



intandem and supporting children in kinship care

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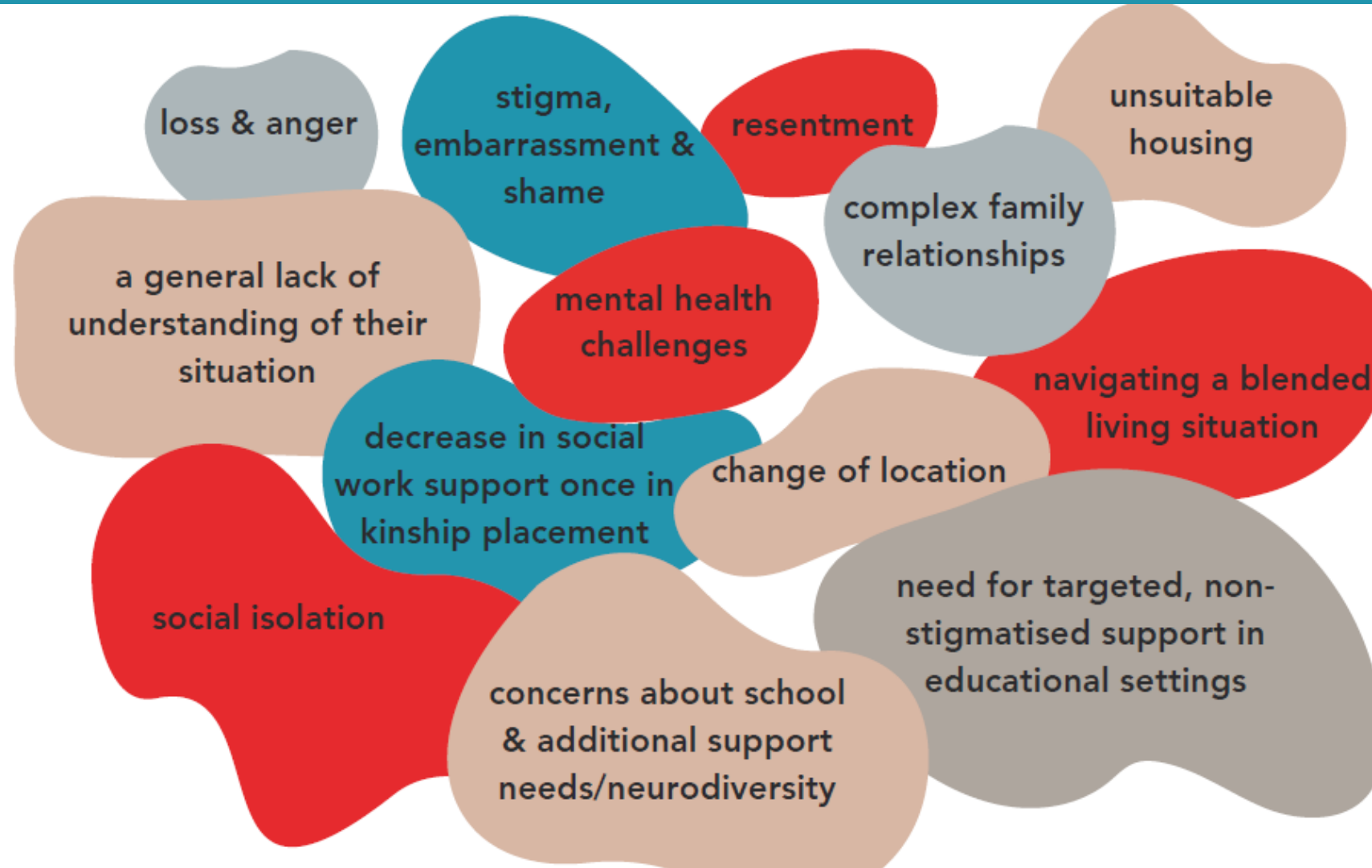
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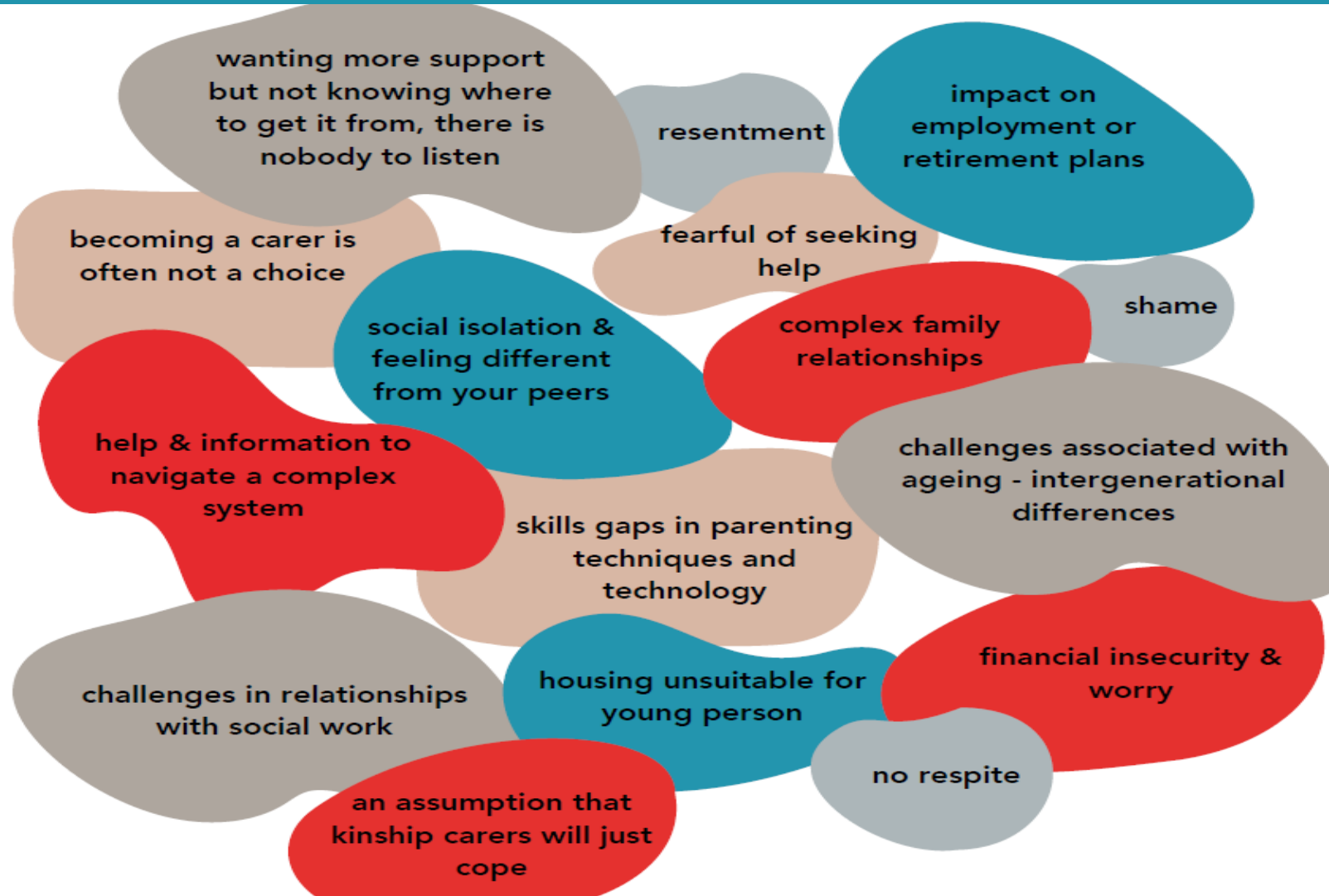
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Challenges facing children and young people



