31 July 2020. This is 16.0% of all children experiencing care in Falkirk on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 144 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Falkirk, 109 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 4 per 1,000).

17.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Falkirk during 2022/23. 16.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Falkirk during 2022/23. 19.1% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Falkirk during 2022/23.

14.6% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Falkirk during 2019/20. 13.2% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Falkirk during 2019/20. 10.4% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Falkirk during 2019/20.

250 children were living in temporary accommodation in Falkirk on 30 September 2024.

150 children were living in temporary accommodation in Falkirk on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 4876 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Falkirk. This represents an average of 18.0% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 7476 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Falkirk. This represents an average of 24.3% of children in Falkirk.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 5131 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Falkirk. This represents an average of 18.4% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 3779 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Falkirk. This represents an average of 14.0% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 4140 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Falkirk. This represents an average of 14.9% children.

In Falkirk on 31 July 2024, there were 46 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Falkirk on 31 July 2020, there were 71 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 88% in Falkirk.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 87.0% in Falkirk (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Falkirk, 2 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 7 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

31% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Falkirk.

40.9% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Falkirk.

3% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Falkirk.

18.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Falkirk.

86% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Falkirk. 66% of children who experienced care in their last year at school,

had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Falkirk during 2024.

71.9% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Falkirk. 68.8% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Falkirk.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

197 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Falkirk on 31 July 2024. This represents 56% of all children who were 'looked after' in Falkirk on that day.

184 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Falkirk on 31 July 2020. This represents 50% of all children who were 'looked after' in Falkirk on that day.

7 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in Falkirk.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

43 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Falkirk.

120 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Falkirk.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

41.3% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Falkirk on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

69.0% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Falkirk on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Falkirk between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 16 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 1.6 children per 1000. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Falkirk between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 5 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 491 households living in temporary accommodation in Falkirk.

On 30 September 2020, there were 397 households living in temporary accommodation in Falkirk.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 965 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Falkirk.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 914 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Falkirk.

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## Dumfries and Galloway

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 346 children experiencing care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 25 per 1000 children in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 365 children experiencing care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 14 per 1000 children in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 115 children who entered the 'care system' in Dumfries and Galloway from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 99 children who entered the 'care system' in Dumfries and Galloway between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

114 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2024. This is 32.9% of children who were experiencing care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2024.

125 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2020. This is 34.2% of children who were experiencing care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2020.

There were 315 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2024. This is 91.0% of children who were experiencing care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2024.

There were 333 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2020. This is 91.2% of children who were experiencing care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2020.

There were 85 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2024. This is 24.6% of children experiencing care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2024.

There were 108 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2020. This is 29.6% of children experiencing care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2020.

107 children were living in foster care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2024. This represents 30.9% of all children experiencing care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2024.

100 children were living in foster care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2020. This represents 27.4% of all children experiencing care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2020.

There were 31 children living in residential care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2024. This is 9.0% of all children experiencing care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2024.

There were 24 children living in residential care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2020. This is 6.6% of all children experiencing care in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 180 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Dumfries and Galloway, 102 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 4 per 1,000).

21.1% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Dumfries and Galloway between April 2023 and March 2024. 21.1% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Dumfries and Galloway between April 2023 and March 2024. 15.3% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Dumfries and Galloway between April 2023 and March 2024.

18.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Dumfries and Galloway during 2019/20. 15.1% of children

had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Dumfries and Galloway during 2019/20. 19.6% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Dumfries and Galloway during 2019/20.

70 children were living in temporary accommodation in Dumfries and Galloway on 30 September 2024.

90 children were living in temporary accommodation in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 4318 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Dumfries and Galloway. This represents an average of 19.5% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 6758 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Dumfries and Galloway. This represents an average of 26.0% of children in Dumfries and Galloway.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 4824 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Dumfries and Galloway. This represents an average of 21.2% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 3341 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Dumfries and Galloway. This represents an average of 15.1% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 3805 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Dumfries and Galloway. This represents an average of 16.7% children.

In Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2024, there were 20 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2020, there were 14 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 78% in Dumfries and Galloway.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 87.0% in Dumfries and Galloway (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Dumfries and Galloway , 33 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 135 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

45% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Dumfries and Galloway.

50.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Dumfries and Galloway.

5% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Dumfries and Galloway.

9.1% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Dumfries and Galloway.

80% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Dumfries and Galloway. 67% of children who experienced care in their last

year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Dumfries and Galloway during 2024.

84.6% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Dumfries and Galloway. 69.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Dumfries and Galloway.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

192 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2024. This represents 55% of all children who were 'looked after' in Dumfries and Galloway on that day.

208 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2020. This represents 57% of all children who were 'looked after' in Dumfries and Galloway on that day.

6 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in Dumfries and Galloway.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

120 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Dumfries and Galloway .

139 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Dumfries and Galloway.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

29.7% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

29.8% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Dumfries and Galloway on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Dumfries and Galloway between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 0 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.0 children per 1000.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 260 households living in temporary accommodation in Dumfries and Galloway.

On 30 September 2020, there were 209 households living in temporary accommodation in Dumfries and Galloway.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 914 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Dumfries and Galloway .

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 720 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Dumfries and Galloway .

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## Fife

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 727 children experiencing care in Fife on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 21 per 1000 children in Fife on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 919 children experiencing care in Fife on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 13 per 1000 children in Fife on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 238 children who entered the 'care system' in Fife from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 246 children who entered the 'care system' in Fife between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

154 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Fife on 31 July 2024. This is 21.2% of children who were experiencing care in Fife on 31 July 2024.

166 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Fife on 31 July 2020. This is 18.1% of children who were experiencing care in Fife on 31 July 2020.

There were 653 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Fife on 31 July 2024. This is 89.8% of children who were experiencing care in Fife on 31 July 2024.

There were 825 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Fife on 31 July 2020. This is 89.8% of children who were experiencing care in Fife on 31 July 2020.

There were 216 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Fife on 31 July 2024. This is 29.7% of children experiencing care in Fife on 31 July 2024.

There were 227 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Fife on 31 July 2020. This is 24.7% of children experiencing care in Fife on 31 July 2020.

283 children were living in foster care in Fife on 31 July 2024. This represents 38.9% of all children experiencing care in Fife on 31 July 2024.

432 children were living in foster care in Fife on 31 July 2020. This represents 47.0% of all children experiencing care in Fife on 31 July 2020.

There were 74 children living in residential care in Fife on 31 July 2024. This is 10.2% of all children experiencing care in Fife on 31 July 2024.

There were 92 children living in residential care in Fife on 31 July 2020. This is 10.0% of all children experiencing care in Fife on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 278 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Fife, 256 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 4 per 1,000).

18.6% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Fife between April 2023 and March 2024. 16.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Fife between April 2023 and March 2024. 15.9% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Fife between April 2023 and March 2024.

14.6% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Fife during 2019/20. 15.6% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Fife during 2019/20. 10.9% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Fife during 2019/20.

465 children were living in temporary accommodation in Fife on 30 September 2024.

270 children were living in temporary accommodation in Fife on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 11713 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Fife. This represents an average of 18.9% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 18082 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Fife. This represents an average of 26.0% of children in Fife.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 13160 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Fife. This represents an average of 20.8% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 9015 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Fife. This represents an average of 14.6% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 10628 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Fife. This represents an average of 16.8% children.

In Fife on 31 July 2024, there were 77 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Fife on 31 July 2020, there were 93 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 87% in Fife.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 90.0% in Fife (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Fife, 62 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 95 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

41% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Fife.

