



# **Galway Children and Young People's Plan 2016 - 2018**

**Galway Children and Young People's Services Committee**

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## Foreword

As Chairperson, I am very pleased to publish our first Children and Young People's Plan.

This is our first interagency plan for Galway dedicated to co-ordinating how agencies deliver services to children, young people and families and I am delighted with the progress our committee has made so far. In order to improve outcomes for children, young people and families, agencies must work collaboratively and strategically together and this plan is a result of this collaboration.

Working effectively together is challenging and I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of all involved. I would like to thank the committee members for their attendance and dedication.

Since the establishment of the Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) a lot of work has been done across the area including the collation of statistics, audits of service and identification of priorities which our committee will work on over the next three years.

We will continue to work in partnership to implement this plan.

I look forward to working with the Committee into the future to secure better outcomes for children, young people and families.

***Angela Toolis***

Chairperson, Galway Children and Young People's Services Committee

## Section 1: Introduction

Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSCs) seek to secure better outcomes for children and young people through more effective integration of existing services and interventions at local level.

CYPSCs work towards the five national outcomes for children and young people in Ireland. These are that children and young people:

- **are active and healthy, with positive physical and mental wellbeing**
- **are achieving full potential in all areas of learning and development**
- **are safe and protected from harm**
- **have economic security and opportunity**
- **are connected, respected and contributing to their world.**



## **Background to Children and Young People's Services Committees**

### **Children and Young People's Services Committees in Ireland**

The Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, now the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, established the first Children and Young People's Services Committees (formerly Children's Services Committees) in 2007 with the purpose of improving outcomes for children and families at local and community level. A Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) has since been established for every county in Ireland. CYPSCs are recognised by Government as a key structure to plan and co-ordinate services for children and young people, aged 0 – 24 years.

CYPSCs bring a diverse group of organisations and agencies from across the statutory, community and voluntary sectors together to engage in joint planning of services for children and young people at county level. All major organisations and agencies working locally on behalf of children and young people are represented.

*Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: the national policy framework for children and young people 2014 – 2020* underscores the necessity of interagency working and tasks Children and Young People's Services Committees with a key role in this regard.

### **Children and Young People's Services Committee in Galway**

Galway Children and Young People's Services Committee is responsible for improving the lives of children, young people and families at local and community level through integrated planning, working and service delivery. The Committee ensures that professionals and organisations work together so that children and families receive better and more accessible services. The Terms of Reference of the Galway Children and Young People's Services Committee are presented in Appendix 1.

The committee was established in 2014 by Tusla, Child and Family Agency, under the auspices of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. A Children and Young People's Services Committee Co-ordinator working with both the Galway and Roscommon CYPSCs took up post in January 2014.

The first meeting of the Galway CYPSC took place in April 2014. During 2015 the Committee undertook a comprehensive programme of consultation with young people and with local service providers. Alongside this, a socio-demographic profile and an audit of services were compiled. This work informed the development of a draft Children and Young People's Plan.

During 2016, the Committee established and developed a range of working groups to progress actions presented in the draft Children and Young People's Plan.

A Coordinator for the Galway Children and Young People's Services Committee commenced in October 2016.

## Who we are

Galway Children and Young People's Services Committee is comprised of representatives from community, voluntary and statutory agencies that deliver services to children in Galway City and County. In order that the CYPSC can address issues in relation to the national outcomes for children, senior managers represent their agencies on the Committee.

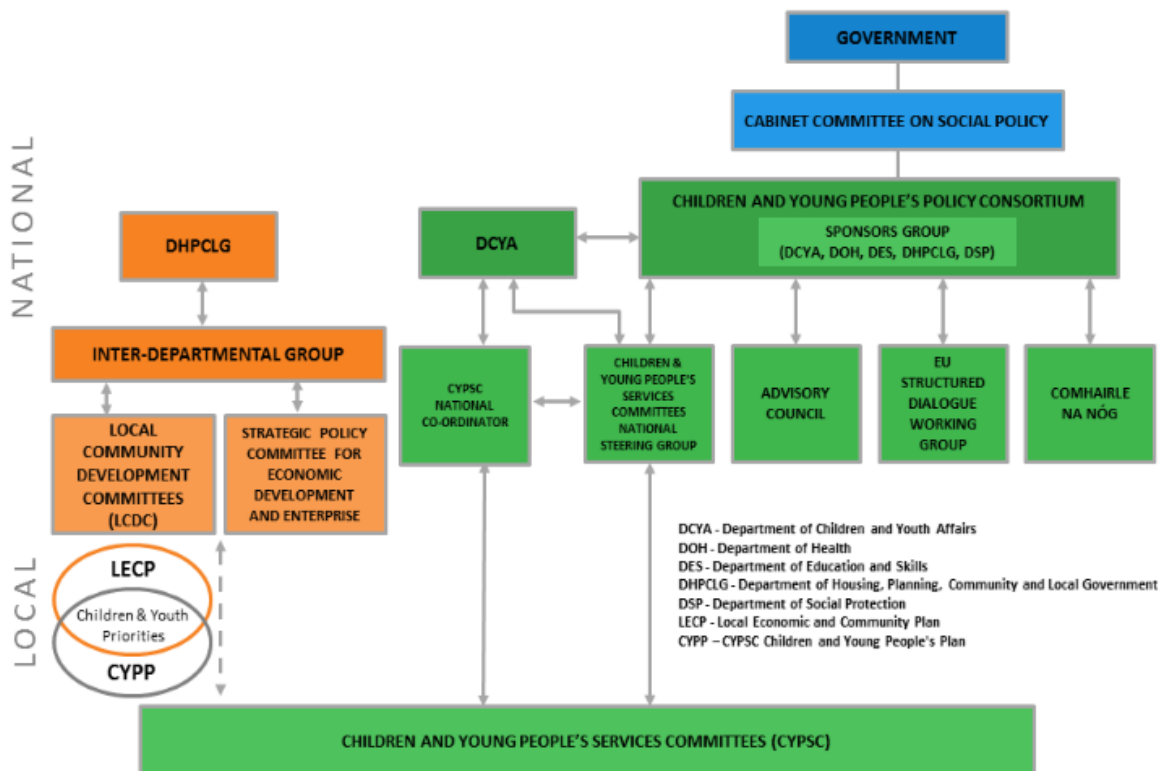
### Membership of Galway Children and Young People's Services Committee

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<b>Alan Farrell (Deputy Chair)</b>	Senior Executive Officer, Galway County Council
John Donnellan	Principal Social Worker, Tusla
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Dr. Catherine Kinsella	Senior Area Medical Officer, HSE
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John Mannion	Senior Probation Officer, The Probation Service
Declan Brassil	Chief Executive Officer, Galway City Partnership
Sarah Simkin	Programme Manager, Jigsaw
Peter Salmon	Community and Culture Dept., Galway City Council
Frank Keane	Principal, representing Irish Primary Principals' Network
Margaret Griffiths	Deputy Principal, representing National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals
Irene Murphy	Manager, Youth Work Ireland
Jacquie Horan	Chief Executive Officer, COPE Galway
Áine Deely	Family Resource Centre Co-ordinator, representing Family Resource Centres in Galway
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## National Linkages and Relationships

Children and Young People’s Service Committees form an integral part of the structures set out in *Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014 – 2020*. Figure 1 shows the national governance and reporting relationships of CYPSCs.

Figure 1: National governance and reporting relationships of CYPSCs



(Source: [www.cypsc.ie](http://www.cypsc.ie))

## Local Sub-structures and Linkages

Galway CYPSC has an extensive substructure comprising eleven thematic Working Groups and nine area-based Child and Family Services Networks.

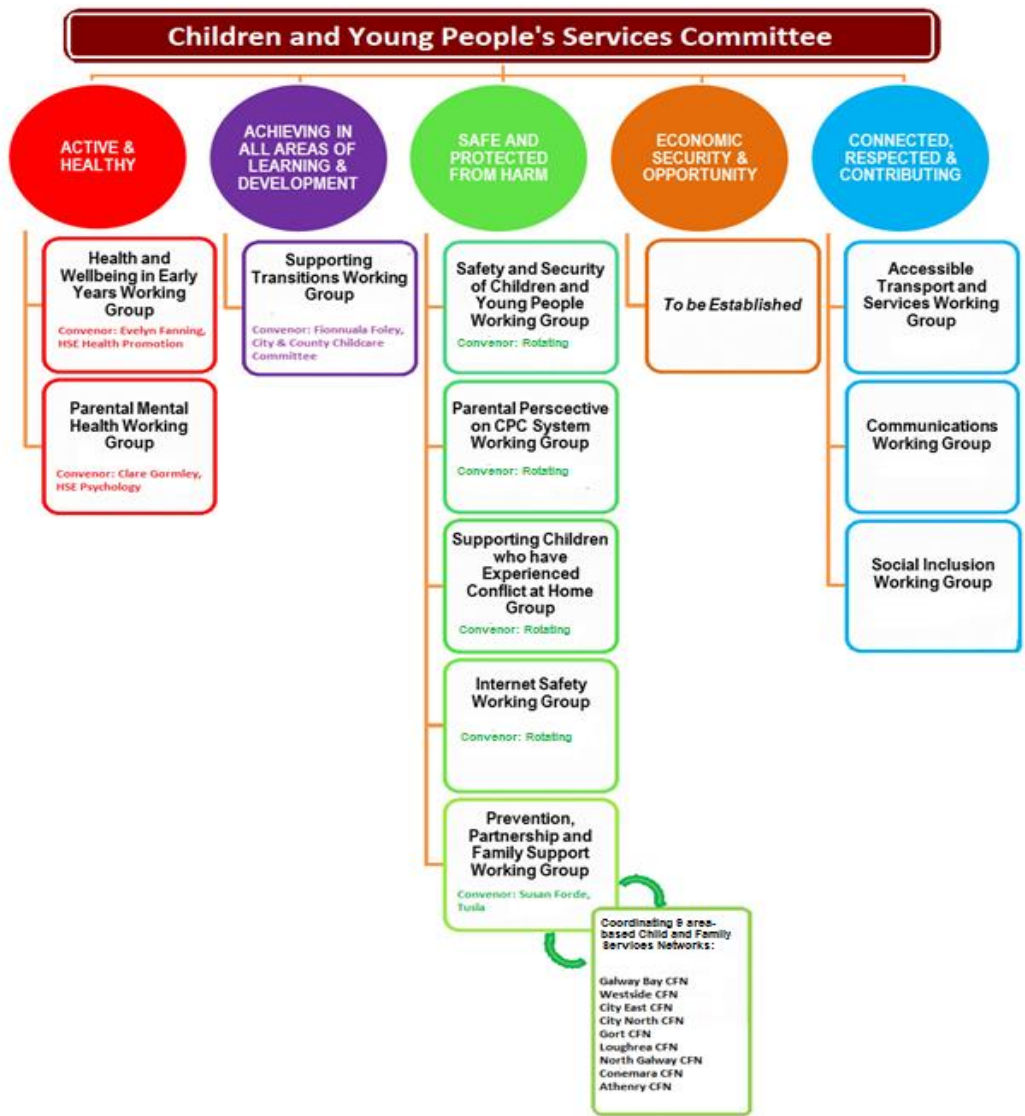
Each Working Group is focused on the delivery of specific actions aligned to the five national outcomes for children and young people. Working Groups also play a key role in bringing emerging issues to the attention of the CYPSC thereby informing the prioritisation of work areas and the sequencing of actions. Working Groups are chaired by CYPSC members and have a broad-based membership of practitioners operating within the community, voluntary and statutory sectors.

Local Area Child and Family Services Networks are geographically-defined structures comprising front-line staff from statutory, community or voluntary organisations. As well as identifying gaps and



overlaps in local service provision, these Networks identify issues where a CYPSC level response is required.

Figure 2: Galway CYPSC Sub-structures and Linkages



## Achievements to date [updated April 2017]

Achievements of the Galway CYPSC can be categorised as follows:

### **Organisational development**

- CYPSC committee comprising key stakeholders from the statutory, community and voluntary sectors is meeting regularly
- CYPSC membership developed to reflect unique character of Galway with representation from Údarás na Gaeltachta, COPE Galway, NUI, Galway Students' Union and Galway Traveller Movement
- Representative structures in place to ensure input from locally based Family Resource Centres, primary and secondary level school principals and local development companies
- Priority outcome areas agreed
- Eleven Working Groups established
- CYPSC Co-ordinator in position
- Draft Children and Young People's Plan compiled

### **Linking and Consulting**

- Comprehensive programme of consultation undertaken with young people and with local service providers
- Audit of local services completed
- Contributed to process informing Galway City and County Local Economic and Community Plans
- Strong links established with Galway City and Galway County Comhairlí na nÓg
- Links established with 9 Area Based Child and Family Support Networks

### **Implementing actions**

CYPSC Working Groups have delivered a number of actions:

<b>Implementing Working Group</b>	<b>Action</b>
Health and Wellbeing in Early Years	Development and publication of Galway City Early Years Health and Wellbeing Plan 2016 – 2020
Supporting Transitions	Development and publication of 'This is Me' / 'Seo Mise' booklet to aid transition from pre-school to primary school
Safety and Security of Children and Young People	Printed and distributed guidelines for organising social events for young people entitled <i>Youth Party Guidelines: An essential guide for Organisers running Youth Events.</i>
Parental Perspective on Child Protection Conferences	Research completed into parents' perspectives of Child Protection Conferences
Supporting Children who have Experienced Domestic Violence	Train the Trainers Programme in Helping Hands programme, devised by Women's Aid, delivered to 12 people throughout the County
Prevention, Partnership and Family Support	Roll out of the Meitheal National Practice Model

	Establishment of 9 geographically based Child and Family Services Networks
Internet Safety	Research undertaken with Children and Parents to establish nature and extent of internet use among children and young people.
Communications	Designed, built and launched a website (facs.gsp.ie) outlining all the support services available to families and children in Galway city and county along with their contact details.
Social Inclusion	Scoping document outlining the nature and extent of service delivery to families in Direct Provision Centres.

## How the Children and Young People’s Plan was developed

Members of the Galway Children and Young People’s Services Committee commenced work on the Children and Young People’s Plan 2016 – 2018 by undertaking a mapping exercise to clarify the nature and extent of service delivery in the county. This data informs the Audit of Services presented in Section 3. A sub-group of the committee compiled the socio-demographic profile presented in Section 2.

This subgroup comprised of the following members:

Alan Farrell, Galway County Council

Ann Mallaghan, Galway County Council

Patricia Philbin, Galway City Council

Bridget Mc Greal, Education and Welfare Services: Tusla

Áine Deely, Family Resource Centres: Western Region

Caroline Duignan, Children and Young People’s Services Committee Co-ordinator

A comprehensive consultation programme was undertaken with children and young people throughout the county. This programme of consultation incorporated engagement with frontline staff from community, voluntary and statutory service providers.

### Consultations with Children and Young People

In 2015 Galway CYPSC undertook a series of consultation events with children and young people across the city and county. These events were co –facilitated by the CYPSC Co-ordinator and staff from various CYPSC member organisations.

Region	Facilitated by	Participants’ Age Group	Number of Participants
Tuam, North County Galway	CYPSC and Tusla	12 – 16 years old	10
Clifden, West County Galway	CYPSC and FORUM Connemara	12 – 18 years old	12
Clifden, West County Galway	CYPSC and FORUM Connemara	17 – 19 years old attending GMIT and Youthreach	14
Gaeltacht, West County Galway (as gaeilge)	CYPSC and Schools Completion Officers	12 – 18 years old	18
Ballinfoyle, Galway City	CYPSC and Tusla	12 – 16 years old	8
Ballinasloe, East County Galway	CYPSC and Community Pre-school Service Provider	2 – 5 years old	16

Consultations were structured to focus discussion on three key themes:

- What do children and young people think is good about living in Galway City or County?
- What do children and young people think is not so good about living in Galway City or County?
- What changes would children and young people like to see take place in Galway City or County?

A summary report from each of these consultation events is presented in Appendix 2.

### **Attending other consultation processes with children and young people**

The CYPSC Coordinator attended the 2015 Foróige Regional Conference in Athenry. Over 150 young people from across the city and county attended.

The CYPSC Co-ordinator attended Galway County Comhairle na nÓg AGM and Galway City Comhairle na nÓg AGM in 2015. Each of these meetings attracted more than 100 young people who participated in group exercises to identify issues of concern.

### **Consultation with Staff teams**

The CYPSC Coordinator undertook a series of consultation meetings with staff teams delivering services to children and young people in Galway city and county.

#### **Staff Teams Consulted**

Connemara Child and Family Services Network  
 COPE Galway  
 Family Resource Centres  
 Forum Connemara  
 Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board  
 Galway City and County Childcare Committee  
 Galway County Council  
 HSE, Health Promotion  
 Primary School Principals  
 St. Vincent de Paul  
 Strengthening Families Programme Coordinator  
 Tusla, Family Support Staff  
 Tusla, Social Work  
 Údarás na Gaeltachta  
 Western Regional Drugs Task Force  
 Youth Work Ireland (Comhairle na nÓg support)

A summary report from each of these consultation meetings is presented in Appendix 3.

