



**Co. Wicklow
Children and Young People's
Services Committee**

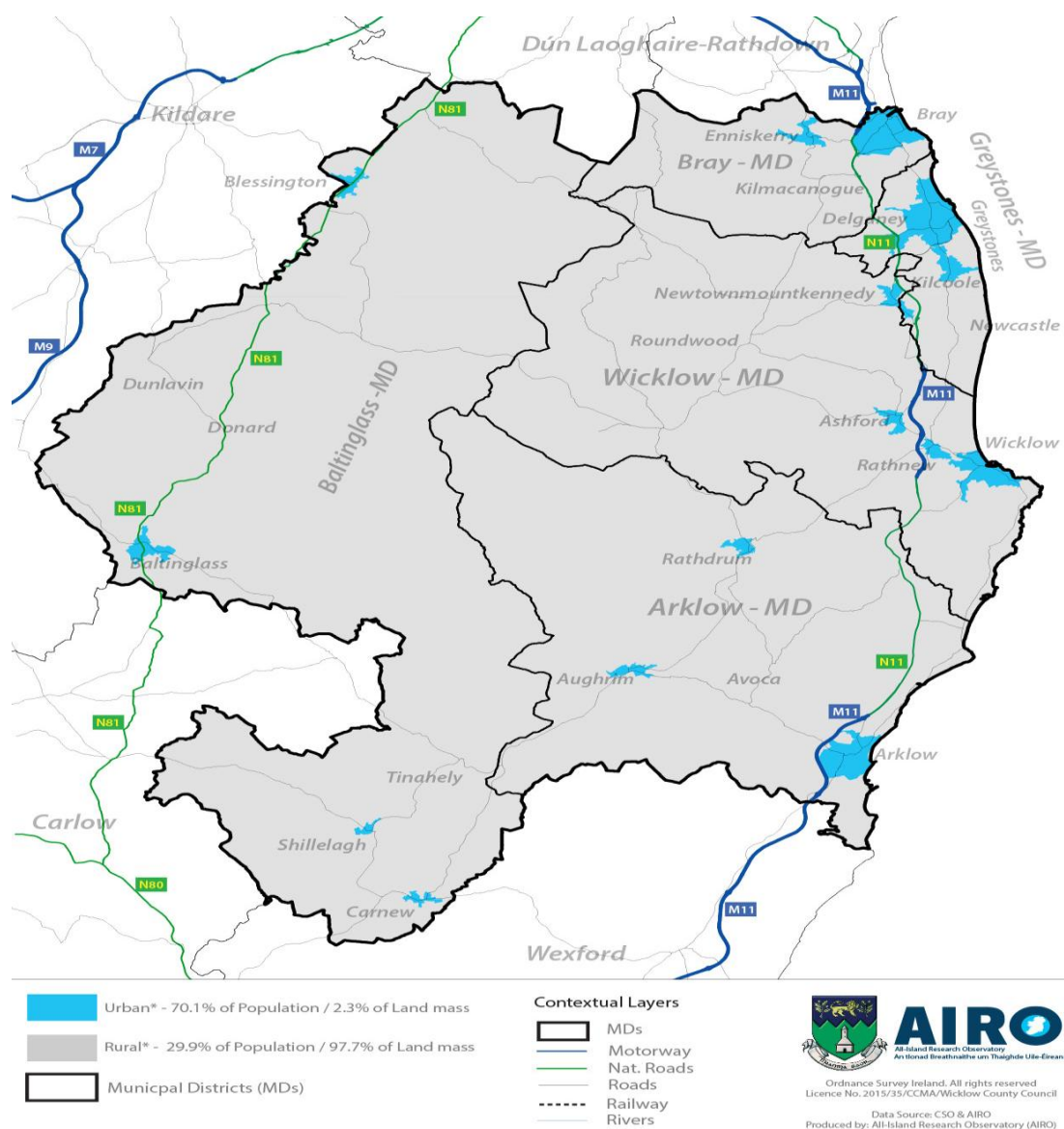
**Children and Young People's Plan
2016 - 2018**

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Forward

We are pleased to present the Co. Wicklow Children and Young People's Plan which covers the three year period from 2016 to 2018. This plan reflects a meaningful commitment by the members of the Co. Wicklow Children and Young People's Services Committee [CYPSC] and its subgroups to the children, young people and families of Co. Wicklow.

