



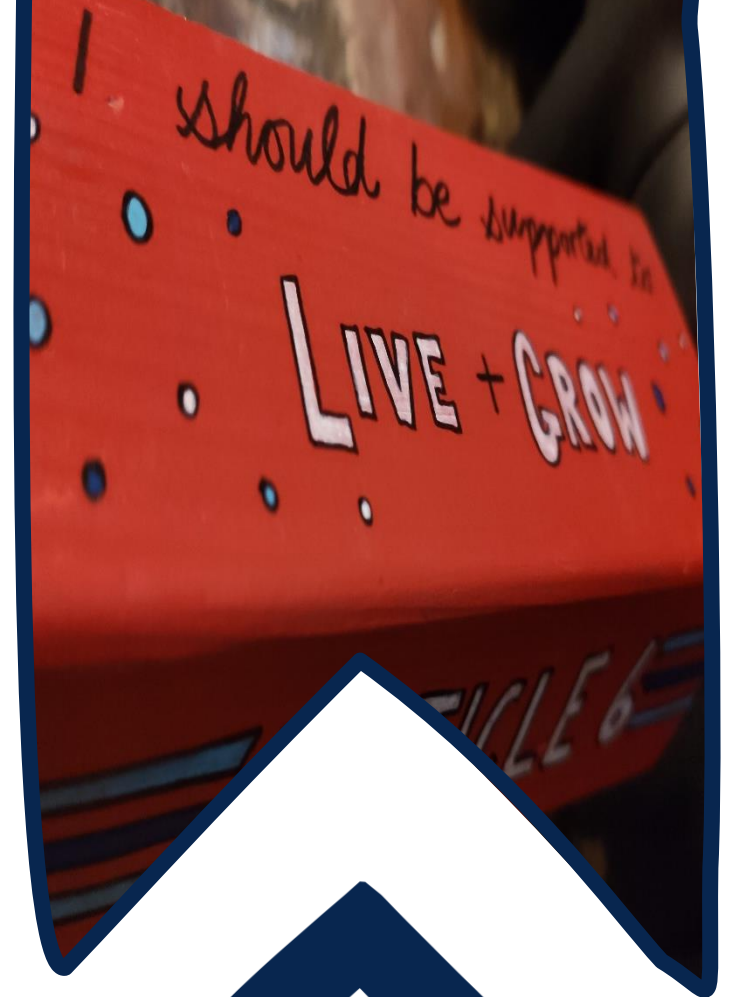
# FORCES CHILDREN SCOTLAND

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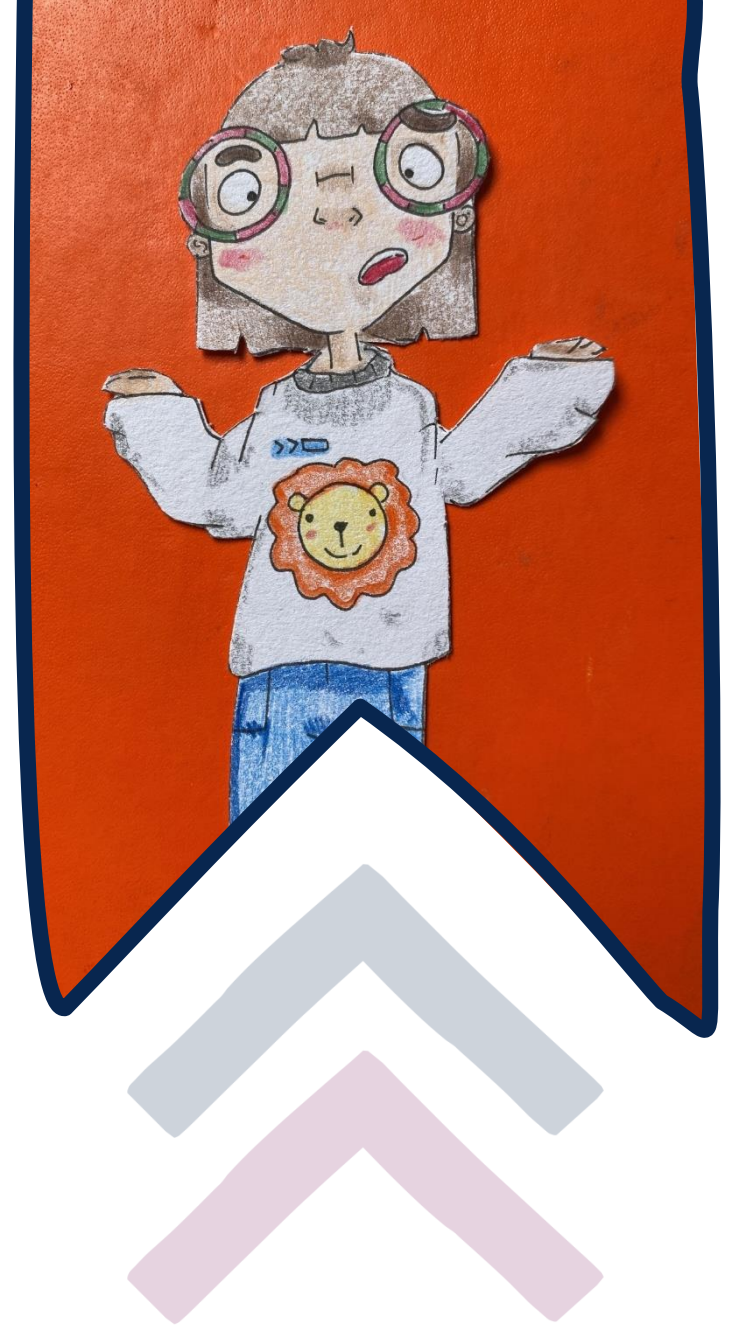
# The report's Guiding Principles