## **Health and Wellbeing in Early Years Consultation**

The Health and Wellbeing in Early Years Working Group carried out a separate consultation process focusing exclusively on the needs of 0 – 3 year olds. This consultation included the following elements:

- 58 parents of children under 3 years participated in a series of 10 focus groups (a broad spectrum of perspectives and experiences were represented including parents of children with Down syndrome, breast-feeding mothers, lone parents, Traveller parents and parents who are Asylum Seekers).
- 57 parents / guardians of children attending Early Education and Care Services completed an online survey of their views in relation to promoting health and wellbeing of their children<sup>24</sup> Early Education and Care services participated in an online mapping of services exercise.
- 24 Early Education and Care services participated in an online mapping of services exercise.
- 40 Service providers (comprising Medical / GPs, Nursing, Dietetics, Allied Health Professionals, Early Intervention Services, Childcare and Health Promotion) participated on an online mapping of services exercise.
- Over 90 participants attended an information and consultation event
- A draft Early Years Health and Wellbeing Plan was circulated with a request for feedback. In total, 20 submissions were received.

The socio-demographic profile, audit of services and consultation meetings informed an analysis of local need. In turn, this informed the selection of priority areas of work.

## **External Facilitation**

Objectives, actions and targets were set during an externally facilitated workshop.

## **Submission of Draft Children and Young People's Plan**

A draft plan Children and Young People's Plan was submitted to the Department of Children and Youth Affairs in 2016.

## **Review Group**

Feedback on the first draft was received in 2016. A Review Group was formed to reflect the substance of this feedback in subsequent drafts. This Review Group consisted of:

Alan Farrell and Ann Mallaghan, Galway County Council  
Áine Deeley, Family Resource Centres  
Anne O' Neill, Health Service Executive  
Declan Brassil, Galway City Partnership  
Morgan Mee, Children and Young People's Services Committee

Proposed amendments were agreed by the Working Group and then brought back to the Committee for its consideration.

## Section 2: Socio-Demographic Profile of Galway

This section presents a socio-demographic profile of Galway informed by the Census of Population 2011, preliminary data available from the Census of Population 2016 and the Local Economic and Community Plans for Galway City and Galway County.

### Introduction

A range of factors have been identified as social determinants of health and well-being including inequality, poverty, social exclusion, income, education, housing and transport (Farrell et al, 2008). There is evidence that specific cohorts such as Travellers, lone parents and asylum seekers experience stress, depression, or mental health difficulties, linked to discrimination, stigmatisation and poor living conditions (Latte, Nolan and Nolan, 2007). The *LGBTIreland Report* (Higgins et al, 2016) confirms that stigma and discrimination continue to be encountered by LGBTI young people.

Certain factors have also been identified as impacting on a parent's capacity to meet the needs of their children, which include alcohol and drug misuse, mental health difficulties, parental disability, parenting alone, being an adolescent parent or carer, parenting a child with a disability or complex health needs, being a member of an ethnic minority group and socio-economic factors (Buckley et al, 2005 as cited in Horwath, 2010).

The following socio-demographic profile demonstrates the prevalence of many of these social determinants as they apply to children and families in Galway City and County.

**Table 1: Key Demographics**

Indicator	Source	Galway	Galway City Administrative Area	Galway County Administrative Area
Total population	Central Statistics Office, Census 2016 (preliminary)	258,058	78,668	179,390
The number of children and young people aged 0 – 24 years	Central Statistics Office, Census 2016 (preliminary)	86,952	26,719	60,233
The number of children aged 0 – 19 years	Central Statistics Office, Census 2016 (preliminary)	70,482	18,242	52,240
The number of young people aged 19 - 24	Central Statistics Office, Census 2016 (preliminary)	16,470	8,477	7,993
The number of deaths among infants	Central Statistics Office, Vital Statistics Yearly Summary 2015	14 (3.9 per 1000 live births)	2 (2 per 1000 live births)	12 (4.8 per 1000 live births)
The number of deaths among children aged 0 – 19 years	Central Statistics Office, Statbank (VSA07), 2015	21 (.3 per 1000 children)	6 (.33 per 1000 children)	15 (.28 per 1000 children)
Leaving Certificate retention rates for the 2009 school entry cohort	State of the Nation's Children, 2016	3100 (91.5%)	950 (90.5%)	2160 (91.9%)
The number of children under 18 who live in family household units with only one parent or primary care-giver resident	State of the Nation's Children, 2016	8,622 children (or 14.7% of total child population)		
The number of children under 18 whose mother has attained (a) primary, (b) lower secondary, (c) upper secondary or (d) third-level education	State of the Nation's Children, 2016	2,286 children of mothers with primary education 5,568 children of mothers with lower secondary education 21,190 children of mothers with upper secondary education 22,711 children of mothers with third-level education		
The number of Traveller children and young people	State of the Nation's Children, 2016	2,045 Traveller children (or 33.4 per 1,000 children)		
The number of foreign national children	State of the Nation's Children, 2016	5,110 children (or 85.3 per 1,000 children)		
The number of children with a disability	State of the Nation's Children, 2016	3,282 children (or 53.6 per 1,000 children)		
The number of children registered as having an intellectual disability in 2011	State of the Nation's Children, 2016	513 children (or 8.4 per 1,000 children)		
Number of children providing regular unpaid personal help to friend or family, 2011	State of the Nation's Children, 2016	367 children (or 6 per 1,000 children)		



## Socio- Demographic Profile of Galway

County Galway is situated in the west of Ireland in the province of Connacht. It is the second largest county in Ireland, covering a land mass of 6,149 square kilometres. The countryside consists of rugged coastline, a number of off-shore islands, forestry and mountains. The county is divided into two distinct local authority areas administered by Galway City Council and Galway County Council respectively. Galway City is the fourth most populous urban area in the Republic of Ireland and the largest city in the Western Region. However, 77.4% of the population of Galway live in a rural setting, making Galway County the second most rural county in the Country.

In 2011, Galway had a population of 250,653 people. This figure represents an increase of 8.2% on the corresponding figure for 2006. Preliminary figures from Census 2016 indicate continued population growth in both Galway City and Galway County, bringing the total population to 258,552 people. Of these, 79,504 are living in the city and 179,148 are living in the county.

While the percentage of population growth between 2011 and 2016 in the city, 5.3%, is above the national average of 3.7%, the percentage of population growth in the county, at 2.2%, was significantly lower than the national average.

**Table 2: Population of Administrative Areas, 2011 and 2016**

Administrative Area	2011	(Preliminary) 2016			Change in Population 2011-2016	
	Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Actual	Percentage
Galway City	75,529	79,504	38,207	41,297	3,975	5.3
Galway County	175,124	179,048	89,612	89,436	3,924	2.2
<b>Totals</b>	250,653	258,552	127,819	130,733	7,899	3.1

### Child and Youth Population

Table 2 presents a breakdown of the child and youth population in Galway. In total, 85,453 people are under 25 years old. This equates to 34.1% of the total population. This figure mirrors exactly the national figure. However, Table 2 demonstrates that the percentage of population in Galway aged between 15 and 19 years, 6.4%, and between 20 and 24 years, 6.9%, is higher than the equivalent national figures of 6.2% and 6.5% respectively.

**Table 3: Child and Youth Population in Galway, 2011**

Population 2011	Galway, City & County		State	
	Actual	Percentage	Actual	Percentage
0-4 years	18,960	7.6	356,329	7.8
5 -9 years	17,356	6.9	320,770	7.0
10-14 years	15,870	6.3	302,491	6.6
15-19 years	15,923	6.4	283,019	6.2
20-24 years	17,344	6.9	297,231	6.5

## Distinct Geographical Populations

### *Galway City*

In 2011, the population of Galway City aged 15 years and over, was 64,012 people. Of these, 35,217 were single, 23,019 were married, 1,685 were separated, 1,639 were divorced and 2,452 were widowed.

The city comprised 28,117 private households, of which 7,042 were single person households. Of the 16,315 families in the area, 5,551 were couples with no children.

**Table 4: Households by Composition in Galway City, 2011**

	Galway City		State
	No. of households	% breakdown	% breakdown
One Person	7,042	25.0	23.7
Couple without children	4,814	17.1	18.9
Couple with children	6,861	24.4	34.9
Lone parent family	2,869	10.2	10.9
Other	6,531	23.2	11.6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28,117</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The average number of children per family was 1.2 compared with 1.4 nationally.

Galway was Ireland's most multicultural city with 19.2% of the population being non-Irish nationals. The single largest non-Irish grouping comprised 4,133 Polish people.

Outside of Galway City, the main centres of population are Tuam (8,242 people), Ballinsloe (6,449 people), Loughrea (5,062 people), Oranmore (4,799 people) and Gort (2,644 people).

### *Tuam and Environs*

In 2011, Tuam, and its environs, had a combined population of 8,242 people consisting of 3,963 males and 4,279 females.

Of the 6,422 people aged 15 years and over, 2,674 were single, 2,858 were married, 289 were separated, 234 were divorced and 367 were widowed. At 1.3, the average number of children per family was slightly lower than the national average.

There were 3,342 private households in Tuam and the surrounding area, of which 1,054 were single person households. Of the 2,134 families in the area, 672 were couples with no children.

The area had a population of 784 children of pre-school age (0-4 years), 847 children of primary school going age (5-12 years) and 551 children of secondary school going age (13-18 years).

**Table 5: Households by Composition in Tuam and Environs, 2011**

	Tuam and Environs		State
	No. of households	% breakdown	% breakdown
One Person	1,054	31.5	23.7
Couple without children	622	18.6	18.9
Couple with children	970	29.0	34.9
Lone parent family	395	11.8	10.9
Other	301	9.0	11.6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,342</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Of those aged 15 years and over whose full-time education had ceased, 14.7% were educated to primary level only. 58.1% had received a second level education and a further 27.1% received third level education.

Just over 60% of the 2,025 dwellings in Tuam town, and the surrounding area, were owner occupied while 38% were rented. It is notable that 44% of the dwellings in this area were built in the ten years prior to the 2011 census.

#### ***Ballinasloe and Environs***

Ballinasloe, and its surrounding area, had a population of 6,659 people in 2011. This consisted of 3,258 males and 3,401 females.

Of the 5,224 people aged 15 years and over, 2,184 were single, 2,342 were married, 187 were separated, 138 were divorced and 373 were widowed.

The average number of children per family was 1.4. There were 528 children of pre-school age (0-4 years), 725 children of primary school going age (5-12 years) and 502 children of secondary school going age (13-18 years).

**Table 6: Households by Composition in Ballinasloe and Environs, 2011**

	Ballinasloe and Environs		State
	No. of households	% breakdown	% breakdown
One Person	653	27.4	23.7
Couple without children	481	20.2	18.9
Couple with children	737	30.9	34.9
Lone parent family	237	9.9	10.9
Other	274	11.5	11.6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,382</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Non-Irish nationals comprised 14.8% of Ballinasloe's population. This figure is significantly higher the national average figure of 12%. The area had a Polish population of 417 people and a further 136 people were from the United Kingdom.

Of those aged 15 years and over whose full-time education had ceased, 20.4% were not educated beyond primary level. A further 53.9% attained a second level education. Over a quarter, 25.8%, attended third level.

At the time of the 2011 census, 1,161 people in Ballinasloe had a disability and 289 people provided regular unpaid personal help for a friend or family member with a long-term illness, health problem or disability. Of these, 23.2% provided care for more than 6 hours per day.

### ***Loughrea Town***

Loughrea town has a population of 5,062 people in 2011. Of these, 2,433 were male and 2,629 were female.

Of the 4,025 people aged 15 years and over, 1,832 were single, 1,574 were married, 223 were separated, 142 were divorced and 254 were widowed. The average number of children per family was 1.2. This is slightly below the national average figure of 1.4. Of the 1,281 families in the area, 416 were couples with no children.

There were 452 children of pre-school age (0-4 years), 471 children of primary school going age (5-12 years) and 316 children of secondary school going age (13-18 years).

Of those aged 15 years and over whose full-time education had ceased, 15.8% were not educated beyond primary level. 56.7% received a second level education while 27.6% continued onto third level.

With 17% of the town's population comprising non-Irish nationals, Loughrea can be regarded as significantly more multicultural than the national average, 12%. The two largest groups of non-Irish nationals were from Poland, 182 people and the United Kingdom, 140 people.

**Table 7: Households by Composition in Loughrea Town, 2011**

	<b>Loughrea Town</b>		<b>State</b>
	<b>No. of households</b>	<b>% breakdown</b>	<b>% breakdown</b>
One Person	652	31.8	23.7
Couple without children	391	19.1	18.9
Couple with children	500	24.4	34.9
Lone parent family	285	13.9	10.9
Other	224	10.9	11.6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,052</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### ***Oranmore Town***

At the time of the 2011 census, Oranmore's population of 4,799 people consisted of 2,364 males and 2,435 females.

Of the 3,661 people aged 15 years and over, 1,606 were single, 1,764 were married, 109 were separated, 113 were divorced and 69 were widowed. At 1.1, the average number of children per family was significantly lower than the national average of 1.4.

Oranmore had 569 children of pre-school age (0-4 years), 494 children of primary school going age (5-12 years) and 208 children of secondary school going age (13-18 years).

**Table 8: Households by Composition in Oranmore Town, 2011**

	Oranmore Town		State
	No. of households	% breakdown	% breakdown
One Person	382	20.7	23.7
Couple without children	438	23.7	18.9
Couple with children	616	33.4	34.9
Lone parent family	124	6.7	10.9
Other	285	15.4	11.6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

At 23.5% of the population, the proportion of non-Irish nationals living in Oranmore was almost double the national average. Comprising 470 people, the Polish population in Oranmore was substantial.

As might be expected given its proximity to Galway City, just over 78% of Oranmore's workers were working outside of the town itself and of the 798 people aged 15 years and over who were outside the labour force, 35% were students.

### **Gort Town**

At the time of the 2011 census, Gort had a population of 2,644 people (1,296 males and 1,348 females). Of the 2,095 people aged 15 years and over, 892 were single, 920 were married, 85 were separated, 75 were divorced and 123 were widowed.

There were 1,007 private households in Gort in April 2011, of which 287 were single person households. Half, 50%, of the dwellings in this area were built in the 10 years preceding the 2011 census.

Census 2011, enumerated 240 children of pre-school age (0-4 years) in Gort town. A further 249 children were of primary school going age (5-12 years) and 171 children were of secondary school going age (13-18 years).

**Table 9: Households by Composition in Gort, 2011**

	Gort Town		State
	No. of households	% breakdown	% breakdown
One Person	287	28.5	23.7
Couple without children	172	17.1	18.9
Couple with children	284	28.2	34.9
Lone parent family	113	11.2	10.9
Other	151	15.0	11.6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

A considerable population of non-Irish nationals was recorded in Gort during 2011. Non-Irish nationals accounted for 27.2% of the town's population. This figure was significantly higher than the national average of 12%. Brazilians, 417 people, were the largest non-Irish grouping, followed by 81 people from the United Kingdom.

The large non-Irish population was evident in data relating to language usage where 683 people spoke a language other than Irish or English at home. Of these, 234 could not speak English well or at all. Portuguese was the most common foreign language spoken at home with 454 speakers.

### **An Gaeltacht**

The Galway Gaeltacht covers extensive parts of County Galway mainly to the west. It is the single largest and most populous Gaeltacht area in the country. It encompasses a geographical area of 1,225 square kilometres, representing 26% of total Gaeltacht land area, and has a population of 48,907 people, representing 48.5% of the national population of Gaeltachtaí. However, about 15,300 Gaeltacht residents now live within the expanding suburbs of Galway City. The largest settlement areas of the Galway Gaeltacht are An Spidéal and An Cheathrú Rua with populations of 250 people and 814 people respectively.

### **Island Communities**

Census 2011 records a population of 3,728 people living on 21 different islands located in County Galway. This equates to 32% of Ireland's total population of island residents. The largest off-shore island populations were on the predominantly Irish speaking Aran Islands of Inis Mór, Inis Oírr and Inis Meáin with 845 people, 249 people and 157 people, respectively. The largest English speaking off-shore population was on Inishbofin where 160 people were resident.

