CONSULTATION ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014
Part 1 Children’s Rights Reporting and,
Part 3 Children’s Services Planning

RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form **must** be returned with your response.
Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

<p>| | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>☐</td>
<td>Individual</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>☒</td>
<td>Organisation</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Full name or organisation’s name

<p>| |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Healthcare Improvement Scotland</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Phone number

<p>| |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0141 225 6999</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Address

<p>| |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Delta House  
50 West Nile Street  
Glasgow |

Postcode

<p>| |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>G1 2NP</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Email

<p>| |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:

- ☒ Publish response with name
- ☐ Publish response only (anonymous)
- ☐ Do not publish response

We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
Consultation on Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014: Guidance on Parts 1 and 3
Healthcare Improvement Scotland response

Healthcare Improvement Scotland drives improvement in the quality of health and social care for all people in Scotland. Our work supports the 2020 vision for Scotland where people are able to live longer healthier lives at home, or in a homely setting.

We work with health and social care providers to drive improvement in the care people receive by:

- empowering people to have an informed voice in managing their own care and shaping how services are designed and delivered
- using the best available evidence to provide national clinical standards, guidance and advice for health and social care providers to use.
- providing programmes of world-class improvement support to help services improve, and
- delivering scrutiny activity which is fair but challenging and leads to improvements in the care that people receive.

We work in partnership with those delivering care including integration authorities, third sector organisations, the independent care sector, housing organisations and NHS boards to make improvements in health and care services which are cost effective and sustainable.

Our detailed responses on the questions relating to Part 1 Guidance, set out in the consultation document, are provided below. We have not responded in detail to the Part 3 Guidance as we do not have comparable duties in terms of responding to Part 3 of the Act. For Part 3, we have noted the guidance as it relates to our organisation, and we thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft.

Part 1 Guidance

1. Is there sufficient information on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Children and child rights-based approaches to support an understanding of the Part 1 (section 2) duties under the 2014 Act?

We broadly agree that there is sufficient information on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Children and child rights-based approaches to support an understanding of the relevant duties.

2. Is the suggested framework for reporting on children’s rights helpful? Can you suggest other information or details that would be useful?

We find the suggested framework for reporting on children’s rights useful and clear. It is particularly helpful that consideration has been given to frameworks and processes already in place, and the opportunity to report as part of an organisational response to other parts of the Act.
3. Does the guidance make clear what the terms “secure better” and “give further effect” mean in the context of Part 1 (section 2) of the 2014 Act? What changes would you suggest?

Clarity is given to the phrase by the recommended use of the UNCRC clusters, which allows for practical application of the terms. It would be helpful but not essential to use a phrase in more common usage, consistent with other Scottish Government advice and guidance; for example, ensuring that Children’s Rights are given due consideration in the development of services. To “secure better Children’s Rights” has a different meaning to “better secure Children’s Rights”, and the latter seems more appropriate in this context, so there is scope for confusion and misinterpretation in the wording of this section of the guidance as it currently stands.

4. Is the relationship between ‘rights’ and ‘wellbeing’ clear? What changes to the guidance do you suggest?

The relationship is made clear in Appendix 3, which links the wellbeing indicators to the articles of the UNCRC. We have no suggestions for further changes, as we find it adequately clear.

5. Is the description of the links between the duties under Part 1 (section 2) and Part 3 of the guidance clear and useful?

The links between the duties are set out in a way that is clear and useful. Although Part 3 of the guidance will not apply to Healthcare Improvement Scotland, it will apply to our NHS colleagues in geographic health boards and it is useful for our organisation to be informed of this requirement on our NHS and other public sector colleagues.

6. What other comments do you have on the Part 1 (section 2) guidance? Please cite specific parts of the guidance if relevant.

As an organisation, we have received a high level of support and opportunities for development via the Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland (CELCIS) in terms of applying the guidance for Part 9 of the Act. We support this approach and ask if there might also be scope for a similar level of support from a comparable organisation to guide those bodies identified in Appendix B as responsible under Part 1 of the Act. We have noted the guidance as it relates to our organisation, and thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft.