



The National Joint Investigative Interviewing Project



We are pleased to re-introduce our newsletter; designed to keep you up to date on the implementation of the Scottish Child Interview Model. [Click here](#) or scan QR code for previous newsletters.



Reaching Children

The Scottish Child Interview Model is now live in almost all of Scotland. Whilst Orkney and Shetland are finalising their strategies to ensure this new approach is available to children in their communities, all other areas continue to embed the new approach to joint investigative interviewing into their local child protection systems.

- ◆ 99% of the child population (ages 0-17 years) has access to the Scottish Child Interview Model
- ◆ When adjusted to take into account the various stages of implementation, this becomes 82%
- ◆ 80% of all joint investigative interviews across Scotland are estimated to be conducted via the Scottish Child Interview Model
- ◆ Approximately 7,500 children have now experienced a joint investigative interview via the Scottish Child Interview Model since the new approach was introduced in February 2020

Recognising Impact

What children say...



Valuing the Workforce

- 25 new training programmes delivered
- 172 interviewers trained
- 17 interview teams operational
- Quarterly online discussion forums
- In-person themed CPD sessions
- In-person supported peer evaluation
- Return-to-practice support
- Support for complex case planning



“Making a difference one child at a time”
The JII Team Ayrshire

84% interviewer retention rate (November 2023)

Improving Quality of Evidence

Based on the evaluation of 164 interviews by the Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration, we found

- 85% of interviews met a satisfactory standard for sound quality and 84% for visual quality;
- 79% captured the essential evidential details; and
- 79% could be used as Evidence in Chief.



The number of applications by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service to use the interview as Evidence in Chief by Prior Statement increased 375% from 65 in 2021 to 309 in 2023.

More News



North-East Scotland Child Interview Team won the Chief Constable’s Excellence Award in 2023.



The National JII Team were invited to present a workshop at the European Social Services Conference in June 2024.

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