



**I refer to the agenda for the meeting of the Inverclyde Alliance Board to be held on Monday 17 March 2025 at 1pm and attach agenda the following:**

**Item 4 (Nomination for Inverclyde Alliance Board Vice Chair) which was not available on the date of issue of main papers.**

**Item 5 (Inverclyde Alliance Board Tracker) which supersedes the version contained within the main papers.**

**Item 6 (Inverclyde Partnership Plan Biannual Progress Report – October 2024 to March 2025) which was not available on the date of issue of main papers.**

**Item 6 – slides ‘Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan Delivery’ relevant to report above.**

**Item 8 – slides relevant to presentation on Bairns’ Hoose.**

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Inverclyde Alliance

## AGENDA ITEM NO: 4

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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Alliance Board</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>17 March 2025</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Ruth Binks Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Morna Rae Head of Service (OD, Policy &amp; Communications)</b>	<b>Contact No:</b>	<b>01475 712055</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Nomination for Alliance Board Vice Chair</b>		

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### 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to advise the Alliance Board on the nomination for Alliance Board Vice Chair.

### 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Terms of Reference for Inverclyde Alliance states that the role of Vice-Chair will be sought from the membership agencies. Following the resignation of the previous Vice Chair, as he has moved on to a new role, a replacement Vice Chair has been sought.

### 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board approves Charlene Elliott from CVS Inverclyde as the new Vice Chair.

**Ruth Binks**  
**Corporate Director**  
**Education, Communities and Organisational Development**

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The Alliance Board agreed an updated Terms of Reference (TOR) at the March 2024 Board meeting. These TOR sets out a governance framework to help support Community Planning in Inverclyde. It details the context for Community Planning in Inverclyde, including the legislative requirements and the guiding principles which underpin the work of Inverclyde Alliance. The Alliance's core structures are outlined in the document, along with the format of meetings, how the Alliance will be supported and the expectations of the partners organisations that make up the Alliance.
- 4.2 The TOR states that a Vice Chair for the Alliance Board should be in place, this role involves deputising for the Chair on any occasion.
- 4.3 Following a process of requests and nomination Gordon McCreadie of Police Scotland was appointed as Vice Chair in June 2024. As Chief Superintendent McCreadie has moved on to a new role he stepped down as Vice Chair.

## **5.0 PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board approves the nomination of a Vice-Chair.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Legal: N/A  
Finance: N/A  
Human Resources: N/A  
Equality and Diversity: N/A  
Repopulation: N/A  
Inequalities: N/A

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 None

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None



# Inverclyde Alliance Board Action Tracker

Date of Meeting	Action	Progress Update
5.12.22	Partner hosts Thematic workshops to be arranged, and variety of Board meeting locations and visits to be arranged	Inverclyde Council and the Greenock Cut Visitor Centre have offered to host the June 2025 Board.
02.10.23	<u>University of Strathclyde Workforce Research</u> Participation in the University of Strathclyde research project as a partnership approach be progressed.	M Rae to provide update to March 2025 Board.

Date of Meeting	Action	Progress Update
17.06.24	<p><u>Results of the health and wellbeing survey</u></p> <p>27–30-month developmental concern trend data to be considered at future meeting.</p> <p>Results of TSI consultation on the survey to be presented at a future meeting.</p> <p>Results to be discussed between the chairs of the Alliance Board thematic delivery groups.</p> <p>Scottish Government Alliance Board representative to advise on the status of the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ).</p>	<p>Scheduled for June 2025.</p> <p>The survey closed mid-October 2024. Update circulated to Alliance Board. Update to June 2025 Board.</p> <p>Updates and any resulting actions to be brought to the June 2025 Board.</p> <p>After the last Alliance Board meeting, Fiona Simpson contacted Richard Foggo in the Scottish Government to put him in touch with Louise Long to discuss the approach further, whilst noting that the lead for this is PHS. Update by L Long.</p> <p>Partner progress update to be provided at June 2025 Board</p>
7.10.24	<p><u>NHS GGC Mental Health Strategy Refresh Public Engagement</u></p> <p>Updates will be provided to future meetings</p>	
7.10.24	<p><u>Developing a Population Framework for Scotland</u></p> <p>PHS presentation slides were shared at October 2024 Board. Updates to be provided to future meetings</p>	<p>Partner progress update to be provided at June 2025 Board</p>
2.12.2024	<p>Inverclyde Partnership Plan Biannual Progress Report April 2024 to September 2024</p>	<p>Presentation slides circulated following meeting.</p>
2.12.2024	<p>Inverclyde Alliance Draft Annual Report 2023-2024</p>	<p>Final version has been circulated to the Alliance Board.</p>

Date of Meeting	Action	Progress Update
2.12.2024	Presentation on Bairns Hoose	March 2025 Board
2.12.2024	Town Centre Action Plans link to be circulated	To be completed



Inverclyde Alliance

## AGENDA ITEM NO: 6

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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Alliance Board</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>17 March 2025</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Ruth Binks Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development, Inverclyde Council</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Morna Rae Head of Organisational Development, Policy &amp; Communications, Inverclyde Council <a href="mailto:morna.rae@inverclyde.gov.uk">morna.rae@inverclyde.gov.uk</a></b>	<b>Contact No:</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Partnership Plan Biannual Progress Report - October 2024 to March 2025</b>		

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### 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Alliance Board with a progress report on the implementation of the Partnership Plan 2023-2033

### 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Inverclyde's Partnership Plan was formally agreed by the Alliance Board on the 13 March 2023. This progress report provides details of the progress that has been made towards the Partnership Plan outcomes during the period October 2024 to March 2025.
- 2.2 Oversight and delivery of the Partnership Plan outcomes sits with the following thematic groups Children's Services Partnership; Thriving Communities; Safe and Supported Communities; Tackling Inequalities and Improving People's Lives; Economic Board; and Place Partnership.
- 2.3 This report presents a progress update for the past six months for the Tackling Inequalities and Improving People's Lives; Economic Board; and Place Partnership thematic groups. Updates on the work of the other three thematic groups were brought to brought to the December 2024 Alliance meeting.

