



Centre for excellence
for looked after children in Scotland



What is an Interaction?

An Interaction is a coming together of everyone affected by an issue to share views and find practical steps forward that promote human rights.

The InterAction:

SHRC is using an Interaction process, and called it the InterAction, to allow those affected by historic child abuse, institutions, government, civil society and others, a platform, to give their views on how the Human Rights Framework should be implemented.

It follows the 'FAIR' process:

- **F**acts - identify the key facts
- **A**nalyses the human rights at stake
- **I**dentify who has responsibilities to address those facts and advance rights
- **R**ecalls participants to review whether agreed actions have been taken.

What is happening now?

We'd like everyone who has been affected by child abuse 'in care' (as well as government, institutions, civil society and others) to contribute and have a say in how they think the Human Rights Framework should be implemented. If you have been affected:

Please complete our InterAction questionnaire

The abuse of children 'in care' in Scotland

Over the years children and young people have been looked after away from home for many different reasons. They may have lived:

- with foster carers
- in children's homes or residential schools
- in hospitals
- in centres for children who were evacuated during the war

While many children were well looked after, some tell of being badly treated and abused. For some the effects of the abuse have been long lasting.

What has been done about this?

The Scottish Government has taken forward a number of actions to date including establishing the Survivors Scotland website and Time to be Heard, an opportunity for those affected by historic child abuse to be heard and have their experiences recorded.

Read the full history of the Interaction

The Scottish Human Rights Commission (SHRC) asked the Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland (CELICIS) to help promote the Human Rights Framework for people affected by abuse when 'in care' by assisting in the process of preparing for the InterAction.