### **Areas of Deprivation**

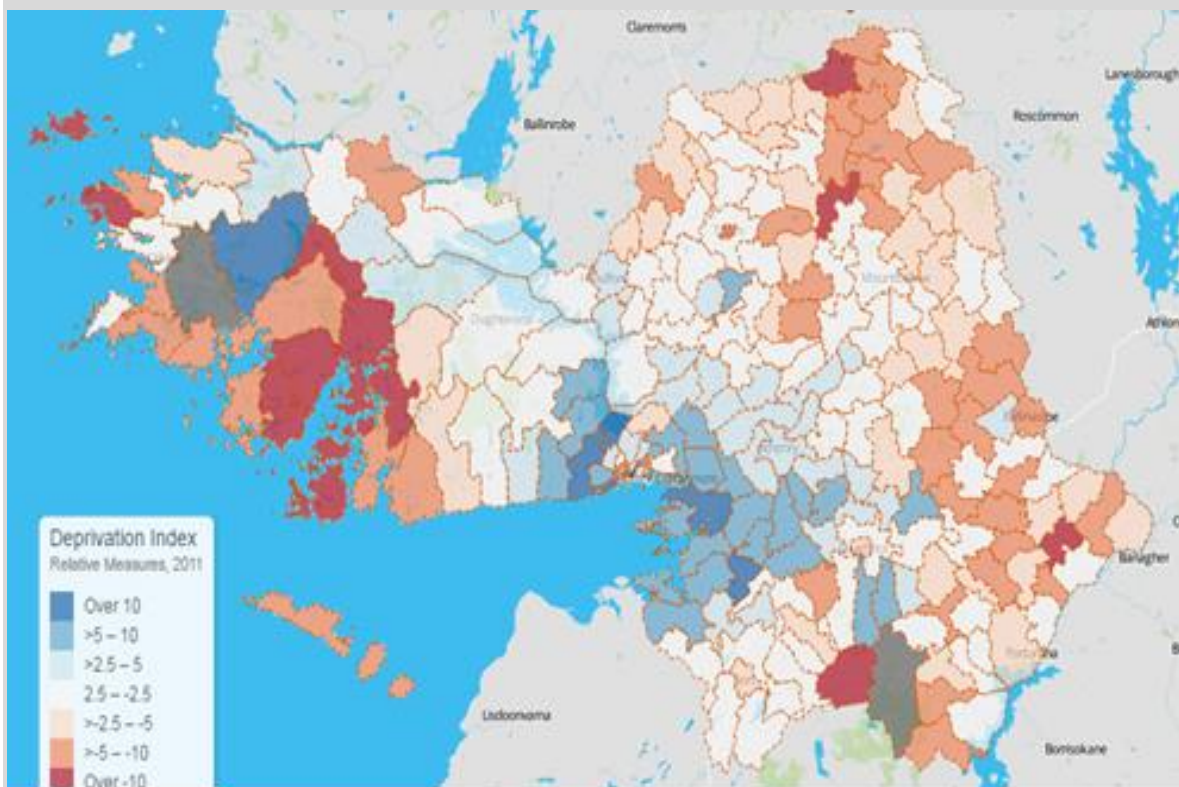
The 2011 Pobal Haase-Pratschke Deprivation Index for Small Areas tells us that for Galway City, 15 of the 22 electoral divisions were in the "marginally above average" and three were in the "affluent" range, whilst only four electoral divisions were categorised as "marginally below average". None of Galway City's areas were in the disadvantaged category.

The most affluent parts of the City were situated towards the West and these were Knocknacarragh, Eyre Square and Rockbarton. The most disadvantaged electoral divisions were Newcastle, Mervue, Shantalla and Lough Atalia but all these were just marginally below the national average.

Unemployment rates in Galway City almost exactly coincided with the nationally prevailing ones in 2011. However, unemployment rates in individual electoral divisions reach levels well above those prevailing county wide, and were highest in Newcastle, Dangan, Ballybaan, Shantalla and Menlough.

The highest concentrations of local authority housing in the City were found in Wellpark, Ballybaan and Newcastle.

**Map 1: Relative Deprivation Score by Electoral Division of Galway City and County**

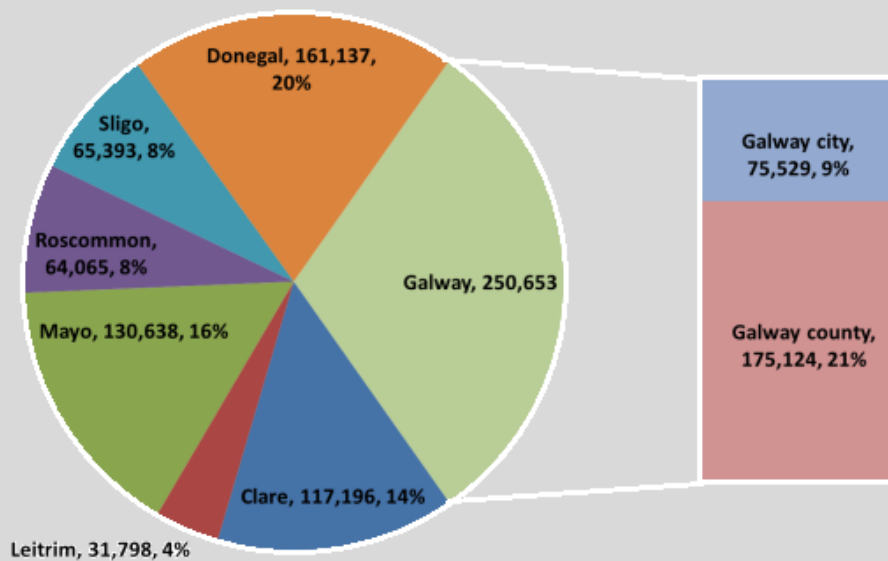


Haase & Pratschke, 2011

County Galway is not characterised by particular extremes towards affluence or deprivation. One hundred and nineteen of the 214 electoral divisions in the County are marginally below average, while 78 are marginally above average. The most affluent parts in County Galway are situated in the wider environs of Galway City, with a particular affluent area to the West of the City. The most disadvantaged parts of the County are in its Western parts, broadly stretching from Inveran to Roundstone and in the East of the County, bordering County Roscommon.

The highest concentrations of local authority housing in the County are found in Ardrahan, Skannive, Ballinasloe Urban, Laurencetown and Turlough.

**Figure 3: Proportion of the Population of the Western Region by County**



Other factors which have an impact on outcomes for children and families are presented below.

### General Health

In the 2011 Census a question was added that allowed people to rate their own general health. In Galway City 66,449 persons stated they were in very good or good health, representing 88% of total persons. This compares to 88.3% of total persons nationally. 1,113 persons stated they were in bad or very bad health, representing 1.5% of total persons in this area. Again this compares with 1.5% of total persons nationally.

In Galway County, 155,343 persons stated they were in very good or good health, representing 88.7% of total persons. 2,568 persons stated they were in bad or very bad health, representing 1.5% of total persons in this area.

### Child Health

Nationally, 5.9% of all babies born in 2015 were in the low birth weight category. This percentage ranged from 4.4% of all births in County Sligo to 7.9% of all births in County Louth. The percentage of low birth weight babies in Galway was 5.3% (National Perinatal Reporting System (NPRS); Healthcare Pricing Office, 2015 as cited in State of the Nation's Children, 2016).

In 2015, the combined percentage of new-born babies in Galway who were exclusively breastfed or partially breast fed on discharge from hospital was 60.7%. This is higher than the national average of 58%. However, the percentage of new-born babies exclusively breastfed was only 45% in Galway. This is slightly lower than the national average of 47.7% (State of the Nation's Children, 2016). The Growing Up in Ireland study found that almost one quarter of all three-year-olds had a Body Mass Index (BMI) beyond the range that is considered healthy for this age group (Growing Up in



Ireland, 2011). This study also highlights that differences in health, even at this age, can have serious long term consequences.

The Health Behaviour in School-aged Children Survey found that the percentage of children aged 9-17 who report being physically active for at least sixty minutes per day on more than 4 days per week was 54.6% in the West region in 2010. This compares favourably with the national average of 50.5%.

### **Child Protection and Children in Care**

During Quarter 3 of 2016, 787 referrals were made to Tusla relating to Child Welfare and Child Abuse/Neglect in the Galway / Roscommon area. This brought the total number of referrals relating to Child Welfare and Child Abuse/Neglect made during Quarters 1,2 and 3 of 2016 in the Galway / Roscommon area to 2,447 (Integrated Performance and Activity Report, Tusla, 2017).

Nationally, 6,258 children were in care at the end of Quarter 4 2016. In the Galway / Roscommon area, 414 children were the care of the Child and Family Agency at this time. At 54 children in care per 10,000 children aged 0 – 17 years, the figures for Galway / Roscommon match exactly the national proportion of children in care (Integrated Performance and Activity Report, Tusla, 2017).

A significant number of children in care in Galway come from Traveller families.

### **One Parent Families**

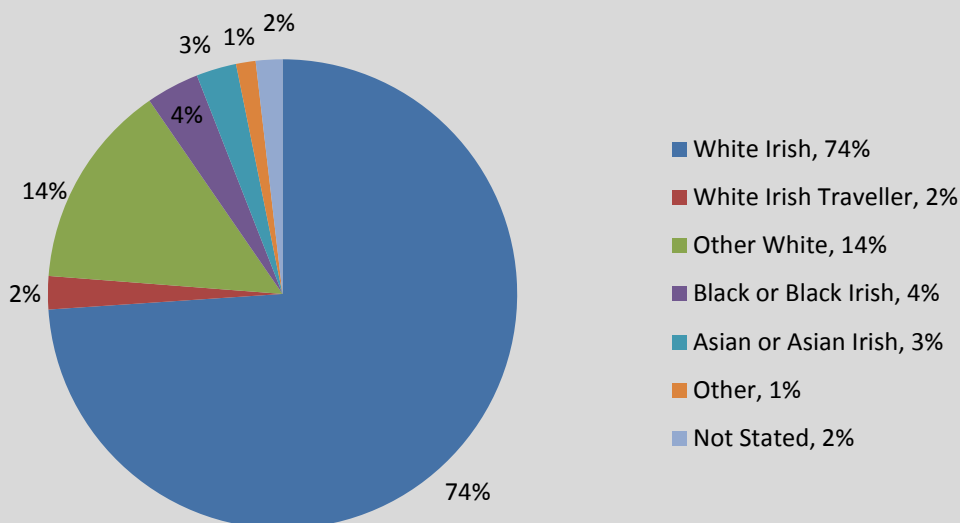
One parent families include single parents who are divorced or separated, and parents who are widows or widowers. One parent families are a high risk group in terms of social exclusion and disadvantage. It is difficult for most single parents, especially those dependent on social welfare benefits as their sole source of income, to have an active social life outside their families. Many single parents feel they are excluded from normal societal activities (Social Inclusion Unit, 2009).

The number of children under eighteen living in a lone parent household in Galway was 8,622 in 2011 or 14.7 % of the total child population. This is lower than the national average of 18.3%

### **Migration and Nationalities**

In the Census of 2011 non-Irish nationals accounted for 19.4% of the population of Galway City compared with a national average of 12%, making Galway a very multi-cultural city. However, 94.4% of the usually resident population of Galway County aged over one year lived at the same address one year before the census, suggesting a different profile for the County.

**Figure 4: Breakdown of Galway City population by Ethnicity, 2011**



### Direct Provision

Galway City has two Direct Provision Centres, the Eglinton Direct Provision Centre and the Great Western Direct Provision Centre. In January 2017, a total of 308 asylum seekers were accommodated in these centres, representing 0.12% of the combined population of Galway City and County areas (Reception and Integration Agency, 2017).

The Great Western only accommodates men. In January 2017, there were 139 single men residing in the centre. Fifteen of these had refugee status but could not access alternative accommodation.

The Eglinton Direct Provision Centre accommodates women and families. In January 2017, there were 169 residents in the centre. In June of 2016, 21 parents and 23 children living in the centre had refugee status and were looking for alternative accommodation (Reception and Integration Agency, 2017).

### Labour Force

Ireland has experienced major economic changes in recent years. The period 2008 to 2014 saw a downturn in the economy and a reversal of the positive economic climate that had prevailed since the mid-1990s. The Census figures for unemployment in Ireland stood at 4% in 2006. However, in the Census of 2011 the unemployment rate for Galway City was 18.6% and for Galway County was 18.1%, which is very close to the national average rate of 19%.

In Galway there were 84,518 persons aged 15 years and over in the labour force and of these, 81.9 per cent (69,207 persons) were at work. Of the 50,913 persons aged 15 years and over who were outside the labour force, 27.9 per cent were students, 26.2 per cent were looking after the home/family and 33.7 per cent were retired. Of the 69,207 workers enumerated in Galway, 23,101 worked outside the area.

More up to date information shows an improvement in the national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate which now stands at 6.6% (CSO, February 2017).

At the time of the census, April 2011, there were 12,012 people on the Live Register in Galway City and a further 11,416 people on the Live Register in the County. The corresponding figures for February 2017 were 7,028 people and 7,062 people.

### **Youth Unemployment**

Prior to the recession, guaranteed employment in highly rewarding jobs was the norm for young third level graduates. Attractive entry level jobs and apprenticeship schemes with competitive salaries and wages were also available, in plentiful supply, to young people who did not participate in third level education. That position has changed dramatically in recent years and in the Census of 2011, Ireland had an overall unemployment rate of 19%.

At a national level, youth unemployment levels varied significantly with educational levels. Amongst people educated to primary level only, the rate of unemployment was 70%. However, the rate of unemployment fell to 18% among those with third level qualifications.

Figures for February 2017 show 790 people under the age of 25 years on the Live Register in County Galway and a further 658 young people on the Live Register in Galway City.

### **Education**

Schools are one of the key arenas for the promotion of resilience in children (Wang and Gordon, 1994; Wang and Haertel, 1995) and studies suggest that educational success is a crucial factor in determining adult life-styles and ensuring social inclusion (Jackson and Martin, 1998).

In the 2011 Census, younger people were significantly better educated than their older counterparts, illustrating the on-going gains in educational attainment in Ireland. Almost 43% of people aged 20 to 39 possessed a third level qualification, compared with only 13% of those aged 65 and over. In general, females were better educated than males, with one third of females aged 15 years and over having a third level education, compared with only 27% of males.

The county with the oldest average age at which education ceased was Galway City at 21 years, compared with the county with the youngest age was Monaghan at 18 years.

In Galway City, of those aged 15 years and over whose full-time education had ceased, 9.9% were educated to primary level, a further 45.1% attained second level while 45.0% were educated to third level. This variation between the City and County may be explained by the older age profile of the County

In Galway County, of those aged 15 years and over whose full-time education had ceased, 17.9% were educated to primary level, a further 52.1% attained second level while 30.0% were educated to third level.

Approximately 7 out of 10 Traveller children or 67.3% lived in families where the mother had either no formal education or primary education only.

### **Traveller Population**

Travellers are acknowledged as one of the most marginalised groups in Irish society. Many Travellers fare poorly on all indicators used to measure disadvantage, such as health status, educational attainment, poverty, unemployment, social exclusion and face inequality in their everyday lives. The *All Ireland Traveller Health Study: Our Geels* (2010) highlights that Traveller men now live, on average, 15 years less than the general male population. Traveller women can expect to live 11 years less than the general female population. Traveller male suicide rates are almost 7 times those of the general population and infant mortality rates for Travellers are 3.7 times the rate of the general population.

**Table 10: Irish Travellers as a Percentage of the Total Population, 2011**

	<b>Irish Travellers (Actual)</b>	<b>Irish Travellers (Percentage)</b>
Galway City	1,667	2.2
Galway County	2,467	1.4
Galway (combined City and County)	4,143	1.6
State	29,573	0.6

Over 8% of Ireland's Travellers live in Galway (Watson, Kenny and McGinnity, 2017). Census 2011 recorded 1,667 people as White Irish Travellers in Galway City. This represents 2.28% of the city's population. Travellers are accommodated in a number of housing options in the City including group housing, local authority housing, halting sites, and private rented accommodation.

Travellers in County Galway are largely located in the East of the County, especially those who are largely resident in private dwellings or social housing. The age distribution of Travellers differs significantly from that of the population of the County as a whole, with 61.6% of the Traveller population being under the age of 24.

### **Suicide and Self Harm Rates**

With the exception of 2004, suicide rates in the County were higher than those of the city every year between 2000 and 2012. In 2012 the suicide rate for the City was 11.1 deaths by suicide per 100,000, while the rate for the County was 12.6. The national average for 2012 was 11.1.

### **Youth Crime**

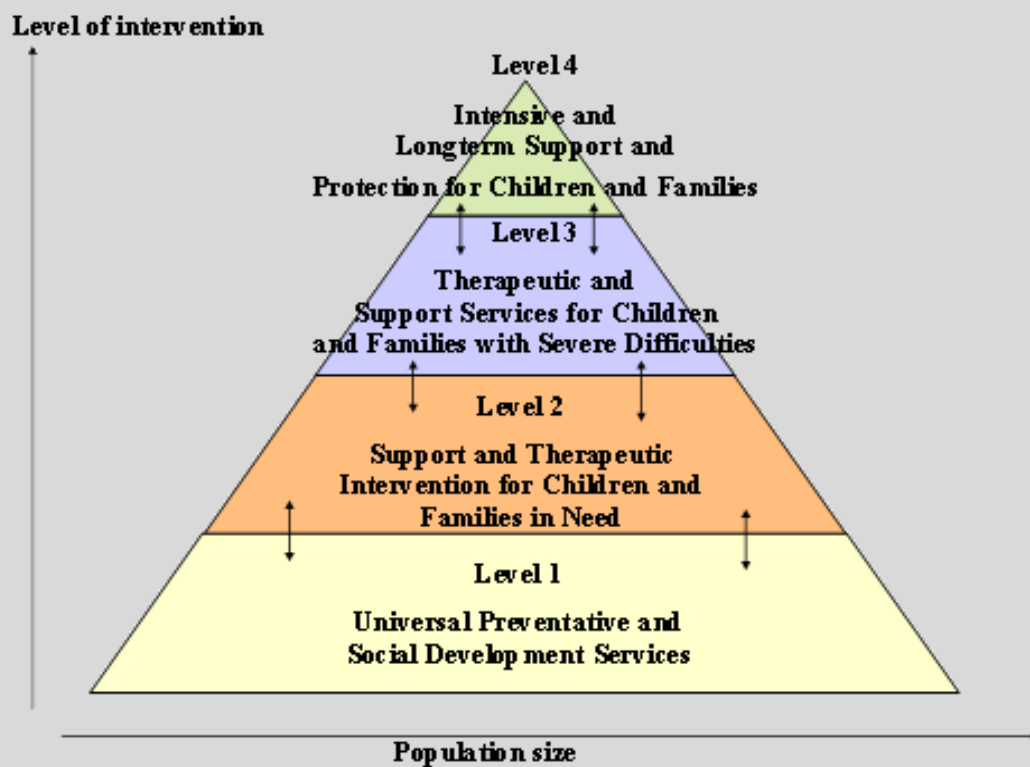
In 2012 the Juvenile Diversion Programme received 910 referrals and worked with 564 children in Galway City and County. The difference between these two figures is explained by the fact that some children committed more than one crime.

