

Working together to build improvement in the educational outcomes of Scotland's looked after children & young people.

looked after children  
& young people:  
we can and must do better



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# Background Information

**As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 09**

- 15 288 looked after children and young people
- 3% increase on previous year
- Highest number since 1983
  
- 38.8% looked after at home
- 19.6% looked after by friends or relatives
- 28.4% looked after in foster care
- 10.3% looked after in residential care

# Background Information

<b>Attendance rate</b>	looked after	88.2%
	not looked after	93.4%

*Looked After Children were on average absent 10 days more those than other pupils with children looked after at home missing on average just under (above) 6 weeks of school*

<b>Exclusion rate</b>	looked after	384 (per 1000)
	not looked after	45 (per 1000)

**Of those young people who were in touch with the local authority and whose economic activity was known 42% were in Education, Employment or Training**

# We Can and Must Do Better

## The Ministerial working Group

The report was published in January 2007 and indicated Scottish Ministers' desire to see a step change in outcomes for looked after children and young people and sets out the actions that need to be taken to ensure that this happens

## 5 Key themes

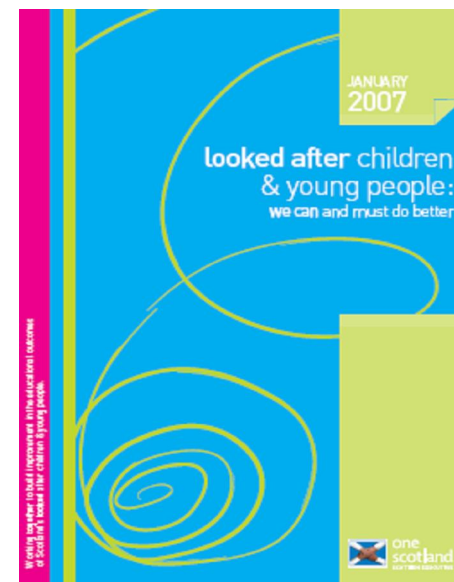
- *Working together,*
- *Becoming effective life long learners,*
- *Developing into successful and responsible adults,*
- *Being emotionally, mentally and physically healthy*
- *Feeling safe and nurtured in a home setting*

## 19 Actions across the 5 themes of the report

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- Importance of corporate parent role
- Awareness of the educational needs
- Clarity about role and responsibilities of the 'designated person'
- Flexible and appropriate support for transitions
- Importance of physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing in facilitating positive educational outcomes
- Good quality accommodation which supports education, training or employment
- Clear advice and a range of emotional, practical and financial support in transition to adulthood
- Importance of stability and continuity within education and care settings

[www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/01/15084446/0](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/01/15084446/0)



*Looked After Children & Young People: We Can and Must Do Better (Scottish Executive, 2007)*



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## Looked after children and young people

Working together to improve outcomes

### Scottish Education Awards

Nominations are now open and this year, the focus of the CBI Schools for All Award is on 'looked after children'.

### News

Last chance to nominate for the Scottish Education Awards 2009

Free books for schools - register now!

Exclusions from Schools 2007-08

### Events

Details of forthcoming events for people working with looked after children and young people.

### Key documents

[We Can and Must Do Better](#)



### Corporate parenting

All about 'These Are Our Bairns', the new guidance for community planning partnerships on how to be a good corporate parent.



### We Can and Must Do Better bulletin

The latest edition of the We Can and Must Do Better bulletin is now available to download.



### What does 'looked after' mean?

Find out what 'looked after' means, and the problems facing looked after children in Scotland.



### Partners in learning

Parents, carers, teachers, social workers - all have a role to play in improving educational outcomes for young people.

# We Can and Must Do Better Training Materials

## Background

- Original *Learning with Care* materials required updating
- Glasgow City Council were planning to develop an electronic version of the materials
- Two options: basic update or significant expansion and revision

# looked after children & young people: we can and must do better

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**Hello** and **welcome** to the **looked after children** DVD-ROM. Please select one of the panels to the right so we can find the right course for you.

**Watch Craig's Story >**

## Trainer

Use this option if you are a trainer preparing a course on looked after children and young people and the issues which arise for them.

**Select >**

## Self study

Use this option if you are an individual who wants to learn more about looked after children and young people and the issues which arise for them.

You will be prompted to follow either the Introductory Course or the more Comprehensive Course route.

**Select >**



# We Can and Must Do Better Training Materials

## What is different

- DVD ROM
- Expanded range of target groups
- Enhanced flexibility
- Trainer led or self study modes available
- Content extensively revised and expanded
- Large library of resources
- Direct access to relevant internet sites
- Materials can be downloaded and where appropriate adapted for local use

# **We Can and Must Do Better Training Materials**

## **Content of DVD-ROM**

- Trainers' notes and guidance for self study for each of the 20 units
- 26 editable PowerPoint slides
- Around 150 Handouts & Supporting PDF resources
- 85 Video Clips
- Key messages available in written or audio form

# "Craig's Story"

DVD-Rom includes drama, Craig's Story, with trainer's notes, transcript and 'back story'



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Materials DVD-  
ROM aimed at  
teachers and  
other  
professionals

# **We Can and Must Do Better Training Materials**

- Training for Trainers events
- Distribution of the DVD-ROM
- Feedback from across the UK