### 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board notes the progress updates and considers any additional action required.

**Ruth Binks**  
**Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development**

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Inverclyde's Partnership Plan 2023-33 was formally agreed by the Alliance Board on the 13 March 2023, with a focus on the themes of Empowered People, Working People, Healthy People and Places, A Supportive Place, and a Thriving Place. These themes are all associated with further high-level outcomes.
- 4.2 The Alliance Board Terms of Reference and proposed delivery structure grouping under the new Partnership Plan were agreed by the Alliance Board on 18 March 2024. Updates on the work of each group and progress against the outcomes are brought to the Alliance Board on a six-monthly basis. At the December 2024 meeting information was provided in relation to Thriving Communities, Safe and Supported Communities, and Children's Services. This report provides a progress update for the past six months for the Tackling Inequalities and Improving People's Lives; Economic Board and Place Partnership thematic groups.
- 4.3 To support discussion at the Alliance meeting the three lead officers will each provide a short presentation covering:
- Key areas of progress over the past six months/impact/case studies,
  - Areas of challenge and opportunities, and
  - Future plans.

## **5.0 THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES**

### **5.1 Tackling Inequalities and Improving People's Lives Update**

The Tackling Inequalities and Improving People's Lives Group delivers on outcomes for the Trauma Informed Steering Group, Inverclyde Cares, the Financial Inclusion Partnership and the Child Poverty Action Group.

The group last met in February 2025 where an update of progress against the various associated plans was discussed and agreed. The full progress report is included at Appendix 1.

### **5.2 Economic Board Update**

The Economic Board has oversight of the Local Employability Partnership, the Regeneration Forums and Town Centre Action Plans and the Senior Phase Action Plan. The Board last met in January 2025. Progress against actions is presented within Appendix 2.

### **5.3 Place Update**

The Place Group has oversight of the Net Zero Group, the Housing Strategy Group, the Culture and Heritage Group and the Local Development Plan. The Group last met in February 2025. Progress against actions is presented within Appendix 3.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Legal: None  
Finance: None  
Human Resources: None  
Equality and Diversity: None  
Alliance Partnership Plan: The progress updates contained within this report relate to outcomes with all five themes of the Partnership Plan.

## **7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 None.





# Inverclyde Alliance Board – March 2025

## Appendix 1

**Subgroup Update – Child Poverty Action Group**  
**Thematic Group – Tackling Inequalities**  
**February 2025**

<b>Subgroup Name</b>	<b>Child Poverty Action Group</b>	
<b>Chair Name</b>	Ruth Binks	
	<b>Detail</b>	
<b>Update: October to December 2024</b>	<p>The Child Poverty Action group are working together, using all available evidence, to reduce inequalities and poverty and build a community where fewer families are living in relative or absolute poverty.</p> <p><b>Increasing income from employment:</b> Fairer Futures Partnership funding used to establish a Community Hub in the Boglestone Community Centre in upper Port Glasgow .</p> <p><b>Mitigating the cost of living:</b> Using available funding for the Early Adopter Childcare services and the refurbishment of a dedicated childcare centre at Boglestone.</p> <p><b>Developing our approach to communication and participation by working collaboratively with families with lived experience.</b></p> <p><b>Increasing income from benefits</b> Provision of a dedicated advice worker in Boglestone, to worked closely with the families.</p> <p><b>Developing our approach to communication and participation by working collaboratively with families.</b> Recognising the importance of co-design.</p>	

<b>Next quarter plans: January to March 2024</b>	<p>Developments in Boglestone area are ongoing and continue to inform the development of the Inverclyde Approach.</p> <p>Support from Urban Foresight, is helping us to understand the ripple effect of local action and informing our theory of change.</p> <p>Our value-based leadership work with Columba 1400 began in February 2025 and will inform future developments.</p> <p>Early Adopter Community for Affordable Childcare expanding to new areas in March 2025</p>	
<b>Areas of concern</b>  <b>AOB</b>		

**Subgroup Update – Financial Inclusion Partnership (FIP)**  
**Thematic Group – Tackling Inequalities**  
**February 2025**

<b>Subgroup Name</b>	<b>Financial Inclusion Partnership (FIP)</b>	
<b>Chair Name</b>	Archie Dempster (Acting & Interim)	
	<b>Detail</b>	
<b>Update: October to December 2024</b>	<p>The Financial Inclusion Partnership meets on a two-monthly cycle. The Partnership focuses on strategic coherence and focus on information and practice sharing.</p> <p>Some of the key activities undertaken by partners over the reporting period include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Financial Fitness Resource Team and Riverclyde Homes, are working on the Universal Credit Migration, considering mitigation actions for any adverse impacts this may bring.</li> <li>• Weekly outreach services continue to be provided locally by East Renfrewshire CAB, to support families impacted by Poverty and Debt</li> <li>• An evidence-based action plan is under development by the Scottish Illegal Money Lending Unit, to support people affected by this practice.</li> <li>• Barnardo's continues to deliver a family focused project in Port Glasgow to address poverty.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next quarter plans: January to March 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building on the above the FIP &amp; Thrive Under 5 partnered to organise a January event that brought together local partners, to consider the wider determinants of poverty.</li> <li>• Future activity will seek to better situate financial inclusion within the wider inequalities' framework across Inverclyde.</li> </ul>	
<b>Areas of concern</b>  <b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Inclusion agenda should be more integrated with the wider inequalities approach and derive a range of SMART objectives that contribute measurable and manageable outcomes and impacts in key policy areas.</li> </ul>	