### Section 3: Overview of Services to Children and Families in Galway

An overview of the services and supports available to children, young people and families in County Galway is presented in this section.

Services are categorised by their focus on different levels of need as defined in the Hardiker Model of Need.

Figure 5: Hardiker Model of Need



### Outcome 1

<b>Children and Young People are active and healthy, with positive physical and mental wellbeing</b>			
<b>Organisation / Agency</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Statutory or Voluntary</b>	<b>Universal or Targeted or Both</b>
Health Service Executive	Primary Care Networks x 9	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
	Public Health Nurses (PHN's) Community and Registered General Nurses (RGN's): wide range of nursing services in the community. They are often the first point of contact for people to access a range of HSE services.	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
	Area Medical Officers: developmental assessments of all babies from the age of seven months and follow up of those with an identified developmental, growth or clinical concern; role in relation to the school immunisation programme; medical evaluation of suspected child abuse and neglect	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
	Dentistry	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
	Audiology	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2)
	Ophthalmology	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2)
	Podiatry	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2)
	Community Nutrition	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2)
	Addiction Services	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2 & 3)
	Health Promotion Officers x 6: Promotion in relation to key areas of physical activity, obesity, alcohol, smoking, sexual health and health inequalities are addressed across different population groups, including children	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
	Galway University Hospitals Group provides medical services to children at St. Bernadette's Paediatric Unit which has thirty three bed spaces. Patients from Galway city and county and the borders of County Mayo, Roscommon and Clare are treated at the Unit and range in age from one day old to fourteen years old.	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
	Speech and Language Therapy	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2)

	Physiotherapy	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2)
	Occupational Therapy	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2)
	Community Psychology Services: Assessment and treatment services for children from birth to 18 years with mild to moderate psychological presentations, such as anxiety, grief/loss, behavioural and emotional difficulties	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2)
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAHMS)	Assessment and therapeutic interventions for children and their families with a range of mental health disorders.	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2 & 3)
	Inpatient Unit: based in Merlin Park is a 20 bed facility which accepts referrals from community based CAMHS teams for the region of HSE West.	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Level 3 & 4)
Family Resource Centres	Breast-feeding support groups to mothers	Voluntary	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
	Support children and families who are affected by separation or bereavement, which can include the delivery of the Rainbows programme	Voluntary	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2)
Galway City Council	25 x playgrounds; 3 x skate parks; 2 x multi-use game areas across the City. Facilities for all ages are provided and 4 of the playgrounds provide special needs equipment.	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
Galway County Council	61 x playgrounds across County which all provide facilities for younger age groups. A number of these also provide play facilities for 8-12 year olds; 2x skate park facilities are linked to playgrounds in Tuam and Loughrea.	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
Galway Sports Partnership	Practical supports for greater physical activity of children, young people and families. Targets particularly groups likely to be excluded from participation in regular sports activities.	Statutory and Voluntary Partnership	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1 & 2)
Brothers of Charity	Services to people with an intellectual disability and their families in Galway City and County. Services range from early intervention services for young children with complex needs, in partnership with the HSE and Enable Ireland, through to school-age services and a variety of programmes for adults.	Voluntary	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2,3 & 4)
Ability West	Services and supports to over 520 children and adults with an intellectual disability throughout Galway City and County. Works in partnership with service users, family members and the community in order to enable people with intellectual disability to achieve their full potential and to take their rightful place in society.	Voluntary	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2 & 3)

Enable Ireland	Services for children with physical disabilities in County Galway including assessment and therapy services, early intervention services for children aged 0 – 6 years, pre-school and support services.	Voluntary	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2 & 3)
Headstrong	Jigsaw Galway: free and confidential support service for young people, their mental health and well-being, aged 15 – 25 living in Galway city. Jigsaw also operates an outreach service in South County Galway.	Voluntary	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Levels 1,2, 3)
Youth Work Ireland	4 x Teen Between Youth Services (Galway City, Ballinasloe, Loughrea and Tuam) supporting young people affected by issues of parental separation/divorce; The Cape Project focuses on personal development , leadership skills development, support in understanding and dealing with peer pressure, and drug and alcohol awareness. Youth Work Ireland also delivers a youth counselling service in the County.	Voluntary	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2 & 3)
Western Regional Drugs Task Force	Provides support to existing services working in the field of drugs and alcohol; gathers and collates up to date information; works to improve the provision of drug and alcohol services.	Voluntary	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Levels 1 & 2)



## Outcome 2

<b>Children and Young People are Achieving Full Potential in Learning and Development</b>			
<b>Organisation / Agency</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Statutory or Voluntary</b>	<b>Universal or Targeted or Both</b>
Galway County Council	Galway Library Service extends across the county and city administrative areas. The service comprises a Library Headquarters in Galway City and a branch library network of 28 full and part-time library services (including part-time library services on 4 offshore inhabited islands). There are also 2 mobile library services that travel to schools and community projects and events across the County.	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
	Galway County Arts Office supports the Artist in Schools scheme, Music in Schools, Youth Arts Initiatives such as Áras Éanna Arts Centre located on Inis Oírr	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
Galway City Council	Galway City Arts Office provides bursaries and supports to individual artists as well as arts grants to professional and voluntary arts organisations operating in Galway city.	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
Tusla	There are 3 Early Years Inspectors and an Environmental Health Officer accessing compliance of pre-school services with the Child Care (Pre-school Services) Regulations 2006	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
Galway City and County Childcare Committee	Supports implementation of national childcare programmes at local level; Coordinates and assists the development of quality childcare services; provides accredited training and in-service training for childcare providers/staff; provides information and resources for childcare providers, parents and the general public.	Community / Voluntary	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
Various	290 pre-school services in the City and County provide a range of full day care and sessional day care services to children. Many of these services are operated by private providers.	Private and Community / Voluntary	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
	There are 50 Afterschool Services in the City and County	Community / Voluntary	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
	71 Parent and Toddler Groups	Statutory and Community / Voluntary	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
Department of Education and Skills	DES funds 220 Primary Schools and 46 Post Primary Schools in the City and County services 42,430 children and young people.	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
	24 primary schools and 10 secondary schools are classed as having Delivering Equality In Schools (DEIS) status. There are 17 Home School Liaison Officers and 5 x School Completion Programme Coordinators in the county.	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 2 & 3)
Tusla	There are 3 ½ Education and Welfare Officers along with 1 Senior Education and Welfare Officer based in the County.	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 2 & 3)
Galway City Partnership	Educational support to children through the Incredible Years Programme, broader education supports and Afterschools projects.	Community / Voluntary	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1,2 & 3)
	Galway Education Initiative, operated by Galway City Partnership and supported by a number of different agencies, aims to facilitate a process of dialogue, planning and action which will ensure that all young people are given the opportunity to realise their full potential, through access to, and full participation in a second level school in Galway City	Community / Voluntary	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1 & 2)

Galway City Partnership and Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board	The Galway City Youth Advocacy Service, funded by the Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board and managed by Galway City Partnership offers individualised and confidential career path planning and on-going supports for young people to assist their progression into suitable education, training or employment.	Statutory and Community / Voluntary	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1 & 2)
Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board	There are 6 Youthreach Centres in Galway, in Leitir Mhor, Letterfrack, Galway City, Tuam, Ballinasloe and Portumna. Youthreach is a Department of Education and Skills official education, training and work experience programme for early school leavers aged between 15 – 20 years.	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 2 & 3)
	Provide Services to young people under the Education and Training Board Act and the Youth Work Act. GRETB funds 13 youth projects and services and 100 youth clubs across Galway City and County. Projects and services are provided by youth and community organisations including Foroige, Youth Work Ireland, Galway Diocesan Youth Services, Rahoon Family Centre, Forum Connemara, Bohermore Community Project and Involve.	Statutory and Community / Voluntary	Universal ad Targeted (Hardiker Level 1,2,& 3)
	There are 5 other youth projects across Galway County funded through the City of Dublin Youth Service Board, managed by Youth Work Ireland and Involve. This work is supported and monitored by GRETB's youth officers.	Statutory and Community / Voluntary	Universal ad Targeted (Hardiker Level 1,2,& 3)
Probation Service	Probation Service funds 3 projects for Young People who have dropped out of education and other structured programmes, Dochas in Galway City, Tuam Community Training Centre and Canal House, Ballinasloe	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 2 & 3)
Solas	Fund, plan and co-ordinate Further Education and Training. There is a Solas Training Centre in Galway City..	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
An Garda Síochána	There are 4 Garda Diversion Projects in the County (BÁN, MEAS, TREO NUA and Junction). Two of these are delivered by Foróige and 2 are delivered by Youth Work Ireland.	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 2 & 3)
Galway Traveller Movement	Galway Traveller Movement works to achieve equality and self-determination for the Traveller community in Galway City and County by highlighting the main issues that affect the community such as health, accommodation, education, discrimination and enterprise and work issues.	Community / Voluntary	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1,2 & 3)
Family Resource Centres	Some Family Resource Centres provide afterschool support groups and study groups for children and young people living in their catchment areas.	Community / Voluntary	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Levels 1 & 2)

### Outcome 3

<b>Children and Young People are Safe and Protected from Harm</b>			
<b>Organisation / Agency</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Statutory or Voluntary</b>	<b>Universal or Targeted or Both</b>
Galway County Council	Talks on road safety awareness to schools and other groups	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
Tusla, the Child and Family Agency	Social Work and Child Care Teams are based in the City, Ballinasloe, Tuam, Loughrea, and Oughterard. They also provide adoption, fostering and aftercare services to children and families. There is no residential care, special care or high support services provided in Galway, but Galway children have access to these services in other parts of the Country.	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 3 & 4)
	Tusla Family Support Services are provided through nine network areas around the City and County. These are Galway Bay, Westside Family Services, City North, City East, East County, North Galway, Connemara and South Galway Family Services. These services provide needs led support to children and families who are experiencing adversity in their lives. A key component of family support is prevention and early intervention to develop strengths and build supports.	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 2 & 3)
An Garda Síochána	There are 46 Garda Stations providing policing services in six districts in Galway.	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
	There are four Juvenile Liaison Officers, three of whom are based in Galway Garda Station, Millstreet and one in Tuam Garda Station.	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 2 & 3)
	One Sergeant and eight Gardai provide Community Policing on a full time basis in the City and Garda based in Ballinasloe, Tuam, Clifden and Loughrea provide community policing services as part of their brief.	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
	There are four Garda Youth Diversion Projects in Westside and Ballybane in the City and Tuam and Ballinasloe in the County. These projects are community based, multi-agency crime prevention initiatives which seek to divert young people from becoming involved in antisocial and/or criminal behaviour by providing suitable activities to facilitate personal development.	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 2 & 3)
Family Welfare Conference Co-ordinator	One Family Welfare Conference Co-ordinator covers Galway and Roscommon and has the responsibility for convening family meetings to develop plans for children. The service has a particular focus on facilitating family meetings with the Travelling community, where children are at risk of entering the care system.	Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 2 & 3)
Foróige	Youth and Family Support Project provide services for young people aged 10-18 years and their families. Services are provided in the city and county and include Youth Justice Projects.	Community / Voluntary	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1 & 2)
	Area Youth Projects in Knocknacarra, Ballybane, Ballinfoyle and East Side in the City and Athenry and targeted Summer Camps.	Community / Voluntary	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)

	A Traveller Integrated Youth Project is provided in Ballybane and a Youth Café in Galway City.	Community / Voluntary	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1 & 2)
	Big Brother Big Sister services are provided throughout the City and County.	Community / Voluntary	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1 & 2)
Cope Galway	COPE Galway runs Waterside House, a 24 hour accessible refuge in the Western region providing accommodation, information, support and court accompaniment to women and their children experiencing domestic violence. It also provides children with a range of supports including one to one support, therapeutic play and play therapy and women are supported with parenting issues that may arise in the context of domestic violence.	Community / Voluntary	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 2 & 3)
	COPE delivers Healthy Relationship workshops to Transition and Senior Cycle students in schools throughout the city and county	Community / Voluntary	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
	Cope offers a range of services for families who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including support, information, referral and emergency accommodation. The Fairgreen Hostel provides services to homeless men and Osterley Lodge provides emergency and short term accommodation for women and children.	Community / Voluntary	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 2 & 3)
Domestic Violence Response (DVR) Oughterard	DVR provide support to women in the city and county who are in abusive relationships and who need information on their options.	Community / Voluntary	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 2 & 3)
Simon Community	Provision of accommodation solutions for people experiencing homelessness in Galway.	Community / Voluntary	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 2 & 3)
	Drop-in information and support service for people at risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness.	Community / Voluntary	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 2 & 3)
Family Resource Centres	Five FRCs throughout the City and County (Doughiska, Loughrea, Headford, Gort and Oughterard) offer one-to-one parenting support and specific parenting programmes.	Community / Voluntary	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1 & 2)

#### Outcome 4

<b>Children and Young People have Economic Security</b>			
<b>Organisation / Agency</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Statutory or Voluntary</b>	<b>Universal or Targeted or Both</b>
Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board	GRETB offers a broad educational service throughout the City and County both at second level and in its wide network of Adult and Community Education Centres, Literacy Schemes, Outdoor Education, VTOS and Youthreach Programmes. School leavers and mature students can study a range of topics including Business and Media, Social Care, Horticulture, Sport, Music, Theatre and Film and Design and Technology courses.	Statutory	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1 & 2)
The Department of Social Protection	DSP serves a wide and diverse group of clients including families, people in employment, unemployed people, people with disabilities, carers and pensioners. It has Local and Branch offices in Galway City, Ballinasloe, Gort, Tuam and Clifden.	Statutory	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1, 2 and 3)
Money Advice and Budgeting Service	The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt. Services in Galway are based in Galway City, Loughrea, An Cheathrú Rua and Tuam.	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
Galway City Partnership	Galway City Partnership provides the Obair / Local Employment Service, Enterprise Supports, CV Clinics, Employment Skills Workshops and Work Experience Agreements for young people.	Community / Voluntary	Targeted (Hardiker Levels 2 and 3)
Galway Rural Development	GRD delivers a range of supports including advice, training, mentoring and support to develop a business plan as well as the allocation of capital funding.		

## Outcome 5

<b>Children and Young People are connected, respected and contributing to their world</b>			
<b>Organisation / Agency</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Statutory or Voluntary</b>	<b>Universal or Targeted or Both</b>
Comhairle na nÓg	Comhairle na nÓg are youth councils wherein young people identify, prioritise and progress local topics important to them. Young people between the ages of 12 and 18 years of age are selected from their schools to attend meetings. Two Comhairle na nÓg operate in Galway, one covering the city and one covering the County.	Statutory	Universal
Family Resource Centres	Family Resource Centres provide services to children and families in Doughiska, Gort, Loughrea, Oughterard, and Headford. These centres provide a range of services such as adult education, meals on wheels, home visit programme, counselling, information provision and support, advocacy and networking and employment support. FRCs also provide developmental opportunities including peer support groups and community groups.	Community / Voluntary	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1, 2 and 3)
Youth Work Ireland	Youth Work Ireland provides Youth Projects in Ballinasloe, Loughrea, Tuam and Westside in the City. These projects have a number of functions including providing safe, positive and supervised meeting places for young people, where they can engage in various activities.	Community / Voluntary	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
	The Junction Project in Ballinasloe works with young people aged 12-17 who are involved in, or at risk of getting involved in anti-social behaviour.	Community / Voluntary	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2)
	The shOUT! Project works with young people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) or questioning their sexual identity in Galway City and County.	Community / Voluntary	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2)
	The HIP project, based in Ballinasloe, is funded by Tusla and works with thirteen to eighteen year olds on sexual health and well-being issues.	Community / Voluntary	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1 and 2)
	Youth Work Ireland also provides counselling services to help young people deal with issues such as anxiety, relationships, family issues, peer pressure, substance abuse, self-harm, isolation and suicidal ideation.	Community / Voluntary	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2 and 3)
Galway City Council	The Arts for Children and Young People programme, assists organisations which provide access to creative activities for children. These include Baboró International Arts Festival for Children, Branar Téatar do Pháistí, Galway Community Circus, Galway Youth Alliance, Galway Youth Orchestra, Galway Youth Theatre Junior Galway Film Fleadh and Writers and Composers in residence.	Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)
Galway Diocesan Youth Services	Aims to enhance the quality of young peoples' lives by providing a variety of supports for young people including a Drop in Centre, Counselling Services, Careers guidance, accommodation support and Education support for young people ranging in age from 13 – 25 years.	Community / Voluntary	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2 and 3)

Interagency Partnership	Time4Us provides a safe, fun-filled, relaxed environment for family members who wish to spend time with children that they do not live with. This service is also provided to grandparents and grandchildren, siblings or other family members. It is also used to supervise Court directed access visits.	Community / Voluntary and Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2 and 3)
Galway Rural Development	Administers the Local Community Development Programme, the Rural Development Programme, the Rural Social Scheme, the Tús programme and the North East Galway Rural Transport Programme in East County Galway	Community / Voluntary and Statutory	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1 and 2)
FORUM Connemara Ltd.	FORUM Connemara Ltd. Promotes and assists Social Development, Enterprise Development and Community Development. FORUM co-ordinates an Adolescent Support Programme, three Community Employment Schemes; one Job Initiative Scheme, one Rural Social Scheme and a Tús programme.	Community / Voluntary and Statutory	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1 and 2)
Comhairle Ceantar na nOileán	Comhairle Ceantar na nOileán is the Rural Development Company catering for the Islands off the Galway Coast. The main aims of this committee are the promotion of economic, social and cultural needs of the island populations.	Community / Voluntary and Statutory	Universal and Targeted (Hardiker Level 1 and 2)
Youth Advocacy Programme	The YAP Model provides intensive, focused support to children, young people and families by implementing individual service plans based on the strengths of the young person and their family.	Community / Voluntary and Statutory	Targeted (Hardiker Level 2 and 3)
Sporting clubs and organisations	<p>A wide range of sporting clubs and organisations are active in Galway. These are involved in a range of sports including Gaelic games, soccer, rugby, rowing, motorsport, basketball, tennis and others.</p> <p>The Gaelic Athletic Association is a volunteer led, community based organisation that promotes Gaelic games such as Hurling, Football, Handball and Rounders and works with sister organisations to promote Ladies Football and Camogie. There are 80 GAA Clubs in Galway.</p> <p>Other community and voluntary sporting organisations active in the city and county 36 soccer clubs register with the Galway Football Association.</p> <p>There are 4 Rugby Football Clubs in Galway.</p>	Community / Voluntary and Statutory	Universal (Hardiker Level 1)

## Section 4: Local Needs Analysis in Galway

This analysis is informed by data gathered through a series of consultation events that took place with children and young people and with service providers and CYPSC members in 2015 in the context of the socio-demographic profile of the county and the audit of services. The analysis is also cognisant of related national and local strategies and actions plans adopted by relevant service providers.