Challenges for Kinship Carers



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I'd never been to a Hearing before – I had to go and hear about everything that had been going on, it was hard

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I feel as if school doesn't always listen to me cause I'm not the mum

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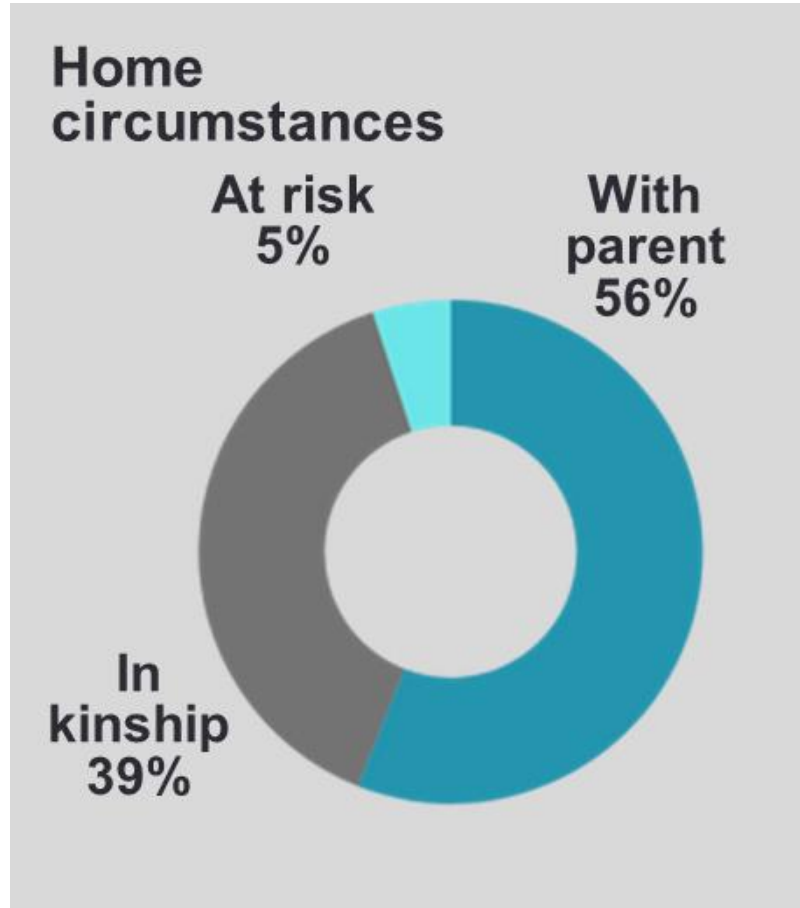
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I worry about what would happen if anything ever happens to me, he'd have to go into care and that frightens me

