

# Decades of Demands

## The Fight for Independent Advocacy for Care Experienced People

For over 50 years, Care Experienced people, inquiries, and reports have called for independent advocacy in the care system, a call that has yet to be fully realised.



**1975**

Children Act 1975  
Section 59

**1977**

Who Cares? Scotland Young  
People in Care Speak Out Book

**1992**

Orkney Inquiry  
Skinner Report

**1993**

Scottish Office White Paper  
on Care and Incorporating  
the UNCRC Principles



**1995**

Children (Scotland) Act  
1995

**1997**

Utting Report

**1997**

Edinburgh Inquiry into Abuse and  
Protection of Children in Care

**2001**

Fife Independent  
Inquiry



**2003**

Who Cares? Scotland  
Lets Face It Report

**2007**

Tom Shaw Historic Abuse  
Systemic Review

**2009**

Independent Inquiry into Abuse at  
Kerelaw Residential School and  
Secure Unit

**2010**

SHRC Acknowledgement  
and Accountability Human  
Rights Framework



**2015**

Care Experienced People's  
Views, Interpreting the  
Children and Young People Act

**2016**

Who Cares? Scotland  
Advocacy Matters Report

**2020**

Care Inspectorate, Joint  
Inspections of Services for  
Children in Need of Care

**2020**

Children (Scotland) Act  
2020  
The Promise



**2021**

National Confidential Forum  
National Human Rights  
Leadership Taskforce Report

**2021/23**

Scottish National  
Child Protection  
Guidance

**2023**

Hearings for Children: Hearings  
System Working Group's  
Redesign Report

**2025**

Who Cares? Scotland  
Action on Advocacy  
campaign



**The Action on Advocacy campaign is launched, calling for a statutory right to independent advocacy for all Care Experienced people who need it.**

**Will this be the year Scotland finally acts?**