Notably, a significant correlation was evident between themes that emerged during consultation with service providers and during consultation with children and young people. Specific geographical areas of need broadly reflected the HP Relative Deprivation Index 2011 for electoral divisions (Haase Pratschke, 2012).

Priority areas identified by Galway CYPSC for the period 2016 – 2018 contribute to the overarching objectives of both the Galway City Local Economic Community Plan and Galway County Local Economic Community Plan. A table identifying linkages between the Children and Young People's Plan 2016 – 2018 and the Local Economic Community Plans is presented in Appendix 4.

A synopsis of the main concerns and issues for children and young people in Galway, categorised under the five national outcomes for children and young people, is presented below

### **Outcome 1: Active and healthy, physical and mental well-being**

#### **Healthy and Active 0-3 year olds**

*Better Outcomes Brighter Futures, national policy framework for children and young people (2014)* states that 'investment in early years care and education reaps significant dividends throughout a child's life and to society as a result of better outcomes' (p. ix). The call for a greater emphasis to be placed on early years care and education is mirrored in *Healthy Ireland: the national framework for action to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in Ireland (2013, p.49)*, which states 'child health, wellbeing, learning and development are inextricably linked, and the most effective time to intervene in terms of reducing inequalities and improving health and wellbeing outcomes is before birth and in early childhood...intervention in the early years has been shown to be a good investment, as it provides a greater rate of return than that for later intervention'.

Local services are currently working, and reporting, to a wide range of national policy guidelines and strategies. The need to coordinate an interagency approach to the delivery of services for 0 – 3 year olds emerged as a key concern for service providers.

Galway CYPSC membership noted a significant differential in the Infant Mortality Rate between the city and county in 2015. In order to articulate an informed response to this issue, the CYPSC committee identified the need to commission research into why Galway County had one of the highest Infant Mortality Rates in the country and why the city had one of the lowest.

The need to support parents living in disadvantaged neighbourhoods on the east side and west side of the city was seen as a priority for the period 2016 – 2018. Specific gaps identified in current



service delivery included the need to provide a broader range of soft supports to expectant parents. The potential of greater interagency collaboration to help focus existing services promoting healthy eating and diet was also stressed.

Galway city and county is well equipped with sports grounds and other amenities. However, many of these cater for organised sports and have a limited capacity to engage 0 – 3 year olds. Both parents and service providers identified the need to improve access to quality and age-appropriate play facilities in the city and county. At present, these facilities are not spread evenly across the city and county. The importance of providing structured, evidence-based, activity programmes for 0 – 3 year olds in the county was also emphasised during consultations.

Mental health dominated proceedings at the 2015 Foróige Regional Conference and was identified a priority theme by young people attending. Acknowledging the interconnectedness of the mental health and well-being of parents and their children was seen as a challenge within a framework of service provision characterised by a demarcation between adult services and services for children and young people. Despite a recognition of the potential for employing a more holistic, family-wide, response to mental ill-health, current practice does not allow for such an approach.

Galway CYPSC has identified the following as priority areas for the period 2016 – 2018:

- Healthy and Active 0-3 year olds
- Infant Mortality Rates
- Parental Mental Health and its Impact on Children

## **Outcome 2: Achieving full potential in learning and development**

The national policy framework for children and young people, *Better Outcomes Brighter Futures* states that ‘children and young people experience a number of key transitions in their journey from childhood to adulthood...Planning for and providing coordinated support at key moments of transition can help ensure better outcomes’ (2014, p. 8). Both the Aistear and Síolta frameworks highlight the importance of supportive and smooth transitions in early childhood and the transition from preschool to primary school is a priority area of work in the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment’s *Strategic Plan, 2015-2018*.

‘A coordinated information sharing process between the preschool and primary school is an important way of supporting children making this transition’ (O’Kane 2016, p.12). The lack of such a process was identified as a significant gap in support within the city and county.

Galway CYPSC has identified the following as priority area for the period 2016 – 2018:

- Supporting the transition from Preschool to primary school

### **Outcome 3: Safe and protected from harm**

Issues relating to safety and protection were identified as a concern by children and young people at all of the consultation events undertaken. Similarly, service providers stressed the fundamental importance of ensuring the safety and protection of children and young people. The need to recognise new and emerging threats to children and young people and to develop innovative and effective approaches to tackling these threats was identified by young people and service providers alike.

During consultations, service providers referred to the need to educate children and young people, as well as their parents, so that they are aware of dangers and are equipped to protect themselves from harm. This point was stressed when discussing the online activities of children and young people, not least because service providers reported feeling under-skilled and poorly positioned to influence behaviour in online environments. Both service providers and young people valued online activity as an exceptional resource for the educational advancement and social development of children. However, both cohorts noted the potential for serious consequences where children and young people were unable to recognise online risks and to act appropriately. In the absence of an overarching national internet safety strategy for children and young people, Galway CYPSC has committed to supporting children and young people (as well as their parents, schools, child/youth work practitioners, information and the communications technology industry) to ensure online environments are safe and age appropriate.

Alcohol and drugs misuse was identified by young people and by service providers as a threat to the safety and protection of young people. Particular concern was raised in relation to the proliferation of peer-led parties catering for secondary school children. These events often take place with little or no adult involvement.

While service providers referred to the need for national policy change in relation to alcohol pricing, marketing and availability, they also suggested that greater collaboration is needed within the county to help protect children and young people from alcohol-related harm and alcohol promotion. This mirrors the call for improved interagency co-operation made in the *Galway City Strategy to Prevent and Reduce Alcohol Related Harm 2013 – 2017*: 'on a local level, collaboration and interagency working is critical to ensure actions and decisions made support the prevention and reduction of alcohol-related harm' (Galway Healthy Cities Alcohol Forum 2013, p. 1). Consultations with young people highlighted the potential for local service providers to provide opportunities to engage in activities that are free from alcohol and drugs.

The detrimental impact that domestic violence can have on children emerged as another key theme for Galway CYPSC member organisations. Focus groups with service providers consistently advised that domestic violence was a principal cause of referrals. The positive working relationship that exists between statutory and community / voluntary service providers in the city and county was identified as a key strength that can be built upon. The potential for statutory and community /voluntary services to collaborate on a joint initiative working directly with younger children affected by domestic violence was proposed. This initiative would seek to enhancing self-esteem and increase the capacity for safety planning among children of primary school age.

Galway CYPSC recognises the value of a Prevention, Partnership and Family Support Working Group that will work to improve outcomes for children by intervening to resolve problems at as early a stage as is practicable. Nine local Child and Family Support Networks consisting of local statutory providers, local voluntary/community children and family services have already been established. These will be supported and developed throughout the period 2016 – 2018. Meitheal, the national practice model, will continue to provide a common approach to the identification of strengths and needs and to the coordination and review of supports through a ‘Team around the Child’ approach.

The importance of supporting parents in their parenting role emerged as a strong theme of the consultations with service providers. A range of parenting supports are provided across the city and county by a variety of service providers including Tusla, the HSE, Galway City and County Childcare Committee, the Family Resource Centres and other community / voluntary organisations. Greater coordination of these supports is required to ensure greater access across the city and county. Content of parenting programmes will be reviewed and, if necessary, customised so that key messages can be delivered to specific cohorts including Traveller and Roma parents and Migrant parents.

An internet site will be developed as an information point and resource bank for parents. This will complement national online resources by providing up-to-date detail of local initiatives and services.

Galway CYPSC has identified the following as priority areas for the period 2016 – 2018:

- Keeping Children Safe Online
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Impact of Domestic Violence on Children
- Prevention, Partnership and Family Support
- Supporting Parents

#### **Outcome 4: Economic security and opportunity**

When consulted, service providers consistently identified the need for innovative approaches to engaging with young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEETs). At 17%, Ireland has the ninth highest rate of young people who are not in employment, education or training (OECD, 2017). In consultations, young people stressed that to re-engage NEETS, flexible learning opportunities need to be delivered in more informal settings. These should focus on the development of employability skills.

Galway CYPSC member organisations identified a potential to use existing relationships between youth work professionals and young people as a means to progress the development of Information and Communication Technology skills. Realising this potential will require up-skilling youth work professionals to enable the delivery of high-quality creative ICT focused learning experiences.

Galway CYPSC has identified the following priority area for the period 2016 – 2018:

- Providing opportunities to develop employable skills outside of school

## **Outcome 5: Connected, respected and contributing to their world**

The themes of rural isolation and lack of transport surfaced in every consultation with children and young people and in the majority of consultations with service providers based in Galway county. Currently, a network of extensive but low frequency scheduled rural services operates throughout the county. Young people reported that these services do not meet their needs in relation to routing or scheduling. Young people felt that their ability to engage fully with community and society was being undermined by their inability to access transport services. The negative effects of isolation on mental health and participation rates in society are well documented (Hirsch and Cukrowicz 2014; Chip et al, 2011).

The Galway CYPSC will work with existing rural transport provides with a view to making current services more youth friendly. Where possible, Galway CYPSC will devise alternative transport models and work with relevant service providers to test same.

In addition, Galway CYPSC will actively address social exclusion. National policy aimed at tackling poverty for children and families is articulated in *Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures, the national policy framework for children & young people 2014-2020* and calls for a whole-of-government approach to tackling child poverty, building on the lifecycle approach adopted by the *National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007 – 2016*.

The percentage of young people in Galway completing second-level education, 91.5%, is slightly higher than the national average. However, the consultation events identified specific cohorts of Galway children in need of targeted school-related supports. Local service providers will partner with local enterprise to establish and support targeted school supports for disadvantaged families on the East side of Galway city.

The needs of children and young people living within the direct provision system were identified as a priority during the consultation process. Those consulted reported feeling that it was positive that children living in direct provision were attending local schools. However, it was also felt that there was a pressing need to counter, in so far as possible, the negative elements of children growing up in an institutional setting that is so dissimilar to a normal family home. Currently, a small number of statutory and community / voluntary organisations are providing targeted services to families within the direct provision system in Galway. Service providers are largely unsure of the nature and extent of other services being accessed by families in direct provision. Galway CYPSC will convene a forum of service providers wherein a review of current service provision and uptake can be undertaken.

Galway CYPSC has identified the following priority areas for the period 2016 – 2018:

- Accessible Transport and Services in Rural Areas
- Social Inclusion

### **Across all Outcomes: Change Management**

Consultation events also considered the process of how services are delivered. Service providers identified the potential of more coordinated working between community / voluntary organisations, statutory organisations and the private sector. Service providers felt that a greater emphasis on interagency work was a prerequisite to the provision of more tailored, more integrated and more speedy service responses. Furthermore, service providers recognised the need for an interagency approach to deliver a more coordinated and strategic approach to service delivery.

The development of information sharing protocols and practices were seen as key to progressing an interagency approach at local level. Galway Children and Young People's Services Committee was recognised as a forum wherein service delivery can be coordinated and joint initiatives developed.

CYPSC member organisations acknowledged the need to develop and maintain positive relationships with children and young people. Consultations with young people identified the need to actively promote a more positive relationship between the gardaí and young people in the broader Clifden area. Galway CYPSC will address this during the period 2016 – 2018.

## Section 5: Summary of the Children and Young People’s Plan for Galway 2016 - 2018

Outcome Areas	Local Priority Areas
Active and healthy, physical and mental wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Healthy and Active 0-3 year olds</i></li> <li>• <i>Infant Mortality Rates</i></li> <li>• <i>Parental Mental Health and its Impact on Children</i></li> </ul>
Achieving full potential in learning and development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Supporting the transition from Preschool to primary school</i></li> </ul>
Safe and protected from harm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Keeping Children Safe Online</i></li> <li>• <i>Drugs and Alcohol</i></li> <li>• <i>Impact of Domestic Violence on Children</i></li> <li>• <i>Prevention, Partnership and Family Support</i></li> <li>• <i>Supporting Parents</i></li> </ul>
Economic security and opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Providing opportunities to develop employable skills outside of school</i></li> </ul>
Connected, respected and contributing to their world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Accessible Transport and Services in Rural Areas</i></li> <li>• <i>Social Inclusion</i></li> </ul>

Change Management	Local Priority Areas
<b><i>Change management</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sharing Information</i></li> <li>• <i>Interagency Working &amp; Collaboration</i></li> <li>• <i>Relationship between children and young people and service providers</i></li> </ul>

## **Section 6: Action Plan for Galway Children and Young People's Services Committee**

The following Action Plan will define and direct the work of Galway CYPSC during the period 2016 – 2018. Priority areas of work addressed in the Action Plan reflect those themes that emerged most prominently during the programme of consultation events.

The Action Plan includes six specific actions that identify County Galway LCDC as having lead responsibility for their implementation. These actions appear in the Galway County Local Economic and Community Plan with Galway CYPSC identified as an Implementation Partner.

The Action Plan categorises priority areas of work under the five national outcomes for children and young people. As noted in *Better Outcomes Brighter Futures* (2014, p.4), 'these outcomes are interconnected and reinforcing'.

## Outcome 1: Active and healthy, physical and mental wellbeing

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
<b>Healthy and Active 0-3 year olds</b>	To agree Interagency Plans for progressing the health and wellbeing of 0 – 3 year olds in the city and county	Publication of a health and wellbeing plan for 0 – 3 years olds in Galway City	A multiagency group commits to working together to develop an interagency plan to support the health and wellbeing of 0-3s	Form a Working Group and undertake consultation  Compile a plan; agree with stakeholders	End 2016	HSE Health Promotion and Improvement; Galway City Partnership  Partners: All services and relevant community & voluntary groups	Galway City and County Child Care Committee Plan  Get Ireland Active: National Physical Activity Plan for Ireland  Galway City and County Local Economic and Community Plans	BOBF TG 6: Cross-government and Interagency Collaboration and Coordination  BOBF TG 2: Earlier intervention and Prevention  BOBF TG 4: Ensure Quality Services
		Publication of a health and wellbeing plan for 0 – 3 years olds in the county	A multiagency group commits to working together to develop an interagency plan to support the health and wellbeing of 0-3s	Form a Working Group and undertake consultation  Compile a plan; agree with stakeholders	End 2018	Children and Young People’s Services Committee  Partners: All services and relevant community & voluntary groups	Nurture Programme  Healthy Ireland: A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013-2015  HSE National Service Plan	



## Outcome 1: Active and healthy, physical and mental wellbeing

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
	To maximise the quantity, range and quality of public play opportunities	Percentage of playgrounds with age appropriate spaces	100% of playgrounds to have age appropriate spaces	Undertake mapping exercise of playgrounds categorising spaces / equipment by target age	Dec 2017	Galway City Council, Galway County Council	Galway City and County Child Care Committee Plan	BOBF TG 2: Earlier Intervention and Prevention
		Adoption of “Smoke free” playgrounds policy in Galway County	That a “smoke free” policy will be developed and implemented in Galway County	Contribute to County Galway LCDC Working Group	End 2018	Galway County LCDC  Partners: Galway County Council, HSE, Comhairle na nÓg, Youth Organisations, Tusla, Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents	Get Ireland Active: National Physical Activity Plan for Ireland  Galway County Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2022	BOBF TG 4: Ensure Quality Services
		Percentage of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) services that have availed of training in nutrition and physical activity	75% of ECCE services will have availed of training	Promote and deliver training	End of 2017	Partners: Galway Sports Partnership, Galway City and County Childcare Committee, HSE, ECCE services, Community and voluntary groups		