46.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Fife.

9% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Fife.

10.8% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Fife.

79% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Fife. 79% of children who experienced care in their last year at school, had

entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Fife during 2024.

83.1% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Fife. 75.3% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Fife.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

499 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Fife on 31 July 2024. This represents 69% of all children who were 'looked after' in Fife on that day.

659 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Fife on 31 July 2020. This represents 72% of all children who were 'looked after' in Fife on that day.

9 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in Fife.

12 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in Fife.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

123 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Fife.

127 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Fife.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

18.4% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Fife on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

27.8% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Fife on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Fife between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 29 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 1.0 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Fife between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 0 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 1108 households living in temporary accommodation in Fife.

On 30 September 2020, there were 700 households living in temporary accommodation in Fife.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 2153 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Fife.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 2084 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Fife.

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## South Ayrshire

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 196 children experiencing care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 19 per 1000 children in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 300 children experiencing care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 15 per 1000 children in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 73 children who entered the 'care system' in South Ayrshire from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 54 children who entered the 'care system' in South Ayrshire between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

48 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This is 24.5% of children who were experiencing care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2024.

60 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This is 20.0% of children who were experiencing care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 171 children experiencing care who were living in the community in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This is 87.2% of children who were experiencing care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 271 children experiencing care who were living in the community in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This is 90.3% of children who were experiencing care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 32 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This is 16.3% of children experiencing care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 74 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This is 24.7% of children experiencing care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2020.

85 children were living in foster care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 43.4% of all children experiencing care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2024.

125 children were living in foster care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 41.7% of all children experiencing care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 25 children living in residential care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This is 12.8% of all children experiencing care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 29 children living in residential care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This is 9.7% of all children experiencing care in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 37 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in South Ayrshire, 27 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 1 per 1,000).

14.8% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in South Ayrshire between April 2023 and March 2024. 19.1% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in South Ayrshire between April 2023 and March 2024. 19.0% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in South Ayrshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

11.9% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in South Ayrshire during 2019/20. 13.6% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in South Ayrshire during 2019/20. 13.1% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in South Ayrshire during 2019/20.

95 children were living in temporary accommodation in South Ayrshire on 30 September 2024.

65 children were living in temporary accommodation in South Ayrshire on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 2955 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in South Ayrshire. This represents an average of 17.4% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 4887 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in South Ayrshire. This represents an average of 24.7% of children in South Ayrshire.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 3348 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in South Ayrshire. This represents an average of 19.2% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 2252 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in South Ayrshire. This represents an average of 13.3% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 2651 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in South Ayrshire. This represents an average of 15.2% children.

In South Ayrshire on 31 July 2024, there were 10 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In South Ayrshire on 31 July 2020, there were 10 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 85% in South Ayrshire.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 90.0% in South Ayrshire (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In South Ayrshire, 5 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 34 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

33% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in South Ayrshire.

47.1% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in South Ayrshire.

10% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in South Ayrshire.

11.8% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in South Ayrshire.

100% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in South Ayrshire. 90% of children who experienced care in their last year at

school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in South Ayrshire during 2024.

93.5% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in South Ayrshire. 96.8% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in South Ayrshire.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

117 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 60% of all children who were 'looked after' in South Ayrshire on that day.

199 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 66% of all children who were 'looked after' in South Ayrshire on that day.

0 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in South Ayrshire.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

26 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in South Ayrshire.

48 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in South Ayrshire.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

14.6% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

43.6% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in South Ayrshire on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by South Ayrshire between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 0 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.0 children per 1000.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 254 households living in temporary accommodation in South Ayrshire.

On 30 September 2020, there were 266 households living in temporary accommodation in South Ayrshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 728 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in South Ayrshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 694 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in South Ayrshire.

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## West Lothian

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 317 children experiencing care in West Lothian on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 22 per 1000 children in West Lothian on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 441 children experiencing care in West Lothian on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 11 per 1000 children in West Lothian on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 88 children who entered the 'care system' in West Lothian from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 131 children who entered the 'care system' in West Lothian between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

41 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in West Lothian on 31 July 2024. This is 12.9% of children who were experiencing care in West Lothian on 31 July 2024.

96 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in West Lothian on 31 July 2020. This is 21.8% of children who were experiencing care in West Lothian on 31 July 2020.

There were 275 children experiencing care who were living in the community in West Lothian on 31 July 2024. This is 86.8% of children who were experiencing care in West Lothian on 31 July 2024.

There were 403 children experiencing care who were living in the community in West Lothian on 31 July 2020. This is 91.4% of children who were experiencing care in West Lothian on 31 July 2020.

There were 113 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in West Lothian on 31 July 2024. This is 35.6% of children experiencing care in West Lothian on 31 July 2024.

There were 150 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in West Lothian on 31 July 2020. This is 34.0% of children experiencing care in West Lothian on 31 July 2020.

119 children were living in foster care in West Lothian on 31 July 2024. This represents 37.5% of all children experiencing care in West Lothian on 31 July 2024.

152 children were living in foster care in West Lothian on 31 July 2020. This represents 34.5% of all children experiencing care in West Lothian on 31 July 2020.

There were 42 children living in residential care in West Lothian on 31 July 2024. This is 13.2% of all children experiencing care in West Lothian on 31 July 2024.

There were 38 children living in residential care in West Lothian on 31 July 2020. This is 8.6% of all children experiencing care in West Lothian on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 119 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in West Lothian, 72 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 2 per 1,000).

19.9% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in West Lothian between April 2023 and March 2024. 17.3% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in West Lothian between April 2023 and March 2024. 18.6% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in West Lothian between April 2023 and March 2024.

17.0% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in West Lothian during 2019/20. 16.3% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in West Lothian during 2019/20. 12.9% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in West Lothian during 2019/20.

460 children were living in temporary accommodation in West Lothian on 30 September 2024.

310 children were living in temporary accommodation in West Lothian on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 5697 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in West Lothian. This represents an average of 16.8% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 8916 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in West Lothian. This represents an average of 23.8% of children in West Lothian.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 6066 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in West Lothian. This represents an average of 17.7% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 4407 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in West Lothian. This represents an average of 13.0% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 4871 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in West Lothian. This represents an average of 14.3% children.

In West Lothian on 31 July 2024, there were 18 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In West Lothian on 31 July 2020, there were 58 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 83% in West Lothian.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 90.0% in West Lothian (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In West Lothian, 15 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 49 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

62% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in West Lothian.

31.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in West Lothian.

15% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in West Lothian.

3.4% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in West Lothian.

85% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in West Lothian. 68% of children who experienced care in their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in West Lothian during 2024.

83.8% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in West Lothian. 64.9% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in West Lothian.

Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.

232 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in West Lothian on 31 July 2024. This represents 73% of all children who were 'looked after' in West Lothian on that day.

302 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in West Lothian on 31 July 2020. This represents 68% of all children who were 'looked after' in West Lothian on that day.

0 children were admitted to secure care during 2023 in West Lothian.

7 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in West Lothian.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

43 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in West Lothian.

107 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in West Lothian.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

16.6% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in West Lothian on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

73.2% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in West Lothian on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by West Lothian between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 9 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.8 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by West Lothian between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 11 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 695 households living in temporary accommodation in West Lothian.

On 30 September 2020, there were 608 households living in temporary accommodation in West Lothian.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 976 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in West Lothian .

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 1192 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in West Lothian .