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Kinship carers

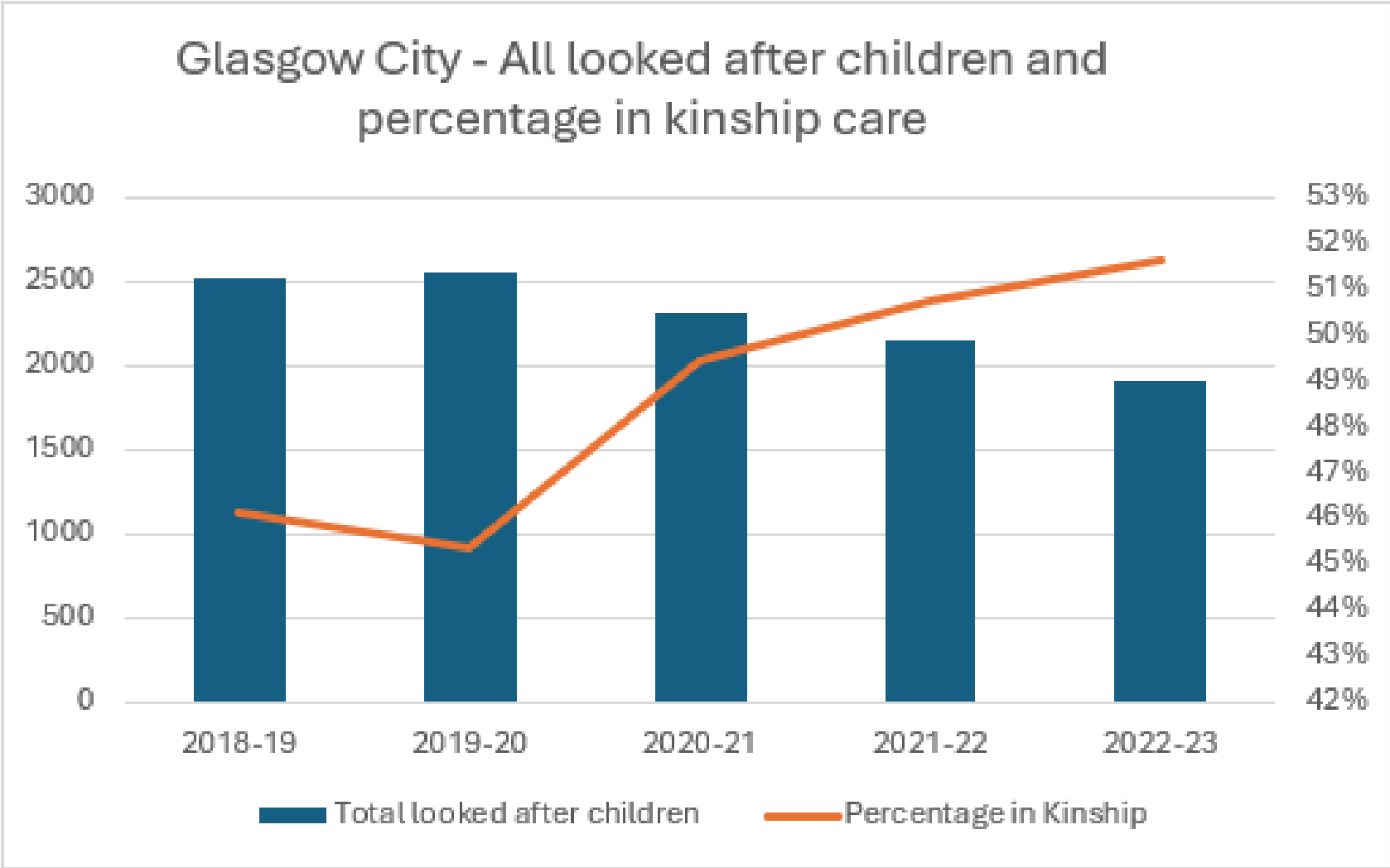
Extending support to the wider family



“We often find ourselves providing support to an entire family – by default, rather than by design”

intandem partner

Rising use of Kinship Care



intandem kinship learning & collaboration



intandem kinship learning & collaboration events



“Such a disparate picture throughout Scotland in terms of service provision”

intandem Kinship Learning & Collaboration Event attendee

Cross sector themes emerging

Consistent coordinated approach

Collaboration to create the infrastructure

Visibility and voice

Investment and scale

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How do we help
carers ask for
support before
they are in crisis
or state of stress
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What kinship carers and young people say they want

- Someone consistent and relatable
- Non-judgmental
- Specialist support for Kinship carers
- Concern around asking for help, perception and stigma
- Peer support – someone who understands
- Counselling for the child in their care
- More availability of support, not just 9-5 on weekdays
- No time frame to support, available as long as they need it
- Advice and training, examples given of social media, trauma, behaviour, drugs and alcohol etc
- "Safe House" - somewhere they could go/book with staff to care for children, to provide a break and get peer support from other carers

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