**Subgroup Update – Inverclyde Cares**  
**Thematic Group – Tackling Inequalities**  
**February 2025**

<b>Subgroup Name</b>	<b>Inverclyde Cares</b>	
<b>Chair Name</b>	Vicki Cloney	
	<b>Detail</b>	
<b>Update: October to December 2024</b>	<p><b>Tackling Inequalities</b>  Inverclyde Cares met in November 2024 to explore how a reimagined model of the group could contribute to the Tackling Inequalities and Improving People's Lives thematic group.</p> <p>To support this the group committed to reviewing the range of recent local community engagements to further consider the needs of the people in Inverclyde</p> <p><b>Addressing Stigma</b>  Funding was secured in December 2024 to develop an e-learning module within the Challenge Stigma series. module will focus on those with lived and living experience of the justice system and their families.  The training module will be openly available on the CVS Inverclyde website.</p>	
<b>Next quarter plans: January to March 2024</b>	<p>Your Voice and CVS Inverclyde will carry out a mapping exercise to understand how third sector work feeds into the Inverclyde Alliance, with a particular focus on inequalities.</p> <p>To support, a working group will be established in the final quarter of FY24-25. This group will include people with lived and living experience, third sector organisations and public sector partners.</p>	
<b>Areas of concern</b>		
<b>AOB</b>		

**Subgroup Update – Trauma Informed**  
**Thematic Group – Tackling Inequalities**  
**February 2025**

<b>Subgroup Name</b>	<b>Trauma Informed</b>	
<b>Chair Name</b>	Ruth Binks	
	<b>Detail</b>	
<b>Update: October to December 2024</b>	<p>Over the reporting period the following training activity of staff at both Inverclyde Council/HSCP and partnership levels is as follows:</p> <p>Level 1 - 85 people (37 HSCP, 34 Inverclyde Council and 14 from partners)</p> <p>Level 2 – 116 people (62 HSCP, 35 Inverclyde Council and 19 from the partnership).</p> <p>The Trauma Informed Champion role has now evolved into the creation of three Lead Trauma Informed Ambassadors (from Health Improvement &amp; the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector). The role of the Ambassadors is to develop leaders and managers sessions and to join the national network.</p>	
<b>Next quarter plans: January to March 2024</b>	<p>The Delivery and Improvement Plan for 2025-26 is being updated in collaboration with partners. This will then be shared with Committee for approval. One of the key tenets of this work is the creation of local leadership training, as the current national version is very generic.</p> <p>At the present time the Trauma Informed Strategic Group is planning a conference for local leaders across our partnerships. Keynote speakers have been identified from Barnardos, Kibble Services, an author of the Scottish Government's National Trauma Transformation Programme, and the Improvement Service.</p>	
<b>Areas of concern</b>	None.	
<b>AOB</b>		



# Inverclyde Alliance Board – March 2025

## Appendix 2

**Subgroup Update** - Economic Strategy  
**Thematic Group** – Economy  
**20 January 2025**

<b>Subgroup Name</b>	Economic Strategy	
<b>Chair Name</b>	Neale McIlvanney	
	<b>Detail</b>	
<b>Update: October to December 2024</b>	<p>Subgroup update – Economic Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town Centre Action Plans approved by E&amp;R Committee 31 October 2024. Officers reviewing various budget lines to understand full capacity to deliver and funding pressures.</li> <li>Economic Growth Plan Consultant developing Economic Growth Plan, due for final draft 7th February 2025.</li> <li>Continued progression with UK Government /Glasgow City Deal funding including progression of LUF project; City Deal Inverkip project (progressing to site March 2025).</li> </ul>	
<b>Next quarter plans: January to March 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress Town Fund with Greenock Town Board (subject to UK Gov guidance to be published)</li> <li>Conclude draft Economic Growth Plan</li> <li>Commence Inverkip road works City Deal project.</li> <li>Develop City Deal reprofiling projects for Inverclyde commercial space.</li> </ul>	

**Subgroup Update** - Local Employability Partnership (LEP)  
**Thematic Group** – Economy  
**20 January 2025**

<b>Subgroup Name</b>	Local Employability Partnership (LEP)	
<b>Chair Name</b>	Elizabeth Baird	
	<b>Detail</b>	
<b>Update: October to December 2024</b>	<b>Suggested Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement Paid Work Experience Programme for 40 DWP clients aged 16 – 24 years.</li> <li>• Options for inclusion of Specialist Employability Support (SES).</li> <li>• Partnership working to reduce College drop out rates for school leavers.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next quarter plans: January to March 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Board &amp; LEP – Discussion on engagement and menu of options.</li> <li>• CVS Inverclyde – dedicated LEP post established.</li> <li>• Fairer Futures Partnership &amp; Early Adopter Community – dedicated Employability officers.</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Joint LEP/Child Poverty Partnership meeting.</li> </ul>	

