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# ***Keeping Children Safe in Foster Care – An International perspective***

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# IFCO



IFCO is a global, not-for-profit networking organisation serving to promote and support family based foster care across the world with a 40 year legacy of making a difference in civil society.

Our organisation comprises a multi-cultural collaboration of foster carers, kinship carers, former carers, social workers, parents whose children are in foster care, care leavers, academics and professionals, researchers, media and policy makers.

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IFCO's vision is driven by the belief that, if they so wish, all children in alternative care across the world should live in family-based care because this form of care offers children the best opportunity to grow and prosper.

IFCO believes that:

1. Alternative care for children should be child-centred and family focused.
2. In all decisions about children's care, the needs and rights of the child should be the primary consideration.
3. Children should have a say in all decisions made about their lives.
4. Foster and kinship care should be an inclusive effort by all, birth families (where possible and appropriate), foster carer families, professionals and agencies, respecting the diverse contribution of each in the interests of children who are in alternative care.

# National practice model

## Considering wellbeing

Events / observations / other information



## Wellbeing of child in context



## Planning action & review



Wellbeing  
Needs

Assessment  
Appropriate, proportionate, timely

Wellbeing  
Desired outcomes

# Documents Referred to:



- <https://childreninscotland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Brock-Report-Final.pdf>
- [Child Protection Improvement Programme report](#)
- [Protecting Scotland's Children National Policy and Child Abuse Prevention Activity.](#)
- [National Child Protection Leadership Group](#)

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“Every child is just one caring adult away from being a success story.”

- Josh Shipp



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