

PE1369/E

The Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 set out requirements on local authorities and community planning partnerships (CPP) to pursue continuous improvement and work in partnership. In addition, Ministers promoted the process of Community Planning by publishing the [National Standards for Community Engagement](#) which aims to develop and support better working relationships between communities and agencies delivering public services

We are concerned that the National Standards for Community Engagement are being promoted by the Scottish Government, but are not being implemented with any rigour.

How many local authorities, community planning partners or other organisations have used VOiCE; developed for the Scottish Government, by SCDC in consulting and engaging with Young People since the system was introduced in 2008

The UN Committee last examined the UK government's progress in 2008 and made recommendations where they believed the UK was falling short of fully implementing the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child.

Concluding Observation 19 (2008) from the UN Committee is to 'conduct regular Child's Rights Impact Assessments'.

In 2009 the Scottish Government published 'Do the Right Thing', an action plan to address the recommendations. Action 2:

- Promote children's rights across Scottish Government
- Look at experiences of those who have used the SCCYP Child Rights Impact Assessment tool to help develop policy within the Scottish Government and whether / how it should be adapted for wider use
- Consider a trial of Child Impact Assessments in a section of the Scottish Government.

If the Scottish Commissioner for Children and Young People is not aware of any research having been commissioned or undertaken to monitor and evaluate the use of children's rights impact assessments as developed by SCCYP. What progress has the Scottish Government made in developing the policy within its own organisation and how it has been adapted for wider use, in particular, with community planning partners