



Government of South Australia

Office of the Guardian for Children and Young People

## Coordination and and collaboration between organisations in child protection - Survey 2017

### 1. Please indicate how often there is coordination and collaboration between the following organisations on child protection matters in June 2017.

	never %	not normal %	sometimes %	frequently %	always %	n (1)
between foster carers and Department for Child Protection (DCP) workers	2	15	56	23	4	240
between DCP workers and kinship carers	3	12	57	23	5	174
between residential care workers and DCP workers	1	17	43	31	7	189
between DCP workers and mental health workers	6	32	49	12	1	192
between staff of Government schools and DCP workers	7	18	55	20	1	251
between separate DCP offices	6	23	52	17	2	188
between DCP staff and the National Disability Insurance Agency	13	41	38	8	0	165
between disability services and DCP workers	5	35	47	13	1	174
between health workers and DCP workers	5	30	49	14	1	207
between DCP field workers and DCP management	4	23	48	21	4	164
between organisations when there is an investigation of allegations of sexual abuse	6	18	41	25	11	217
between organisations supporting children after sexual abuse	7	26	44	18	4	210
between organisations working with children in the courts on child protection matters	5	24	44	20	7	188
between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organisations on matters related to individual Aboriginal children	9	26	45	15	5	232
between government and Aboriginal organisations on policy about Aboriginal children in care	10	38	38	9	5	144
between organisations when information about child protection matters needs to be appropriately shared	6	25	43	23	4	311
between heads of government departments on child protection matters	11	28	44	17	0	133
between government organisations, NGOs and universities and other training organisations on workforce planning	22	36	37	4	1	183
between government organisations and NGOs when undertaking service planning	16	31	42	10	1	224

### 2. Please indicate how the level of coordination and collaboration between the following organisations on child protection matters has changed since December 2016.

	much worse %	worse %	the same %	better %	much better %	n (1)
between foster carers and Department for Child Protection (DCP) workers	4	13	70	13	1	174
between DCP workers and kinship carers	3	15	69	12	1	122
between residential care workers and DCP professional staff	5	9	74	11	2	121
between DCP workers and mental health workers	3	12	75	10	0	121
between staff of Government schools and DCP workers	7	15	68	10	1	160
between separate DCP offices on matters affecting children in state care	6	15	73	6	0	140
between DCP professionals and the National Disability Insurance Agency	11	15	64	10	0	108
between disability services and DCP workers	6	14	70	10	0	115
between health workers and DCP workers	7	11	73	9	1	131
between DCP field workers and DCP management	7	13	57	21	2	114
between organisations when there is an investigation of allegations of sexual abuse	2	10	72	14	2	133
between organisations supporting children after sexual abuse	3	11	79	7	1	140
between organisations working with children in the courts on child protection matters	5	10	75	10	1	124
between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organisations on matters related to individual Aboriginal children	6	13	69	11	1	139
between government and Aboriginal organisations on policy about Aboriginal children in care	8	12	66	13	1	100
between organisations when information about child protection matters needs to be appropriately shared	5	10	65	19	1	210
between heads of government departments on child protection matters	7	11	58	23	1	100
between government organisations, NGOs and universities and other training organisations on workforce planning	4	15	71	10	1	126
between government organisations and NGOs when undertaking service planning	6	15	69	8	1	156

(1) the total responses to the question minus those who answered 'can't say'

The survey opened on 13 June 2017 at 9am and closed at 9:30am on Tuesday 27 June. 384 people responded to question 1 and 307 responded to question 2.