**Subgroup Update** - Senior Phase Action Partnership  
**Thematic Group** – Economy  
**20 January 2025**

<b>Subgroup Name</b>	Senior Phase Action Partnership	
<b>Chair Name</b>	Ruth Binks	
	<b>Detail</b>	
<b>Update: October to December 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement with contractors to release benefits of social values</li> <li>• Increasing employers offering work experience opportunities and accrediting this</li> <li>• Develop link with third sector and volunteering to provide an alternative route post school.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next quarter plans: January to March 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College offer amended to provide more added value for S4</li> <li>• Making use of a wider range of FA providers to allow more flexibility to models offered to suit young persons circumstances.</li> <li>• Engaging with contractors to identify and deliver a range of employability opportunities to support young people in school as part of community benefits/social values element of contracts being awarded across Inverclyde.</li> </ul>	
<b>Key actions/Concerns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take advantage of community benefits/social values elements of contracts being awarded across Inverclyde and ensure young people are building the relevant skills and experience to support these important developments.</li> <li>• School and local college offer needs to better meet the needs of the local labour market and the requirements for regeneration projects and future economy within Inverclyde and neighbouring areas.</li> </ul>	





# Inverclyde Alliance Board – March 2025

## Appendix 3

### Subgroup Update – Net Zero Group Thematic Group – Place

Subgroup Name	Net Zero Group	
	Detail	
<b>Update: October to December 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commenced Inverclyde Heat Network Study with support from HNSU/ZWS – ongoing.</li> <li>Commenced 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Hardridge Farm (Duchal Moor) Peatland restoration project – ongoing.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next quarter plans: January to March 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual LHS Action Plan review to March E&amp;R Committee</li> <li>Continue to progress Inverclyde Heat Network study.</li> <li>Participation in District Heating Mentoring Programme 2025.</li> <li>Annual lifecycle and net zero capital project planning for 2025/26.</li> <li>King George VI Community Hub project completion/handover (pilot retrofit project).</li> </ul>	
<b>Areas of concern</b> <b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited funding availability for Net Zero / Retrofit / LHEES Delivery Plan</li> </ul>	

**Subgroup Update – Housing Strategy Group & LDP**  
**Thematic Group – Place**

Subgroup Name	Housing Strategy Group & LDP	
	Detail	
<b>Update: October to December 2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual SHIP approved – October 2024</li> <li>• Engagement with private sector – ongoing</li> <li>• LDP evidence report progressing</li> <li>• LDP – Place Plan call for submissions launched for summer 2025.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next quarter plans: January to March 2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual LHS Action Plan review to March E&amp;R Committee</li> <li>• Housing Summit – planned for late March 2025, Arneil Johnson to support. Guest list and programme being refined. Invites expected w/c 10<sup>th</sup> Feb.</li> <li>• Procurement brief for Clune Park to be developed for RSL partner with anticipated appointment summer 2025.</li> <li>• Port Glasgow Masterplan initial findings due back – March 2025</li> <li>• LDP evidence report to be finalised and referred to E&amp;R March 2025. Above items related to LDP development. (Scoping report complete and related public engagement being finalised and reported.)</li> <li>• Improve the reliability of data between Inverclyde Council and Registered Social Landlords with respect to the admissions of Inverclyde residents into SPS custody and liberations from SPS custody</li> <li>• Review LHS objectives and Inverclyde Repopulation Strategy to improve alignment</li> <li>• Integrate LHS Delivery Group and Refugee Integration Team</li> <li>• Develop rapid rehousing support team to meet the needs of households experiencing severe and multiple disadvantage</li> <li>• Improve dispersed accommodation acquisition plan in conjunction with RSL Partners</li> </ul>	
<b>Areas of concern</b>  <b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strone Farm SHIP site and development viability.</li> </ul>	

**Subgroup Update – Culture and Heritage Group**  
**Thematic Group – Place**

Subgroup Name	Culture and Heritage Group
	<b>Detail</b>
<p><b>Update: October to December 2024</b></p>	<p>Inverclyde Cultural Partnership (ICP) have agreed an updated Outcome Delivery Plan to end 2026, setting a direction of travel over the coming months that details shared priorities and areas for future partnership working.</p> <p>Agreement of a refreshed Arts and Creativity Plan is an early priority of the ICP Outcome Delivery Plan. ICP members have already provided feedback on a draft 2025 – 2027 plan and a final draft will now be taken forward.</p> <p>The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) supported Connecting Inverclyde Heritage Project has now launched, with a Heritage Coordinator in post to lead the project over a three-year period. Activity is already underway to engage heritage groups, individuals and communities with the wider aims of this project. Ultimately, the Heritage Coordinator will deliver a refreshed Action Plan to progress the Inverclyde Heritage Strategy, leveraging heritage resources to raise the profile of Inverclyde.</p> <p>Inverclyde Libraries have been working with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to pilot activity focused on Realistic Medicine – an approach to patient care that ensures individuals are involved in decision-making around their care and can make choices about their treatment that they feel best supports them. Activity undertaken to date has been recognised by the Chief Medical Officer and further extends the library service's commitment to supporting health and wellbeing in Inverclyde through their participation in the Collective Force for Health and Wellbeing initiative.</p> <p>Informed by the Council's peatland restoration work, (and in the context of an ongoing MGS-funded project to reanimate the Watt Institution's Natural Sciences collections), an electronic resource has been produced by the Watt presenting <a href="#">A Natural History of Inverclyde's Peatlands</a>. This online exhibition explores the biodiversity of our peatlands, using specimens from the Watt's Natural Sciences collection to emphasise the importance of these natural habitats. As an extension of this project, the Watt team is also developing an Virtual Reality (VR)</p>

	resource to support teaching and learning about the peatlands in Inverclyde.	
<b>Next quarter plans: January to March 2025</b>	Cultural Services will work with other Council services to progress commemorations in support of Port Glasgow 250, including identifying opportunities for joint working and partnership delivery with ICP member organisations.	