## Outcome 1: Active and healthy, physical and mental wellbeing

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
	To improve diet and nutrition among children aged 3 and under	Attendance at Community-based Healthy Eating / Weaning Workshops	That 100 parents of 0-1 years olds will have attended Community-based Healthy Eating and Weaning Workshops	Devise, promote and deliver healthy eating and weaning workshops that are evidence informed and that are practical and accessible	Dec 2017	HSE Community Nutrition and Dietetics Services  Partners: TUSLA Galway City Partnership, NUI Galway, HSE Health Promotion and Improvement , Galway Traveller Support Group, Community and Voluntary Groups	Tusla 50 Key Messages for Family Support  Nurture Programme  Healthy Ireland: A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013-2015  HSE National Service Plan	BOBF TG 1: Support Parents  BOBF TG 6: Cross-Government and Interagency Collaboration and Coordination
	To support the mental health and increase the coping capacity of expectant parents in disadvantaged communities	Number of expectant parents attending community-based reflective ante-natal classes with emphasis on psychological preparation for parenthood	That 50 expectant parents would complete a reflective ante-natal programme	Devise a reflective ante-natal programme incorporating inputs from PHN, physiotherapist and psychologist.  Pilot in 2 disadvantaged urban communities	End 2017	Health and Wellbeing in Early Years Working Group  Partners: Tusla Family Support, HSE Physiotherapy, HSE Psychology, HSE PHNs, Community and Voluntary Groups	National Maternity Strategy 2016 - 2026	BOBF TG 1: Support Parents  BOBF TG 2: Earlier Intervention and Prevention  BOBF TG 6: Cross-governmental and Interagency Collaboration and Coordination

Outcome 1: Active and healthy, physical and mental wellbeing								
Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
	To increase capacity to improve perinatal and infant mental health	Attendance of professionals at Infant Mental Health Master classes	That 30 professionals from a range of services attend Infant Mental Health Master Classes	Promote and Deliver Infant Mental Health Master classes	End 2016	Health and Wellbeing in Early Years Working Group	Healthy Ireland: A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013 – 2025	BOBF TG 4: Ensure Quality Services As above
		Establishment of Infant Mental Health Forum	That an Infant Mental Health Forum be established	Establish and maintain an Infant Mental Health Forum	End 2017	Partners: Community Medical Department, Primary Care, Midwives, HSE Health Promotion and Improvement, Community and Voluntary sector	HSE National Service Plan	
	Provision of public awareness initiatives on Perinatal and Infant Mental Health and Wellbeing		That 100 parents attend public awareness initiatives	Promote and host one public awareness initiative each year	End 2018			

## Outcome 1: Active and healthy, physical and mental wellbeing

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
	To provide evidence-based programmes to support children's learning and development	Number of pre-schools delivering the Smart Start Programme in County Galway	To pilot the Smart Start programme with pre-school children in County Galway	Contribute to County Galway LCDC Working Group	End 2018	County Galway LCDC  Partners: Galway City and County Childcare Committee, Tusla, Galway & Roscommon	Healthy Ireland: A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013 – 2025  Nurture Programme	BOBF TG 2: Earlier Intervention and Prevention  BOBF TG 1: Support Parents
		Number of pre-schools delivering the Buntús Start Programme in County Galway	To pilot the Buntús Start Programme with pre-school children in County Galway	Contribute to County Galway LCDC Working Group	End 2018	Education and Training Board, Galway Sports Partnership, HSE, Pre-school Services	Galway County Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2022	BOBF TG 6: Cross-governmental and Interagency Collaboration and Coordination
	To dispel myths relating to good parenting of 0 – 3 year olds and to promote evidence-based practice among new parents	Number of public awareness initiatives delivered locally	To undertake one major public awareness campaign aimed at dispelling myths and promoting good parenting  To deliver 10 media pieces aimed at promoting evidence based parenting of 0 – 3 year olds	Design and roll out a poster campaign aimed at dispelling myths relating to parenting 0 – 3s  Contribute regular media pieces relating to parenting 0 – 3s	End 2018  End 2018	Tusla  Partners: Parents Groups, PHNS, Midwives, Community Medical Dept, GPs, Relevant Community and Voluntary Groups	Healthy Ireland: A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013 – 2025  Nurture Programme	BOBF TG 1: Support Parents BOBF TG 2: Earlier Intervention and Prevention BOBF TG 6: Cross governmental and Interagency Collaboration and Coordination

## Outcome 1: Active and healthy, physical and mental wellbeing

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
<b>Infant Mortality Rates</b>	To reduce any difference in Infant Mortality Rates between the city and the county to a rate attributable to non-modifiable risk factors	Infant Mortality Rates in Galway city and county	To publish a Research Paper comparing the IMRs in Galway City and County.	<p>To quantify and track the rates of IMR in the city and the county</p> <p>To identify trends and analyse contributory factors</p> <p>CYPSC to consider findings and agree recommendations</p>	<p>End Q2 2016</p> <p>End 2016</p>	<p>Tusla</p> <p>Partners: PHNs, Saolta Hospital Group, HSE Primary Care Teams, GPs, Relevant Community and Voluntary Groups</p>	<p>Healthy Ireland: A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013 – 2025</p> <p>National Maternity Strategy 2016 - 2026</p>	<p>BOBF TG 4: Ensure Quality Services</p> <p>BOBF TG 6: Cross-governmental and Interagency Collaboration and Coordination</p>
<b>Parental Mental Health and its Impact on Children</b>	To reduce the negative impact of parental mental illness on children	Number of children affected by parental mental illness accessing support services	That 20 children who are affected by parental mental health participate in a pilot programme	Develop and Deliver a programme that provides age appropriate supports to children of parents who are receiving treatment for mental disorders	End 2017	<p>HSE Psychology, Adult Mental Health, CAHMS</p> <p>Jigsaw, HSE Suicide Prevention, Family Resource Centres, AIMS, Tusla Family Support, Tusla Social Work</p>	<p>Connecting for Life 2015–2020</p> <p>Report of the Expert Group on Mental Health Policy - A Vision for Change</p>	<p>BOBF GT 1: Support Parents</p> <p>BOBF TG 2: Earlier intervention and Prevention</p> <p>BOBF TG 4: Ensure Quality Services</p>

## Outcome 1: Active and healthy, physical and mental wellbeing

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
		Number of families (where a parent's mental illness is impacting upon children) who have an appropriate care plan in place	That 20 families (where a parent's mental illness is impacting upon children) have an appropriate care plan in place	To design and introduce working protocols to enable an holistic / family-level response to children presenting with mental health difficulties that are being caused or exacerbated by parental mental illness	End 2018	HSE Psychology, Adult Mental Health, CAHMS  Jigsaw, HSE Suicide Prevention, Family Resource Centres, AIMS, Tusla Family Support, Tusla Social Work	Report of the Expert Group on Mental Health Policy - A Vision for Change	BOBF TG 6: Cross-government and interagency collaboration and coordination
	To increase the capacity of those working with children affected by parental mental illness	Number of training programmes delivered to practitioners	That 30 professionals from a range of services attend training	Deliver training programme to practitioners working with children affected by parental mental illness	End 2018	HSE Psychology, Adult Mental Health, CAHMS  Jigsaw, HSE Suicide Prevention, Family Resource Centres, AIMS, Tusla Family Support, Tusla Social Work	Connecting for Life 2015–2020  Report of the Expert Group on Mental Health Policy - A Vision for Change	BOBF 2 TG 4: Ensure Quality Services  BOBF TG 6: Cross-government and interagency collaboration and coordination

## Outcome 1: Active and healthy, physical and mental wellbeing

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
		Number of resource materials compiled and shared	That practitioners are surveyed to establish their needs  That a shared bank of resource materials is compiled and managed	Design and undertake a survey of practitioners  Compile a resource library (physical and online)	End 2017  End Q2 2017	HSE Psychology, Adult Mental Health, CAHMS  Jigsaw, HSE Suicide Prevention, Family Resource Centres, AIMS, Tusla Family Support, Tusla Social Work	Connecting for Life 2015–2020  Report of the Expert Group on Mental Health Policy - A Vision for Change	
	To support children caring for parents with a mental illness	Number of children carers accessing supports	To establish a peer support initiative for children caring for parents with a mental illness	Research the number of children caring for parents with a mental illness  Invite participation in a peer support (and respite) initiative  Establish and maintain a peer support initiative	End Q1 2018  End Q2 2018  End 2018	HSE Psychology, Adult Mental Health, CAHMS  Jigsaw, HSE Suicide Prevention, Family Resource Centres, AIMS, Tusla Family Support, Tusla Social Work	National Carers Strategy	BOBF TG 2: Earlier Intervention and Prevention  BOBF TG 3: Listen to and involve children and young people

## Outcome 2: Achieving Full Potential in Learning and Development

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transitional Goals
<b>Supporting Transition of Preschool Children to Primary School</b>	To support children transitioning from pre-school to primary school	Number of children being supported during transition from pre-school to primary school	That 1000 children in Galway who are transitioning from pre-school to primary school have a transitions booklet that serves to introduce their individual abilities to teachers	Develop and pilot a transitions booklet.  Distribute booklet (and guidance) to all pre-schools in city and county.	End Q1 2016  End Q2 2016  Evaluate, amend and re-run in 2017 and 2018	Galway City and County Childcare Committee  Partners: Pre-school service providers, Primary Schools, Parents' groups	Galway City and County Childcare Plan  Tusla 50 Key Messages for Parents  Aistear Curriculum and Síolta Quality Framework  Better Outcomes Brighter Futures 2014 - 2020	BOBF TG 2: Earlier Intervention and prevention  BOBF TG 5: Strengthening transitions  BOBF TG 6: Cross-government and interagency collaboration and coordination



### Outcome 3: Safe and Protected from Harm

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
Keeping Children Safe Online	To provide supports for parents to keep children safe online	Number of internet safety workshops delivered	To deliver an internet safety workshop for parents in 5 locations in the county	Map current internet safety workshops for parents  Coordinate delivery to ensure blanket access across the county	End 2017  End Q2 2018	Tusla Family Support  Partners: Schools, Youth Services, Youth advocacy organisations, An Garda Síochána, Centre for Data Analytics at NUI, Galway and Community and Voluntary Groups	Tusla Parenting Strategy  National Action Plan on Bullying	BOBF TG 1: Support Parents  BOBF TG 2: Earlier Intervention and Prevention  BOBF TG 6: Cross-governmental and Interagency Collaboration and Coordination
		Number of parents accessing national and international expertise relating to internet safety	That 50 parents attend an internet safety seminar with inputs from national and international experts	To host a seminar on internet safety	End Q2 2017			BOBF TG 6: Cross-governmental and Interagency Collaboration and Coordination
		Percentage of Parenting Programmes that offer an internet safety module	That 100% of parenting courses delivered by CYPSC member organisations include a module on internet safety	Devise, pilot and roll-out a module that can act as a supplementary element for parents attending parenting programmes  Deliver train the trainer programme  Promote the internet safety module as part of parenting courses	End 2017	Tusla Family Support  Partners: Schools, Youth Services, Youth advocacy orgs, An Garda Síochána, Centre for Data Analytics at NUI, Galway and Community and Voluntary Groups	Tusla Parenting Strategy  National Action Plan on Bullying	BOBF TG 1: Support Parents  BOBF TG 2: Earlier Intervention and Prevention  BOBF TG 6: Cross-governmental and Interagency Collaboration and Coordination

### Outcome 3: Safe and Protected from Harm

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
Drugs and Alcohol	To improve safety standards at teenage discos and parties	Percentage of teenage discos and parties adhering to best practice guidelines	That 100% of party venues, schools, bus companies and party organisers are familiar with best practice guidelines.	<p>Research, compile and disseminate best practice guidelines</p> <p>Review levels of adherence to guidelines</p>	<p>End Q2 2017</p> <p>End Q2 2018</p>	<p>Western Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force</p> <p>Partners: An Garda Síochána, Tusla Family Support Services, Jigsaw, Bus Operators, Hoteliers</p>	Galway City Strategy to Prevent and Reduce Alcohol-Related Harm 2013 - 2017	<p>BOBF TG 4: Ensure quality services</p> <p>BOBF TG 6: Cross-governmental and Interagency Collaboration and Coordination</p>
	To increase capacity among professionals to engage in screening and brief interventions concerning alcohol and drugs	Number of professionals trained to undertake screening and brief interventions	That every CYPSC member-organisation has a staff member trained to undertake screening and brief interventions	<p>Invite trainers in the SAOR model to present at CYPSC meeting</p> <p>Release staff to undertake train-the-trainers courses in SAOR</p> <p>Release staff to receive SAOR training</p>	<p>End Q1 2017</p> <p>End Q3 2017</p> <p>End 2018</p>	<p>Western Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force</p> <p>Partners: All CYPSC member organisations</p>	Galway City Strategy to Prevent and Reduce Alcohol-Related Harm 2013 - 2017	<p>BOBF TG 2: Earlier Intervention and Prevention</p> <p>BOBF TG 4: Ensure quality services</p>

### Outcome 3: Safe and Protected from Harm

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
Impact of Domestic Violence of Children	To increase children's understanding of feeling safe and to promote behaviours which will contribute to a safe environment	Number of trainers trained in evidence-based programme (Helping Hands)	That 12 staff are trained in the Helping Hands programme across the city and county	Adapt Helping Hands programme for use in Republic of Ireland.  Train the trainers in programme delivery.	End 2016  End 2016	Tusla Family Support Services  Partners: Waterside House Domestic Violence Refuge, An Garda Síochána, Community and Voluntary Groups	Better Outcomes Brighter Futures  Second National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence 2016-2021	BOBF TG 2: Earlier Intervention and Prevention  BOBF TG 3: Listen to and Involve Children  BOBF TG 6:
		Number of children who have participated in evidence-based programme (Helping Hands)	That 36 children will have participated in the programme	Roll-out delivery in 6 locations across city and county  Review and report on programme implementation	End 2017  End 2018	Tusla Family Support Services  Partners: Waterside House Domestic Violence Refuge, An Garda Síochána, Community and Voluntary Groups	Better Outcomes Brighter Futures  Second National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence 2016-2021	Cross-governmental and Interagency Collaboration and Coordination

### Outcome 3: Safe and Protected from Harm

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
<b>Prevention, Partnership and Family Support</b>	To provide family support services across the city and county	Number of referrals to PPFS	That every child and family referred to PPFS receives a quality service appropriate to their need	That services deliver a quality service appropriate to the needs of the child and/or family	On-going	Tusla Family Support Services  Partners: all relevance statutory, community and voluntary service providers	Tusla National Service Delivery Model  Tusla PPFS suite of documents	BOBF TG 1: Support Parents  BOBF TG 2: Earlier Intervention and Prevention  BOBF 4: Ensure Quality Services
	To improve coordination and collaboration among family support service providers	Number of service providers contributing to the PPFS Sub Group  Number of Child and Family Networks established and maintained	That every relevant service contributes to the PPFS Sub Group  That 9 Child and Family Networks are established and maintained	Establish and support PPFS Sub Group  Establish and support Child and Family Networks	End Q1 2018  End 2017	Tusla Family Support Services  Partners: all relevance statutory, community and voluntary service providers	Tusla National Service Delivery Model  Tusla PPFS suite of documents	BOBF 6: Cross-governmental and Interagency Collaboration and Coordination
	To implement the Meitheal National Practice Model	Number of practitioners who received Meitheal training  Number of Meitheals established	That every practitioner receives Meitheal training	Roll out training across the city and county	On-going	Tusla Family Support Services  Partners: all relevance statutory, community and voluntary service providers	Tusla National Service Delivery Model  Tusla PPFS suite of documents	

Outcome 3: Safe and Protected from Harm								
Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
Supporting Parents	To promote evidence-based parenting programmes to all parents across the city and the county	Number of parenting courses delivered	That no parent would have to wait for more than 6 months to access a place on a suitable parenting course	Map current delivery of parenting courses  Establish a shared system of recording demand within each Child and Family Network area	End Q2 2016  End 2017	Tusla Family Support  Partners: Schools, GRETB, FRCs, Community Education Centres, Parent Support Groups, Community and Voluntary Groups	Tusla National Service Delivery Model  Tusla PPFS suite of documents	BOBF TG 1: Support Parents  BOBF TG 2: Earlier Intervention and Prevention  BOBF 4: Ensure Quality Services  BOBF 6: Cross-governmental and Interagency Collaboration and Coordination
		Geographical spread of parenting courses delivered	That at least one parenting course would be delivered in each Child and Family Network each year	Promote parenting courses as a community education initiative rather than as a child welfare initiative	End 2018			
		Online database established	That all statutory and community & voluntary services are profiled on the website.	Design web-based interface  Populate database  Launch website	End Q2 2017  End Q2 2017  End 2018	Tusla, Family Support Services  Partners: All statutory and Community & Voluntary services	Tusla National Service Delivery Model	
	To provide and maintain an online database of parent supports available in the county	Number of unique visitors to database	That the website is updated on an on-going basis so that information is accurate and current	Maintain the database by updating information regularly	On-going	Tusla, Family Support Services  Partners: All statutory and Community & Voluntary services	Tusla National Service Delivery Model	

### Outcome 3: Safe and Protected from Harm

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
	To make engagement with Child Protection Conferences more positive for parents and families	The attendance rate of parents at Child Protection Conferences	To identify attendance rate of parents and to increase this rate by 10%	To make engagement with Child Protection Conferences more positive for parents and families	The attendance rate of parents at Child Protection Conferences	Tusla, Social Work Services  Partners: NUI, Galway, CYPSC member organisations / other participating organisations, Family Support Services	Tusla National Service Delivery Model	BOBF TG 1: Supporting Parents  BOBF TG 4: Ensuring quality services  BOBF TG 6: Cross-governmental and Interagency Collaboration and Coordination

