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Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSCs)

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Children's Services Committees: Origin and orientation

- 2007 Office of the Minister for Children established CSCs to address the implementation gap in policies impacting on children requiring cross-agency planning and delivery.
- Key driving force was to increase accountability of statutory services working with children. Leadership of CSCs was vested with the Health Services Executive.
- 'Ground-up' and 'County jersey' model promoted for CSCs based on county boundaries.



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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEES

Changing landscapes in policy and provision

Practice
Developments

2007

Enhanced focus on
Evidence & Outcomes...



Institutional
Developments

2011

Establishment of the Department
of Children and Youth Affairs...

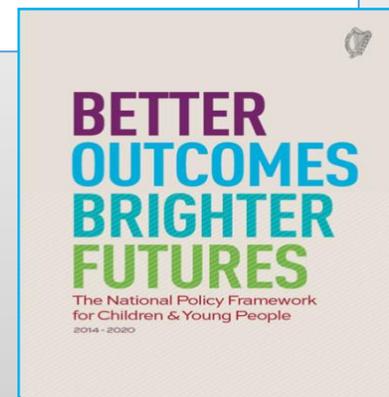


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Policy
Developments

2014

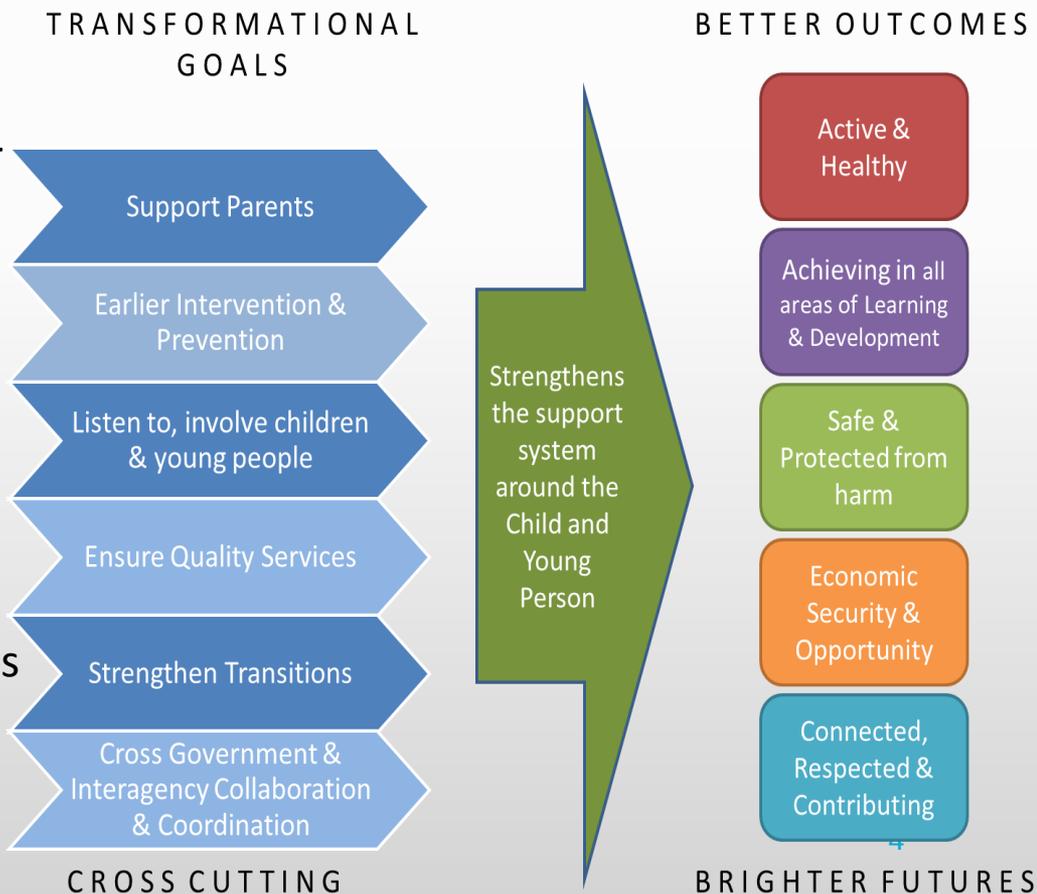
Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures:
The National Framework for
Children and Young People...





Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures

- Overarching national policy framework which comprehends the age ranges spanning children and young people (0 – 24 years)
- Represents a whole of government approach, will run from 2014 until 2020 and will accommodate a number of constituent strategies
- The Framework:
 - sets out and centralises common outcomes
 - captures policy commitments
 - identifies key transformational goals
 - innovative and effective way of working





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Purpose of Children and Young People's Services Committees

- Ensure that the needs of children and young people are identified and addressed
- Ensure local alignment of national policies
- Planning and co-ordination of services
- Optimise the use of resources
- Promote evidence informed planning and practice
- Promote best participation practice
- Ensure effective collaboration and interagency working



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Renewing and re(*de*)fining CYPSCs: Rationale for a Blueprint for the Development of CYPSCs

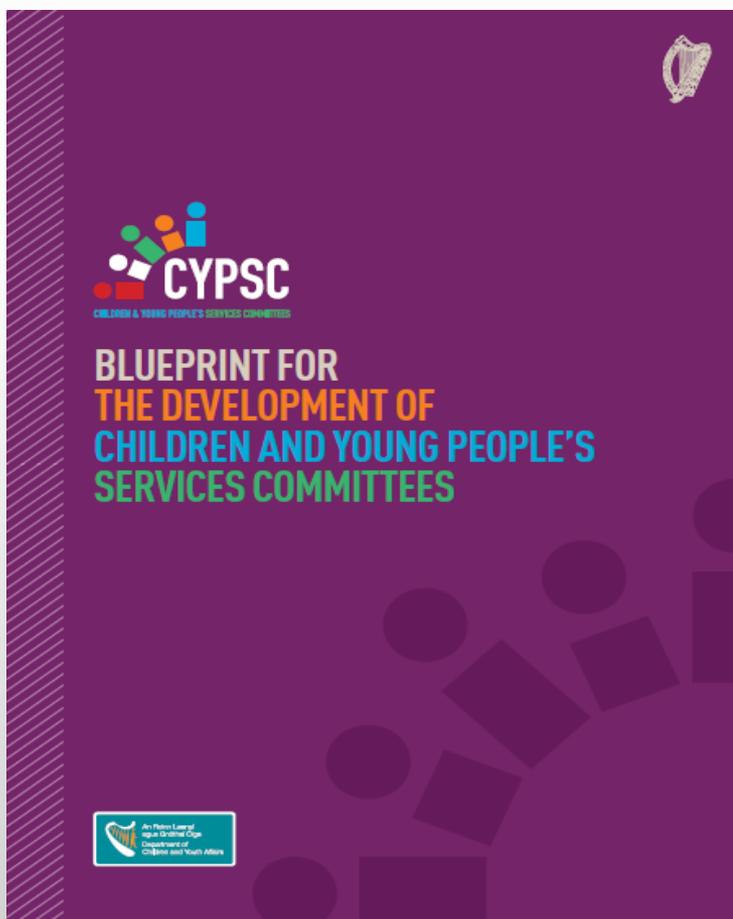
- Refresh and refine policy direction for CYPSCs having regard to recent policy developments i.e. Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures and constituent strategies
- Ensure alignment with Better Outcomes via more clearly articulated role, remit and outcomes focus
- Enhance strategic and operational guidance to CYPSCs
- Encourage greater standardisation in and across CYPSCs
- Enhance the profile and position of CYPSCs
- Establish a work programme for the development of CYPSCs



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Blueprint for the development of CYPSCs



Introduction

Background; Policy context; Evidence base; Principles

Purpose, Objectives and Remit of CYPSCs

Mandate; Remit; Geographical area; Functioning

CYPSC Governance and Structures at National and Local Level

Planning, Reporting and Resourcing

CYPP Plans; Programme of Work; Reporting requirements; Managing and leveraging budgets; Resourcing