Wicklow has maintained a high population of children and young people as evidenced from the CSO 2011. A high birth rate combined with inward migration is maintaining this high youth population. Similar to the entire country families in Wicklow have been impacted negatively by the recession which has seen increasing levels of unemployment and disadvantage in particular areas of the county. Statutory, Voluntary and Community organisations and agencies working with children, young people and families across the county have worked hard to meet increasing demands with limited resources.

This plan presents a coordinated interagency approach to the delivery of services to children and young people in Wicklow for 2016 to 2018 by all agencies working with children and young people in Wicklow. It reflects the priorities that have been identified from an analysis of the needs in the county and a commitment by members to address these needs over the three years of the plan. The voice of children and young people is represented and we are committed to strengthening participation with children and young people during the lifetime of this plan.

Co. Wicklow CYPSC consider this plan a working document and it is committed to reviewing and amending it throughout the duration of implementation in light of evidence of more effective models of practice or of emergent need.

As Chairperson of the Co. Wicklow CYSC I wish to extend sincere thanks to all those involved in bringing this plan to fruition. I would like to recognise the contribution of those involved in the early days of the CYPSC who have moved to new positions.

Joanne Cullen

Chairperson

Co. Wicklow Children and Young People's Services Committee

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Section 1: Introduction

The purpose of the Children and Young People's Services Committees 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**

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 (OMCYA), now the Department of Children and Youth Affairs [DCYA], established the 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. Since then CYPSCs have increased incrementally in number and are a key structure identified by Government to plan and co-ordinate services for children and young people, aged 0 – 24 years, in every county in Ireland.

CYPSCs bring a diverse group of agencies across the statutory, community and voluntary sectors in local county areas together 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.

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 Co. Wicklow

Wicklow Children and Young People's Services Pre-Implementation Committee met in November 2010 with members representing the statutory sector initially. Following a successful application to the Department of Children and Youth Affairs in February 2011 the Co. Wicklow CYPSC was formalised in April 2011 with members representing statutory, voluntary and community organisations providing services for children, young people and their families in Co. Wicklow.

The Committee continued to meet in 2011 to agree the role, membership, guiding principles and to prepare to employ a Coordinator. In February 2012 a part-time Coordinator was appointed to assist the committee in delivering on a three year plan by the end of October 2012.

The following **principles** underpin the work of the Co. Wicklow CYPSC:

Children, young people and families

- Co. Wicklow CYPSC is children and young people centred, not agency driven
- All of our work and decisions are based on supporting children's development
- We commit to making a difference to the lives of children and young people through our work

Collaboration and Operation of Co. Wicklow CYPSC

- We will learn from other CYPSCs, taking on board their experiences to inform our work
- All involved will have a clear understanding of the role of CYPSCs and the particular role of Co. Wicklow CYPSC
- We will build the understanding of each other's roles, open doors, and work flexibly to implement the work agreed We are committed to and open in the process
- We are open to change and realise that change is often necessary to ensure better outcomes
- We will openly communicate and cascade the work of the CYPSC into our organisations

- Co. Wicklow CYPSC will act as an inclusive body and will work with the wider community to input into plans and implementation
- We will agree on how decisions will be reached, ideally through consensus
- We will maximise and share resources, funding and other resources to reach shared goals

