

Thank you for your commitment to keeping the promise.

This newsletter is here to give you updates on our work and work happening to keep the promise across Scotland. If you have any questions or feedback, please reach out to hello@thepromise.scot. You can find previous and PDF versions [here](#).

New Government, same promise

Scotland has chosen who will be responsible for keeping the promise by 2030.



This promise must be kept, and Scotland has now chosen the parliamentarians who must deliver that by 2030. This means they must help change lives, reshape the public sector, better use public finances, show that Scotland cares about its children and ultimately, be a part of the government and parliament that keeps the promise.

Doing so requires strong political leadership, clear focus and brave decision-making to drive forward this change at scale and pace. There is not a minute to waste.

Ahead of the election, 54 organisations who work with children, families and care experienced adults [called on all parties to commit to keeping the promise](#), now those parties must work together to make this happen.

To help all new and returning MSPs, The Promise Scotland has created new resources highlighting why keeping the promise is so important and what must happen next including:

- An MSP briefing, building on our pre-election paper, Ensuring Scotland's children grow up loved, safe and respected – How the next Scottish Government and Parliament can make sure that Scotland keeps the promise, and
- A new guide which pulls together all of the outcomes on Plan 24-30 to give an overview of what all work to keep the promise is aiming towards.

[Find out more here](#)

Keeping the promise in local areas

Understanding progress and linking local insights to national change



Over the course of the year, Fiona Duncan, the Independent Strategic Advisor – the promise, will visit all local authorities across Scotland, to hear from people about progress to keep the promise. In this blog, she explains why she is heading out on the road.

[Find out more](#)



On May 20 we hosted an event with all of the promise regional networks from across Scotland, who came together to discuss work around Plan 24-30 route maps, the Promise Story of Progress and the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Act. It was great to see people from all over the country and hear about their work to keep the promise, as well as the challenges people are facing.

Upcoming and Resources

[Scottish Election 2026 Blogs - Children First](#)

Children First share their views on what the next Scottish Government must do to keep the promise.

[Plan 24-30: Learning from the Leadership Route Map](#)

In developing the Leadership route map on Plan 24-30, Carly Glover spoke to leaders across different areas on what they felt needed to happen for the promise to be kept, and the role of leadership in doing that. In this blog, Carly reflects on what she heard, and what Scotland can learn.

[Learning Story - Falkirk's Get to Focus Group: Co-designing better services and systems](#)

A group of parents who were brought together with other communities of interest to create a space where families can connect and provide peer support, while also influencing services.

[Learning Story - Developing promise assurance inspections](#)

The Care Inspectorate are developing new promise assurance inspections, which aim to develop the Inspectorate's relationship with the young people in the services they inspect.

[Response to the Future of Secure Care Consultation](#)

Our response to the Scottish Government's consultation on the future of secure care and the single point of contact for victims.



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