Empowered  
People

Working  
People



Healthy People  
and Places

A Supportive  
Place



A Thriving  
Place

# Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan Delivery

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# Place – key updates

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1. Inverclyde Heat Network Study with support from HNSU/ZWS
2. Peatland updates
  - Second year of Hardridge Farm (Duchal Moor) Peatland restoration project
  - New electronic resource by the Watt presenting [A Natural History of Inverclyde's Peatlands](#) - explores the biodiversity of our peatlands, using specimens from the Watt's Natural Sciences.
  - A Virtual Reality (VR) resource to support teaching and learning about the peatlands in Inverclyde also in development.
3. Annual SHIP approved
4. Housing Summit – March 2025

# Economy – key updates

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1. LEP - Foot In the Door programme
2. LEP - Formalising links with Child Poverty Partnership via the Fairer Futures and Early Adopter programmes
3. Continued progression with UK Government / Glasgow City Deal funding including LUF project; City Deal Inverkip project (progressing to site March 2025)
4. Economic Growth Plan
5. Supporting young people with skills and experience – opportunity to take advantage of community benefits/social values elements of contracts

# Tackling Inequalities & Improving People's Lives – key updates

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1. Embedding the Inverclyde Approach – first project to commence in Boglestone Community Centre
2. Tackling Poverty seminar hosted by FIP in January 2025
3. TI training delivered to >200 people at Level 1 and 2 over reporting period
4. TI conference scheduled for April 2025
5. Tackling Inequalities sub-group development session - May/June 2025



Slides relevant to agenda item 8

# North Strathclyde Bairns Hoose

Clare Cunning  
February 2025

# Bairns' Hoose Model

- Barnahus- Icelandic term for Children's House. Bairns' Hoose in Scotland
- Nordic country model –Jii, medical, court evidence, and recovery all under one roof
- Child victims and witnesses of abuse
- 4 rooms
- Coordinated Child Protection and Justice response
- Prevent re- traumatisation
- March 2020 study trip to Iceland

# North Strathclyde Partnership

4 LA's – Inverclyde, Ren, East Ren, & East Dunbartonshire

2 Police divisions – K&G

1 Health board (NHS GG&C)

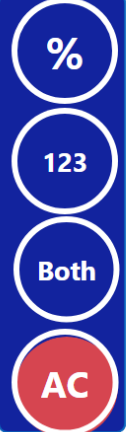
1 SCRA locality (North Strathclyde)

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

Children First

# North Strathclyde Child Interview Team

- Evidence and Procedure Review 2015
- Scottish Child Interview Model (SCIM) 2020
- 5 social workers & 5 police officers co-located
- Highly trained in evidence-based trauma informed interviewing.
- 80% plus disclosure rate since started in 2020
- Children First Bairns Hoose recovery team co-located with the SCIM team