<b>Outcome 4: Economic Security and Opportunity</b>								
<b>Priority Area</b>	<b>Objective(s)</b>	<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Timeframe for completion</b>	<b>Lead Responsibility and Partners</b>	<b>Link to other plans</b>	<b>Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals</b>
<b>Providing opportunities to develop employability skills outside of school</b>	To create capacity among youth workers to run creative technology and STEM education programmes to promote creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration.	Number of Youth Workers trained with Techspace  Number of Techspace initiatives established	To train 20 youth workers to delivered techspace in city and county  To equip 6 techspace initiatives across the city and the county	Invite techspace to present to the CYPSC	End 2016	Techspace, Foróige  Partners: Youth Work Ireland, Schools, Community and Voluntary Groups, GRETB	Local Youth Employment Strategies  National Youth Strategy	BOBF TG 4: Ensure Quality Services  BOBF TG 6: Cross-government and interagency collaboration and cooperation
				Map existing youth work infrastructure	End Q2 2017			
				Identify Techspace locations	End Q2 2017			
				Train Youth Workers	End Q3 2017			
				Equip initiatives	End 2017			

## Outcome 5: Connected, Respected and Contributing to their World

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
Accessible transport in rural areas	To improve access to services and reduce the isolation experienced by children and young people in rural areas	Number of young people accessing existing rural transport initiatives	To increase the number of people accessing existing rural transport initiatives by 10%	Undertake audit and mapping exercise of existing transport assets  Investigate current models of providing rural transport	End Q1 2018  End Q2 2018  End Q3 2018	Local Transport Co-ordination Unit (Local Link)  Partners: Integrated Development Companies, Comhairle na nÓg, Youth services	Smarter Travel - A Sustainable Transport Future: A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009-2020  Transport 21	BOBF TG 4: Ensure Quality Services  BOBF TG 6: Cross-governmental and interagency collaboration and cooperation
		Number of new transport initiatives introduced to service children and young people	Amend and expand existing transport services to reflect needs of children and young people	Undertake needs analysis  Submit proposals to Local Transport Coordination Unit (Local Link)	End 2018	Local Transport Co-ordination Unit (Local Link)  Partners: Integrated Development Companies, Comhairle na nÓg, Youth services	Smarter Travel - A Sustainable Transport Future: A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009-2020  Transport 21	



## Outcome 5: Connected, Respected and Contributing to their World

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
<b>Social Inclusion</b>	To achieve improved participation in schools through accessing quality education support services	Attendance at homework clubs in identified areas of need	That participants attend over 50% of homework club sessions	Establishing and maintaining a homework support group on the Eastern side of Galway city	End 2017	<p>Rainbow Community Creche, Ballybane Resource Centre, SCCUL Enterprises</p> <p>Partners:            Tusla Family Support Services, Schools Completion Programme, Galway City and County Childcare Committee, Schools, Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board</p>	<p>Updated National Action Plan for Social Inclusion, 2015 – 2017</p> <p>Local Economic and Community Plan</p> <p>Updated National Action Plan for Social Inclusion, 2015 – 2017</p> <p>Local Economic and Community Plan</p>	<p>BOBF TG 2: Earlier Intervention and Prevention</p> <p>BOBF TG 4: Ensure quality services</p> <p>BOBF TG 6: Cross-governmental and interagency collaboration and cooperation</p>

## Outcome 5: Connected, Respected and Contributing to their World

Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
<b>Social Inclusion</b>	To improve access to services and reduce isolation experienced by children and young people in Direct Provision	Range of services available to children living in Direct Provision system	To identify and address any gaps in service delivery	To scope service provision within the Direct Provision Centres	End 2016	Social Inclusion Working Group	National Action Plan for Social Inclusion, 2015 – 2017	BOBF TG 3: Listen to and involve children and young people
				Prioritise service gaps	End 2016	Partners: Community and Voluntary Disability Sector, Galway City Partnership, School Completion Programme, Galway Traveller Movement, Traveller Health Unit, Western Region Drug Task Force, COPE Galway	Local Economic and Community Plan	BOBF TG 4: Ensure quality services
				Address service gaps	End 2018			BOBF TG 6: Cross-governmental and interagency collaboration and cooperation

Change Management								
Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and Partners	Link to other plans	Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals
Interagency Working & Collaboration	To facilitate information sharing among member organisations	The development of interagency protocols	That information sharing protocols are put in place where appropriate	Identification of barriers to information sharing	On-going	CYPSC	Local Economic and Community Plan  Better Outcomes Brighter Futures  Tusla PPFS Suite of Documents	BOBF TG6: Cross-Government and Interagency collaboration and coordination
				Addressing barriers to information sharing	On-going	CYPSC		
		Attendance at CYPSC meetings	That CYPSC member organisations attend no less than 75% of meetings	Convene regular meetings	On-going	CYPSC		
		Issue of CYPSC newsletter	That 2 issues of CYPSC Newsletter and issued per year	Seek features, compile newsletter, distribute newsletter	End Q2 2017 (On-going thereafter)	CYPSC		
	To promote interagency working among statutory, community and voluntary organisations working with children and young people	Number of partnerships and collaborations	That all CYPSC member organisations undertake at least one collaborative piece of work per year	Coordinate delivery of Child and Family Networks	On-going	CYPSC	Local Economic and Community Plan  Better Outcomes Brighter Futures  Tusla PPFS Suite of Documents	
				Include Agenda item re Networks at each CYPSC meeting	End 2016 (On-going thereafter)	CYPSC		

<b>Change Management</b>								
<b>Priority Area</b>	<b>Objective(s)</b>	<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Timeframe for completion</b>	<b>Lead Responsibility and Partners</b>	<b>Link to other plans</b>	<b>Link to other Outcomes or Transformational Goals</b>
<b>Relationship between children and young people and service providers</b>	To promote positive relationships between children and young people and service providers	Strength of relationship with each service provider as described by young people at local level CYPSC consultation (every three years)	That a majority of young people categorise the relationship between children and young people and gardaí as 'good' or 'better' in Clifden area	Broker meetings between gardaí and children and young people in Clifden area  Agree a plan for improving relationship  Facilitate local activities involving gardaí and young people	End of 2016	FORUM integrated development company  Partners: An Garda Síochána, Clifden Community College, Local youth services	National Youth Strategy  Policing Plan 2016	BOBF TG 2: Early Intervention and Prevention  BOBF TG 3: Listen to and involve children and young people  BOBF TG 4: Ensure quality services

## Section 7: Monitoring and Review

### How will we make sure we deliver our aspirations in this plan?

This Galway Children and Young People's Plan covers the three year period from 2016-2018. It sets out the Galway Children and Young People's Services Committee's objectives across all priority action areas. Galway CYPSC members will work together and with children, young people, families and communities to implement the actions outlined in this plan.

Working Groups will be established to progress each action within the Action Plan. Each active Working Group will present a progress report at meetings of the Galway CYPSC. Data relating to indicators specified in the plan will be collected by each Working Group as appropriate.

A progress review will take place annually. This process will categorise stated objectives in terms of progress made and will inform the committee's priorities for the following year.

Galway CYPSC reports to local and national structures as follows:

- Galway Children and Young People's plan has been mapped against both the City Local Economic and Community Plan and the County Local Economic and Community Plan. Galway CYPSC will contribute to reviews of these plans as requested.
- Galway CYPSC is required to report on progress quarterly across all five national outcomes to the Department of Children and Youth Affairs through the Centre for Effective Services and the National CYPSC Steering Group.

# Appendix 1

## Galway Children and Young People's Services Committee

### Terms of Reference

#### Background

#### Mandate and Purpose

The purpose of Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSCs) is to secure better outcomes for children and young people through more effective integration of existing services and interventions at local level.

CYPSCs work towards the five national outcomes for children and young people in Ireland. These are that children and young people

- 1. Are active and healthy, with positive physical and mental wellbeing**
- 2. Are achieving full potential in all areas of learning and development**
- 3. Are safe and protected from harm**
- 4. Have economic security and opportunity**
- 5. Are connected, respected and contributing to their world**

CYPSCs bring together a diverse group of agencies in local county areas to engage in joint planning of services for children and young people. All major organisations and agencies working locally on behalf of children and young people are represented. These committees work to improve the lives of children, young people and families at local and community level through integrated planning and improved service delivery.

#### Leadership

Leadership on the CYPSC initiative, at a national level, has been provided by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA). The DCYA has designated Tusla to be the lead agency in rolling out CYPSCs because of its responsibility for child welfare and protection and family support services.

#### Attendance

Commitment to attendance at CYPSC meetings is essential to ensure that the views of each agency are accurately represented at the CYPSC table and also that the Children and Young Peoples Plan is relevant to all members. The Quorum will be set a sixteen excluding the Chair and the Co-ordinator. If a member is unable to attend, they may nominate a representative who has decision-making responsibilities.

## **Chair of the CYPSC**

The Galway CYPSC will be chaired by the Tusla Area Manager.

### **The key responsibilities of the Chair include:**

- To provide leadership and direction for the Committee
- To ensure the effectiveness of the Committee in all aspects of its role
- To take a lead role in determining and reviewing the process regarding the composition, structure and performance of the Committee

## **Vice Chair of the CYPSC**

The Deputy Chair of the CYPSC should be held by the Local Authority representative, whose main responsibility is to support the Chairperson in carrying out their responsibilities. The Deputy Chair should deputise for the Chairperson when required. As there are two Local Authorities on the Galway CYPSC, this role will be rotated every second year.

## **The CYPSC Co-ordinator**

The key responsibilities of the Co-ordinator include:

- To communicate a clear sense of purpose and direction on behalf of the Committee
- To foster and develop relationships with key personnel, including committee members and other stakeholders
- To ensure the collection, provision and reporting of relevant data and information
- To organise and administer meetings of the CYPSC and its subgroups

## **CYPSC Members**

Individual members of the CYPSC are responsible for:

- Ensuring their organisation/department/agency is represented on the CYPSC, contributes to its work and meets its commitments in the Children and Young People's Plan
- Promote the CYPSC at local and national level, and within their own organisation
- Embedding interdepartmental, cross-agency and multidisciplinary ways of working within their organisation

## **CYPSC Meetings and Sub-groups**

The Galway CYPSC will meet six times a year.

It will develop a work plan and establish subgroups around specific outcomes/issues. Each of the subgroups will be chaired by a member of the CYPSC. Subgroups can include organisations and individuals who have a particular expertise in the subgroup topic, but who are not members of the CYPSC. Meetings will be organised by the Chair and held at a central location. The location of meetings can be rotated. Quorums for subgroups will be agreed by members at the first meeting of the subgroup.

## **Principles and Values of Galway Children and Young People's Services Committee**

The principles that underpin the work of Galway Children and Young People's Services Committee have been adapted from the Toolkit for the Development of a Children's Services Committee. These are:

**Child Centred:** The best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration and we will ensure we listen to, hear and understand the voice of the child in the work of the committee

**Family-oriented:** The diversity of families in which children grow up will be respected by Galway CYPSC. The Committee will recognise the principle that the family generally affords the best environment for raising children and external intervention should be to support and empower families within the community

**Equitable:** We will adopt a needs-led approach and aspire to all children having equality of opportunity in relation to access to, participation in and benefit from the services delivered and have the necessary levels of quality support to achieve this. A key priority in promoting a more equitable society for children is to target investment at those most at risk.

**Inclusive:** The diversity of children's experiences, cultures and lifestyles must be recognised and given expression.

**Action-orientated:** Service delivery needs to be clearly focused on achieving specified results to agreed standards in a targeted and cost-effective manner.

**Integrated:** Measures should be taken in partnership, within and between relevant players, be it the State, the voluntary/community sectors and families; services for children should be delivered in a coordinated, coherent and effective manner through integrated needs analysis, policy planning and service delivery. The committee will aspire to pooling resources, reducing duplication and increasing integration.

**Best Practice:** Galway CYPSC will promote examples of local good practice by informing the committee of these, and where possible extending this practice to other areas with agreement or resources from members. Where new programmes are supported by the Committee, these will be evidence-based and independently evaluated.

We will use our knowledge and practice at a local level to influence policy at a national level through national Co-ordinators meetings, national Chairperson meetings and other national structures.

The following three principles relating to good governance also underpin the work of the committee:

**Accountability:** All organisations are accountable, that is, answerable for decisions relating to their policy and practice

**Transparency:** All committee members will be clear on the roles and responsibilities of the different agencies represented on the committee and the expectations of all members/each other, which is an important first step in interagency working. Clear procedures will be developed for making decisions and exercising power and equitable approaches will be used.

**Efficiency:** The committee has a responsibility to work to achieve timely, achievable actions which are followed through. We will monitor and evaluate our actions.



## **Appendix 2:**

### **Record of Consultations with Children and Young People**



## Consultation with Children and Young People

27th September 2015

Tuam

### Introduction

**Consultation Exercise:**

Focus Group with 10 young people.

Focus Group co-facilitated by Children's Services Committee Coordinator and Tusla Family Support Worker

**Gender of Group:**

5 girls; 5 boys.

**Age of Group:**

12 years to 16 years.

**Geographical Spread:**

Living in Tuam and surrounding areas.

**Focus Group Questions:**

1. What's good about living in Tuam?
2. What's not so good about living in Tuam?
3. What would you like to change / Do you have any bright ideas for changes in facilities in the area?

## Record of Discussion

### ***What's good about living in Tuam?***

Football/Sports/Clubs	5
Friendly people/Communities	4
Good Youth Club	6
Good Education/Schools	6
You can get to Galway in 30 minutes	1
Will be a motorway soon	2
Good facilities	1
Good mix of people	1
Plenty of GP and Pharmacy Services	1

### ***What's not so good about living in Tuam?***

Lack of Transport / Poor transport between Towns / Need lifts everywhere / Far away from things	9
Expensive Transport	1
Lack of Knowledge of Different Activities	1
Facilities aren't the greatest especially in rural areas/not many places for young people to hang out/not a lot of things to do except sport	6
Very little to do	3
Some services are expensive e.g. Gym	1
No A&E	1
Not safe to come out as LGBT / Nowhere for LGBT young people	3
Not enough mental health services for young people	1
High rate of consumption of alcohol and drugs in young people	1
No good Shopping Centre	1
Treatment of Younger People in Discos	1

### ***What would you like to change / Do you have any bright ideas for changes in facilities in the area?***

More places for young people to go/things to do especially outside of Galway	5
Cheaper services/facilities for young people	2
Cinema	2
Make transport services cheaper and more widespread / Teen discounts for buses, taxis / Rural bus service at weekends / buses from rural areas to Tuam	8
Education for adults about LGBT issues / LGBT Youth Club	3
More shops	2
Motorway	1
Introduce student card to give discount on facilities and transport	1
A waterpark	1
Litter	1



## Consultation with Children and Young People

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015

### Introduction

**Consultation Exercise:**

Focus Group with 12 young people.

Focus Group co-facilitated by Children's Services Committee Coordinator and FORUM Connemara Development Worker

**Gender of Group:**

7 girls; 5 boys.

**Age of Group:**

12 years to 18years.

**Geographical Spread:**

Living in English speaking North Connemara area.

**Focus Group Questions:**

1. What's good about living in North Connemara?
2. What's not so good about living in North Connemara
3. What would you like to change / Do you have any bright ideas for changes in facilities in the area?

## Record of Discussion

### 1. *What's good about living in North Connemara?*

Tourists in Summer	3
We get to go swimming in school	1
Good Youth Club/ Nice place to come	2
Good enough shops in Clifden	2
We are close to lots of things in Galway	1
Good school	2

### 2. *What's not so good about living in North Conemara?*

You have to travel far to get to the main places you need to go	7
No big shops	7
No cinema	1
We don't have places to hang out	6
No celebrities from Clifden	1
Litter is a problem	3
There is no hospital near and no A&E	1

### 3. *What would you like to change/Do you have any bright ideas for changes in facilities in Castlerea?*

Have more places to hangout	5
Have more hotels	2
Have a theme park/Some fun rides	5
Have talent competitions e.g. local X Factor	1
More shops	3
An A&E in North Connemara	1
I would like to change the fact that kids & teens vandalise things	1
Less traffic	2
Better transport to Galway	6



## Consultation with Children and Young People

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 (2)

### Introduction

#### **Consultation Exercise:**

Focus Group with 14 young people all attending GMIT and Youthreach.

Focus Group co-facilitated by Children's Services Committee Coordinator and FORUM Connemara Development Worker

#### **Gender of Group:**

7 girls; 5 boys.

#### **Age of Group:**

17 to 19 years old.

#### **Geographical Spread:**

Living in English speaking North Connemara area.

#### **Focus Group Questions:**

1. What's good about living in North Connemara?
2. What's not so good about living in North Connemara
3. What would you like to change / Do you have any bright ideas for changes in facilities in the area?

**1. What's good about living in North Connemara?**

It's peaceful	1
Great fun during the Summer	4
Good friends	1
Close to Galway	7
Football Club	5
Great for outdoor activities	7
Jobs during the Summer when the tourists are here	3

**2. What's not so good about living in Connemara?**

Bad transport	8
No shops	1
Apart from sports, the only place to meet is in the pub	2
A very long commute to GMIT	4
Poor road	4
Poor broadband	10

**3. What would you like to change/Do you have any bright ideas for changes in facilities in the area?**

Improve the road	8
Better bus service	8
More non-alcohol related places to meet	2
Better Broadband	10



## Consultation with Children and Young People

An Indreabhán, Co. na Gaillimhe

8<sup>th</sup> December 2015

### Introduction

**Consultation Exercise:**

Focus Group with 18 young people.

