

# **Child Rights and Wellbeing Screening Sheet for Public Procurement Strategy for Scotland**

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### 1. Brief Summary

Name the policy, and describe its overall aims. Which National Outcomes does this policy/measure contribute to?

The Public Procurement Strategy for Scotland will set the strategic direction for the procurement leadership of public bodies. It will support public bodies in drafting their organisational procurement strategies and facilitate greater alignment and efficiencies across the public sector.

The intention behind developing a public procurement strategy is to supply a future high-level vision and roadmap for Scottish public procurement in the longer term which all public sector bodies can align and deliver against.

The Public Procurement Strategy for Scotland will contribute to the following National Outcomes:

- Economy
- Communities
- Environment
- Fair Work & Business
- Education
- Health
- Poverty

The Public Procurement Strategy for Scotland seeks to embed policies and initiatives which will underpin, support and enable the delivery of the National Outcomes. With a strong change agenda and wide engagement activity, Procurement Professionals, suppliers, and other stakeholders will be aware of the Public Procurement Strategy for Scotland to allow alignment of activity collectively towards the aims of the National Outcomes.

### 2. What aspects of the policy/measure will affect children and young people up to the age of 18?

The Articles of the UNCRC and the child wellbeing indicators under the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 apply to all children and young people up to the age of 18, including non-citizen and undocumented children and young people.

There are no direct impacts on children and young people. However the Public Procurement strategy for Scotland aims to make improvements for the people of Scotland. As such, for Children and Young people, there will be policies and initiatives that are supported or developed that have positive indirect impacts. Specific direct impacts would be considered within the policies and initiatives that underpin the Public Procurement Strategy for Scotland.

### 3. What likely impact – direct or indirect – will the policy/measure have on children and young people?

'Direct' impact refers to policies/measures where children and young people are directly affected by the proposed changes, e.g. in early years, education, child protection or looked after children (children in care).

'Indirect' impact refers to policies/measures that are not directly aimed at children but will have an impact on them. Examples include: welfare reforms, parental leave, housing supply, or local transport schemes.

The impacts of the Public Procurement Strategy for Scotland will be Indirect. The strategic aims will be set at a high, national level, with the policies and initiatives that sit underneath will directly consider how they can address Impacts on Children and Young people in their implementation. The Strategy itself will be clearly signposting that these policies and initiatives should be part of the focus for Public Procurement in Scotland.

The Public Procurement Strategy for Scotland is supporting policies and initiative which are for the benefit to the people of Scotland. As such this includes Children and Young people.

### 4. Which groups of children and young people will be affected?

Under the UNCRC, 'children' can refer to: individual children, groups of children, or children in general. Some groups of children will relate to the groups with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010: disability, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. 'Groups' can also refer to children by age band or setting, or those who are eligible for special protection or assistance: e.g. preschool children, children in hospital, children in rural areas, looked after children, young people who offend, victims of abuse or exploitation, child migrants, or children living in poverty.

As noted above, the Public Procurement Strategy for Scotland is supporting policies and initiative which are for the benefit of the people of Scotland. As such this includes Children and Young people. The policies and initiatives that sit underneath will directly consider how they can address Impacts on Children and Young people in their implementation. These will specifically look at the group of Children and Young people that they impact.

### 5. Is a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment required?

Please state if a CRWIA will be carried out or not. Please explain your reasons.

A CRWIA will not be carried out. The Public Procurement Strategy for Scotland, while having an indirect impact of supporting policies and initiatives that benefit the people of Scotland, which includes Children and Young people, will not sit at a level where there are impacts directly on Children and Young people. This will sit within the specific policies and initiatives which the Strategy supports and encourages. These policies and initiatives will undertake CRWIAs.

### 6. Sign & Date

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