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GIRFEC Newsletter

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it right
for every child

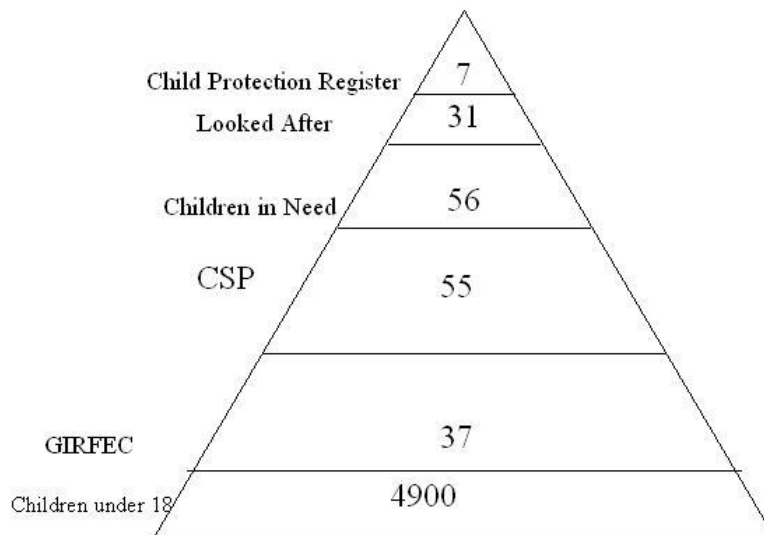


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Facts and Figures about "Getting it Right"

Identified Need in Shetland May 2011



The triangle gives information about the numbers of current GIRFEC notifications, as well as information about other types of need.

Child Protection Register	The CPR is a list of children identified at a multi agency meeting as being at risk of harm
Looked after	Children in the care of the Local Authority (Foster or

	Residential Care) OR living at home on a Supervision requirement
Children in Need	Children with complex needs who receive help and support from social work but who are not included above
CSP	Coordinated Supported Plans for those children who have complex additional support needs identified in school.
GIRFEC	Getting it Right for Every Child for children who need more support than can be provided by a single agency

GIRFEC- here to stay

There are interesting developments outlined in the Scottish National Party manifesto.

" Legislation will ensure that the Getting It Right For Every Child approach is developed nationwide. This will enshrine in law a duty for health boards, councils and other agencies to work together irrespective of bureaucratic boundaries and place the child at the centre of how they deliver services." (SNP Manifesto 2011) We will be keeping track of any developments.

Changes to Forms

The revised Assessment Form is a fifth as long as the original version and it is now called the "Initial Response Form". The lengthy prompts have been removed. A Guidance Leaflet accompanies the new forms.

The Children and Families team have developed a user-friendly format for their needs that is currently being piloted.

The forms are continually being amended, and the aim is to make them as simple and effective to use. New versions will be posted to the website in the near future.

All agencies will continue to use the Childs Plan template to record outcomes, actions, responsibilities and timescales.

New Service

Are you thinking a child needs more support than your service can offer on its own, but you feel unsure about what to do next? The GIRFEC project manager can offer advice and assistance, or even coordinate and chair the initial meeting. Sometimes it may be useful to have an independent chair, for example in more complex situations or where you do not yet feel confident with the process. Contact details are below.

Role of the Named Person

"The Named Person will be there for each child and the role will be part of day-to-day work. It may be that a child or family wish to contact their Named Person if they are worried about something. The Named Person may have concerns about the child's well-being that suggest further action is needed. Other individuals or agencies may have concerns about the child's well-being that they wish to bring to the attention of the Named Person.

Once a concern has been brought to the attention of the Named Person, it is the Named Person's responsibility to take action to provide help or arrange for the right help to be provided to promote the child's development and well being.

For further information please see;

Practice Briefing 1 The role of the *Named Person*

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/1141/0109328.pdf>

Training

Dates and Information

GIRFEC training is available to anyone working with children or their families. This can include new staff or anyone who wishes to refresh their knowledge. It's free!

Dates

9.30-12.30 Thursday 25th August 2011

13.30-16.30 Thursday 1st September 2011

Venue: Isleburgh Community Centre, King Harald Street, Lerwick.

If you wish to attend, please contact Rob Lamey

If anyone cannot access training in Lerwick, or if you have any other training needs, please get in touch so we can discuss how to meet your needs.

Links to further information

The Shetland GIRFEC website

<http://www.shetland.gov.uk/socialwork-health/iafpilot.asp>

The National GIRFEC programme

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/childrenservices/girfec>

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