



Wicklow Children and Young People's Services Committee Representatives' Reporting Template

1. Name of Committee

Wicklow Children and Young People's Services Committee

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2. Name of Representative(s)

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3. Date of meetings

17th February 2017

4. Date of next meeting

24th March 2017

5. Update on work of group

- Protocol between CYPSC and LCDC approved for signing at February LCDC meeting and Co-ordinator invited to future LCDC meeting to present on the work of the Co. Wicklow CYPSC.
- Presentations on SICAP Annual Plan for 2017 were made by both Partnership Companies at the meeting.
- Letter to go to HSE in relation to the lack of movement in relation to the appointment of the MH/ID post promised in February 2016.
- Letter to go to Education Welfare Services regarding withdrawal of counselling grants to schools highlighting the negative impact of this cut to services.

Subgroup Updates:

- Youth Mental Health Subgroup (Outcome 1) met on the 7th February. Co. Wicklow CYPSC input to recent Wicklow People article on YMH was noted. Referral Pathway document to be finalised and circulated shortly. Lack of progress in

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relation to Jigsaw project was noted. Questionnaire being prepared to be distribute to schools in Co. Wicklow to identify capacity to implement wellbeing guidelines. Pathways to services for young people with autism were discussed and further work to be undertaken by Co-ordinator and Mary Noctor on this. Long waiting lists to Beechpark Services of great concern. It was noted that the Drug Task Forces have contacted the Minister in relation to a specialist Under 18s service. The withdrawal of counselling grants to schools was highlighted at this subgroup meeting to be raised with the main CYPSC Committee.

- Physical Health Subgroup (Outcome 1): meeting date to be agreed. Community Food Initiative Group met on the 1st and have drawn up plans for 2017 events focussed on parents of primary school age children.
- Learning and Development Subgroup (Outcome 2): meeting date to be agreed. It was noted that a Task Group is working on a transitions tool from primary to secondary.
- PPFS Steering Committee (Outcome 3) met on the 14th February. All workplan activities are progressing well. Eighteen schools in Co. Wicklow have been offered online safety courses. Workers from two agencies to attend PP Working Things Out Training funded by CYPSC seed funding. Work on a list of homeless services being drafted for use by PPFS agencies. Garda Youth Awards took place on 4th February and excellent coverage was noted. Sponsorship is being sought for the 2017 event - without which it cannot take place. A presentation on Measurement Tools followed the meeting and information on this will be collated and circulated to PPFS members.
- Outcome 4: Second youth unemployment pilot project will finish in June 2017 and reports will issue thereafter.
- Connected, Respected Subgroup (Outcome 5): meeting date to be agreed. Work progressing on the Tusla Child Participation Project with the development of a child-friendly page on the Tusla website. West Wicklow Youth Project is in operation and it was noted that there is a waiting list for the Teen Counselling service.
- Change Management: Met in advance of the CYPSC meeting and advised that LCDC/CYPSC protocol was approved at February LCDC meeting. First meeting of the Aftercare Steering committee took place on the 16th February and 2 cases



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were reviewed for supports. Community Directory Meeting held on the 27th January and work in 2017 to be focussed on promoting the new site.

- West Wicklow Interagency Subgroup: Met on the 7th February and had a presentation from the DARA Project in Kildare (CE scheme for people who are drug free). If demand is established it may be possible to commence a similar project in West Wicklow. Mapping document is being finalised. Roll-out of online safety courses and counselling workshops in schools in West Wicklow is progressing. CYPSC seed funding provided through Kildare Youth Services towards the bus fit-out and for parenting supports in the West Wicklow area.

6. Most important actions or issues emerging from a Community & Voluntary perspective

- New Co. Wicklow Community Directory - please ensure that you are listed and that your listing is accurate. Visit <https://www.wicklowcommunitydirectory.ie/>
- If you are interested in hearing more about any of the topics discussed or to participate on relevant CYPSC subgroups please contact Fionnuala. (087 6043511 or fionnuala.curry@tusla.ie)
- If you wish to provide information for sharing on the national CYPSC website please contact Fionnuala.
- If you wish to raise issues through the Community and Voluntary Sector Representatives please contact them directly (details provided above).