



Child Protection Bulletin for Keeping Children Safe



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Welcome to the 6th edition of our Child Protection Bulletin.

Another busy year ahead! As it's the start of the sessional year, this edition provides a refresher focus, exploring the Highland Practice Model including the 5 key questions and use of '**My World Triangle**'

Child Protection Concern?

Ensure you know and follow the policy and procedure of your setting including contact and availability for your CP designated officer. Remember out of hours contact: Police Scotland (101), Highland Social Work (0845 769 7284), Moray Social Work (03457 565656)

If you have a concern and are seeking further advice or will refer to SW, it will be useful to remember these 5 key questions to ensure you have the right information:

- *What is getting in the way of this child's well-being?*
- *Do I have all the information I need to help this child?*
- *What can I do now to help this child?*
- *What can my agency do to help this child?*
- *What additional help, if any, may be needed from other agencies?*

Introduction

The Highland Practice Model builds on knowledge, theory and good practice. It provides a framework for practitioners in all services to help gather, structure and analyse information in a consistent and proportionate way. The framework helps to identify and understand the strengths and pressures for the child and their carers', the child or young person's needs and any risks.

The Highland Practice Model facilitates consideration of what support is required to improve outcomes for children. It promotes the participation of children, young people and families as central to assessing, planning and taking action.

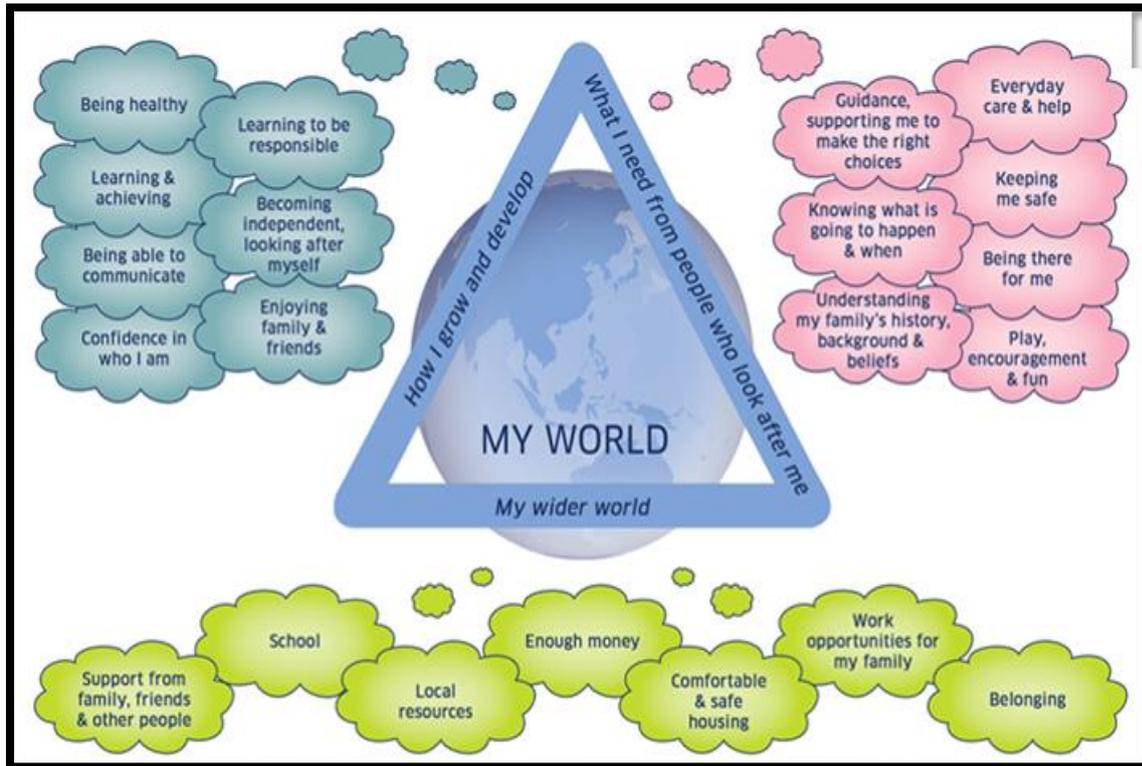


All practitioners working with children and young people will be familiar with the Wellbeing wheel, the diagram above demonstrates how it supports the four capacities of Curriculum for Excellence to enable our young people to become successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.

When we are working with children we can sometimes be concerned about their presentation, behaviour or demeanour without being able to pinpoint exactly what it is that is causing that worry. Using the tool above assists us to identify what that concern is, and to record, share information and take appropriate action.

Of course, it may not be a single issue that worries us, but an accumulation of concerns or issues, which is why record keeping and maintaining a chronology is vital to support your work and to help you to understand emerging patterns. This is of particular importance and value where neglect may be an issue.

You can access our free e-learning module 'What makes a good chronology' by [clicking here](#)



It is important that assessments and decisions about children and their families are evidence based. In carrying out the assessment of the child, attention should be given to all aspects of the child's life. Attention must also be given to the strengths as well as any areas of concern and any risk factors highlighted.

Information gathered must be proportionate and relevant to the issue being explored. It is also important to remember the potential implications for other children within the family when assessing.

The 'My World Triangle' tool facilitates a comprehensive assessment of a child's life by exploring 3 areas:

- How a child is growing and developing
- What the child requires from those who look after them
- The impact of the wider world upon the child.

Additional specialist assessments may be required to fully inform those working with the child and family.

The use of the tools described in this bulletin will help practitioners to identify concerns at an early stage and to offer appropriate support to enable children to fulfil their potential in life.



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Our Vision:
Every child in Highland is protected and safe from harm

Our Mission:
To consistently implement Highland policies and procedures in child protection through supporting, training, maintaining and developing strong communication within voluntary sector agencies and other childcare organisations.

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The Child Protection Toolkit and Guidance for Third Sector Organisations

The 'Child Protection Toolkit and Guidance for Third Sector Organisations' has been produced by the Highland Council Child Protection Committee. The toolkit provides tools to help support the recruitment of staff and volunteers, as well as more detailed guidance on child protection issues.

You can download the toolkit from the HCPC website by clicking [here](#).

Or watch our promotional video to learn a little more about the toolkit by clicking [here](#).

Other Pages in this Section

- [Child Protection \(Keeping Children Safe\)](#)
- [Child Protection News](#)
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Care and Learning Alliance have updated and revamped their Child Protection/Keeping Children Safe area of their website. You will find a wealth of useful information relating to Child Protection and Keeping Children Safe. [Click here to access](#)

USEFUL WEBSITES

Highland Child Protection Committee – Highland policy, procedures and training
[CLICK HERE](#)

Moray Child Protection Committee – Moray policy, procedures and training
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Care and Learning Alliance – Relevant information and links for Keeping Children Safe
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Care and Learning Alliance E Learning Zone – Offering a range of online childcare courses. Learn in your own time, at your own pace
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Useful Video clips

A short animation by NHS Scotland to contribute to raising awareness about the impact of adversity.
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NSPCC and O2 have produced this short animation to support parents understanding of how to keep track of what their child is doing on social networks, apps and games and be 'Share Aware'
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