



**Scottish Parliament Education and Skills Committee  
Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill  
August 2017**

**Background**

The Royal College of Nursing Scotland (RCN) supports Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) and the principle of the Named Person. The RCN continues to see GIRFEC and the principle of the Named Person as a positive means of promoting, supporting and

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## **Conclusion**

RCN Scotland fully supports the principle of the Named Person for children, young people and families across Scotland. It does not, however, support the legislation brought forward by the Scottish Government in the Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill for the reasons stated above relating to the “Duty to Consider”.

The RCN will continue to engage constructively with the Scottish Government on the principle of the Named Person and how best the service can be implemented for children, young people, and families across Scotland. Having the right health visitor workforce will be key to that success.

In the meantime, RCN Scotland considers a fully resourced and trained workforce to be a higher national priority than weak legislation on information sharing.

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