



Bairns' Hoose Newsletter

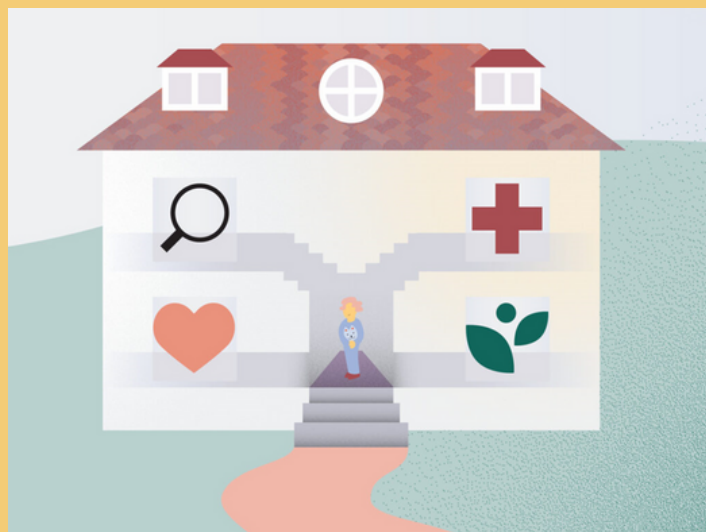


Scoping Exercise for Extension of the Pathfinder Phase

The Bairns' Hoose Unit has carried out a scoping exercise with key stakeholders to explore the feasibility of extending the Pathfinder phase of the Bairns' Hoose programme. This followed concerns raised about tight timescales for the Pathfinder phase impacting access to funding and the learning that could be gathered during this period.

The proposed extension would be intended to allow more time to effectively embed new models of transformative change and aid appropriate adaptation and learning from the implementation of Bairns' Hoose in partnerships across Scotland.

The findings of this scoping exercise are being submitted to Ministers for their consideration.



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We have now awarded Pathfinders and Affiliates with funds for 24-25.

The Thematic Fund is now open and will close on 3rd May. This phase of funding is aimed to support short-life, project-based, thematic test of change activities. Applications will be accepted from statutory and third sector services with a link into developing Bairns' Hoose locally or nationally.

If you would like to apply, please follow this link:

<https://www.tfaforms.com/5119134>

Bairns' Hoose Unit Visit to Seymour House

On 1 March members of the Bairns' Hoose Unit took a picturesque (and unusually sunny) trip to Dundee to visit Seymour House, one of the facilities making up the Tayside Bairns' Hoose Partnership estate. Seymour House already provides co-location office spaces for multi-agency staff, joint interview facilities, a medical suite and family friendly areas. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet colleagues in Seymour House and talk to people about their experiences.

Derek Aitken, Service Manager, said:

We were delighted to host over 30 visitors from various partner agencies across Scotland at a recent open event to Seymour House, Dundee. It gave everyone the opportunity to network and share experiences/challenges, prompting some great discussions about our experiences to date in towards achieving the Bairns Hoose Standards. We look forward to similar events in future across Scotland as we progress on our Bairns Hoose journey with the other Pathfinder sites.

Our thanks in particular go to Derek, Laura and Jacquie for their excellent hospitality, wonderful buffet lunch, and useful insights from the whole team at Seymour House.



Bairns' Hoose Collaborative Learning

Collaborative Learning Event

A collaborative learning event was held at the Strathclyde Innovation Centre in Glasgow on 24 April. The event was planned to allow Pathfinders the opportunity to progress work with real-time in-person support from the project team and other Pathfinders.

It was a great day with lots of interesting discussion from colleagues across the six Pathfinder areas. We also had a brilliant session from Emma Harewood and Chloe Collins from The Lighthouse in London who came along to share their journey and lessons learned. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the day.

Pathfinder Webinars

Alongside this event, Pathfinders have begun taking part in Community of Practice webinars. These have included:

- Engagement with children and young people from Louise Hill, Head of Policy Evidence and Impact at Children 1st
- A Justice Q&A session with Jennifer Nesbitt-Thomson, Policy Portfolio for Bairns' Hoose at Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service and Danielle McLaughlin, Head of Implementation Lord Justice Clerk's Review at Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service
- Reflections from Linköping Barnahus Sweden by Anna Petersson, Barnahus Coordinator and Social Worker

Affiliate Forum

The first Affiliate Forum Meeting was held in March, which allowed an informal discussion on how best Impact Funding Partners can support Affiliates throughout the funding process. Many thanks to those who attended and provided lots of engaging conversation and ideas to explore.

We look forward to upcoming forums which will provide Affiliates with further opportunities to share learning and access support.

