

**CHILD
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ACTION
GROUP**
IN SCOTLAND





Glasgow Child Poverty Local Action Plan: an overview

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Child Poverty Scotland Act

Sets four 'income' targets for children living in Scotland by 1st April 2030

Sets four interim income targets to be met by 1st April 2023

Requires Scottish Ministers to publish **Child Poverty Delivery Plans in 2018, 2022 and 2026 and report on these annually**

Requires Local Authorities and Health Boards to report annually (Child Poverty Action Reports**) on activity to reduce child poverty**

Establishes **Poverty and Inequality Commission by 1st July 2019**

Child Poverty Act targets

By 2023

- Less than 18% of children are living in relative poverty
- Less than 14% of children are in absolute poverty
- Less than 8% of children are in combined low income and material deprivation
- Less than 8% of children are in persistent poverty

By 2030

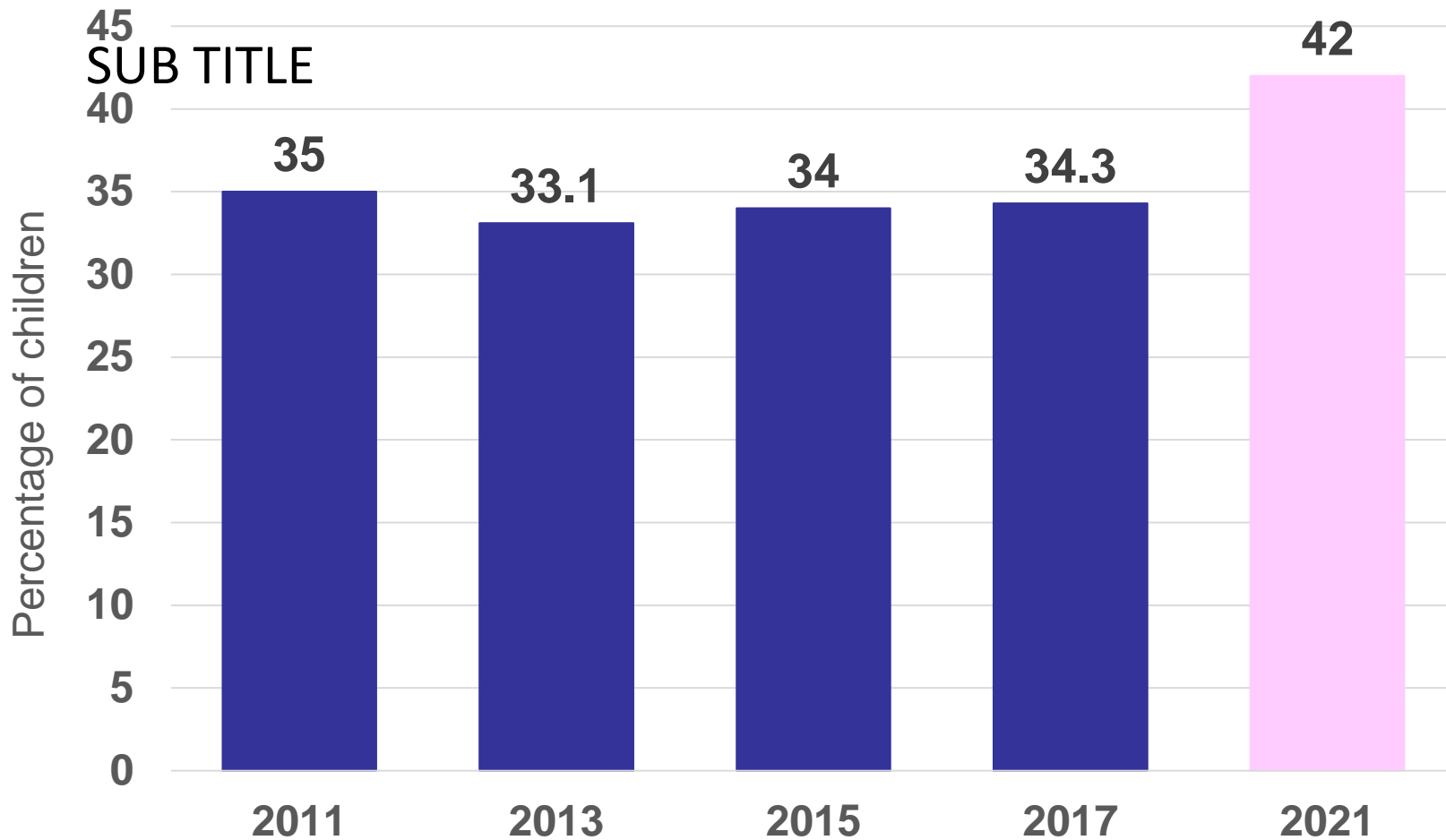
Less than 10% of children are living in relative poverty

