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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
ALLIANCE SCOTLAND
people at the centre



“Our vision is for a Scotland where people who are disabled or living with long term conditions and unpaid carers have a strong voice and enjoy their right to live well.”

Our breakout group

- **Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessments (CRWIA)**
- **Child's rights budgeting (CRB)**

Discussion questions

- What are the **major** children's human rights **concerns**?
- Are there any **new developments or issues** that have arisen since Together's 2019 report, or anything that is missing?
- **What needs to happen** to ensure children's human rights are protected, respected and fulfilled?
- From your discussion, what are the **top three issues** that Together should include in its report to the UN Committee? **Why** have you chosen these?

Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessments

What the UN says

- Statutory obligation at national and devolved levels to systematically conduct a CRIA when developing laws and policies affecting children.
- Build into government at all levels as early as possible in the policy development process.
- Publish CRIA's and show how they have been taken into consideration in proposed laws and policies.
- Transparency and robust scrutiny

Situation in Scotland (human rights concerns)

- Lack of consistency in approach, inc misidentification of relevant articles of the UNCRC during the initial stages of the process
- Lack of consideration of wider jurisprudence of the UN Committee
- Insufficient data collection and evidence gathering
- Lack of involvement of children in the later stages of the CRWIA process.

Recommendations

- Consistency and refinement.
- Provision in UNCRC Incorporation Bill making CRIA a mandatory part of the Children's Scheme.
- Widespread training for officials across national and local government to improve skills, knowledge and understanding for CRWIA
- Publication of full CRWIAs to enable civil society scrutiny
- Quality assurance framework to ensure CRWIA effectiveness.

Child's Rights Budgeting

• What the UN says

- Allocate maximum available resource
- Eradicate child poverty and inequalities
- CRB in elaboration of State budget
- Transparent and participatory budgeting.
- Define & protect budgetary lines for children in disadvantaged or vulnerable situations.
- Regular CRIAs of budget and economic decision-making.
- Monitor and evaluate adequacy, efficacy and equitability of the distribution of resources

Situation in Scotland (human rights concerns)

- It remains unclear as to what level of resources are specifically allocated to children and children's services which prevents the effective monitoring and any move towards child rights budgeting.
- Very difficult to identify what is allocated and actually spent on children at national and local level, including particular groups of at risk or disadvantaged children

Recommendations

- All local and national decisions on resource allocation prioritise children's rights.
- Particular attention to children living in poverty or at risk of social exclusion.
- Effective governance structure to support implementation of the Action Plan, which should be revised to include a workstream to support the development of child's rights budgeting at a national and local level.

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CRWIA and Child's Rights Budgeting: Discussion

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2019 report's concerns

- Lack of consistency in CRWIA approach, inc misidentification of relevant UNCRC articles UNCRC during early process stages
- Lack of consideration of wider UN Committee jurisprudence in CRWIA.
- Insufficient data collection and evidence gathering
- Lack of involvement of children in the later stages of CRWIA process.
- CRB - lack of transparency on what is allocated and spent nationally and locally on children's rights inc children's services.

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- Action Plan should be include workstream to support the development of CRB at national & local level.