Our plans and delivery

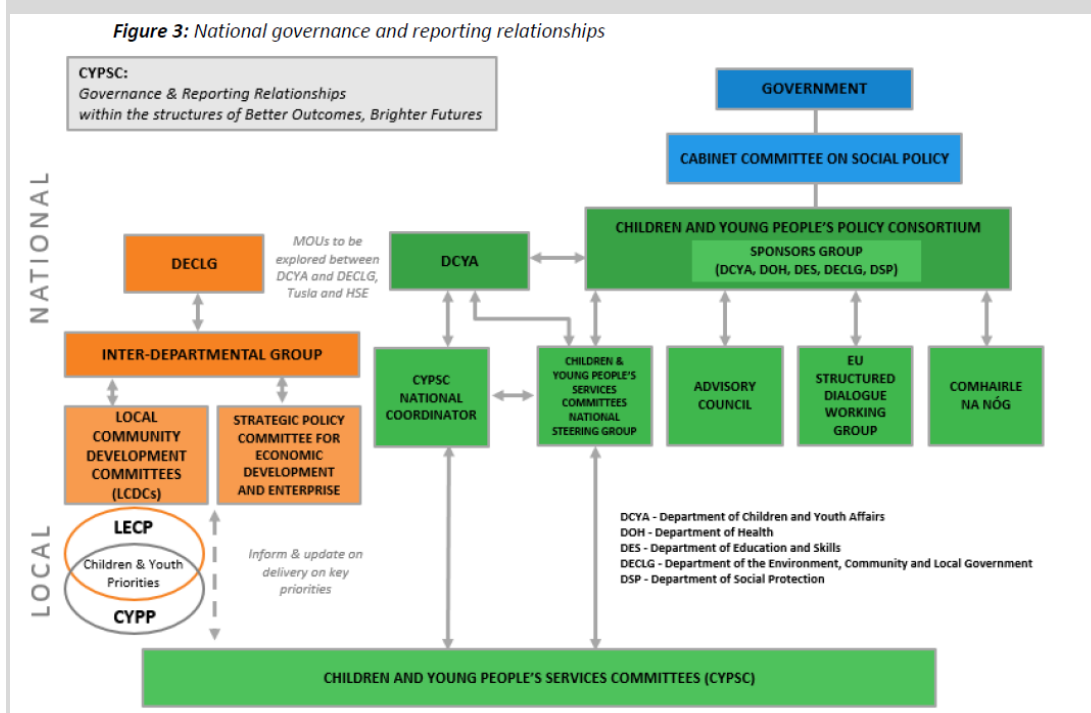
- Our work and plans will be based on data, fact and evidence
- They will be realistic and set goals and targeted outcomes
- We are committed to delivery, implementing plans and ensuring that action happens
- We will share and transfer good practice across our work together and into our organisations at large
- Our plans will be reviewed and evaluated which will inform future plans and working

Who we are

• Membership of CYPSC

Joanne Cullen, Chair	ISA Manager, Tusla
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Vacant	Co. Wicklow Partnership
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Vacant	An Garda Síochána
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Sally Stafford Johnson	HSE
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Fionnuala Curry	Coordinator, Co. Wicklow CYPSC

• Overview of how the CYPSC fits with other structures –



Achievements to date

This section highlights some of the achievements of Co. Wicklow Children and Young People's Services Committee during the lifetime of the last Children and Young People's Plan [CYPP] 2012 to 2015.

Children and Young People in Co. Wicklow have more places to play and be active

During the lifetime of the Co. Wicklow CYPSC Children and Young People's Plan, 2012 – 2015, the opportunities for play and recreation for young people increased significantly. Regarding infrastructure, there was a commitment from CYPSC partners to pool resources to ensure the provision of recreational amenities in response to the identified need from young people and communities. In this period there was an increase of nine playgrounds, three outdoor gyms, three skate parks, a BMX track and two MUGA's, to add to the existing infrastructure. In 2015 our work was showcased at the CYPSC National Networking Event. Regarding physical activity, the Local Sports Partnership was re-established in the county in 2015, increasing the quality and opportunity for recreational and sporting activity for young people.

