

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 – Revised Draft Statutory Guidance for Part 18 (Section 96)

The Scottish Social Services Council is the regulator for the social work, social care and early years workforce in Scotland. Our work means the people of Scotland can count on social services being provided by a trusted, skilled and confident workforce.

We protect the public by registering social service workers, setting standards for their practice, conduct, training and education and by supporting their professional development. Where people fall below the standards of practice and conduct we can investigate and take action.

We:

- publish the national codes of practice for people working in social services and their employers
- register people working in social services and make sure they adhere to the SSSC Codes of Practice
- promote and regulate the learning and development of the social service workforce
- are the national lead for workforce development and planning for social services in Scotland.
- Are an ONS statistics provider

Question 1 How clear and easy is the guidance to understand?

Completely

Question 2 With regard to the assessment of wellbeing, within the overall GIRFEC approach, does the guidance make practitioners' roles and responsibilities clear?

Completely

Question 3 Are the definitions provided for the wellbeing indicators (section 6.1) clear and easy to understand?

Mostly

Question 4 To what extent do you think that the guidance will help practitioners understand how to embed the United Nations

Convention on the Rights of the Child, and to protect, respect and uphold children's rights within the assessment of wellbeing?

Somewhat

Question 5 Can you outline anything specific that would be helpful to add to this guidance to assist the assessment of wellbeing?

While we believe that the draft statutory guidance is clear and easy to understand, we feel it would be useful to examples of good practice in carrying out assessments as well as examples of high quality assessments. This would further clarify what is expected of practitioners in carrying out their role.

Question 6 Are there any areas where the further development of resources or guidance would be helpful in supporting the assessment of wellbeing?

The SSSC would be happy to support the development of further resources to support the workforce to understand and implement the guidance if there is an identified need for this.

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