

Children 1st vision of a Bairns Hoose

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Child Protection Investigation

Following a report of abuse or neglect to a child or young person up to the age of 18 years where there is a concern that a child may have been (or is at risk of) significant harm, police, social work and health services work together to share information, make an assessment and make decisions about what needs to happen.

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Joint Investigative Interview

Children and young people are offered a filmed, trauma informed interview based on the Scottish Child Interview Model. The filmed interview provides high quality Evidence in Chief if the case progresses through the justice process. This means the child or young person does not have to repeat the main evidence in court.

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Increasing understanding

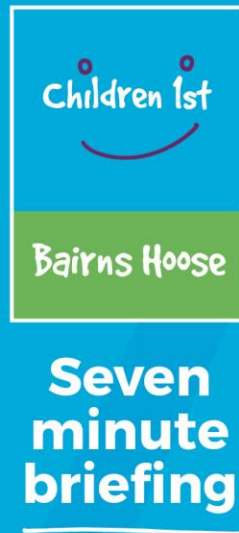
By sharing information, data and learning, the Bairns Hoose promotes multi-agency understanding of the nature and prevalence of abuse and harm to children and young people. This enables effective local planning of early intervention, prevention and recovery support.

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Health Assessment and Examination

Children and young people receive an assessment of their health and wellbeing through a 'top to toe' medical assessment.

When a non-acute forensic medical examination is required for a report of historic abuse outwith the 'DNA window,' this is offered within the Bairns Hoose.



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Co-ordinated support through the court and justice process

The child and their family are supported throughout the justice process, including preparation for court. A key ambition is for the child or young person to be cross examined within the Evidence by Commission process, so that they give their evidence remotely into the hearing from the video link room in the Bairns Hoose.

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Advice, Guidance and Recovery Support

The child or young person and their family are offered information, advice and guidance on child protection and justice processes. They are also offered support to help recovery, help them understand, express and manage their thoughts, feelings and behaviours, and support with different forms of self-harm including suicidal thoughts.

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Emotional Wellbeing Assessment

The child, young person and their families are offered a follow up appointment to explore their needs and be offered bespoke support with issues most important to them. This can focus on help managing the impact of information shared on social media, support to return to school and emotional wellbeing support, including self-harm.