



**Official honour for Children in Scotland
chief executive**

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Children in Scotland's chief executive, Bronwen Cohen, was awarded the Order of the British Empire in the New Year Honours, for services to children and families.

In response to being awarded the OBE, Bronwen Cohen said: "I am very pleased that Children in Scotland has been recognised for its work in improving the lives of all children and their families."

Bronwen Cohen joined Children in Scotland in 1990 from the University of Edinburgh where she was a Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Social Policy and Social Work. Prior to that she was Head of Policy and European Liaison at the Equal Opportunities Commission for Great Britain.

Notes for editors:

- Dr Cohen is also a Visiting Professor at the Thomas Coram Research Unit at the Institute of Education at

the University of London. She is a member of the Scottish Executive's expert reference group on children, and the Child Health Support group. She was a member of the Scottish Executive's Expert Panel on School Meals, the Scottish Childcare Board and the children and families committee of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. From 1986 –1996 she was the UK Member for the European Childcare Network, from 1986-1996 responsible for the Network's examination of rural childcare, and is currently a member of the editorial board of the magazine *Children in Europe*, published in 8 languages across Europe.

- Children in Scotland is the national agency for voluntary, statutory and professional organisations and individuals working with children and their families in Scotland. It exists to identify and promote the interests of children and their families and to ensure that relevant policies, services and provisions are of the best possible quality and able to meet the needs of a diverse society.