

# What is the Promise?

Clackmannanshire Council has pledged that we will work to keep The Promise, putting children and families at the heart of what we do so that every child grows up loved, safe and respected, and able to realise their full potential.

The Promise is a Scotland wide blueprint to deliver on the recommendations of the National Independent Care Review, and is based on five key foundations:

## Family

Where children are safe in their families and feel loved they must stay – and families must be given support together to nurture that love and overcome the difficulties which get in the way.

## Voice

Children must be listened to and meaningfully and appropriately involved in decision-making about their care, with all those involved properly listening and responding to what children want and need.

## Focus

Where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters where safe to do so and belong to a loving home, staying there for as long as needed.

## People

The children that Scotland cares for must be actively supported to develop relationships with people in the workforce and wider community, who in turn must be supported to listen and be compassionate in their decision-making and care.

## Scaffolding

The system that surrounds all of this - the system of help, decision-making, support and accountability - must be more supportive and responsive.

# What are we doing to keep The Promise in Clackmannanshire?

Clackmannanshire's Promise Cross Party group has been established and is responsible for ensuring Keeping The Promise is firmly in sight and remains a key priority in achieving real change for our care experienced people.

The Clackmannanshire Children and Young People's Partnership is delivering on identified local commitments and actions through Keeping Our Promise - the Children's Services Plan 2021-2024.

Local priority actions are structured around the five Promise priorities:

A Good Childhood  
Whole Family Support  
Supporting the Workforce  
Planning  
Building Capacity

The Clackmannanshire Alliance is piloting the Human and Economic Cost Modelling (HECM) approach with support from The Promise Scotland.

Care experienced young people and their carers have engaged in a participatory opportunity with The Promise Design School to support the **development of a Participation Network** to improve current collaboration and participatory opportunities.