



Bairns' Hoose Newsletter



Pathfinders Announced

Natalie Don, Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise, has announced the partnerships selected as Bairns' Hoose Pathfinders, marking a significant milestone for the development of Bairns' Hoose in Scotland.

Following the Assessment process the selected Pathfinders are; Fife, North Strathclyde, Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City, Tayside, and Outer Hebrides. We look forward to working closely with these areas as we implement Bairns' Hoose in Scotland. Given the strength and quality of applications received, we have offered Affiliate status to partnerships that are not selected as a Pathfinder, to maintain momentum for the delivery of Bairns' Hoose.

What's next for Pathfinder and Affiliate Partnerships?

We will work closely with the Bairns' Hoose Pathfinder partnerships to trial the Bairns' Hoose Standards in different regional and operational contexts to inform the development of a national Bairns' Hoose model.

An upcoming Pathfinder Introductory Workshop will set out the offer to the Pathfinders in more detail, including funding arrangements, a Community of Practice and access to Improvement Advisors.

Affiliate partnerships will be offered lighter touch project support to develop their work towards implementing the Bairns' Hoose model in their area, as well as access to funding support. There will also be wider Collaborative Learning events to share best practice across Scotland.

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Commitment to Bairns' Hoose Included in Programme for Government

The Scottish Government has reaffirmed its commitment to implementing Bairns' Hoose in Scotland, in the 2023-24 Programme for Government published on 5 September which outlines the plan to "Launch Bairns' Hoose Pathfinders in autumn 2023, a key action in our Keeping The Promise Implementation Plan and Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan, enabling a whole-system approach for child victims and witnesses of abuse and harm."



Wee Hoose Opening

The Scottish Government would like to congratulate Children 1st and partners on the opening of the Wee Hoose in North Strathclyde, which was marked at a launch event on Tuesday 29 August.

The opening is the culmination of many years of hard work and marks a huge milestone for Bairns' Hoose in Scotland as children accessing the Wee Hoose will be able to receive protection, care, justice, and recovery support services in one place.

We are delighted to celebrate this progress and look forward to working with partners in the next exciting Pathfinder phase to realise our shared ambitions for children who have experienced trauma.

Ministerial Health Event

Health is one of the key statutory partners for Bairns' Hoose, alongside police and social work. The role of health in implementing Bairns' Hoose in Scotland was explored by Ministers and senior health leaders at an online event on 19 September. This event was hosted jointly by Healthcare Improvement Scotland and Scottish Government.

Maree Todd, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, and Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, both attended the event, and remarked on the positive momentum towards Bairns' Hoose from a range of sectors, including health.