Less than 5% of children are in absolute poverty

Less than 5% of children are in combined low income and material deprivation

Less than 5% of children are in persistent poverty

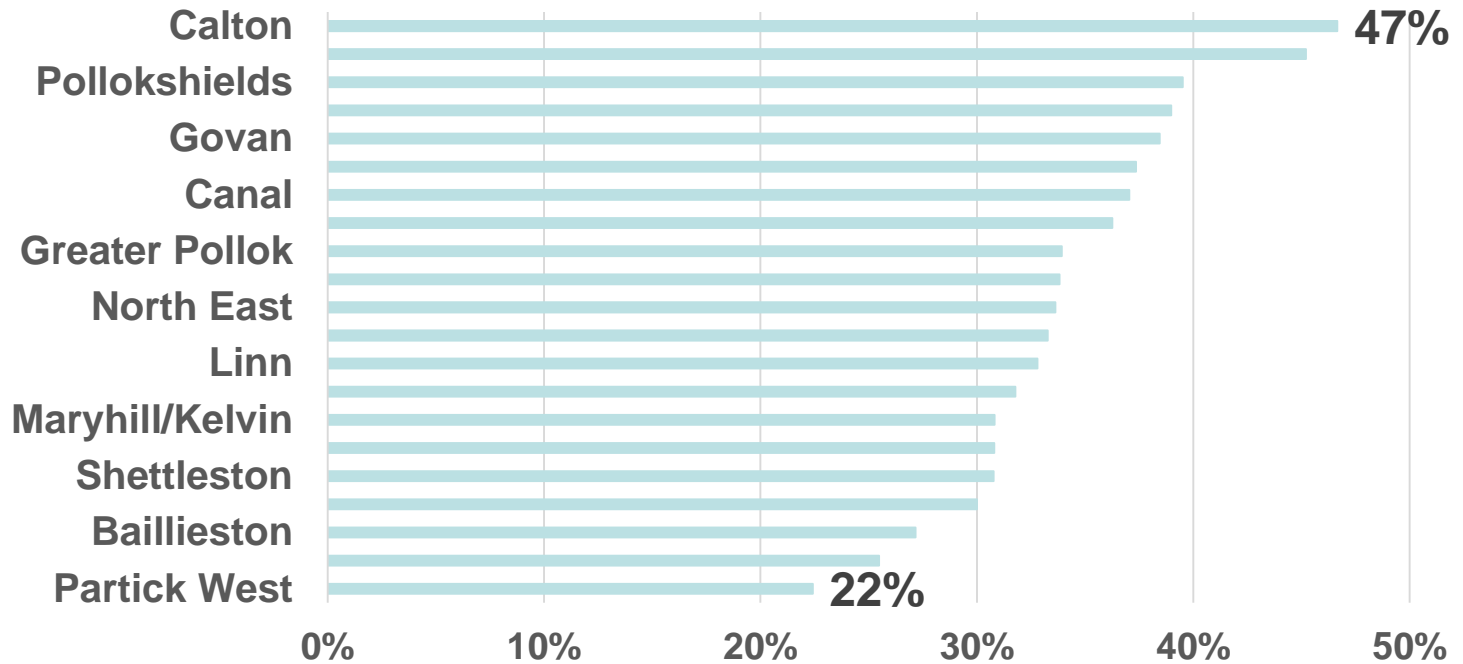
Trends in Relative Child Poverty (AHC) GCC



Child poverty: scale of problem

	Year	% of children	Absolute number
Relative poverty(AHC)	2017	34%	40,000
	2021	41%	50,000

