

Information about privacy

The thematic review is being carried out under Section 53 of the Public Services (Scotland) Reform Act 2010. This legislation gives inspectors the power to interview staff, read records and speak with children, young people and their families.

- All personal information about children and their families is kept confidentially and stored in line with our data protection impact assessment which complies with General Data Protection Regulations. The Care Inspectorate's core privacy notice can be found [here](#).
- All confidential information that requires to be shared is done so using a secure portal. We will **not** accept information via email. We will record all information using a unique reference number.
- When staff, children and families speak with us, we do not report directly on their individual opinions and experiences. We instead collate these views and experiences with others and we never identify individuals in our reports.
- The only time we will disclose information is if we are worried about the safety of an individual or if we have serious concerns about practice.
- Children, young people and families can choose whether or not, to speak with us. They also have the choice about whether to speak with us alone or with someone they trust.