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New SCRA research report

Backgrounds and outcomes for children aged 8 to 11 years old who have been referred to the Children's Reporter for offending

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SCRA has published a new research report 'Backgrounds and outcomes for children aged 8 to 11 years old who have been referred to the Children's Reporter for offending'.

Our research explored the backgrounds of children under 12 years old referred to the Reporter for offending, to understand the factors that influenced their behaviour and the outcomes for them up to 12 months following the incident.

The research, which examined the cases of 100 children aged 8 to 11 years old referred to the Reporter, found that:

- The number of children aged 8 to 11 years old referred for offending has declined over the past 5 years by 73%.
- In 2014/15 there were 215 children aged 8 to 11 years referred to the Reporter for offending. This is 7.4% of all children and young people with offence referrals.
- The most common offences referred for this age group were assault, threatening or abusive behaviour and vandalism.

The research also looked at whether the minimum age of criminal responsibility should be raised.

You can read the full report [here](#).

New website for SCRA

SCRA has launched its new corporate website. You can visit the new site [here](#).



The new-look site still has dedicated sections for children, young people, parents/carers. It also has a more interactive contact us section with pages for each SCRA office. You can also sign up to our e-news bulletin via the new site. If you have any questions about the website, please contact a member of the Press and Communications Team on communications@scra.gsi.gov.uk

Children and Families Survey 2016

SCRA's latest Children and Families Survey is now underway. We are repeating the 2015 children and families survey, as it had fewer responses than the previous one, and it is important that we have meaningful information - particularly at local level - as it helps us assess our performance. The 2016 survey is being carried out until Friday 29th April 2016. The results will be published later in the year on our website.

Art @ SCRA



An exhibition of art work by children and young people involved with the Children's Hearings System was recently on display in Eden Court, Inverness.

Art @ SCRA was a month-long, multi-media exhibition of art works created by children, young people and their families connected with SCRA in the Highlands. All the art work will shortly be on display in our new offices and Hearings Centre in Inverness when we move in later this month. If you would like to see a selection of the art work, click [here](#).



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