# Section 2 - Core Data (Referral)\_

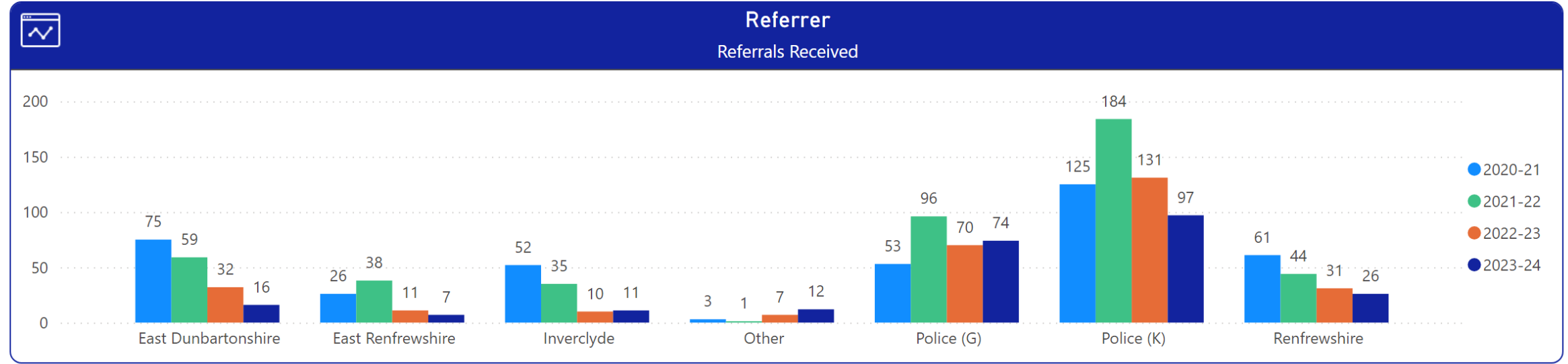
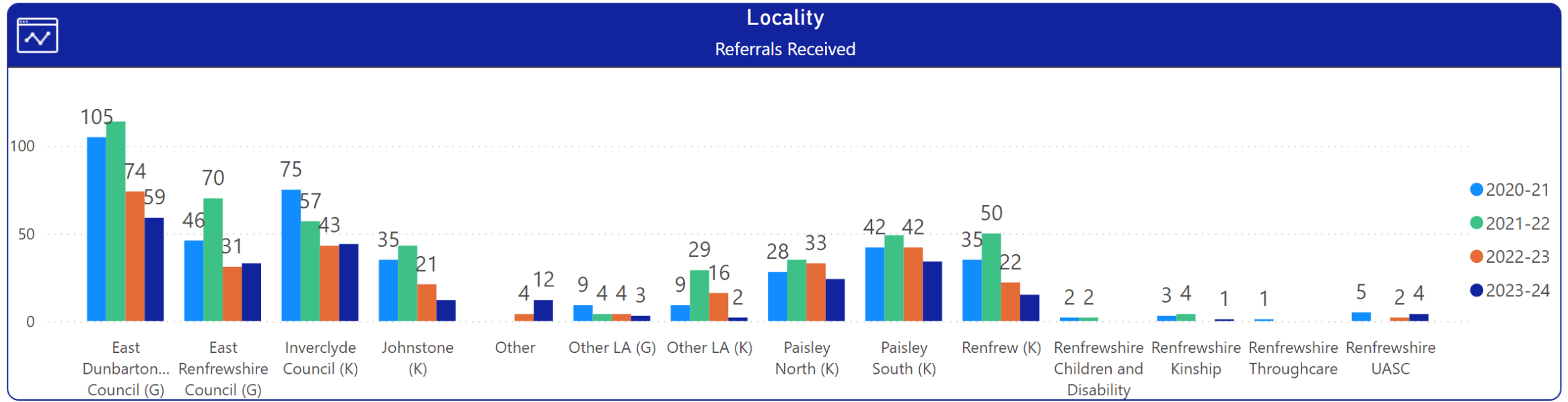
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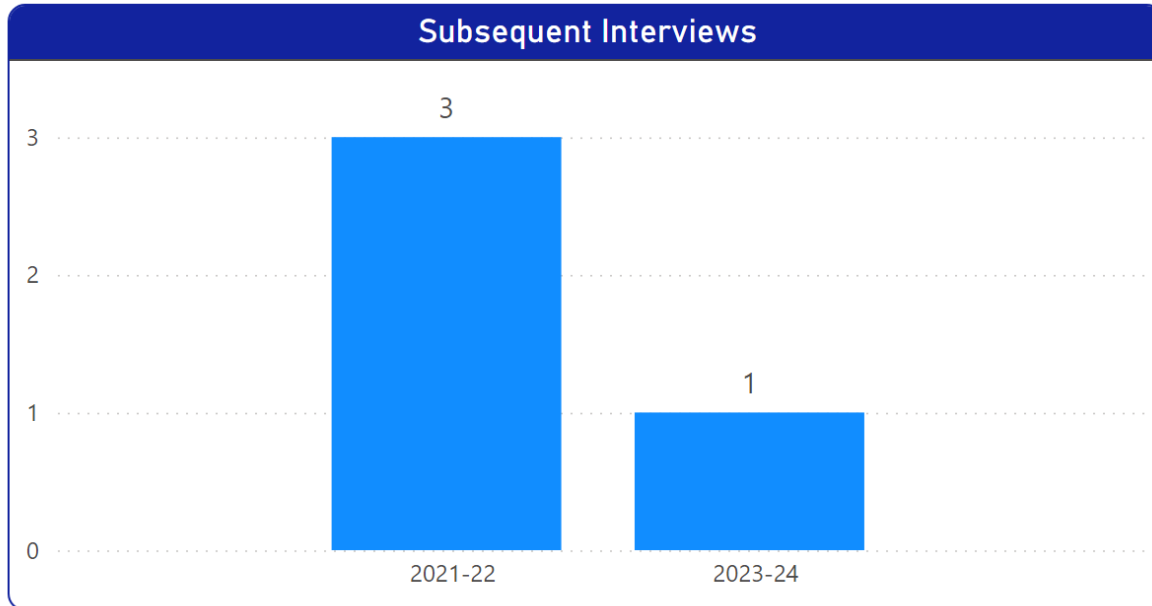
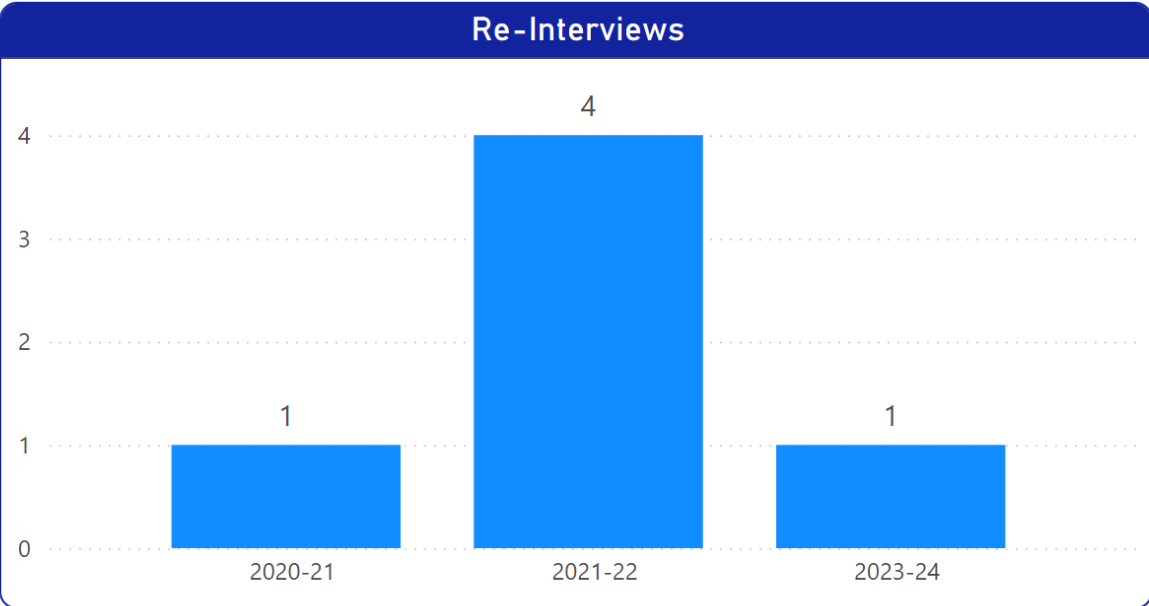
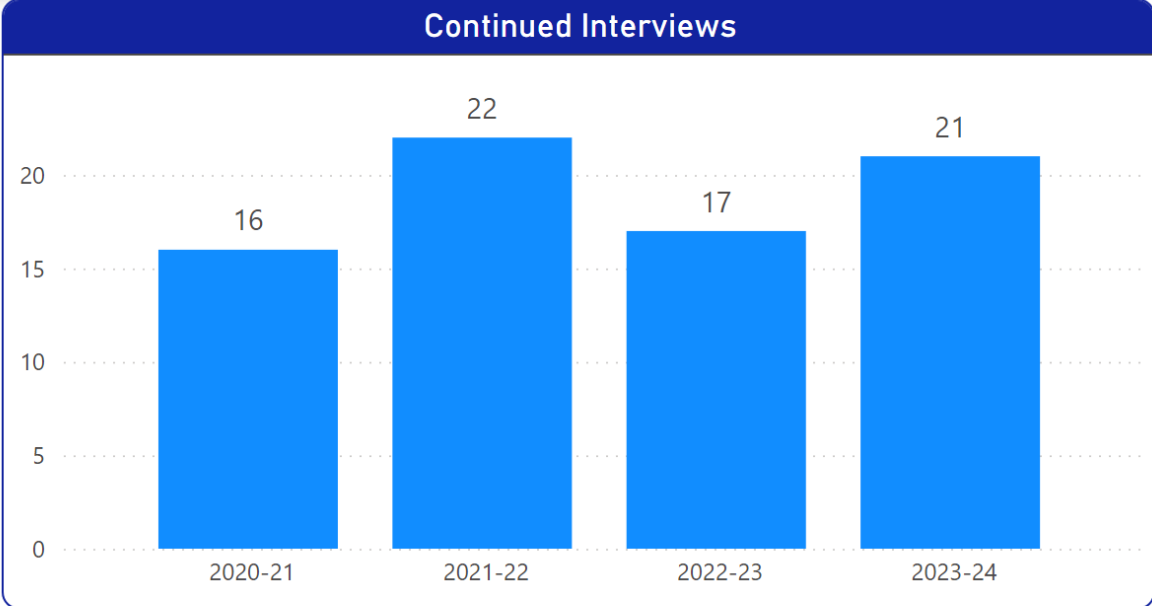
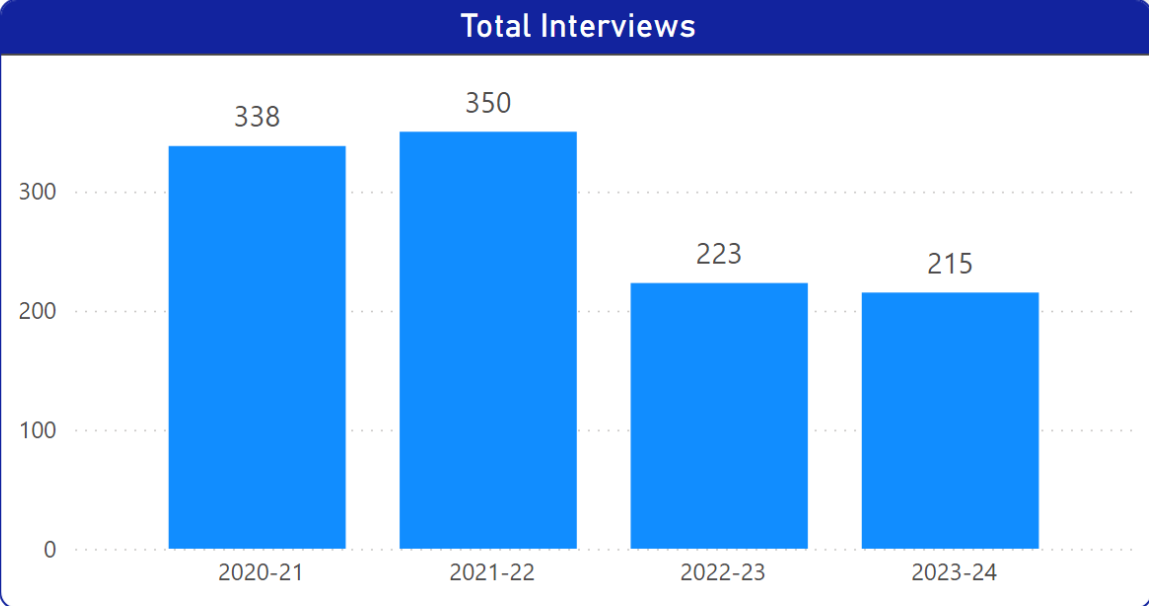
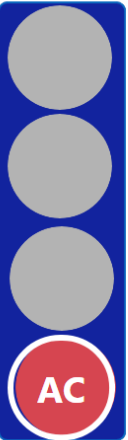


