

An Easy Read guide to...

the Child's Plan



The Child's Plan is part of
Getting it right for every child

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There is a way of working for
people who work with children.

You might not have heard of this
way of working before.



The way of working has been
brought in to help children in
Scotland have a good life.



It does not change how parents
should look after their child.

But it does change how people
who work with you and your child
can help.



People who work with you and
your child are people like...

- doctors
- nurses
- teachers
- social workers.



When these people talk to you about your child they will probably talk about this way of working.

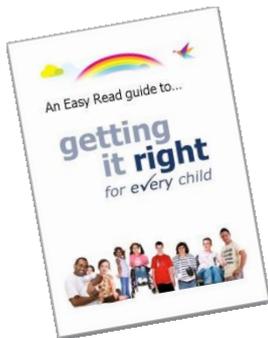
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This way of working is called **Getting it right for every child.**



One part of **Getting it right for every child** is called the Child's Plan.

This booklet is about the Child's Plan and what it means for you and your child.



There is also an Easy Read booklet about other parts of **Getting it right for every child.** This tells you about wellbeing and the Named Person.

What is a Child's Plan?



A Child's Plan is a plan written about 1 child.



The plan says what support the child needs to have a good life.

Who gets a Child's Plan?

Not every child has a Child's Plan.

Your child will only get a Child's Plan if they need some extra support.

Extra support means support that other children don't usually get.

Extra support could be things like...



- support from doctors and nurses at hospital if your child has a health problem



- support from special teachers if your child needs help at school or help to get to school



- support from a social worker for your family.

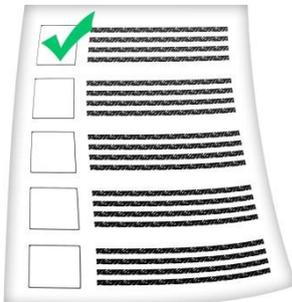
What is in a Child's Plan?

A Child's Plan says what extra support your child needs.

The plan says...



- **who** needs to support your child



- **what** they need to do to support your child



- **when** they need to do it by.

Why have a Child's Plan?



A Child's Plan will help your child get the extra support they need.



All the extra support your child needs is written down in their Child's Plan.



All the people who work with your child will look at the Child's Plan.



The Child's Plan says what they need to do to support your child's wellbeing. The plan will often talk about the 8 wellbeing indicators.

How do you get a Child's Plan?



You or the Named Person may think your child needs extra support.



The Named Person might organise a meeting.

They will invite you and your child to the meeting.

They might also invite other people who work with your child.

At the meeting you will talk about...



- what extra support your child needs
- who needs to support your child
- what they need to do to support your child.



It will all get written down in the Child's Plan.

Who organises the Child's Plan?



Someone who works with your child will organise the Child's Plan.



It is important you and your child have a say in what goes in the Child's Plan.



People who work with your child will have a say in what goes in the plan too.



Someone who works with your child will write the plan down.



When they write the plan down they should make sure it is easy to understand. You should get a copy of the plan.

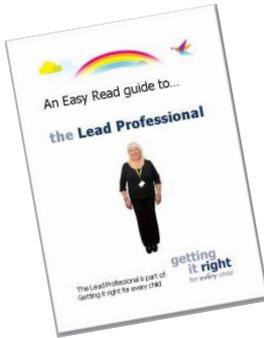


If your child gets extra support one person will help organise all of the support.



This person is called the Lead Professional.

The Lead Professional will help to organise the Child's Plan.



There is an Easy Read booklet with more information about the Lead Professional.

When do you get a Child's Plan?



A Child's Plan will start when your child needs extra support.



If your child needs extra support when they are born a Child's Plan will start straight away.



Your child might only need extra support when they get older.

So a Child's Plan will start when they need extra support.

How long does a Child's Plan last?



A Child's Plan lasts as long as it needs to.

It might only last for a few months.

Or it might last for many years.

The Child's Plan is checked now and again. You can ask for the plan to be changed.



All the people involved in the plan will have a meeting to talk about it.

You and your child will be invited to the meeting too.



You will talk about if the plan is working.

You will talk about if the plan needs to be changed to make it better.

You will talk about if the plan can finish or if it needs to carry on.



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