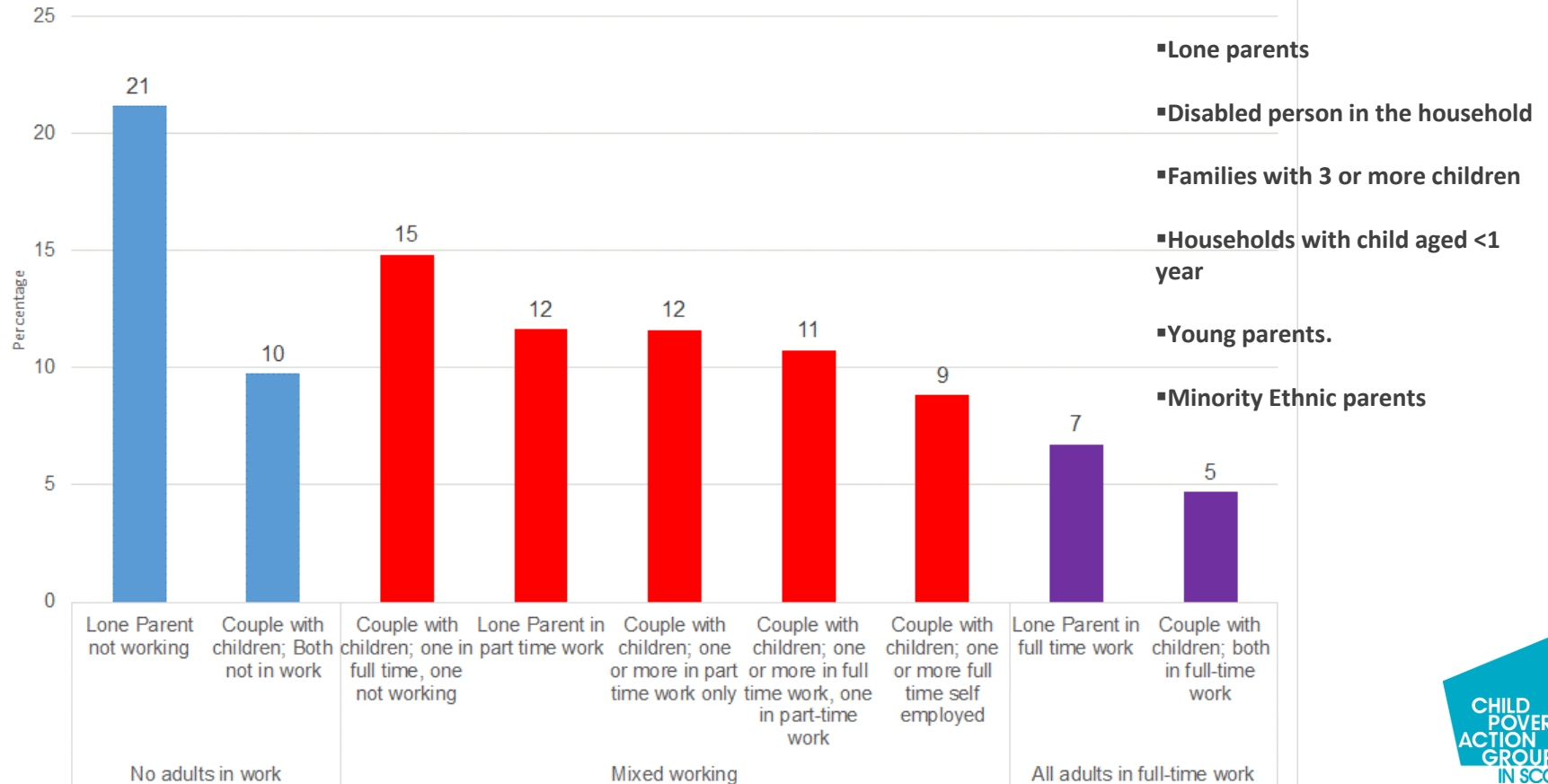
Child Poverty GCC Wards



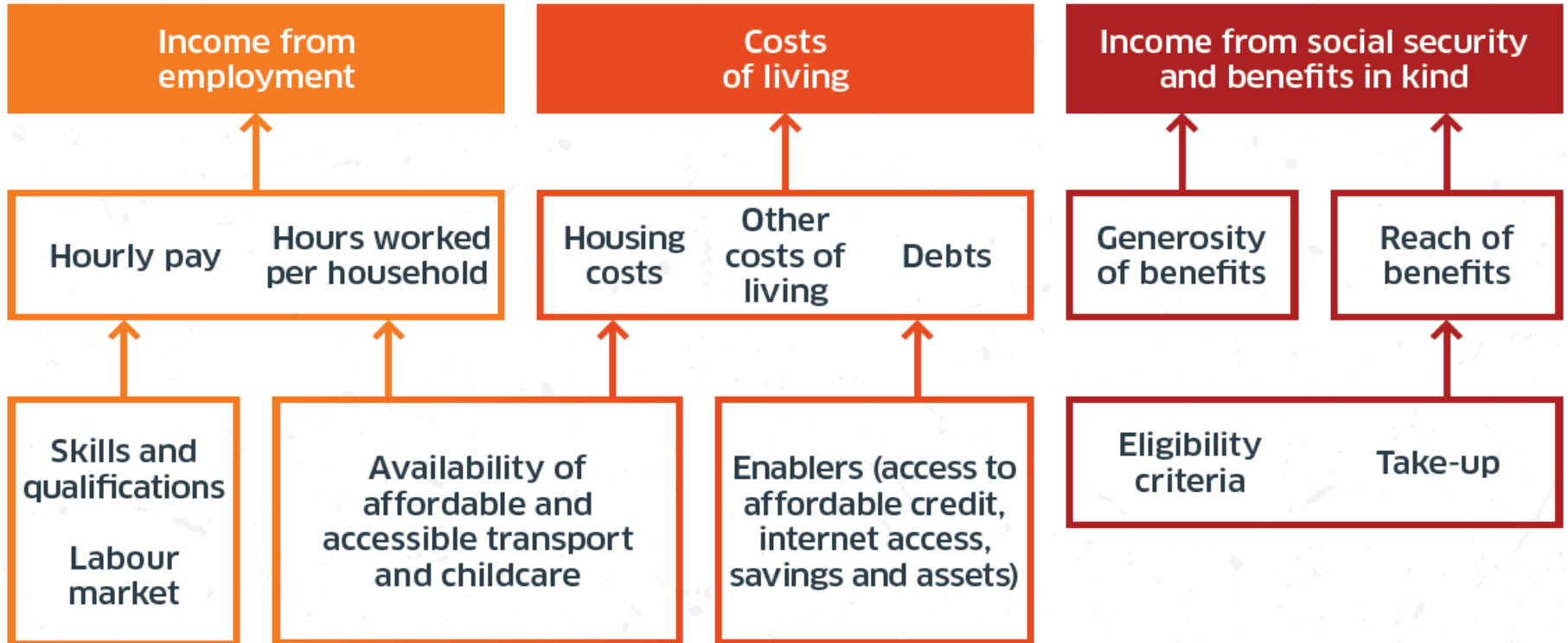
Source: End Child Poverty

Who is affected?

Distribution of relative child poverty in Scotland: 2015/16



Causes of Child Poverty



Local Child Poverty Reports must include...

Step 1: Identify your local partners

Step 2: Identify and assess child poverty in local area

Step 3: Identify and assess existing action and existing plans that seek to reduce or mitigate child poverty in local area

Step 4: Identify new action to reduce child poverty or expansion or modification to existing actions to increase impact

Step 5: Identify and share 'what is working' and 'lessons learned'

<https://beta.gov.scot/publications/local-child-poverty-action-report-guidance/>

Other Possible Sources of Funding



- Poverty Innovation Fund – Hunter Foundation £7.5million.
- Employability Fund - £12 million
- Workplace Equality Fund - £750K
- Financial Health Check Service - £3million
- Holiday hunger - £1million
- Empowering Communities Fund
- Gypsy/Traveller families - £500K
- Community Development Finance Institutions support.

Child Poverty Co-ordinator aims

- ❑ To help co-ordinate Poverty Leadership Panel's Child Poverty group, and support Glasgow City Council and NHSGGC, to develop the Local Plan.
- ❑ To ensure clear understanding of causes and solutions of child poverty is shared and acted on by key strategic partners in the City of Glasgow.
- ❑ Identify and promote key changes to local policy and practice that will contribute toward meeting the child poverty targets.

Existing child poverty work - examples

- ❑ Cost of School Day
- ❑ School Clothing Grant automation and increase in take up and value
- ❑ Lone parents group

Child Poverty work: New and developing examples

- ❑ Holiday Food Programme
- ❑ Underpin to Universal Credit roll-out
- ❑ Financial inclusion and SNIPS

The role of the Poverty Leadership Panel

- What expectations do PLP members have?
- How does the PLP strategically address the targets. . . And the PLP work-streams?
- How can we be more cross-cutting?
- What help can I give?

Comments/suggestions/questions?

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Thanks very much