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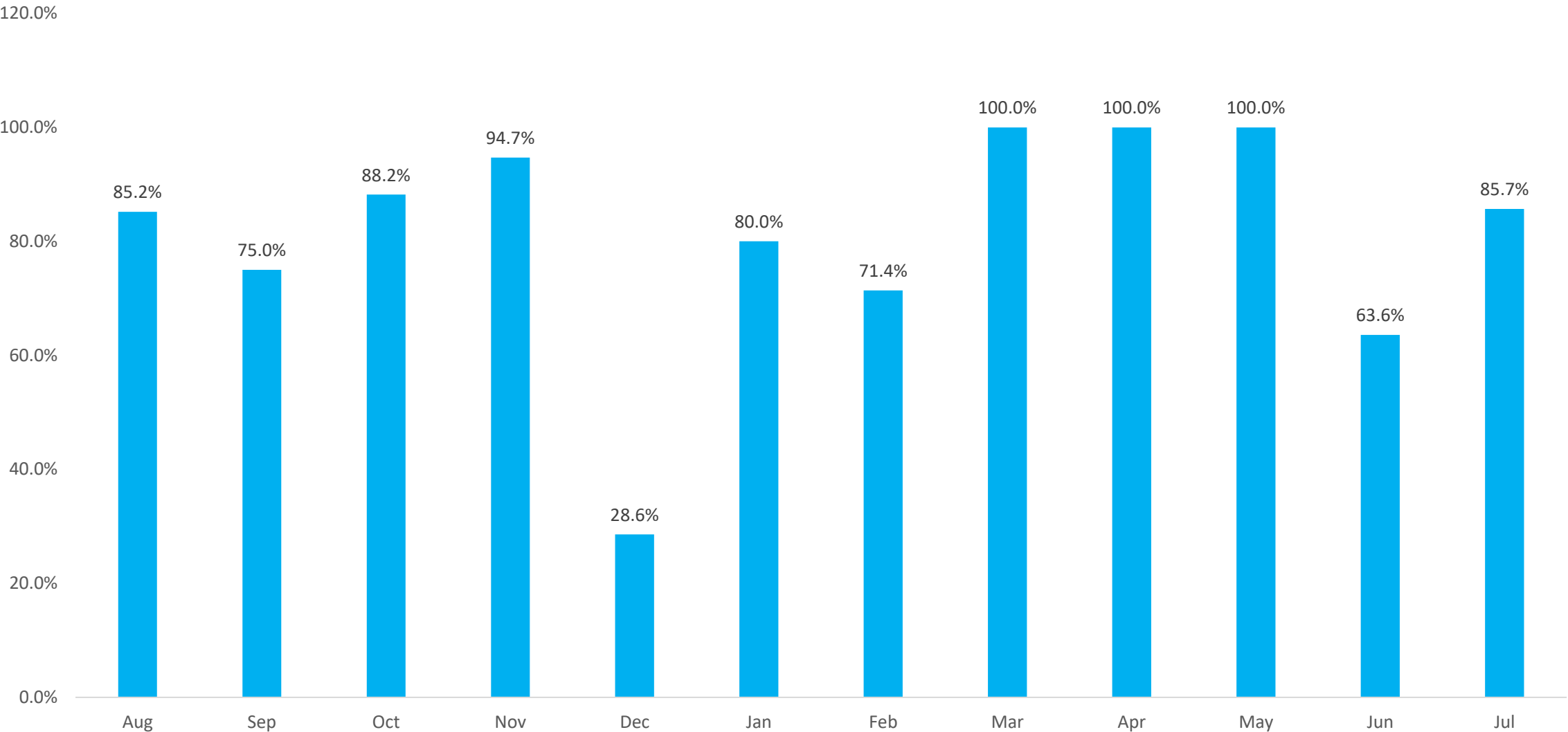
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% of interviews that resulted in disclosure – Year 4



