

A high-level summary of the specific areas identified by The Promise Scotland as **potentially requiring legislative change** and therefore should be considered for the Promise Bill.

Early help and support for children and families

Clarity over the existing statutory framework and the rights of children and families to early help and support.	Sustainable, long term funding and changes to existing procurement and commissioning	Reporting and monitoring mechanisms and changes to the development of Children's Services Plans	Duty to provide early help and support
Definition of early help and support	Duties around multi-disciplinary teams and team working	Preventative spend targets	A statutory footing for family learning
Access to Family Group Decision Making	Poverty	Meeting the needs of infants and babies	

Intensive support for children and families

Strengthening and implementing Part 12 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014	Statutory framework around intensive support	One family one plan	Multi-disciplinary teams
Duty to provide support for parents when children are removed from their care and beyond	Support for kinship carers	Support for foster carers	Support for adoptive parents
Support for children of parents who are in conflict with the law	Children with a disability and with additional support needs	Access to substance use services for parents	Domestic abuse

Decision-making alongside children and families (including the Children's Hearings System)

Embedding a legal right to participation / consultation in decision-making frameworks	A right to legal representation and legal aid	A right to advocacy	The voices of infants and babies
Changes to the Children's Hearings System (including consistency of Panel Members and no more Grounds Hearings)	Decisions around permanence (including a statutory time limit)		

Children and families' first engagement with the 'care system' (after a decision has been made)

Specific rights for children entering the 'care system'	Overarching duty to promote the wellbeing and uphold the rights of children with experience of care in Scotland		
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The rights of children for whom Scotland has caring responsibilities

Removing barriers to relationships	Reducing cross border 'placements'	Support for kinship care and changing the age and rights around Kinship Care Orders	National Foster Care Register
Changes to Secure Care (remaining in Secure Care for longer, exit planning, etc.)	Adoption	Unaccompanied asylum seeking children	Brothers and sisters
Justice (including Age of Criminal Responsibility and places of safety)	Education (including Virtual Headteacher Network)		

Moving on from care into adulthood & lifelong rights of care experienced adults

Staying Put for longer (planning for this and transition planning)	Access to financial support	Removing regulatory barriers to children staying in foster, kinship and residential care	Clearer definition of 'aftercare'
Removal of eligible needs assessments	Extension of continuing care and aftercare	Improvements to monitoring	A statutory right to return
A statutory right to advocacy and legal representation	Lifelong support		

People

Support for the workforce			
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Scaffolding (creating an enabling environment for change)

Changes around data and information	Governance	Legislation (decluttering the landscape)	Scrutiny and inspection
Restraint	Clearly setting out rights and entitlements	Removing profit and targets associated with profit	