




# THE PROMISE

## WHY - WHAT – WHAT NEXT

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# Session Plan

Setting some context

The Promise

What could help?



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# SETTING SOME CONTEXT

**“We grow up loved, safe, and respected so that we realise our full potential.”**



# The Independent Care Review

7 reports published in February 2020

The Promise - the result of listening to the lived experience

The Pinky Promise – a version for children

The Plan – the change that must happen

The Money – how we can invest differently for long term gain

Follow the Money – the evidence that informed the The Money report

The Rules – how the legislation must change

Thank You – acknowledging the 1000s who contributed

# Human costs v system costs

- Operational cost of the current care system
  - £942 million annually
  - 198m in associated services
- £732m in lost income tax and NI due to lower incomes achieved by care experienced individuals
- £875m meeting needs care experienced individuals have as a result of current system failure

Care experienced adults bear the lifelong cost of care and are:



Almost  
**one and a half**  
times more likely to have  
anxiety at 16

Almost  
**one and a half**  
times more likely to have  
unauthorised absences at  
school at 16

Children living in the  
10% most deprived  
areas of Scotland are  
20 times more likely to  
become care  
experienced than those  
in the 10% least  
deprived areas

Almost  
**two and a half**  
times more likely to be  
excluded from school

Almost  
**twice**  
as likely to moderately  
use drugs at 16

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# So what is The Promise

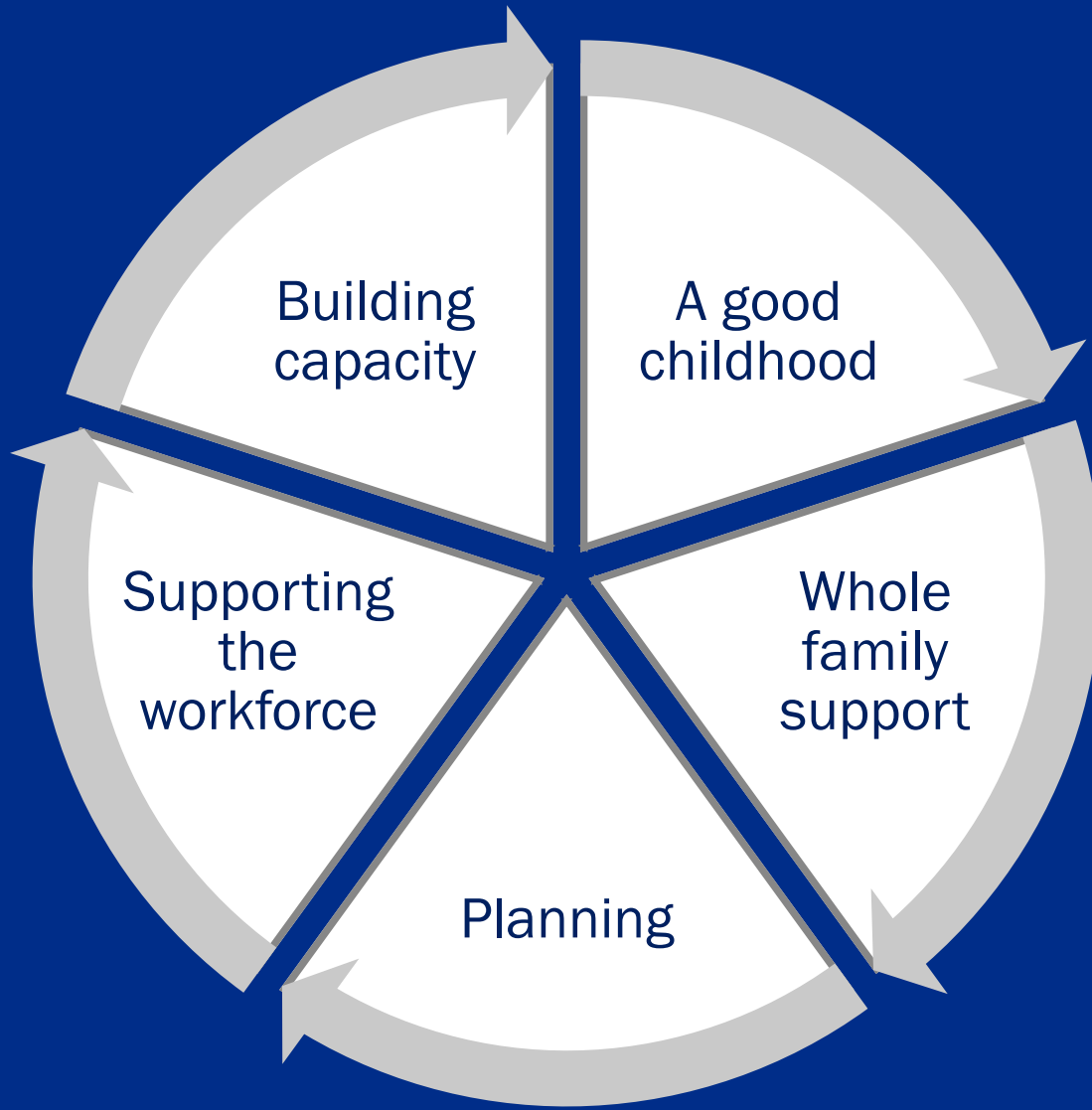
A commitment to *#KeepthePromise* – made 5 weeks before the first lockdown and endorsed by all political parties

- The Promise Scotland
  - *Connect & collaborate*
  - *Challenge*
  - *Communicate*
  - *Coordinate & support*
  - *Oversee & scrutinise*

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# Plan 21-24 – the fundamentals

- Published on 31 March 2021 with action to be taken by 2024
- What matters to children & families – leading change
- Listening – embedding what’s been heard into changes
- Poverty – playing our part in mitigating the impacts of poverty
- Children’s Rights – being consistently upheld
- Language – embedding destigmatising language and practices



# Change Programme One

Five priority actions to 2024 to drive progress

Next publication due Spring 2022



WHAT CAN  
WE DO?

# As a Corporate Parent

- Be **alert** to issues which might adversely affect the wellbeing of an eligible young person
- **Assess** the needs of eligible children and young people for any services or support provided
- **Promote** the interests of eligible children and young people
- Seek to provide eligible children and young people with **opportunities** to promote their wellbeing
- Take appropriate action to help eligible young people **access** those opportunities
- Keep our approach to corporate parenting under constant review, seeking out **improvement**

<https://www.corporateparenting.org.uk/>

# The Promise Design School

- Currently in pilot phase in 2022
- Supporting service redesign
- Enabling those with experience of care to fully collaborate
- A Pinky Promise Design School for children will be developed
- Healthcare Improvement Scotland & NES have an opportunity to collaborate



# Each & Every Child

- Reframing and the power of communication
- Based on research and testing
- Shift public attitudes
- Engage and inform professionals working with children, young people and families
- Support care experienced people to be at the heart of developments
- Mobilise communities to take action to improve life chances

<https://eachandeverychild.co.uk/events/>