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## South Lanarkshire

The most recent data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 697 children experiencing care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 21 per 1000 children in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 786 children experiencing care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 13 per 1000 children in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 145 children who entered the 'care system' in South Lanarkshire from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 195 children who entered the 'care system' in South Lanarkshire between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

109 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. This is 15.6% of children who were experiencing care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024.

193 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020. This is 24.6% of children who were experiencing care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 627 children experiencing care who were living in the community in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. This is 90.0% of children who were experiencing care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 711 children experiencing care who were living in the community in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020. This is 90.5% of children who were experiencing care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 349 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. This is 50.1% of children experiencing care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 294 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020. This is 37.4% of children experiencing care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020.

161 children were living in foster care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 23.1% of all children experiencing care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024.

202 children were living in foster care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 25.7% of all children experiencing care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 70 children living in residential care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. This is 10.0% of all children experiencing care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 75 children living in residential care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020. This is 9.5% of all children experiencing care in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 257 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in South Lanarkshire, 162 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 3 per 1,000).

17.1% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in South Lanarkshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

17.3% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in South Lanarkshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

17.2% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in South Lanarkshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

16.3% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in South Lanarkshire during 2019/20. 17.1% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in South Lanarkshire during 2019/20. 14.1% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in South Lanarkshire during 2019/20.

470 children were living in temporary accommodation in South Lanarkshire on 30 September 2024.

450 children were living in temporary accommodation in South Lanarkshire on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 8559 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in South Lanarkshire. This represents an average of 15.4% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 14389 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in South Lanarkshire. This represents an average of 23.0% of children in South Lanarkshire.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 9449 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in South Lanarkshire. This represents an average of 17.1% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 6612 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in South Lanarkshire. This represents an average of 11.9% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 7523 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in South Lanarkshire. This represents an average of 13.6% children.

In South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024, there were 24 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020, there were 51 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 84% in South Lanarkshire.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 86.0% in South Lanarkshire (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In South Lanarkshire, 85 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 146 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

46% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in South Lanarkshire.

43.5% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in South Lanarkshire.

10% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in South Lanarkshire.

13.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in South Lanarkshire.

85% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in South Lanarkshire. 75% of children who experienced care in their last year

at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in South Lanarkshire during 2024.

88.1% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in South Lanarkshire. 83.3% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in South Lanarkshire.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

510 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 73% of all children who were 'looked after' in South Lanarkshire on that day.

496 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 63% of all children who were 'looked after' in South Lanarkshire on that day.

13 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in South Lanarkshire.

6 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in South Lanarkshire.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

165 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in South Lanarkshire.

152 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in South Lanarkshire.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

45.2% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

38.2% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in South Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by South Lanarkshire between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 34 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 1.7 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by South Lanarkshire between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 14 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 749 households living in temporary accommodation in South Lanarkshire.

On 30 September 2020, there were 729 households living in temporary accommodation in South Lanarkshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 2212 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in South Lanarkshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 1702 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in South Lanarkshire.

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## Renfrewshire

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 610 children experiencing care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 31 per 1000 children in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 642 children experiencing care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 19 per 1000 children in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 117 children who entered the 'care system' in Renfrewshire from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 121 children who entered the 'care system' in Renfrewshire between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

154 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. This is 25.2% of children who were experiencing care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024.

197 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020. This is 30.7% of children who were experiencing care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 566 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. This is 92.8% of children who were experiencing care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 606 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020. This is 94.4% of children who were experiencing care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 261 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. This is 42.8% of children experiencing care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 212 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020. This is 33.0% of children experiencing care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020.

136 children were living in foster care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 22.3% of all children experiencing care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024.

185 children were living in foster care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 28.8% of all children experiencing care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 44 children living in residential care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. This is 7.2% of all children experiencing care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 36 children living in residential care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020. This is 5.6% of all children experiencing care in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 200 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Renfrewshire, 120 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 4 per 1,000).

12.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Renfrewshire between April 2023 and March 2024. 19.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Renfrewshire between April 2023 and March 2024. 19.8% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Renfrewshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

4.3% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Renfrewshire during 2019/20. 19.6% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Renfrewshire during 2019/20. 21.5% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Renfrewshire during 2019/20.

30 children were living in temporary accommodation in Renfrewshire on 30 September 2024.

40 children were living in temporary accommodation in Renfrewshire on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 4757 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Renfrewshire. This represents an average of 15.9% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 7014 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Renfrewshire. This represents an average of 22.6% of children in Renfrewshire.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 5123 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Renfrewshire. This represents an average of 17.0% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 3679 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Renfrewshire. This represents an average of 12.3% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 4055 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Renfrewshire. This represents an average of 13.5% children.

In Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024, there were 42 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020, there were 30 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 83% in Renfrewshire.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 87.0% in Renfrewshire (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Renfrewshire, 88 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 164 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

35% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Renfrewshire.

47.8% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Renfrewshire.

13% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Renfrewshire.

10.9% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Renfrewshire.

92% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Renfrewshire. 84% of children who experienced care in their last year at

school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Renfrewshire during 2024.

86.5% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Renfrewshire. 71.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Renfrewshire.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

397 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 65% of all children who were 'looked after' in Renfrewshire on that day.

397 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 62% of all children who were 'looked after' in Renfrewshire on that day.

8 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in Renfrewshire.

9 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in Renfrewshire.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

62 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Renfrewshire.

85 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Renfrewshire.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

40.9% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

65.9% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Renfrewshire on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Renfrewshire between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 16 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 1.4 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Renfrewshire between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 14 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 255 households living in temporary accommodation in Renfrewshire.

On 30 September 2020, there were 218 households living in temporary accommodation in Renfrewshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 898 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Renfrewshire .

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 689 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Renfrewshire .

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## Clackmannanshire

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 212 children experiencing care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 43 per 1000 children in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 248 children experiencing care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 25 per 1000 children in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 68 children who entered the 'care system' in Clackmannanshire from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 84 children who entered the 'care system' in Clackmannanshire between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

41 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2024. This is 19.3% of children who were experiencing care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2024.

46 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2020. This is 18.5% of children who were experiencing care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 199 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2024. This is 93.9% of children who were experiencing care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 228 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2020. This is 91.9% of children who were experiencing care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 82 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2024. This is 38.7% of children experiencing care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 97 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2020. This is 39.1% of children experiencing care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2020.

70 children were living in foster care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 33.0% of all children experiencing care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2024.

85 children were living in foster care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 34.3% of all children experiencing care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 13 children living in residential care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2024. This is 6.1% of all children experiencing care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 13 children living in residential care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2020. This is 5.2% of all children experiencing care in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 78 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Clackmannanshire, 53 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 5 per 1,000).

17.2% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Clackmannanshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

17.6% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Clackmannanshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

22.6% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Clackmannanshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

17.6% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Clackmannanshire during 2019/20. 13.8% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Clackmannanshire during 2019/20. 15.8% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Clackmannanshire during 2019/20.

65 children were living in temporary accommodation in Clackmannanshire on 30 September 2024.

30 children were living in temporary accommodation in Clackmannanshire on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 1870 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Clackmannanshire. This represents an average of 21.4% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 2584 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Clackmannanshire. This represents an average of 26.9% of children in Clackmannanshire.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 1963 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Clackmannanshire. This represents an average of 22.0% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 1483 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Clackmannanshire. This represents an average of 16.9% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 1559 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Clackmannanshire. This represents an average of 17.5% children.

In Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2024, there were 8 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2020, there were 6 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 86% in Clackmannanshire.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 90.0% in Clackmannanshire (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Clackmannanshire, 2 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 10 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

35% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Clackmannanshire.

