



An Easy Read guide to...

the **Lead Professional**



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The Lead Professional is part of Getting it right for every child



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.

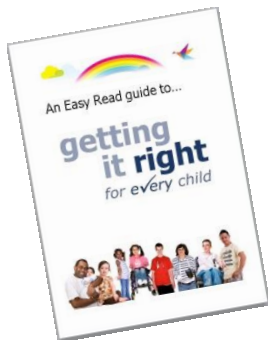
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This way of working is called **Getting it right for every child.**



One part of **Getting it right for every child** is called the Lead Professional.

This booklet is about the Lead Professional and what they do.



There is also an Easy Read booklet about other parts of **Getting it right for every child.** This gives information on Wellbeing and the Named Person.

What is a Lead Professional?



A Lead Professional is someone who helps to organise extra support for a child and their family.

What does a Lead Professional do?



Some children get lots of extra support that other children don't need.

For example, your child might get extra support from...



- doctors and nurses at hospital if they have complicated or serious health conditions



- special teachers if they need extra help at school



- a social worker if they or their family need extra help.



A Lead Professional is 1 person who gives information on and helps to organise all the support.



A Lead Professional makes sure all the people who support your child work well together.

Who gets a Lead Professional?

Not everyone has a Lead Professional.

You will only have a Lead Professional if your child gets extra support. Extra support means support that other children don't usually need or get.

Who is my family's Lead Professional?



Your Lead Professional will be someone who works with your child.

They will probably be someone like a...

- nurse
- teacher
- social worker.

Your Lead Professional should be someone who knows you and your child well.



You and your child can have a say in who your Lead Professional is.

The organisation in charge of the help must agree who the lead professional should be, to make sure they are the best person to get the job done.



The Lead Professional might change as your child grows up.



For example...

when a child is young their Lead Professional might be a community nurse.



But when the child starts school their Lead Professional might be a teacher or a social worker.

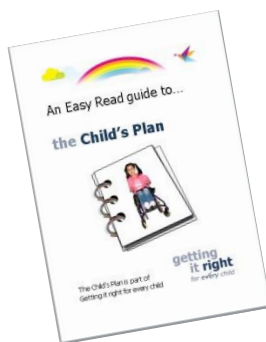
How does a Lead Professional organise support?



Your child will have a plan about all their extra support.

The plan is called a Child's Plan.

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



There is an Easy Read booklet about the Child's Plan.

It has more information about how the Child's Plan works.



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This Easy Read guide forms part of the project and has been designed to be accessible to parents who have learning difficulties. It is not a full explanation of the law or GIRFEC policy.

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