

Strong Start criteria for parents with care experience out with Perth and Kinross Council

Where you are a care experienced parent who received care out with Perth and Kinross Council, the following criteria is available below. This should be met to qualify for a Strong Start placement for your two-year-old.

For care experienced parents who received care by Perth and Kinross Council, please contact our Children's Social Work Team who will be able to confirm these details for you.

A parent will be considered for a Strong Start place for their two-year-old based on having care experience of any length of time in the type of care listed below. A person is considered to be care experienced if they have received 120 days of respite care or if they were away from home for 4 weeks or more.

Types of care considered for care experienced parents to qualify for a placement include:

- Foster care
- Kinship care – placed by Local Authority
- Kinship care – NOT placed by Local Authority (boarding out)
- Residential care
- Compulsory Supervision Order with NO condition of residence (looked after at home), and
- Compulsory Supervision Order with a condition of residence (looked after away from home).

The evidence provided of the care experience received must be completed by a **professional person** from the local authority who can confirm the persons circumstances, or a:

- social worker
- doctor
- nurse
- lawyer
- solicitor
- college/university student adviser
- teacher
- nursery teacher
- notary public
- counsellor
- police officer
- minister of religion
- family mediation worker

The following **evidence** must be provided for a Strong Start place to be considered:

- Full name of care experienced parent
- Type of care provided
- Local Authority area the care was provided in
- Period of time the care was provided
- Name of child the Strong Start placement is for
- Relationship to the child
- Date
- Statement from professional person confirming the parent received care
- Full name and contact details of professional person confirming the persons circumstances

HOW WE USE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

The information provided by you will be used by Perth & Kinross Council to process Early Learning and Childcare Strong Start applications. The information will not be disclosed to third parties.

The Council may check information provided by you, or information about you provided by a third party, with other information held by us. We may also get information from certain third parties or share your information with them in order to verify its accuracy, prevent or detect crime, protect public funds or where required by law. For further information, please look at our website www.pkc.gov.uk/dataprotection; email dataprotection@pkc.gov.uk or phone 01738 477933.