61.9% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Clackmannanshire.

5% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Clackmannanshire.

14.3% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Clackmannanshire.

75% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Clackmannanshire. 60% of children who experienced care in their last year

at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Clackmannanshire during 2024.

84.6% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Clackmannanshire. 76.9% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Clackmannanshire.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

152 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 72% of all children who were 'looked after' in Clackmannanshire on that day.

182 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 73% of all children who were 'looked after' in Clackmannanshire on that day.

0 children were admitted to secure care during 2023 in Clackmannanshire.

0 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in Clackmannanshire.

Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.

24 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Clackmannanshire.

41 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Clackmannanshire.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

44.6% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

100.0% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Clackmannanshire on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Clackmannanshire between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 3 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.9 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Clackmannanshire between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 0 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 148 households living in temporary accommodation in Clackmannanshire.

On 30 September 2020, there were 110 households living in temporary accommodation in Clackmannanshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 516 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Clackmannanshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 397 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Clackmannanshire.

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# Group Four

## Comhairle Nan-Eileanan Siar

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 40 children experiencing care in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 15 per 1000 children in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 50 children experiencing care in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 10 per 1000 children in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 14 children who entered the 'care system' in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 27 children who entered the 'care system' in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

25 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2024. This is 62.5% of children who were experiencing care in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2024.

24 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2020. This is 48.0% of children who were experiencing care in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2020.

There were 33 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2024. This is 82.5% of children who were experiencing care in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2024.

There were 43 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2020. This is 86.0% of children

who were experiencing care in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2020.

There were 6 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2024. This is 15.0% of children experiencing care in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2024.

There were 14 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2020. This is 28.0% of children experiencing care in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2020.

2 children were living in foster care in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2024. This represents 5.0% of all children experiencing care in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2024.

5 children were living in foster care in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2020. This represents 10.0% of all children experiencing care in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2020.

There were 7 children living in residential care in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2024. This is 17.5% of all children experiencing care in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2024.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 38 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) , 14 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 3 per 1,000).

16.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) between April 2023 and March 2024. 17.3% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) between April 2023 and March 2024. 16.8% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) between April 2023 and March 2024.

20.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) during 2019/20. 18.3% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) during 2019/20. 14.9% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) during 2019/20.

30 children were living in temporary accommodation in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 30 September 2024.

25 children were living in temporary accommodation in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 473 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles). This represents an average of 12.0% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 1044 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles). This represents an average of 19.7% of children in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles).

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 555 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles). This represents an average of 13.1% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 378 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles). This represents an average of 9.6% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 437 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles). This represents an average of 10.3% children.

In Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2024, there were 2 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 75% in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles).

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 87.0% in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles), 10 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 256 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

33% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles).

0.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles).

33% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles).

0.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles).

67% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles). 100% of children who experienced care in their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) during 2024.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

8 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2024. This represents 20% of all children who were 'looked after' in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on that day.

19 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2020. This represents 38% of all children who were 'looked after' in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on that day.

0 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles).

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

17 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles).

13 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles).

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

62.5% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

40.0% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 1 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.7 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles) between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 0 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 50 households living in temporary accommodation in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles).

On 30 September 2020, there were 67 households living in temporary accommodation in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles).

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 113 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles).

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 120 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles).

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## Dundee

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 373 children experiencing care in Dundee on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 19 per 1000 children in Dundee on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 493 children experiencing care in Dundee on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 18 per 1000 children in Dundee on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 127 children who entered the 'care system' in Dundee from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 172 children who entered the 'care system' in Dundee between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

49 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Dundee on 31 July 2024. This is 13.1% of children who were experiencing care in Dundee on 31 July 2024.

83 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Dundee on 31 July 2020. This is 16.8% of children who were experiencing care in Dundee on 31 July 2020.

There were 338 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Dundee on 31 July 2024. This is 90.6% of children who were experiencing care in Dundee on 31 July 2024.

There were 440 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Dundee on 31 July 2020. This is 89.2% of children who were experiencing care in Dundee on 31 July 2020.

There were 102 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Dundee on 31 July 2024. This is 27.3% of children experiencing care in Dundee on 31 July 2024.

There were 136 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Dundee on 31 July 2020. This is 27.6% of children experiencing care in Dundee on 31 July 2020.

155 children were living in foster care in Dundee on 31 July 2024. This represents 41.6% of all children experiencing care in Dundee on 31 July 2024.

207 children were living in foster care in Dundee on 31 July 2020. This represents 42.0% of all children experiencing care in Dundee on 31 July 2020.

There were 35 children living in residential care in Dundee on 31 July 2024. This is 9.4% of all children experiencing care in Dundee on 31 July 2024.

There were 53 children living in residential care in Dundee on 31 July 2020. This is 10.8% of all children experiencing care in Dundee on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 159 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Dundee, 130 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 5 per 1,000).

16.3% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Dundee between April 2023 and March 2024. 17.9% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Dundee between April 2023 and March 2024. 18.8% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Dundee between April 2023 and March 2024.

12.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Dundee during 2019/20. 17.2% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Dundee

during 2019/20. 15.6% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Dundee during 2019/20.

220 children were living in temporary accommodation in Dundee on 30 September 2024.

185 children were living in temporary accommodation in Dundee on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 4672 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Dundee. This represents an average of 19.7% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 6890 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Dundee. This represents an average of 26.6% of children in Dundee.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 5121 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Dundee. This represents an average of 20.7% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 3528 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Dundee. This represents an average of 14.9% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 4042 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Dundee. This represents an average of 16.3% children.

In Dundee on 31 July 2024, there were 39 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Dundee on 31 July 2020, there were 61 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 83% in Dundee.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 88.0% in Dundee (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Dundee, 19 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 74 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

12% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Dundee.

28.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Dundee.

0% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Dundee.

4.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Dundee.

73% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Dundee. 54% of children who experienced care in their last year at school,

had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Dundee during 2024.

80.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Dundee. 80.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Dundee.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

257 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Dundee on 31 July 2024. This represents 69% of all children who were 'looked after' in Dundee on that day.

343 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Dundee on 31 July 2020. This represents 70% of all children who were 'looked after' in Dundee on that day.

0 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in Dundee.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

69 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Dundee.

68 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Dundee.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

40.0% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Dundee on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

84.8% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Dundee on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Dundee between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 24 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 1.8 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Dundee between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 5 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 412 households living in temporary accommodation in Dundee.

On 30 September 2020, there were 449 households living in temporary accommodation in Dundee.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 1228 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Dundee.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 972 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Dundee.

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## East Ayrshire

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 416 children experiencing care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 33 per 1000 children in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 382 children experiencing care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 16 per 1000 children in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 118 children who entered the 'care system' in East Ayrshire from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 86 children who entered the 'care system' in East Ayrshire between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

101 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This is 24.3% of children who were experiencing care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2024.

87 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This is 22.8% of children who were experiencing care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 374 children experiencing care who were living in the community in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This is 89.9% of children who were experiencing care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 345 children experiencing care who were living in the community in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This is 90.3% of children who were experiencing care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 118 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This is 28.4% of children experiencing care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 110 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This is 28.8% of children experiencing care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2020.

117 children were living in foster care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 28.1% of all children experiencing care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2024.

137 children were living in foster care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 35.9% of all children experiencing care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 42 children living in residential care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This is 10.1% of all children experiencing care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 37 children living in residential care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This is 9.7% of all children experiencing care in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 125 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in East Ayrshire, 85 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 4 per 1,000).

