

**Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:
Next steps for the children's care system in Scotland and implementing The Promise**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 26th October 2022

*****Taking place online*****



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Martin Whitfield MSP, Member of Scottish Parliament for South Scotland
- 9.05 **The current standard of children's care provision in Scotland and priorities moving forward**
Iona Colvin, Chief Social Work Advisor, Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Next steps for reforming the care system - effective structures and services, funding, cross-sector collaboration, children's voices in decision making, and support for families and carers**
Kathy Henwood, Head of Education & Children Services, Justice Services; and, Chief Social Work Officer, Fife Council
Elliot Jackson, National Convener and Chief Executive Officer, Children's Hearings Scotland
John Ryan, Assistant Director, Aberlour Child Care Trust
Alison Sutherland, Head of Service and Chief Officer for Children, Families and Justice, North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership
Ben Farrugia, Director, Social Work Scotland
Joanne Smith, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, NSPCC Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 Break
- 10.30 **Keeping the Promise - policy priorities for the children's care system in Scotland**
Clare Haughey MSP, Minister for Children and Young People
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Martin Whitfield MSP, Member of Scottish Parliament for South Scotland
- 11.00 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Miles Briggs MSP, Member of Scottish Parliament for Lothian
- 11.10 **Next steps for the children's care system and progress in the Keeping the Promise implementation plan**
Fraser McKinlay, Chief Executive Officer, The Promise Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Improving the care experience for children and securing better outcomes - raising educational attainment, tackling mental health concerns, developing relationships, and workforce development**
Neil McMillan, Executive Director, Kibble
Anne Wilson, Head of Development; and, Lead, Care-Experienced Children and Young People's Services, Children's Health Scotland
Henry Mathias, Head of Professional Standards and Practice, Care Inspectorate
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 Break
- 12.20 **Improving provision for care leavers - pathways to further study and employment, supporting social inclusion, and facilitating social mobility**
Amanda Hatton, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services, City of Edinburgh Council
Christopher Walsh, Throughcare and Aftercare Workforce Lead, STAF
Julia Donnelly, Deputy Principal Solicitor, Clan Childlaw
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Miles Briggs MSP, Member of Scottish Parliament for Lothian
Kittie Warde-Brown, Editorial Research Assistant, Scotland Policy Conference