



“Circle worker helped me with my anger and to understand what addiction was.”

(Girl, aged 13)

# Introduction

## Circle aims to work with the most marginalised and vulnerable children and families.

Circle provides services to promote the inclusion of children and families in society. We do this by working with the whole family, enabling them to draw on their strengths to take control of their lives. We aim to enhance the dignity and self-respect of all those who use our services. We work in partnership with other organisations to deliver supportive services that invest in families and promote the best possible start in life.

This review highlights the outcomes experienced by the families we have supported. We use the SHANARRI indicators in line with the Getting it right for every child (GIRFEC) framework. This ensures that we are considering every aspect of children's lives and

delivering the right support so that every child has increased opportunity.

This work would not be possible without the generous support of our donors, funders, partners, service users and staff.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support that will allow us to keep delivering services to children and their families in the future.

Best wishes

*Rhona Hunter*

Rhona Hunter  
Chief Executive

*Grant A. Sugden*

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Chair

### Our vision

For all children to be safe, happy, healthy and nurtured within a stable family environment, which supports them to achieve their potential.

### Our purpose

To improve the lives of children by strengthening families.

## In 2017-18 Circle supported 603 families made up of:

819 children



684 parents



18 kinship carers



15 young people



## Circle improves the lives of children by strengthening families

### We work with:

- Families with children affected by parental drug and alcohol use
- Families with children affected by parental imprisonment
- Families with children at risk of school exclusion
- Families with very young children who need additional support
- Fathers in their role as parents

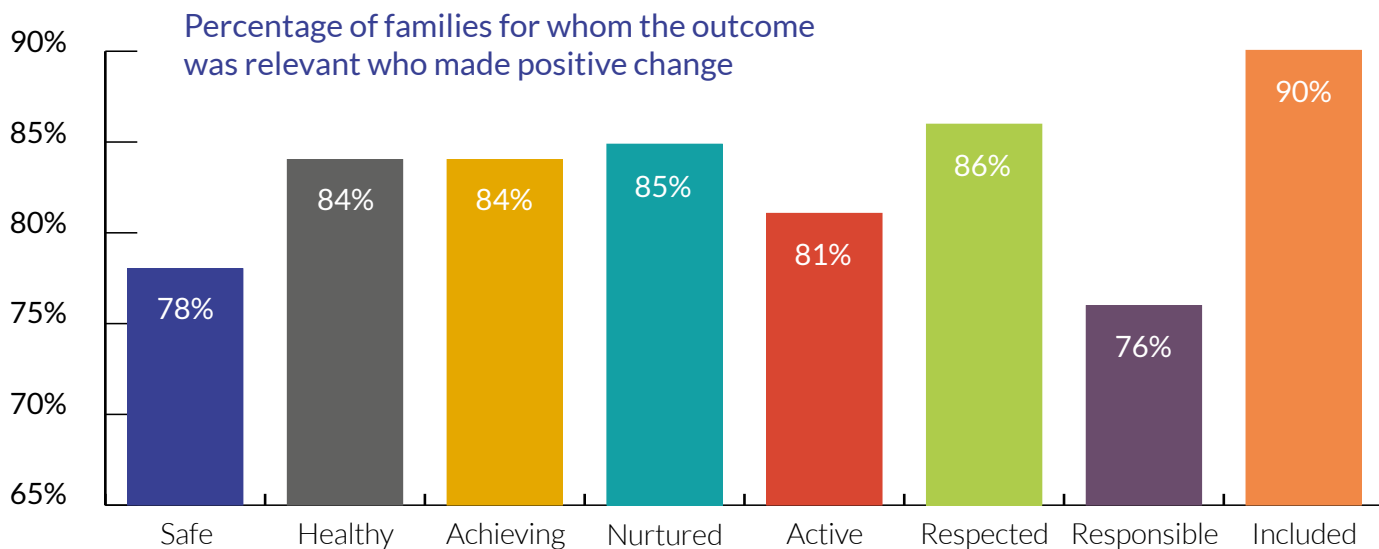
Circle is a learning organisation and through our Practice Learning & Development, we provided 17 placements to Social Work students during 2017-18.

“ I think my worker is amazing. She has changed my life and I don't know what I'd do without her. She has made big changes to my life, she is the only person that believes in me and is there for me. I wouldn't be doing well if it wasn't for her. She makes me happier. ”

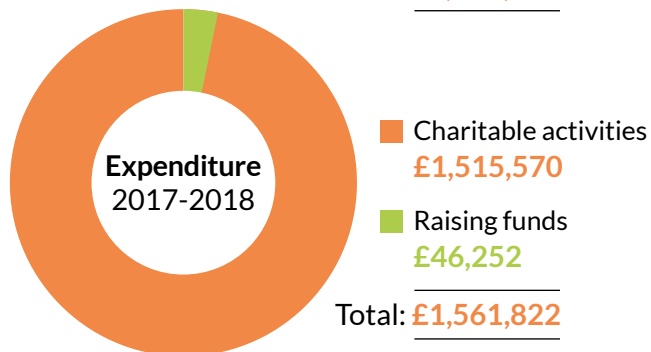
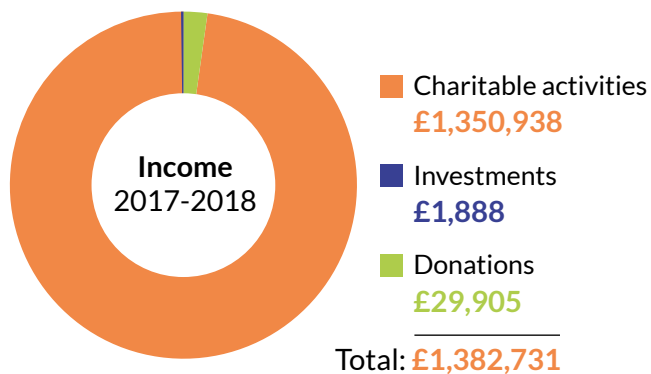
(Mother)

## 2017-2018 outcomes

Our outcomes use the SHANARRI indicators, in line with *Getting it right for every child* (GIRFEC).



# The year in numbers



**99%**

of families rated Circle's support to anticipate and manage family crises as **GOOD** or **EXCELLENT**

**100%**

of families felt that the support they received from Circle to understand their child(ren)'s needs was either **GOOD** or **EXCELLENT**

**75%**

of families felt that Circle was **EXCELLENT** in helping them to be involved in child planning processes

**99%**

of families rated Circle's support to understand and manage their child(ren)'s behaviour as **GOOD** or **EXCELLENT**

**100%**

of families would recommend Circle to other families

## Thank you

It is only with the fantastic support of individuals, companies, organisations and charitable trusts that we are able to offer our wide range of services.

### Our thanks go to everyone who supported us during 2017/18 including:

- Big Lottery • The City of Edinburgh Council • Caledonia Youth • Cattanach Trust • Corra Foundation
- The Dulverton Trust • The Henry Smith Charity • The Robertson Trust • The Scottish Government
- The Volant Trust • West Lothian Council

We are also extremely grateful to other organisations, trusts and individuals not listed above who also donated very generously.