15.0% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in East Ayrshire between April 2023 and March 2024. 22.7% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in East Ayrshire between April 2023 and March 2024. 25.7% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in East Ayrshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

12.9% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in East Ayrshire during 2019/20. 20.2% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in East Ayrshire during 2019/20. 13.0% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in East Ayrshire during 2019/20.

25 children were living in temporary accommodation in East Ayrshire on 30 September 2024.

30 children were living in temporary accommodation in East Ayrshire on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 4261 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in East Ayrshire. This represents an average of 20.9% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 6263 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in East Ayrshire. This represents an average of 26.9% of children in East Ayrshire.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 4719 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in East Ayrshire. This represents an average of 22.6% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 3252 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in East Ayrshire. This represents an average of 15.9% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 3825 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in East Ayrshire. This represents an average of 18.3% children.

In East Ayrshire on 31 July 2024, there were 46 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In East Ayrshire on 31 July 2020, there were 19 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 73% in East Ayrshire.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 84.0% in East Ayrshire (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In East Ayrshire, 31 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 111 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

31% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in East Ayrshire.

18.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in East Ayrshire.

9% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in East Ayrshire.

9.1% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in East Ayrshire.

78% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in East Ayrshire. 63% of children who experienced care in their last year at

school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in East Ayrshire during 2024.

83.3% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in East Ayrshire. 33.3% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in East Ayrshire.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

235 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 56% of all children who were 'looked after' in East Ayrshire on that day.

247 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 65% of all children who were 'looked after' in East Ayrshire on that day.

0 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in East Ayrshire.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

64 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in East Ayrshire.

77 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in East Ayrshire.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

46.8% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

47.5% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in East Ayrshire on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by East Ayrshire between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 7 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.9 children per 1000.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 96 households living in temporary accommodation in East Ayrshire.

On 30 September 2020, there were 143 households living in temporary accommodation in East Ayrshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 672 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in East Ayrshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 709 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in East Ayrshire.

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## North Ayrshire

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 409 children experiencing care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 30 per 1000 children in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 575 children experiencing care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 23 per 1000 children in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 114 children who entered the 'care system' in North Ayrshire from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 128 children who entered the 'care system' in North Ayrshire between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

110 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This is 26.9% of children who were experiencing care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2024.

181 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This is 31.5% of children who were experiencing care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 356 children experiencing care who were living in the community in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This is 87.0% of children who were experiencing care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 519 children experiencing care who were living in the community in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This is 90.3% of children who were experiencing care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 87 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This is 21.3% of children experiencing care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 136 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This is 23.7% of children experiencing care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2020.

143 children were living in foster care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 35.0% of all children experiencing care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2024.

194 children were living in foster care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 33.7% of all children experiencing care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 53 children living in residential care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This is 13.0% of all children experiencing care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 56 children living in residential care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This is 9.7% of all children experiencing care in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 197 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in North Ayrshire, 165 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 7 per 1,000).

12.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in North Ayrshire between April 2023 and March 2024. 22.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in North Ayrshire between April 2023 and March 2024. 26.6% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in North Ayrshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

10.8% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in North Ayrshire during 2019/20. 16.7% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in North Ayrshire during 2019/20. 16.5% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in North Ayrshire during 2019/20.

85 children were living in temporary accommodation in North Ayrshire on 30 September 2024.

30 children were living in temporary accommodation in North Ayrshire on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 4846 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in North Ayrshire. This represents an average of 22.7% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 6937 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in North Ayrshire. This represents an average of 27.5% of children in North Ayrshire.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 5335 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in North Ayrshire. This represents an average of 23.8% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 3729 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in North Ayrshire. This represents an average of 17.5% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 4271 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in North Ayrshire. This represents an average of 19.1% children.

In North Ayrshire on 31 July 2024, there were 44 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In North Ayrshire on 31 July 2020, there were 91 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 84% in North Ayrshire.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 89.0% in North Ayrshire (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In North Ayrshire, 39 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 105 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

36% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in North Ayrshire.

37.9% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in North Ayrshire.

0% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in North Ayrshire.

10.3% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in North Ayrshire.

85% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in North Ayrshire. 77% of children who experienced care in their last year at

school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in North Ayrshire during 2024.

79.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in North Ayrshire. 82.6% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in North Ayrshire.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

230 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 56% of all children who were 'looked after' in North Ayrshire on that day.

330 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 57% of all children who were 'looked after' in North Ayrshire on that day.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

63 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in North Ayrshire.

66 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in North Ayrshire.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

85.7% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

100.0% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in North Ayrshire on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by North Ayrshire between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 9 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 1.1 children per 1000.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 279 households living in temporary accommodation in North Ayrshire.

On 30 September 2020, there were 255 households living in temporary accommodation in North Ayrshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 980 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in North Ayrshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 849 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in North Ayrshire.

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## North Lanarkshire

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 690 children experiencing care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 18 per 1000 children in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 832 children experiencing care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 12 per 1000 children in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 176 children who entered the 'care system' in North Lanarkshire from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 155 children who entered the 'care system' in North Lanarkshire between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

196 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. This is 28.4% of children who were experiencing care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024.

286 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020. This is 34.4% of children who were experiencing care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 655 children experiencing care who were living in the community in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. This is 94.9% of children who were experiencing care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 795 children experiencing care who were living in the community in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020. This is 95.6% of children who were experiencing care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 320 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. This is 46.4% of children experiencing care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 326 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020. This is 39.2% of children experiencing care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020.

135 children were living in foster care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 19.6% of all children experiencing care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024.

183 children were living in foster care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 22.0% of all children experiencing care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 35 children living in residential care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. This is 5.1% of all children experiencing care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 35 children living in residential care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020. This is 4.2% of all children experiencing care in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 257 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in North Lanarkshire, 208 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 3 per 1,000).

15.2% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in North Lanarkshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

18.2% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in North Lanarkshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

18.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in North Lanarkshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

13.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in North Lanarkshire during 2019/20. 17.2% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in North Lanarkshire during 2019/20. 14.0% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in North Lanarkshire during 2019/20.

275 children were living in temporary accommodation in North Lanarkshire on 30 September 2024.

210 children were living in temporary accommodation in North Lanarkshire on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 11853 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in North Lanarkshire. This represents an average of 19.7% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 18416 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in North Lanarkshire. This represents an average of 26.1% of children in North Lanarkshire.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 13343 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in North Lanarkshire. This represents an average of 21.4% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 9275 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in North Lanarkshire. This represents an average of 15.4% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 10843 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in North Lanarkshire. This represents an average of 17.4% children.

In North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024, there were 33 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020, there were 35 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 79% in North Lanarkshire.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 83.0% in North Lanarkshire (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In North Lanarkshire, 15 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 27 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

40% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in North Lanarkshire.

35.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in North Lanarkshire.

10% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in North Lanarkshire.

17.5% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in North Lanarkshire.

83% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in North Lanarkshire. 67% of children who experienced care in their last year

at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in North Lanarkshire during 2024.

70.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in North Lanarkshire. 70.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in North Lanarkshire.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

455 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 66% of all children who were 'looked after' in North Lanarkshire on that day.

509 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 61% of all children who were 'looked after' in North Lanarkshire on that day.

6 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in North Lanarkshire.

0 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in North Lanarkshire.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

209 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in North Lanarkshire.

