

Children's Rights

The Health and Social Care Standards (2018) place the respect for, and promotion of, rights first among their principles:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/health-social-care-standards-support-life/documents/>

The Scottish Social Services Council's Code of Practice places the protection, and promotion of, rights first among its standards:

<https://www.sssc.uk.com/the-scottish-social-services-council/sssc-codes-of-practice/>

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is the accepted guide to the specific rights that children should enjoy: <https://www.unicef.org/child-rights-convention>, incorporated into Scots Law to ensure children's rights are upheld:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2024/1/contents/enacted>

and within the context that children have all the same human rights as adults, as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

<https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

Children have historically been disadvantaged by adult social structures, which tend to exclude children and override children's interests. Playgroup will promote children's rights, and children's participation wherever possible to meet the best interests of each child.

The Playgroup is a protected space in which the rights and interests of the children who currently attend Playgroup are given primacy. All adults who come into Playgroup should know and accept that this is the case and be prepared to adapt their behaviour to reflect this emphasis.

A central right is the right to privacy, and Practitioners will safeguard privacy for all children in all aspects of their care in Playgroup; some examples being intimate care, maintaining appropriate use of digital devices and information, and disclosures.

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