



CHILD PROTECTION

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Outcomes

- Child Protection V Child Safety
- What is Child Protection?
- Child Protection in Stirling
- Emerging Themes
- What happens when a concern is reported?
- Keeping Children Safe

Child Safety

- Accidents at Home
- Safe Use of Internet
- Safety in the Community
- Safe Children's Organisations

Keeping Children Safe Employers & Voluntary Organisations

- Safer Recruitment Outcomes
- Policy and recruitment and selection process
- Legal and Regulatory requirements
- Applicants aware of employer's commitment
- Satisfied candidate's suitability - safe to practice
- Satisfied identity, qualifications and registration status.
- Training and awareness

Future developments

Protection of Vulnerable Groups
(Scotland) Act 2007

Vetting and Barring scheme
will be introduced

Council Services Interventions on Child Safety

- Community Safety Partnership
- Programmes in Schools;
- Feel Think Do
- Netsafe
- Nae Danger

Child Protection

The general definition of child abuse adopted in Scottish Executive guidance refers to circumstances where children may be in need of protection where a child's basic needs are not being met in a manner which is appropriate to her/his individual needs and stage of development and the child is, or will be, at risk through avoidable acts of commission or omission on the part of their parent(s) or those holding parental responsibilities, sibling(s) or other relative(s), or a carer (i.e. the person(s) while not a parent who has actual custody of a child).

Child Protection Categories

Physical Abuse

Actual or attempted physical injury to a child, under the age of 16, (or under 18 in the case of children subject to supervision requirements or children with additional support needs) where there is definite knowledge, or reasonable suspicion, that the injury was deliberately inflicted or knowingly not prevented.

Sexual Abuse

Any child below the age of 16 may be deemed to have been sexually abused when any person(s), by design or neglect, exploits the child, directly or indirectly, in any activity intended to lead to the sexual arousal or other forms of gratification of that person or any other person(s), including organised networks. This definition holds whether or not there has been genital contact and whether or not the child is said to have initiated the behaviour.

Emotional Abuse

Failure to provide for the child's basic emotional needs such as to have a severe effect on the behaviour and development of the child.

In general terms, a child may be thought to be emotionally abused when his or her emotional development is impaired by a lack of affection and loving care.

Failure To Thrive

Children who significantly fail to reach normal growth and developmental milestones (ie physical growth, weight, motor, social and intellectual development where physical and genetic reasons for the failure have been medically eliminated and a diagnosis of non-organic failure to thrive has been established.

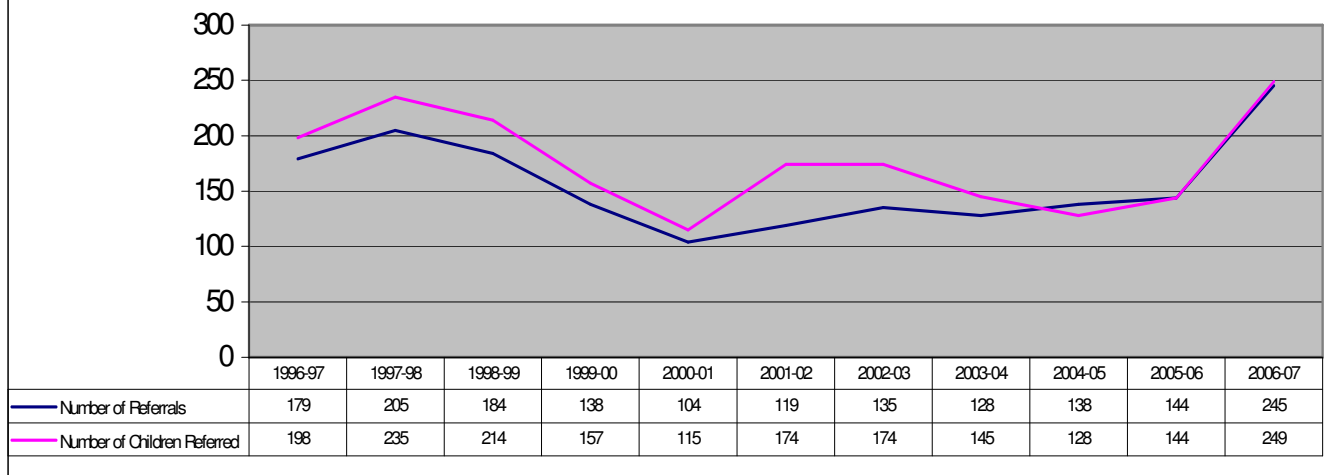
Activity Levels in Stirling

	C.P. Referrals		Subject to an Initial Case Conference		Registrations	
	Number	% age change	Number	% age change	Number	% age change
Stirling (2006-07)	249	+ 76%	61	0%	59	+ 31%
Scotland (2005-06)	10,527	+15.2%	3,996	+ 21%	2,791	+ 22%

	0 – 4 Years	5 – 10 Years	11 – 15 Years	TOTAL
Emotional	6	3	0	9
Neglect	8	4	0	12
Physical	24	10	4	38
Sexual	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	38	17	4	59

TIME ON REGISTER	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
< 6 months	11	11	22
6 months < 1 year	7	9	16
1 year < 18 months	2	3	5
18 months < 2 years	0	0	0
2 years +	1	2	3
TOTAL	21	25	46

Child Protection: number of referrals and number of children referred by year



What happens with referrals

- Gathering information
- Investigating
- Reporting and case conference
- Care plans, Core groups and reviews

Some Myths

- Dawn Raids
- Children removed from parents

Topical Themes

- Internet pornography

First conviction for child pornography/abuse in 2003

- Child Trafficking
- Registered Sex Offenders

Total number of Registered sex Offenders across UK approximately 33,000 with approximately 3,200 resident in Scotland.

Basic Awareness of Child Protection

E-learning module in child protection can be accessed at : -

<http://www.stirling.gov.uk/childprotection>

This will take you straight into the start of the e-learning module.