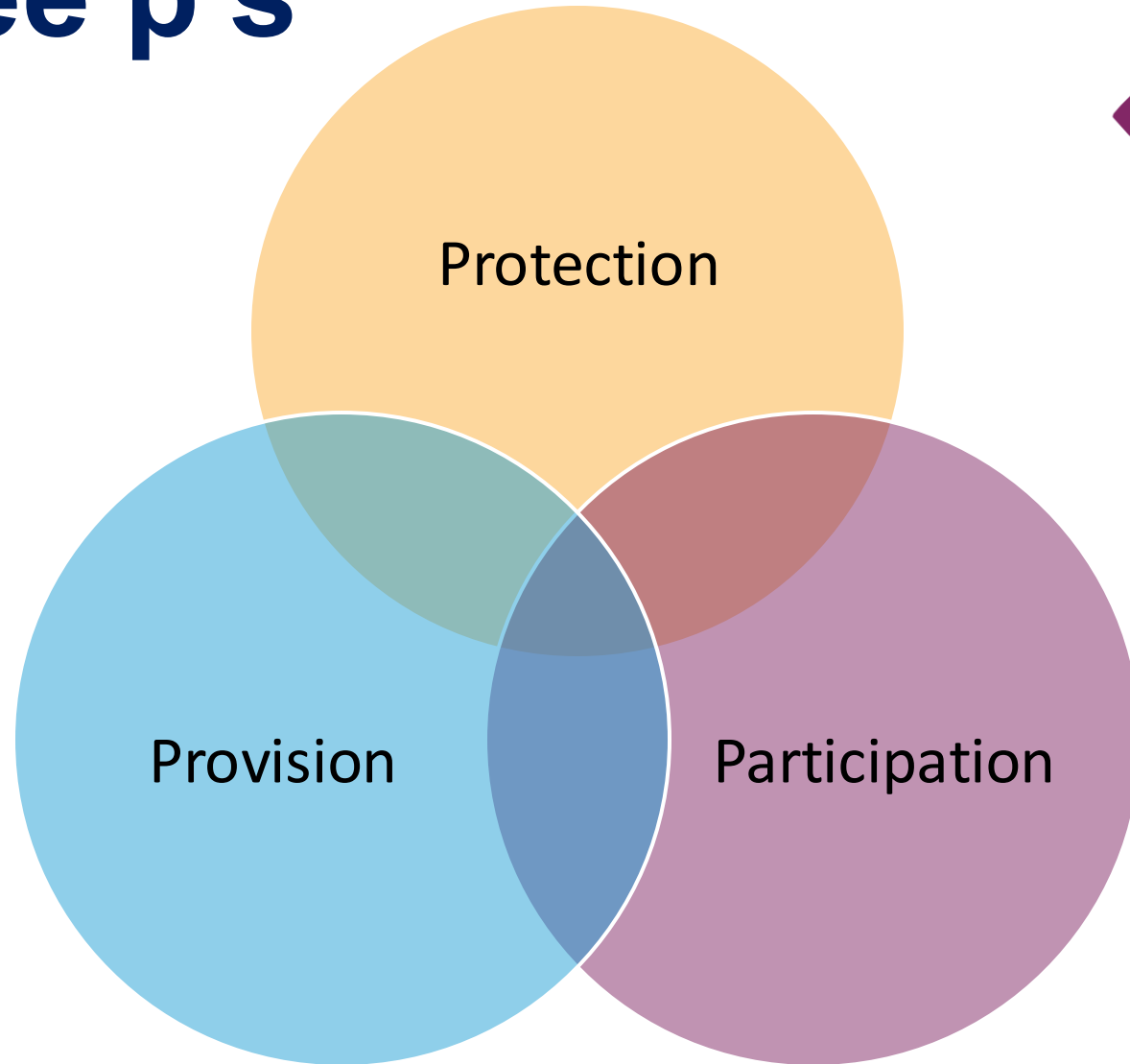
The best interests  
of the child



Respect for the views  
of the child



# The three p's



Supporting armed forces children & young people



# Rights affected by forces life

- » Article 2 – non discrimination
- » Article 9 – Separation from parents and maintaining contact
- » Article 16 - to be protected from arbitrary or unlawful interference with their privacy, family home or correspondence
- » Article 3 – best interests
- » Article 18 – parental and family support
- » Article 24 – highest attainable health
- » Article 28 & 29 – right to education and goals of education
- » Article 27 access to suitable housing
- » Article 12 – respect for the views of the child
- » Articles 13 & 17 - provide the parameters for how children should be supported to ensure that they can meaningfully form a view, including access to information.
- » Articles 15 & 31 - support children's right to participate in wider society through freedom of association, play, recreation and cultural activities.
- » Key to the right to participation is access to justice when rights are breached.
- » Article 42 – Governments must make sure children and adults know their rights.





***“Firstly, it was a pleasure to meet Erin, Evelyn, Gracie, Jaiden, Josh and Sophia and I want to express my utmost gratitude to them for travelling from all over Scotland to meet with me. Hearing their first hand experiences has helped me to have a deeper understanding of the complexities service families are facing, where barriers to support need addressing and to identify where the Scottish Government can help make things better”***

**Minister for Children, Young People and the Promise**



***“As I said in our meeting, although this Government can’t provide an overnight solution to the current inconsistencies in support faced, I will do everything I can to ensure service families are better considered across policymaking to avoid future issues. Our meeting was the starting point of a journey towards constant improvement, and I hope the young people are proud of themselves for bringing awareness to these issues and contributing towards making the future better for themselves and their peers.”***

**Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise**





**How Can you Protect and promote children's rights in your context?**



**How Can we ensure we include children and young people?**