Focus Group co-facilitated by Children's Services Committee Coordinator and Schools Completion Officer

**Gender of Group:**

12 girls; 6 boys.

**Age of Group:**

12 to 18 years old.

**Geographical Spread:**

Living in Irish speaking South Connemara.

**Focus Group Questions:**

1. What's good about living in South Connemara?
2. What's not so good about living in South Connemara
3. What would you like to change / Do you have any bright ideas for changes in facilities in the area?



### **1 What's good about living in South Connemara?**

An timpeallacht	14
Gar go Gaillimh	14
Gar go dtí an ollscoil	6
Is áit ar leith í / an teaga	15
Ar an cósta / an fharraige	4
Na doine / an pobal	10

### **2 What's not so good about living in South Connemara?**

Dífhostaíocht / Easpa postanna	8
Na bóithre	1
Córas iompair / chostas iompair	6
Deacrachtaí bualadh le daoine	4
Daonra ísealdlúis	10
Easpa seirbhísí (e.g. linn snámha)	13
Tada le dhéanamh (gan carr)	13
droch-nasc idirlín	16
Áit éigin pool a imirt / hang-out	6
Níl na háiseanna áitiúla ar fail i rith an samhraidh	16

### **3 What would you like to change/Do you have any bright ideas for changes in facilities in the area?**

Feabhas a chur ar an mbóthar	8
Feabhas a chur ar seirbhís bus	8
Feabhas a chur ar an idirlín	2
Seirbhís iompair áitiúil á reáchtáil ag muintir na háite	10
Postanna áitiúil	7
Áit don óige (saor in aisce)	6



## Consultation with Children and Young People

11<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Ballinfoyle, Galway City

### Introduction

**Consultation Exercise:**

Focus Group with 8 young people.

Focus Group co-facilitated by Children's Services Committee Coordinator and Tusla Family Support Services

**Gender of Group:**

4 girls; 4 boys.

**Age of Group:**

12 to 16 years old.

**Geographical Spread:**

Living in Ballinfoyle, Galway City

**Focus Group Questions:**

1. What's good about living in Ballinfoyle?
2. What's not so good about living in Ballinfoyle?
3. What would you like to change / Do you have any bright ideas for changes in facilities in the area?

### **1 What's good about living in Ballinfoyle?**

New shops on Bóthar an Choiste	3
Tesco	3
NYP is good	4
You can go up the fields	2
The new Community Centre (if they do it right)	4
Lots of young people	2
Community Garden	2
Sports	2
Close to Teryland Park (Galway United)	1
New Forest Park	2
Basketball	1

### **2 What's not so good about living in Ballinfoyle?**

No place to hang out	6
Nothing to do	2
No place to play soccer without being moved on	1
Bus to town is too expensive and you can wait ages	6
Nowhere to play music	3
Schools are miles away / No local school	2

### **3 What would you like to change/Do you have any bright ideas for changes in facilities in the area?**

Put a youth space / community café in the new Community Centre	7
Have a music room in the new Community Centre	4
Bus every 10 minutes to town	2
Free buses into town for school kids	1
Have our own school	2
Skate park	2



## Consultation with Children and Young People

14<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Ballinasloe, County Galway

### Introduction

**Consultation Exercise:**

Focus Group with 16 young people.

Focus Group co-facilitated by Children's Services Committee Coordinator and Pre-school Service Provider

**Gender of Group:**

10 girls; 6 boys.

**Age of Group:**

2 to 5 years old.

**Geographical Spread:**

Attending Pre-school in Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

**Focus Group Questions:**

Consultation was unstructured, but focused attention on the three following areas:

1. What do the children enjoying doing most
2. What do the children not like/ like doing
3. What changes would children like to see

### **1. What do children enjoying doing most?**

Children referred to the following activities as being fun:

Playing outside (13 times), going to the playground (8 times), treats (8 times), playing with toys (6 times), stories (6 times) and colouring (2 times).

The children wanted to spend time with their parents. No matter what activity was being discussed, when asked who they would like to undertake the activity with, parents were invariably mentioned first and most frequently. Children also said they enjoyed spending time with grandparents, extended family and friends.

### **2. What do the children not like / like doing?**

Children mentioned the following things when discussing things they did not like or did not like doing:

Bed / going to bed (7 times), scary stories / books / pictures (7 times), parent is busy (6 times), parent bossing them about (6 times), bad weather (2 times).

### **3. What would children like to see more of?**

More time with parents (12 times), more time with grandparents (7 times), more play-time (7 times), more reading time (6 times), newer / better toys (6 times), to be bigger / stronger / etc. (3 times), more hugs (1).

## **Appendix 3:**

### **Record of Consultations with Service Providers**

## Consultations with Staff Groups around needs of Children in Galway City and County

Consultations were held with staff during meetings with the Co-ordinator to explain the role of the CSC. The question asked of staff was:

What are the needs of children and young people you are working with in Galway City and County?

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Number of Times Identified</b>	<b>Agency</b>
It would be really useful to have a Jigsaw outreach service in Clifden and Gort	2	Galway County Council  Forum, Connemara
Challenges for children, young people and families living in rural areas who have no access to transport and lack of good public transport options for them  Linked to issues of rural isolation	7	Family Support Staff  Comhairle na nOg  Forum, Connemara  Údarás na Gaeltachta  Social Work Staff  Family Resource Centre Managers  Connemara Child and Family Services Network
Lack of social housing huge problem in the city and county. Also families in private rented accommodation which is not appropriate e.g. Student apartments. Children involved in searches for housing exposed to stress	1	Family Support Staff
Removal of CWO offices from local areas has huge impact on families and also implications for those working in these areas	1	Family Support Staff  Family Resource Centre Managers

Lack of Dentists and Opticians for children in need	1	Family Support Staff
Lack of places for young people to spend time	1	Comhairle na nÓg
Gap for children aged 0-3 in terms of child care provision	1	Galway County Child Care Committee
Domestic Violence an issue which needs to be raised more, lack of basic knowledge & a problem	2	COPE Galway Social Work Staff
Difficulties with Mental Health	1	Social Work Staff
Childhood obesity huge problem, need to educate parents around issues	1	COPE Galway
Difficulties with children getting access to CAMHS when needed	1	Family Support Staff
Transition between Primary and Secondary Education hard for some children who then drop out before Junior Cert. Also there is a percentage of children who go in to Secondary School who cannot read or write	1	Family Support Staff
Concerns about the sustainability of afterschool services currently supported by the Maureen O'Connell fund	1	St. Vincent De Paul
Visibility of services in communities – families don't know where they are or what they are for	1	Strengthening Families Programme Co-ordinator
Presence of Services in geographically isolated areas e.g. Connemara  Forum only has one full-time worker; there are only 2 staff in Connemara Family Support Services	3	Strengthening Families Programme  Údarás na Gaeltachta  Connemara Child and Family Services Network



Lack of out of hours social work service	1	Strengthening Families Programme
Lack of focus on 0 – 4 year olds weak area in Health Promotion	1	Health Promotion
Lack of a Strategy on Childhood Injury	1	Health Promotion
Lack of Health Promotion Strategy/Personnel for Pre-schools	1	Health Promotion
Children isolated because of the internet, spending time in their bedrooms in front of screens instead of interacting with others	1	Primary School Principal
Pre-school services closing in Gaeltacht areas because of low numbers of children	1	Údarás na Gaeltachta
Lack of Budgets for Drop in Centres in Gaeltacht Areas eg. An Ceathrú Rua	1	Údarás na Gaeltachta
Dependency on volunteers in rural areas because of lack of staff	1	Údarás na Gaeltachta
Social Isolation and accompanying mental health problems	1	Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board
Cyberbullying	1	Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board
General cuts in funding impacting on all services	1	Galway Roscommon Education and Training Board
CSC should be working with parents and not solely focused on working with children	1	Western Regional Drugs Task Force
High levels of substance misuse across the whole city and county	2	Western Regional Drugs Task Force Social Work Team
Addiction Services should be seen as part of services to families and not	1	Western Regional Drugs Task Force

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## **Appendix 4:**

### **Linkages between Galway Children and Young People’s Plan 2016 – 2018 and Galway City Local Community Economic Plan and Galway County Local Community Economic Plan**

## Linkages between Galway Children and Young People’s Plan and Galway City LECP and Galway County LECP

Objectives of Galway Children and Young People’s Plan 2016 - 2018	Galway County LECP 2016 – 2022 * Actions that name CYPSC as an Implementing Partner ** Objectives that will be progressed by CYPSC Actions but where CYPSC is not explicitly named as an Implementing Partner	Galway City LECP 2015 – 2021 Objectives that will be progressed by CYPSC Actions. (CYPSC is not named in the Galway City LECP)
<b>CYPSC Priority Area: Healthy and Active 0-3 year olds</b>		
To agree plans for progressing the health and wellbeing of 0 – 3 year olds in the city and county		<b>Goal 5:</b> Promote the health and wellbeing of all people in Galway City <b>Objective 5.1:</b> Support the implementation of local health and wellbeing related programmes and plans, including those related to mental health, domestic violence and sexual health.
To maximise the quantity, range and quality of public play opportunities	<b>Theme 4:</b> Health and Wellbeing <b>Objective 16:</b> Play Facilities <b>Action 16.1:</b> Develop a “smoke free” playgrounds policy and implementation plan.*	<b>Goal 5:</b> Promote the health and wellbeing of all people in Galway City <b>Objective 5.3:</b> Support the development of local sport and physical activity programmes and plans
To improve diet and nutrition among children aged 3 and under		<b>Goal 5:</b> Promote the health and wellbeing of all people in Galway City <b>Objective 5.1:</b> Support the implementation of local health and wellbeing related programmes and plans, including those related to mental health, domestic violence and sexual health.
To support the mental health and increase the coping capacity of expectant parents in disadvantaged communities		<b>Goal 5:</b> Promote the health and wellbeing of all people in Galway City <b>Objective 5.1:</b> Support the implementation of local health and wellbeing related programmes and plans, including those related to mental health, domestic violence

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To increase capacity across services to improve perinatal and infant mental health		and sexual health. <b>Goal 5:</b> Promote the health and wellbeing of all people in Galway City <b>Objective 5.1:</b> Support the implementation of local health and wellbeing related programmes and plans, including those related to mental health, domestic violence and sexual health.
To provide evidence-based programmes to support children's learning and development	<b>Theme 4:</b> Health and Wellbeing <b>Objective 14:</b> Health Services <b>Action 14.5:</b> Piloting of “smart start” training programme for pre-school children.*  <b>Theme 4:</b> Health and Wellbeing <b>Objective 16:</b> Play Facilities <b>Action 16.2:</b> Reintroduce Buntús Start Programme into County pre-schools and crèches.*	
To dispel myths relating to good parenting of 0 – 3 year olds and to promote evidence-based practice among new parents	<b>Theme 2:</b> Poverty and Social Inclusion <b>Objective 7:</b> Social Inclusion Programmes / Interventions <b>Action 7.4:</b> Implement family support service for all regions of the county and develop links between family support teams and other statutory, community and voluntary groups in local areas. **	
<b>CYPSC Priority Area: Infant Mortality Rates</b>		
To reduce any difference in Infant Mortality Rates		<b>Goal 5:</b> Promote the health and wellbeing of

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between the city and the county		all people in Galway City <b>Objective 5.2:</b> Promote the safety of all people in Galway city
<b>CYPSC Priority Area: Parental Mental Health and its Impact on Children</b>		
To reduce the negative impact of parental mental illness on children		<b>Goal 5:</b> Promote the health and wellbeing of all people in Galway City <b>Objective 5.2:</b> Promote the safety of all people in Galway city
To increase the capacity of those working with children affected by parental mental illness		<b>Goal 5:</b> Promote the health and wellbeing of all people in Galway City <b>Objective 5.2:</b> Promote the safety of all people in Galway city
To support children caring for parents with a mental illness		<b>Goal 5:</b> Promote the health and wellbeing of all people in Galway City <b>Objective 5.2:</b> Promote the safety of all people in Galway city
<b>CYPSC Priority Area: Supporting Transition of Preschool Children to Primary School</b>		
To support children transitioning from pre-school to primary school		<b>Goal 3:</b> Galway. An inclusive and equal city; <b>Objective 3.2:</b> Address Educational Disadvantage
<b>CYPSC Priority Area: Keeping Children Safe Online</b>		
To provide supports for parents to keep children safe online		<b>Goal 5:</b> Promote the health and wellbeing of all people in Galway City <b>Objective 5.2:</b> Promote the safety of all people in Galway city
<b>CYPSC Priority Area: Drugs and Alcohol</b>		
To improve safety standards at teenage discos and parties		<b>Goal 5:</b> Promote the health and wellbeing of all people in Galway City

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		<b>Objective 5.2:</b> Promote the safety of all people in Galway city
To increase capacity among professionals to engage in screening and brief interventions concerning alcohol and drugs		<b>Goal 5:</b> Promote the health and wellbeing of all people in Galway City <b>Objective 5.2:</b> Promote the safety of all people in Galway city
<b>CYPSC Priority Area: Impact of Domestic Violence of Children</b>		
To increase children's understanding of feeling safe and to promote behaviours which will contribute to a safe environment		<b>Goal 5:</b> Promote the health and wellbeing of all people in Galway City <b>Objective 5.2:</b> Promote the safety of all people in Galway city
<b>CYPSC Priority Area: Prevention, Partnership and Family Support</b>		
To provide family support services across the city and county	<b>Theme 2:</b> Poverty and Social Inclusion <b>Objective 7:</b> Social Inclusion Programmes / Interventions <b>Action 7.4:</b> Implement family support service for all regions of the county and develop links between family support teams and other statutory, community and voluntary groups in local areas. *	
To improve coordination and collaboration among family support service providers	<b>Theme 2:</b> Poverty and Social Inclusion <b>Objective 7:</b> Social Inclusion Programmes / Interventions <b>Action 7.4:</b> Implement family support service for all regions of the county and develop links between family support teams and other statutory, community and voluntary groups in local areas. **	

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To implement the Meitheal National Practice Model	<b>Theme 2:</b> Poverty and Social Inclusion <b>Objective 7:</b> Social Inclusion Programmes / Interventions <b>Action 7.4:</b> Implement family support service for all regions of the county and develop links between family support teams and other statutory, community and voluntary groups in local areas. **	
<b>CYPSC Priority Area: Supporting Parents</b>		
To promote evidence-based parenting programmes to all parents across the city and the county	<b>Theme 2:</b> Poverty and Social Inclusion <b>Objective 7:</b> Social Inclusion Programmes / Interventions <b>Action 7.4:</b> Implement family support service for all regions of the county and develop links between family support teams and other statutory, community and voluntary groups in local areas. **	
To provide and maintain an online database of parent supports available in the county	<b>Theme 2:</b> Poverty and Social Inclusion <b>Objective 7:</b> Social Inclusion Programmes / Interventions <b>Action 7.4:</b> Implement family support service for all regions of the county and develop links between family support teams and other statutory, community and voluntary groups in local areas. **	



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To make engagement with Child Protection Conferences more positive for parents and families	<b>Theme 2:</b> Poverty and Social Inclusion <b>Objective 7:</b> Social Inclusion Programmes / Interventions <b>Action 7.4:</b> Implement family support service for all regions of the county and develop links between family support teams and other statutory, community and voluntary groups in local areas.**	
<b>CYPSC Priority Area: Providing opportunities to develop employable skills outside of school</b>		
To create capacity among youth workers to run creative technology and STEM education programmes to promote creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration		<b>Goal 3:</b> Galway. An inclusive and equal city; <b>Objective 3.2:</b> Address Educational Disadvantage
<b>CYPSC Priority Area: Accessible transport in rural areas</b>		
To improve access to services and reduce the isolation experienced by children and young people in rural areas		
<b>CYPSC Priority Area: Social Inclusion</b>		
To achieve improved participation in schools through accessing quality education support services		<b>Goal 3:</b> Galway. An inclusive and equal city; <b>Objective 3.2:</b> Address Educational Disadvantage
To improve access to services and reduce the isolation experienced by children and young people in Direct Provision		<b>Goal 3:</b> Galway. An inclusive and equal city; <b>Objective 3.4:</b> Ensure migrants supports towards integration
<b>CYPSC Priority Area: Interagency Working &amp; Collaboration</b>		
To facilitate information sharing among member organisations		

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To promote interagency working among statutory, community and voluntary organisations working with children and young people	<b>Theme 4:</b> Health and Wellbeing <b>Objective 17:</b> Sport, Amenity and Recreation <b>Action Sport 17.1:</b> prepare a Play and Recreation Strategy for County Galway to identify gaps in service provision and map a future framework for recreational development across the County. *	
<b>CYPSC Priority Area: Relationship between children and young people and service providers</b>		
To promote positive relationships between children and young people and service providers	<b>Theme 2:</b> Poverty and Social Inclusion <b>Objective 7:</b> Social Inclusion Programmes / Interventions <b>Action 7.5:</b> Encourage all agencies/ departments developing or managing programmes affecting young people to include Comhairle na nÓg in consultations. *	

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