216 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in North Lanarkshire.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

45.0% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

20.2% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in North Lanarkshire on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by North Lanarkshire between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 8 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 0.3 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by North Lanarkshire between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 15 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 670 households living in temporary accommodation in North Lanarkshire.

On 30 September 2020, there were 589 households living in temporary accommodation in North Lanarkshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 1981 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in North Lanarkshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 1544 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in North Lanarkshire.

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## Inverclyde

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 182 children experiencing care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 16 per 1000 children in Inverclyde on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 223 children experiencing care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 16 per 1000 children in Inverclyde on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 43 children who entered the 'care system' in Inverclyde from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 66 children who entered the 'care system' in Inverclyde between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

42 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Inverclyde on 31 July 2024. This is 23.1% of children who were experiencing care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2024.

103 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Inverclyde on 31 July 2020. This is 46.2% of children who were experiencing care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2020.

There were 153 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Inverclyde on 31 July 2024. This is 84.1% of children who were experiencing care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2024.

There were 186 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Inverclyde on 31 July 2020. This is 83.4% of children who were experiencing care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2020.

There were 62 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Inverclyde on 31 July 2024. This is 34.1% of children experiencing care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2024.

There were 51 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Inverclyde on 31 July 2020. This is 22.9% of children experiencing care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2020.

36 children were living in foster care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2024. This represents 19.8% of all children experiencing care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2024.

32 children were living in foster care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2020. This represents 14.3% of all children experiencing care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2020.

There were 29 children living in residential care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2024. This is 15.9% of all children experiencing care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2024.

There were 30 children living in residential care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2020. This is 13.5% of all children experiencing care in Inverclyde on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 86 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Inverclyde, 64 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 5 per 1,000).

10.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Inverclyde between April 2023 and March 2024. 20.7% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Inverclyde between April 2023 and March 2024. 23.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Inverclyde between April 2023 and March 2024.

3.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Inverclyde during 2019/20. 24.4% of children had a

developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Inverclyde during 2019/20. 27.0% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Inverclyde during 2019/20.

5 children were living in temporary accommodation in Inverclyde on 30 September 2024.

0 children were living in temporary accommodation in Inverclyde on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 2082 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Inverclyde. This represents an average of 17.3% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 3593 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Inverclyde. This represents an average of 23.5% of children in Inverclyde.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 2147 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Inverclyde. This represents an average of 17.2% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 1537 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Inverclyde. This represents an average of 12.7% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 1609 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Inverclyde. This represents an average of 12.8% children.

In Inverclyde on 31 July 2024, there were 14 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Inverclyde on 31 July 2020, there were 26 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 84% in Inverclyde.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 85.0% in Inverclyde (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Inverclyde, 12 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 78 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

47% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Inverclyde.

41.2% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Inverclyde.

20% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Inverclyde.

17.6% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Inverclyde.

100% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Inverclyde. 73% of children who experienced care in their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Inverclyde during 2024.

80.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Inverclyde. 86.7% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Inverclyde.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

98 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Inverclyde on 31 July 2024. This represents 54% of all children who were 'looked after' in Inverclyde on that day.

83 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Inverclyde on 31 July 2020. This represents 37% of all children who were 'looked after' in Inverclyde on that day.

5 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in Inverclyde.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

31 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Inverclyde.

44 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Inverclyde.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

31.8% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Inverclyde on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

27.5% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Inverclyde on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Inverclyde between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 7 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 1.5 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Inverclyde between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 6 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 67 households living in temporary accommodation in Inverclyde.

On 30 September 2020, there were 84 households living in temporary accommodation in Inverclyde.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 370 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Inverclyde.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 169 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Inverclyde.

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## West Dunbartonshire

The most recent data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 475 children experiencing care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 41 per 1000 children in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 506 children experiencing care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 29 per 1000 children in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 100 children who entered the 'care system' in West Dunbartonshire from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 84 children who entered the 'care system' in West Dunbartonshire between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

71 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. This is 14.9% of children who were experiencing care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024.

113 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020. This is 22.3% of children who were experiencing care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 427 children experiencing care who were living in the community in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. This is 89.9% of children who were experiencing care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 461 children experiencing care who were living in the community in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020. This is 91.1% of children who were experiencing care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 237 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. This is 49.9% of children experiencing care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 212 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020. This is 41.9% of children experiencing care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020.

115 children were living in foster care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 24.2% of all children experiencing care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024.

114 children were living in foster care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 22.5% of all children experiencing care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020.

There were 48 children living in residential care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. This is 10.1% of all children experiencing care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024.

There were 45 children living in residential care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020. This is 8.9% of all children experiencing care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 114 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in West Dunbartonshire, 84 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 5 per 1,000).

12.5% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in West Dunbartonshire between April 2023 and March 2024. 20.7% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in West Dunbartonshire between April 2023 and March 2024. 25.0% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in West Dunbartonshire between April 2023 and March 2024.

3.0% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in West Dunbartonshire during 2019/20. 20.6% of children

had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in West Dunbartonshire during 2019/20. 21.2% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in West Dunbartonshire during 2019/20.

115 children were living in temporary accommodation in West Dunbartonshire on 30 September 2024.

55 children were living in temporary accommodation in West Dunbartonshire on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 2937 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in West Dunbartonshire. This represents an average of 19.5% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 4373 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in West Dunbartonshire. This represents an average of 26.6% of children in West Dunbartonshire.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 3452 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in West Dunbartonshire. This represents an average of 22.2% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 2239 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in West Dunbartonshire. This represents an average of 14.9% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 2721 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in West Dunbartonshire. This represents an average of 17.5% children.

In West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024, there were 33 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020, there were 30 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

There were 475 children experiencing care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 41 per 1000 children in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 506 children experiencing care in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 29 per 1000 children in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 85% in West Dunbartonshire.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 88.0% in West Dunbartonshire (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In West Dunbartonshire, 26 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 76 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

52% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in West Dunbartonshire.

43.5% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in West Dunbartonshire.

16% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in West Dunbartonshire.

13.0% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in West Dunbartonshire.

100% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in West Dunbartonshire. 76% of children who experienced care in their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in West Dunbartonshire during 2024.

66.7% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in West Dunbartonshire. 66.7% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in West Dunbartonshire.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

352 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. This represents 74% of all children who were 'looked after' in West Dunbartonshire on that day.

326 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020. This represents 64% of all children who were 'looked after' in West Dunbartonshire on that day.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

79 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in West Dunbartonshire.

80 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in West Dunbartonshire.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

7.9% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

71.6% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in West Dunbartonshire on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by West Dunbartonshire between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 17 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 3.0 children per 1000.

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by West Dunbartonshire between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 0 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 273 households living in temporary accommodation in West Dunbartonshire.

On 30 September 2020, there were 317 households living in temporary accommodation in West Dunbartonshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 869 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in West Dunbartonshire.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 905 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in West Dunbartonshire.

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*The most recent data has been used. Where available, 2020 (or the nearest year to 2020) is used as a comparator to align with when the promise was made.*

## Glasgow City

The most recently available data relevant to the promise says:

**Where children are in their families and feel loved, they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.**

There were 1748 children experiencing care in Glasgow on 31 July 2024. This is a rate of 21 per 1000 children in Glasgow on 31 July 2024 (percentages per population based on NRS 2023 mid-year population estimates).

There were 2544 children experiencing care in Glasgow on 31 July 2020. This is a rate of 23 per 1000 children in Glasgow on 31 July 2020 (as a percentage of the 0-17 population).

There were 249 children who entered the 'care system' in Glasgow from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.

