

6 SCOTTISH SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL ANNUAL AWARDS (AN189-2007)

This annual event recognises best practice throughout the social services sector in Scotland.

Dundee City Council's partnership with Barnardo's Scotland, the FACE (Fighting Against Child Exploitation) Project was the winner in the category for involvement of people who use services. The FACE Project also received a special commendation in the category which recognises innovative and/or imaginative training programmes.

FACE is a service for young people who have been at risk of, or been affected by, sexual exploitation. It is supported by Dundee City Council, Key to Change and Barnardo's.

Dundee City Council Social Work Department's Staff Support Service reached the final in the category of successful initiatives to recruit and retain staff.

Since 2003 this innovative service has had considerable success in helping to reduce absence rates, supporting staff returning to work and boosting the city council's reputation as a responsible, caring organisation and an employer of choice.

Overall, 13 finalists (covering 5 categories) were selected by judges from over 114 entries received from across Scotland.

Committee is asked to recognise the achievements of the City Council in partnership with Barnardo's and the Social Work Department's Staff Support Service.