

What is this case file about?

Some children need extra help to make sure their rights are met. This might be because they are disabled, live away from their family, or for another reason.

Adults need to collect information to find out *who these children are* and what the *best way of supporting them is*.

Children whose rights are at risk

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Article 2
UNCRC says
that children
shouldn't be
treated unfairly
for any reason.

Why is it important to collect information?

If adults don't collect information, it means they won't know which children are having their rights met and which children are struggling. This means they won't get the help they need.

For example, young carers are children who help look after a family member, friend or neighbour. Many young carers miss school because they are caring for the person. Collecting information helps adults find this out and put supportive things in place to make sure young carers don't miss out on any learning.

"Everyone's different and everyone needs different things. So no one can really say, 'well, that'll help' because some people might not be able to do that. So it'd be neat to kind of ask people what they need"

What should adults do?

Adults should collect different kinds of information to build a big picture. Some of the things adults should do are:

- Gather children's views as well as the important numbers.
- Ask children to get involved as researchers.
- Don't treat children as "all the same". Gather information about different groups of children so you can understand what they need.
- Collect information before making changes and afterwards. This helps to see if the changes are working.

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What's happening across Scotland?

Lots of organisations have started to collect information so they can help children who need it.

Have a look below to check out the evidence!

EVIDENCE #1

Who Cares? Scotland

Who Cares Scotland asked what school pupils knew and thought about their Care Experienced classmates. The charity helped pupils learn more. This helped Care Experienced pupils feel more accepted and included.

Learn more about Who Cares? Scotland's work here.

EVIDENCE #2

Kinloss Primary School

Kinloss Primary School started to count how many pupils had a parent in the army. They spoke to them to find out what they need and made changes to help them.

Read more about Kinloss Primary School's work here.

EVIDENCE #3

Children in Scotland

Children in Scotland got children involved as researchers. They helped investigate what other children think. Children felt more comfortable sharing their thoughts with another child.

Read more about the Health Inequalities project here.

What is Care Experience?

This means someone who has been or is currently in care. It includes children who are living:

- with a relative who isn't their parent
- at home with the help of social work
- in a residential unit or school
- with foster carers.
- in a secure unit.
- with adopted parents

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What do you think?

To help with our next investigation, we want to know what you think!

- Do you have any ideas for how things should change?
- Are there any examples you want to share?

Let us know by emailing: info@togetherscotland.org.uk