There were 454 children who entered the 'care system' in Glasgow between 1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020.

241 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Glasgow on 31 July 2024. This is 13.8% of children who were experiencing care in Glasgow on 31 July 2024.

471 children experiencing care were living at home with parents in Glasgow on 31 July 2020. This is 18.5% of children who were experiencing care in Glasgow on 31 July 2020.

There were 1619 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Glasgow on 31 July 2024. This is 92.6% of children who were experiencing care in Glasgow on 31 July 2024.

There were 2321 children experiencing care who were living in the community in Glasgow on 31 July 2020. This is 91.2% of children who were experiencing care in Glasgow on 31 July 2020.

There were 908 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Glasgow on 31 July 2024. This is 51.9% of children experiencing care in Glasgow on 31 July 2024.

There were 1154 children living with family or friends in kinship care, in Glasgow on 31 July 2020. This is 45.4% of children experiencing care in Glasgow on 31 July 2020.

462 children were living in foster care in Glasgow on 31 July 2024. This represents 26.4% of all children experiencing care in Glasgow on 31 July 2024.

696 children were living in foster care in Glasgow on 31 July 2020. This represents 27.4% of all children experiencing care in Glasgow on 31 July 2020.

There were 129 children living in residential care in Glasgow on 31 July 2024. This is 7.4% of all children experiencing care in Glasgow on 31 July 2024.

There were 219 children living in residential care in Glasgow on 31 July 2020. This is 8.6% of all children experiencing care in Glasgow on 31 July 2020.

(Note: this number includes those in local authority homes, voluntary homes, and 'other residential care', which includes 'crisis care, secure accommodation, and residential school'.)

From the 381 initial and pre-birth Case Conferences held during 2023/24 in Glasgow, 282 were added to the child protection register (a rate of 3 per 1,000).

11.4% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Glasgow between April 2023 and March 2024. 21.8% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Glasgow between April 2023 and March 2024. 23.2% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year review in Glasgow between April 2023 and March 2024.

3.8% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 13-15 month review in Glasgow during 2019/20. 19.9% of children had a developmental concern recorded at their 27-30 month review in Glasgow

during 2019/20. 18.6% had a developmental concern recorded at their 4-5 year reviews in Glasgow during 2019/20.

3100 children were living in temporary accommodation in Glasgow on 30 September 2024.

2385 children were living in temporary accommodation in Glasgow on 31 March 2020.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 26554 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Glasgow. This represents an average of 27.4% children.

According to the End Child Poverty Coalition, across 2017/18, 2018/19, and 2019/20, there were an average of 32304 children living in relative poverty, after housing costs, annually in Glasgow. This represents an average of 31.4% of children in Glasgow.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 28593 children (aged under 16) living in Relative low income families, before housing costs, annually in Glasgow. This represents an average of 28.6% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2022-2024, there was an average of 20925 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Glasgow. This represents an average of 21.6% children.

According to the UK Government, across 2018-2020, there was an average of 23010 children (aged under 16) living in Absolute low income families, before housing costs, annually in Glasgow. This represents an average of 23.0% children.

In Glasgow on 31 July 2024, there were 74 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

In Glasgow on 31 July 2020, there were 156 children on the Child Protection Register with domestic abuse listed as a concern identified.

**Schools in Scotland must be ambitious for care experienced children and ensure they have all they need to thrive, recognising that they may experience difficulties associated with their life story.**

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2023/24 was 83% in Glasgow.

The rate of attendance for pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year 2020/21 was 88.0% in Glasgow (Data for 2020/21 has been used, as data is not available for 2019/2020).

In Glasgow, 120 pupils who experienced care at some point within the 2022-23 school year were excluded. This is a rate of 75 per 1,000 pupils who experienced care at some point within the school year (Note: Figures are for the local authority responsible for the 'looked after' child. 'Looked after' children may attend school in a different local authority to the one that is responsible for them).

49% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Glasgow.

54.3% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 5 qualification (or better) in Glasgow.

23% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Glasgow.

23.3% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, achieved at least one SCQF level 6 qualification (or better) in Glasgow.

92% of children leaving school in 2023/24, who experienced care in their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Glasgow. 71% of children who experienced care in their last year at school,

had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Glasgow during 2024.

82.3% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, initially entered a positive destination after leaving school in Glasgow. 84.4% of children leaving school in 2020/21, who experienced care during their last year at school, had entered a positive destination 9 months after leaving school in Glasgow.

**Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.**

1370 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Glasgow on 31 July 2024. This represents 78% of all children who were 'looked after' in Glasgow on that day.

1850 children were 'looked after' away from home with foster carers or kinship carers in Glasgow on 31 July 2020. This represents 73% of all children who were 'looked after' in Glasgow on that day.

12 children were admitted to secure care during 2024 in Glasgow.

31 children were admitted to secure care during 2020 in Glasgow.

**Scotland must stop locking up children who have often experienced the failures of the state in the provision of their care.**

322 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025 in Glasgow.

419 children were referred to the children's reporter on offence grounds between 1st April 2019 and the 31st March 2020 in Glasgow.

**Young adults for whom Scotland has taken on parenting responsibility must have a right to return to care and have access to services and supportive people to nurture them.**

80.0% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Glasgow on 31 July 2024. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

89.8% of young people eligible for aftercare services were receiving services in Glasgow on 31 July 2020

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Glasgow between 01 August 2023 and 31 July 2024, 52 went on to continuing care. This represents a rate of 1.0 children per 1000. (Note: There is a query ongoing in relation to the accuracy of this published dataset)

Of those young people ceasing to be looked after by Glasgow between 01 August 2019 and 31 July 2020, 28 went on to continuing care.

**Care experienced adults must have a right to access to supportive, caring services for as long as they require. Those services and the people who work in them must have a primary focus on the development and maintenance of supportive relationships that help people access what they need to thrive.**

On 30 September 2024, there were 3710 households living in temporary accommodation in Glasgow.

On 30 September 2020, there were 3179 households living in temporary accommodation in Glasgow.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2024, 6773 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Glasgow.

In the 12 months ending 30 September 2020, 5064 households were assessed as homeless by the local authority in Glasgow.

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# Health Board Area

Health Board-level data for four indicators is presented below.

When data does not directly match the text of the indicator, an extract of a relevant table has been provided, where possible. This has been done to aid clarity and provide data that can help aid understanding. The citations provided link to the most recently published datasets, as of 12 December 2025.

## Percentage of children receiving Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services treatment within referral guidelines.

'Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) waiting times - Quarter ending September 2025'. Public Health Scotland. 02 Dec 2025.  
<https://publichealthscotland.scot/publications/child-and-adolescent-mental-health-services-camhs-waiting-times/child-and-adolescent-mental-health-services-camhs-waiting-times-quarter-ending-september-2025/>

Table extract for July – September 2025, inclusive:

Health board names have been added to the table using this key:

<https://geoportal.statistics.gov.uk/documents/844159d820da487686d124a25e2eb84d/about>

HB	Health Board	Month	Total Patients Seen	Number Of Patients Seen 0 To 18 Weeks
<b>S08000016</b>	Borders	202509	25	23
<b>S08000017</b>	Dumfries and Galloway	202509	47	35
<b>S08000019</b>	Forth Valley	202509	30	30
<b>S08000020</b>	Grampian	202509	243	241
<b>S08000022</b>	Highland	202509	40	27
<b>S08000024</b>	Lothian	202509	187	140
<b>S08000025</b>	Orkney	202509	7	7
<b>S08000026</b>	Shetland	202509	3	3
<b>S08000028</b>	Western Isles	202509	12	12
<b>S08000029</b>	Fife	202509	72	69

<b>S08000030</b>	Tayside	202509	92	91
<b>S08000031</b>	Greater Glasgow and Clyde	202509	290	290
<b>S08000032</b>	Lanarkshire	202509	93	84
<b>S92000003</b>		202509	1219	1130
<b>S08000015</b>	Ayrshire and Arran	202508	81	81
<b>S08000016</b>	Borders	202508	13	13
<b>S08000017</b>	Dumfries and Galloway	202508	43	34
<b>S08000019</b>	Forth Valley	202508	48	48
<b>S08000020</b>	Grampian	202508	130	124
<b>S08000022</b>	Highland	202508	28	25
<b>S08000024</b>	Lothian	202508	233	152
<b>S08000025</b>	Orkney	202508	0	0
<b>S08000026</b>	Shetland	202508	12	12
<b>S08000028</b>	Western Isles	202508	6	6
<b>S08000029</b>	Fife	202508	61	61
<b>S08000030</b>	Tayside	202508	68	66
<b>S08000031</b>	Greater Glasgow and Clyde	202508	301	301
<b>S08000032</b>	Lanarkshire	202508	90	84
<b>S92000003</b>		202508	1114	1007
<b>S08000015</b>	Ayrshire and Arran	202507	90	90
<b>S08000016</b>	Borders	202507	18	18
<b>S08000017</b>	Dumfries and Galloway	202507	73	60
<b>S08000019</b>	Forth Valley	202507	81	80
<b>S08000020</b>	Grampian	202507	170	166
<b>S08000022</b>	Highland	202507	23	18
<b>S08000024</b>	Lothian	202507	224	142

<b>S08000025</b>	Orkney	202507	9	9
<b>S08000026</b>	Shetland	202507	4	4
<b>S08000028</b>	Western Isles	202507	7	7
<b>S08000029</b>	Fife	202507	80	78
<b>S08000030</b>	Tayside	202507	91	88
<b>S08000031</b>	Greater Glasgow and Clyde	202507	314	314
<b>S08000032</b>	Lanarkshire	202507	80	80
<b>S92000003</b>		202507	1264	1154

## Number of staff employed in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

'Total: All Professional Groups' on 'Table 5: Clinical Staff Employed in Scotland CAMHS as at September 2025 by Professional Group & NHS Region & Board.': 'Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in NHS Scotland: Characteristics of the Workforce Supply as at 30 September 2025.'. NHS Education for Scotland. 02 Dec 2025. <https://turasdata.nes.nhs.scot/data-and-reports/official-workforce-statistics/all-official-statistics-publications/02-december-2025-camhs/>

Table extract:

Note: As at 30 September 2025 census, two members of staff were working across more than one health board.

Health Board	Total: All Professional Groups
<b>NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran</b>	73.8
<b>NHS Borders</b>	30.8
<b>NHS Dumfries &amp; Galloway</b>	48.8
<b>NHS Fife</b>	81.7
<b>NHS Forth Valley</b>	64.4
<b>NHS Grampian</b>	95.4
<b>NHS Greater Glasgow &amp; Clyde</b>	423.1
<b>NHS Highland</b>	70.5
<b>NHS Lanarkshire</b>	154.3
<b>NHS Lothian</b>	289.7
<b>NHS Orkney</b>	7.1
<b>NHS Shetland</b>	5
<b>NHS Tayside</b>	140.8
<b>NHS Western Isles</b>	8.4

## Number of referrals starting community- based treatment for problematic drug or alcohol use, and proportion receiving that help within 3 weeks or less

'Completed Waits': 'National drug and alcohol treatment waiting times: 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025'. Public Health Scotland. 30 Sep 2025.

<https://publichealthscotland.scot/publications/national-drug-and-alcohol-treatment-waiting-times/national-drug-and-alcohol-treatment-waiting-times-1-april-2025-to-30-june-2025/>

Due to data table size, it is not displayed here, but is available at the above link.

## Number of people starting to receive psychological therapy within the quarter, and percentage who started within waiting times standard.

'Adjusted Patients Seen': 'Psychological Therapies Waiting Times'. Public Health Scotland. 02 Dec 2025.

<https://www.opendata.nhs.scot/dataset/psychological-therapies-waiting-times>

Table extract for July – September 2025, inclusive:

Health board names have been added to the table using this key:

<https://geoportal.statistics.gov.uk/documents/844159d820da487686d124a25e2eb84d/about>

HB	Health Board	Month	Total Patients Seen	Number Of Patients Seen 0 To 18 Weeks
<b>S08000015</b>	Ayrshire and Arran	202509	359	334
<b>S08000016</b>	Borders	202509	156	113
<b>S08000017</b>	Dumfries and Galloway	202509	135	95
<b>S08000019</b>	Forth Valley	202509	427	355
<b>S08000020</b>	Grampian	202509	904	719
<b>S08000022</b>	Highland	202509	190	160
<b>S08000024</b>	Lothian	202509	906	766

<b>S08000025</b>	Orkney	202509	23	23
<b>S08000026</b>	Shetland	202509	25	7
<b>S08000028</b>	Western Isles	202509	13	12
<b>S08000029</b>	Fife	202509	606	399
<b>S08000030</b>	Tayside	202509	713	538
<b>S08000031</b>	Greater Glasgow and Clyde	202509	1409	1197
<b>S08000032</b>	Lanarkshire	202509	750	651
<b>S92000003</b>		202509	6648	5401
<b>SB0803</b>		202509	32	32
<b>S08000015</b>	Ayrshire and Arran	202508	369	342
<b>S08000016</b>	Borders	202508	107	81
<b>S08000017</b>	Dumfries and Galloway	202508	129	94
<b>S08000019</b>	Forth Valley	202508	446	321
<b>S08000020</b>	Grampian	202508	686	556
<b>S08000022</b>	Highland	202508	146	131
<b>S08000024</b>	Lothian	202508	818	644
<b>S08000025</b>	Orkney	202508	11	11
<b>S08000026</b>	Shetland	202508	22	13
<b>S08000028</b>	Western Isles	202508	21	20
<b>S08000029</b>	Fife	202508	486	346
<b>S08000030</b>	Tayside	202508	474	347
<b>S08000031</b>	Greater Glasgow and Clyde	202508	1266	1071
<b>S08000032</b>	Lanarkshire	202508	708	576
<b>S92000003</b>		202508	5720	4584
<b>SB0803</b>		202508	31	31
<b>S08000015</b>	Ayrshire and Arran	202507	363	334
<b>S08000016</b>	Borders	202507	113	92

<b>S08000017</b>	Dumfries and Galloway	202507	200	124
<b>S08000019</b>	Forth Valley	202507	441	337
<b>S08000020</b>	Grampian	202507	803	651
<b>S08000022</b>	Highland	202507	182	159
<b>S08000024</b>	Lothian	202507	957	729
<b>S08000025</b>	Orkney	202507	29	27
<b>S08000026</b>	Shetland	202507	18	14
<b>S08000028</b>	Western Isles	202507	25	18
<b>S08000029</b>	Fife	202507	502	376
<b>S08000030</b>	Tayside	202507	677	497
<b>S08000031</b>	Greater Glasgow and Clyde	202507	1317	1150
<b>S08000032</b>	Lanarkshire	202507	677	566
<b>S92000003</b>		202507	6338	5108
<b>SB0803</b>		202507	34	34