

International Research Advisory Group

Children First's partner, the University of Edinburgh, led a three-year evaluation of the Children First North Strathclyde Bairns Hoose, with support from an international research advisory group. This evaluation was intended to help inform the delivery of the Scottish Government's commitment that every child in Scotland would have access to a Bairns Hoose by 2025 and support the roll out of Bairns Hoose across Scotland and the rest of Great Britain.

This purpose of the group was to:

- Advise on the design of the evaluation
- Advise on the application for ethical review
- Be involved in reviewing the progress of the evaluation
- Offer advice on the findings of the evaluation at the interim and final stage
- Support the evaluation team to effectively share the findings emerging from the evaluation

The group met every six months. It's members were:

- Carl Göran Svedin, Professor, Ersta Sköndal Bräcke University College, Sweden
- Kari Stefensen, Professor, Norwegian Social Research (NOVA)
- Ramona Alaggia, Professor, University of Toronto, Canada
- Dr Franziska Meinck, Lecturer in Social Work and Extraordinary Professor at Optentia Research Unit, North-West University, South Africa
- Dr James Herbert, Australian Centre for Child Protection
- Judith Masson Emeritus Professor, University of Bristol
- Olivia Lind Haldorsson, Director of PROMISE network, Children at risk EU Unit
- Peter Sidebotham, Emeritus Professor of Child Health
- Laura Lundy, Professor, Queens University – Child's Rights Participation Advisor (non attending member)
- The research team:
 - Dr Mary Mitchell, Principal Investigator
 - Professor John Devaney, University of Edinburgh
 - Dr Louise Hill, Head of Evidence and Evaluation, Children First
 - Dr Jennifer Lavoie, Chancellors Fellow, University of Edinburgh
 - Camille Warrington – Barnahus Research Fellow