

Do you have experience of care?

In 2020 Scotland made a promise to make sure children, young people and families coming into contact with social services receive all the support they need to thrive. A ten-year plan was made to guide everyone who must support children and their families.

The Promise Oversight Board checks whether Scotland is doing enough to keep the promise made to care experienced babies, infants, children, young people, families and care

experienced adults. Over half of the Board have personal experience of the 'care system.'

In May 2022, the Promise Oversight Board published their first report. It said that there is lots of progress, but change is still happening too slowly.

You can find more information about the report and work to #keepthepromise at www.thepromise.scot



The Board said that they were pleased that:

Despite Covid-19 organisations across Scotland are still working to Keep the Promise.



Scottish Government has said it will spend

£500 million on supporting families before 2025.



The Hearing System is being redesigned to make sure it #KeepsThePromise and really upholds children's rights.



The Board said that they were worried that:

The data collected on the 'care system' isn't good enough to know whether children are being properly cared for and looked after.

The cost of living crisis and everything becoming more expensive makes things really hard for families and children.

There are still young people being sent to prison.



Scotland still doesn't know enough about restraint to understand how much it is happening and how to stop it happening as much as it is.



Care experienced children are still not being properly supported in schools.

