

Permanently Progressing? – Building secure futures for children in Scotland

is a ground-breaking study conducted by the Universities of Stirling, York and Lancaster, in collaboration with the Adoption and Fostering Alliance (AFA) Scotland. Phase One (2014-2018) investigated decision-making, permanence, progress, outcomes and belonging for a large cohort (**1,836**) of children in Scotland who became looked after in 2012-13, aged five or under. On **Wednesday 19th September 2018**, at the **Stirling Court Hotel** the research team will present key findings.

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| 8.30 - 9.30am | Registration and Coffee |
| 9.30 – 9.45am | Welcome address by Professor Alison Bowes (Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Stirling University) |
| 9.45-10.00am | Robert Swift , Independent Consultant, previously Chief Social Work Officer, author of Adopting a Child in Scotland |
| 10.00 – 10.30am | Overview of study |
| 10.30 – 11.15am | Becoming 'looked after' |
| 11.15 – 11.30am | Tea/Coffee |
| 11.30 – 11.50am | Small group discussion: What does the data mean? |
| 11.50 – 12.20pm | Linkage of Children Looked After Statistics (CLAS) and data held by Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA) - what does it tell us? |
| 12.15 – 12.45pm | Moving towards permanence |
| 12.45 – 1.30pm | Lunch (Finger buffet) |
| 1.30 – 2.15pm | Fiona Duncan (Chair of Independent Care Review) and Jimmy Paul (Co-Chair of Independent Care Review) |
| 2.15 – 3.00pm | Where are the children now and how are they doing? |
| 3.00 – 3.15pm | Tea/Coffee |
| 3.15 – 3.45pm | Being and feeling secure: what helps? |
| 3.45 – 4.00pm | Small group discussion: What will you take forward from today? |
| 4.00 – 4.45pm | Plans for Phase Two of the study and then Jackie Kay , Scotland's Poet Laureate and author of The Adoption Papers will close the day |

The team at University of Stirling is led by **Dr Helen Whincup** (PI) and includes **Dr Margaret Grant**, **Dr Alison Hennessy**, and **Jade Hooper**, working with **Professor Nina Biehal** (co-PI, University of York) and **Dr Linda Cusworth** (Lancaster University).

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