# North Strathclyde Bairns Hoose

- Children First were successful – partnership bid to the People's Lottery for the Bairns Hoose.
- House began operating in August 23,
- Evaluation built in- phase 2 published September 24
- Looks like a family home
- Child friendly, safe, bright & welcoming
- [Inside the Bairns Hoose](#)



# Child's Journey and Experience

- Children's rights at the heart of this model
- Professionals come to children rather than other way round.
- Most JII's, 82% in August – Dec 24, at Bairns Hoose
- Health room – Post in process- health assessment
- Court suite- operational- 4 cases been heard
- Recovery- each child/family meet recovery worker when they arrive.

# North Strathclyde Bairns' Hoose Pathfinder

- 2022 National Bairns' Hoose Governance Group
- May 2023 Healthcare Improvement Scotland & Care Inspectorate published **Scotland's Bairns' Hoose Standards**.
- Children participated in the development of these.
- 3 phases
- Pathfinder phase 23-27
- Pilot Phase
- National rollout

# North Strathclyde Pathfinder

- October 23- North Strathclyde 1 of 6 pathfinder sites.
- Others are Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Fife, Tayside, Outer Hebrides.
- Inform the development of a “Bairns Hoose blueprint” for the pilot phase
- Pathfinders sites have access to apply for funding
- 1 of the criteria is the engagement of children and young people in the development of the service

# Change Makers

- Young people and their family received ongoing support from Children First recovery workers.
- Some of these young people meet in a group
- Same experiences.
- Some interviewed in police station , some Bairns Hoose
- Give feedback, involvement in the development of the Hoose
- Involved in the development of the National Standards
- Recovery worker offers support right way through process