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New figures reveal that 14,193 of families in Edinburgh have benefitted from a Baby Box, as the Scottish Government announced a new design just before Mother's Day.

Across the country, over 80,000 Baby Boxes have been delivered since April 2017.



L-R – Emily Wilson, Demi Burnett, Holly Henry, Maree Todd MSP, Sonny Robertson, Edith MacDonald PHOTO John Preece

The new Baby Box was created by a team of young people, including Sonny Robertson, 17, from Trinity Academy in Edinburgh.

The new boxes will also encourage families to become more

environmentally friendly, with parents-to-be receiving a voucher for a reusable cloth nappy, and liners.

Scotland's Baby Box contains a selection of clothes, as well as every day must-haves, like a bath towel, a travel changing mat, muslin cloth squares, a bib, a digital thermometer, and books.



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SNP MSP for Edinburgh Pentlands, Gordon MacDonald, said: "Every child, regardless of their circumstances, should get the best start in life.

"At the heart of the Baby Box is a message about fairness and opportunity, which is why I'm delighted to see that so many new families have benefitted from it in Edinburgh.

"96% of expectant parents in Scotland are now requesting a Baby Box – and more than 80,000 have been delivered. That's a huge vote of confidence in the Baby Box.

"Given how beneficial they are to parents and newborns, long may that continue."

[The winning design](#) was created by:

- Demi Burnett, 12, from Banff Academy in Macduff.
- Edith Macdonald, 13, from the Community School of

Auchterarder in Gleneagles.

- Emily Wilson, 15, from St Luke's High School in Barrhead.
- Holly Henry, 16, from St Columba's in Kilmacolm.
- Sonny Robertson, 17, from Trinity Academy in Edinburgh.



A team of young people, designed the new Baby Box featuring iconic landmarks such as Ben Nevis, Glenfinnan Viaduct and Edinburgh Castle. PHOTO John Preece