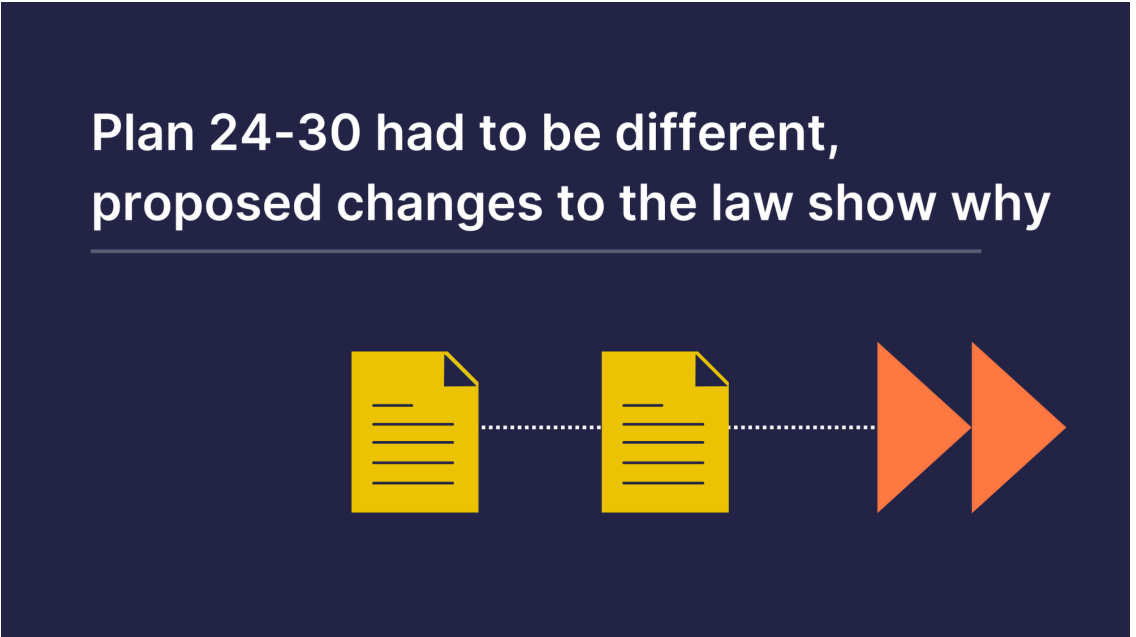


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## Thank you for your commitment to keeping the promise.

This newsletter is here to give you updates on our work, work happening to keep the promise across Scotland, and opportunities to get involved. If you have any questions or feedback, please reach out to [hello@thepromise.scot](mailto:hello@thepromise.scot).



Plan 24-30 was designed to be different, so it could adapt to changes as progress is made to keep the promise. But it wasn't always clear what that meant. The Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland), which was introduced a year after Plan 24-30's launch, provides a real example of the value of a flexible plan.

As the Bill goes through the parliamentary process, and potentially becomes an act, it will have a huge impact on Plan 24-30's route maps and the direction of work to keep the promise. So we've written a blog showing the impact it will have, and how the plan will adapt. It also includes information on the work to develop the 25 route maps through to 2030.

Read this reflection from our Head of Partnerships and Policy, Claire Stuart.

[Learn more here](#)

## The Promise Progress Framework

is now an

**online dashboard**



**The Promise Progress Framework** – which uses multiple sources of data to give a high-level understanding of progress to keep the promise – is now an interactive dashboard.

The Framework aims to answer the question from the Promise Story of Progress of *how Scotland is doing in its progress towards keeping the promise*.

The **Dashboard** is a new interactive version of this Framework, which first launched as a static PDF in December 2024. It presents the same vision statements, outcomes, and indicators as the original PDF version.

However, it allows for data to be updated regularly, instead of through a static annual report. It also enables users to easily navigate to find the data that matters to them, and see where progress is happening.

It has been created in partnership between the Scottish Government, COSLA, and The Promise Scotland, as part of the wider [Promise Story of Progress work](#).

[Click here](#)

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## On our Radar

In July, we submitted our response to the Education, Children and Young People Committee's call for views on the Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill, [which you can read here](#).

We are continuing to engage with Scottish Government, MSPs, and partners in the sector about the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill, and as part of this we responded to the Education, Children and Young People Committee's call for views, [which you can read here](#).

On Wednesday 10 September, Fiona Duncan, Independent Strategic Advisor for the promise, and Fraser McKinlay, Chief Executive of The Promise Scotland gave evidence alongside Sheriff David Mackie to the Education, Children and Young People Committee about the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill. [You can watch the session here](#).


The Scottish Government has [launched a consultation](#) on the provisions in the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill around financial transparency and profit limitation in children's residential care. The deadline for submissions is Monday 6 October.

We will be hosting a joint event at SNP Party Conference on 12 October from 5-6pm in partnership with Who Cares? Scotland. Our chair, and the Independent Strategic Advisor for the promise, Fiona Duncan will be on the panel, with Louise Hunter from Who Cares? Scotland, MSP and former First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, Ryan McShane from the Oversight Board and Who Cares? Scotland member Ethan Mulhall. [You can find out more here](#).

**Upcoming Events**

### The Reflection and Action Forum (RALF)

4 November 2025




Join us to hear how the RALF model was co-designed with the Scottish Physical Restraint Action Group (SPRAG) members as part of the group's overarching commitment to help bring about a change in culture with regard to restraint and restrictive practice across the residential child care and the wider care sector.

[Sign up](#)

### Promise Design School Lite

A series of short, engaging sessions designed help you think differently about how to address challenges related to the promise in your setting.



Are you working to keep the promise? Do you have a problem you are working to solve? Design Lite could be right for you!

Join us this November for a series of short, engaging sessions designed to introduce you to service design and co-design principles.

[Sign up](#)

### Scaffolding



Edinburgh  
12 November 2025



Join our next Promise Learning Collaborative. This event will highlight work happening, challenges and learning around the Plan 24-30 foundation Scaffolding focusing on the themes:



Community of Practice for Siblings  
**NOVEMBER EVENT**

20 November  
Online

Join us for our last event of 2025! The Community of Practice for siblings is a welcoming network of connection and collaboration for those who are passionate about nurturing brothers, sisters, siblings and sibling-like

Health, Justice, Legislation, Scrutiny, and Inspection.

relationships in the context of care. Full agenda coming soon.

Sign up

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## Resources and Opportunities

**“Lived experience helps people connect on a deeper level, sparking empathy and reminding us why being trauma-informed is so important. It encouraged us to be even more intentional about supporting children with care experience.”**

**Victoria McCabe**  
Deputy Head Teacher  
Neilston Primary School



### Story of Change in Action: Building a Nurturing, Stigma-Free Community, Neilston Primary School

Neilston Primary School has introduced *Cup of Tea and Stigma Free* events—informal gatherings that bring together children, families, and a range of professionals to share ideas, build understanding, and explore ways to get the right help and support when it’s needed.

The school’s nurturing ethos runs through every aspect of its work, ensuring a caring and supportive environment for all children, including those with care experience.

[Hear more from Victoria McCabe, Deputy Head Teacher, in the full story here.](#)

### Save the Date: Unheard Voices, Unbroken Spirits

Young people in West Dunbartonshire have been working hard over the summer creating their very own original musical telling the collective story of care experience across the area. Tickets are now available for multiple showings. Book yours below:

[28 & 29 October at Clydebank Town Hall](#)

## [4 November at The Denny Civic Theatre](#)

### **Young people bring colour to Paisley through new murals**

Check out these vibrant new murals by the young people of Paisley including the Love2Care mural which showcases the voices of care experienced young people. It tells of their hopes and strength and the importance of having community.

[Read more here.](#)

### **Navigate is here: New online hub to support care experienced learners**

Enquire, Scotland's advice service for additional support for learning, has launched Navigate, an online hub improving education support for care experienced children and young people.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

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