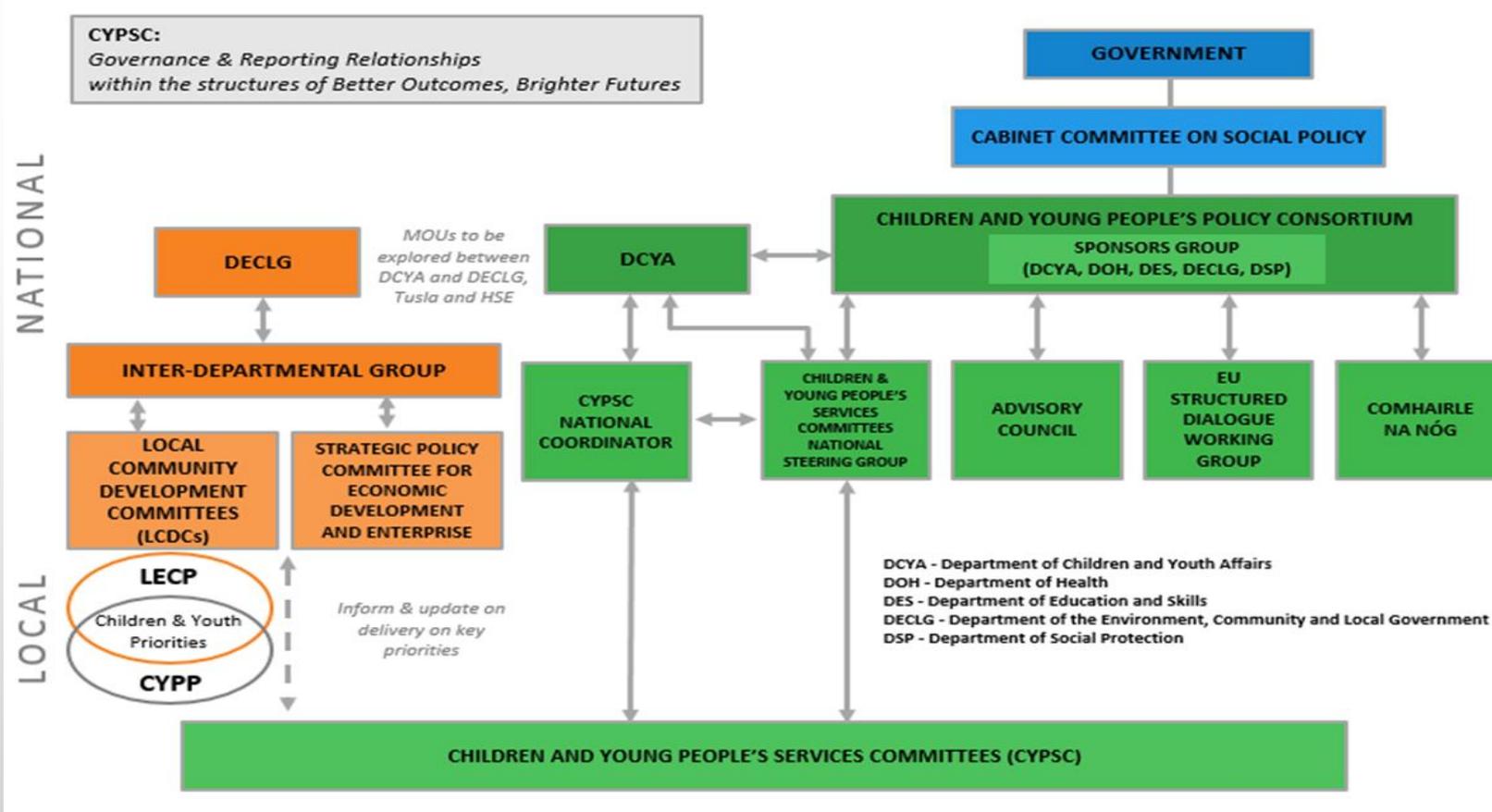
Communications and Capacity-building

Guidance; Communications plan; Capacity-building; Data, evaluation and dissemination of best practice

Key Actions 2015 – 2017 for the development of CYPSCs



Situating CYPSCs in the overall infrastructure of Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures





Observations on the development and implementation of cross-government & interagency working

- Should have a clear function and not be merely formulaic: with interagency work being the by-product and clear outcomes being the product.
- The promise of cross-government/interagency working needs to be accompanied by a clear product e.g. a productive forum for doing and delivering on business via a shared agenda.
- Identify and foreshorten the **continuum of policy-provision-practice**: should ideally be mutually informing and reinforcing.
- Essential that we ensure 'joined-up thinking' translates into 'joined-up doing'.



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Thank You

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