

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

*Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022*

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



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 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 and Chief Social Worker, 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  
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**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
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Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Improving the care experience for children and securing better outcomes - raising educational attainment, tackling mental health concerns, developing relationships, and workforce development**  
**Jim Gillespie**, Chief Executive Officer, Kibble  
Senior representative, school  
Senior representative, mental health  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 Break
- 11.55 **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  
**Jo Derrick**, CEO, Staf  
Senior representative, housing  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for the children's care system and progress in the Keeping the Promise implementation plan**  
Senior speaker confirmed from **The Promise Scotland**  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences