

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL FAMILY PLACEMENT SERVICE

The aims of the Family Placement Service are derived from the vision of Aberdeenshire's Children's Executive, a strategic decision making body comprising Health, Social Work, Education, Housing, Aberdeenshire Community Health Partnership, NHS Grampian Children's Services, the Voluntary Sector and The Child Care Partnership.

The vision of the Children's Executive – "every child in Aberdeenshire will be valued and helped to realise their potential" - informs the Aim of Aberdeenshire Council Looked After Children Strategy Group, "to ensure that every looked after child in Aberdeenshire will be valued and helped to realise their potential".

The vision of the Scottish Government, that children should be valued by ensuring that they are safe, nurtured, healthy, achieving, active, respectful and responsible, and included, are integral to Aberdeenshire's Children's Services Plan, the Looked After Children Strategy Group and provide a basis for the practice of Aberdeenshire's Family Placement Service.

Aberdeenshire Council embraces the principles outlined in The Children (Scotland) Act 1995 and "For Scotland's Children". The Family Placement Service is committed to the development of effective integrated services through improved planning and service delivery based on identified assessment of need. The Family Placement Service will respond to all challenges facing children, including vulnerability, social disadvantage, health issues and disability and will work together to make the needs of the child central to all our work.

Aberdeenshire Council is committed to continuous improvement and the Family Placement Service will embrace change and will seek to develop the Service in line with legislative changes, through consideration of best practice, consultation and outcomes for children and young people.

The Family Placement Service is committed for compliance with the National Care Standards for Adoption Agencies and the National Care Standards for Foster Care and Family Placement Services.