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Welcome to the third edition of the Children & Young People's Focus newsletter, in which I am delighted to announce the outcome of the recent HMiE Child Protection Inspection in Perth & Kinross.

The results of the inspection are exceptional, and Perth & Kinross were evaluated as follows:-

Children are listened to and respected	EXCELLENT
Children are helped to keep safe	EXCELLENT
Response to immediate concerns	VERY GOOD
Meeting needs and reducing long term harm	EXCELLENT
Self-evaluation	VERY GOOD
Improvements in performance	VERY GOOD

Perth & Kinross CHP would like to thank you all for the hard work and dedication throughout not only the inspection, but what is achieved on a day-to-day basis.

This is reiterated by Mr Gerry Marr, Chief Executive of NHS Tayside, who said:-

"It is a testament to all your hard work and ongoing commitment to make services better and your collective drive to improve the lives of children and young people in Perth & Kinross and I would like to personally thank you all for the work which you carry out.

It is also pleasing for me that a particular strength highlighted was the engagement and effective communication with children, young people and families.

This kind of trust can only be built over time and it is thanks to projects such as that under way at Scott Street and the ongoing contribution of the drama tours for secondary school pupils.

The inspectors recommend that Perth & Kinross "continue to build on the very effective practice to improve services to protect children".

Please be assured that we are not complacent and I know you will work continuously to drive up standards. This we will do both locally and across Tayside and your input to the improvement plan will be invaluable to us."

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The Care Inspectorate Report is available on their website ([click here](#)) at:-

www.scswis.com > Publications > Inspections > Child Protection Inspections > Perth & Kinross

REVISION OF PROTECTING CHILDREN: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY – GUIDANCE FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN SCOTLAND (THE PINK BOOK)

Following publication of the Scottish Government's National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2010, the Scottish Government's Children and Young people's Health Branch has now established a National SLWG to review this guidance, commonly referred to as the Pink Book.

First published in 2000, this guidance has not been updated since to reflect current practice, policy and procedure.

It is understood that child protection leads in health across Scotland strongly support the retention and development of the specific clinical guidance contained in the Pink Book.

A short-life working group, to be chaired by Dr Kate McKay, National Clinical Lead for Children and Young People's Health in Scotland is being established to take this work forward and will conclude the work in Spring 2012.

Groundbreaking Partnership Working in P&K

Perth and Kinross CHP, Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee (CPC) and the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) have, for several months been exploring ways of working more closely together on child protection related matters, aimed at delivering better outcomes for vulnerable children and families.

Following a meeting chaired by Julie Flynn on 8th November 2011, it has now been agreed that the CHP and the CPC will provide further support to SAS staff, including:

- Raising further awareness of child protection
- Providing SAS staff with child protection information and advice leaflets and posters

- Signposting SAS staff to the child protection website
- Carrying out a benchmarking exercise to identify existing SAS staff child protection skills and knowledge levels, and, if necessary provide access to free child protection training.

SAS representation at the CPC is also under consideration, thought to be a first in Scotland.

Ross Drummond, the P&K CPC Coordinator has also discussed this partnership initiative at the National CPC Lead Officers Group and at the Central and North East of Scotland Child Protection Consortium (Forth Valley, Fife, Tayside and Grampian) where there is considerable interest in this groundbreaking initiative.

Further updates will be provided as this work progresses.

PERTH & KINROSS SUPPORT MANUAL

The Perth and Kinross Support Manual is an easy-to read online hyperlinked toolkit in flipbook format.

The Manual supports managers and practitioners at all levels across Health, Social Work, Education and other agencies to meet the additional support needs of all children and young people.

The Manual, which was developed from best practice within Perth and Kinross Council and NHS Tayside, provides practical advice on how to identify and assess additional support needs as well demonstrating through 30 Successful Support Stories, how to deliver best practice within Curriculum for Excellence.

The Manual also informs managers and practitioners about underpinning philosophy and relevant legislation.

In addition, it provides practical ways forward for staff to evaluate their practice and lead and manage schools and services.

A key message throughout the Manual is the need for effective partnership working.

The Support Manual is available ([click here](#)) at:

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/internet/flashmag/pkcsupport%20Manual/pageflip.html>



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Julie Flynn, Head of Primary Care & Lead for Child Health, recently met with Gavin Pyott, EDO Virtual Learning, Perth & Kinross Council, to explore the possibility of health information featuring on the site.

If you have any thoughts of what information would be useful to add onto the GLOW website please forward to [Joanne Southern, j.southern@nhs.net](mailto:Joanne.Southern@nhs.net). The information required is in terms of accessing services.