Children and Young People know more about healthy eating

The Co. Wicklow Healthy Food Made Easy Programme (HFME) is organised and run by the HSE and the Co. Wicklow Partnership (CWP). There are two courses in the programme Healthy Food Made Easy for 15 years + and Cool Dudes aimed at 10 to 14 year old. The number of courses being delivered in Co. Wicklow has increased from 35 in 2013 to 52 courses in 2015. Young people and children participating on these courses increased during the lifetime of the CYPSC plan from an average of 59% in 2013 to 82% in 2015. This work will be built on in this plan with the roll-out of the Safe Food, Community Food Initiative which is focusing on families of 0 to 5 year olds in 2016 and will focus on families of 6 to 12 year olds in 2017 and teenagers in 2018. In addition the HFME programme will continue to target young people and children when delivering healthy food made easy and cool dude courses.

ECCE workers in Co. Wicklow know how to support literacy and numeracy in their settings

This programme was a partnership initiative between Wicklow County Childcare Committee and Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board [KWETB]. In March 2013 a workshop was provided to up to 100 Early Childhood Care and Education [ECCE] professionals by staff from KWETB to raise awareness of the opportunities to support pre-literacy and pre-numeracy development in an early learning environment. A presentation on the work undertaken was delivered at the CYPSC National Networking event in 2013. In 2014 a workshop series was devised and delivered by KWETB staff to targeted frontline ECCE workers from community ECCE settings in Wicklow and Bray. The workshop series titled *Preschool and Parents Learning Together: Strategies to develop language, literacy and numeracy skills in early childhood*. Three sessions were devised with a mix of theoretical and practical learning for participants. The programme was delivered for two hours per week over three weeks. This programme was positively evaluated by both the workers and the trainers and follow-up evaluation highlighted that impact of the work in the settings.

Better structures have been established to support the welfare of children and young people in Co. Wicklow

In 2014 the Co. Wicklow CYPSC agreed to the establishment of the Prevention, Partnership and Family Support (PPFS) Steering Committee (to replace the existing Family Support Subgroup) to oversee the implementation of the new Family Support Strategy including the local area pathway structure in the Wicklow part of this ISA area. A Child & Family Support Network Co-ordinator was appointed through Tusla to support the development of the networks and hubs. Four networks have been established around hubs in Bray, Greystones, Wicklow Town and Arklow and Meitheal is being successfully implemented in these areas. Meitheal provides for the voluntary participation of families including children and young people in designing a co-ordinated plan of support based on individual need.

The existence of the PPFS structure has also enabled a co-ordinated and interagency approach to training opportunities e.g. Children First and Domestic Violence. It also enables effective collation and dissemination of information in relation to the planning and delivery of parenting courses in the county on an annual basis. It also successfully secured Facilitator training in Parents Plus Adolescent Programme and successful implementation of the programme in targeted area.

We helped to secure an ABC funded programme in Bray to support children and their families and continue to support the roll out of this programme

Co. Wicklow CYPSC supported the successful application for Area Based Childhood (ABC) programme funding for the delivery of the Supporting Parents and Early Childhood Settings [SPECS] Initiative in Bray, Co. Wicklow which works with parents, early years services, schools and other agencies to improve outcomes for children from pregnancy through to school age. SPECS is supported by a Consortium of over 20 local and national agencies with Bray Area Partnership as the lead agency. Through utilising a number of evidence based programmes, SPECS is working collaboratively to drive change in the way it supports families and children from an early stage.

SPECS has been fully operational for 12 months and in that time has engaged over 35 families on the home mentoring programme *Preparing for Life*. It has run 8 *Parents Plus Early Years* (1-6) groups and 2 *Parenting when Separated* groups to date and has engaged with over 120 parents in group and/or individual settings. SPECS is also funding the Strengthening Families Programme. It is in its third cycle and through SPECS funding has worked with over 30 families with children aged between 6-18. SPECS is working to improve social and emotional literacy in schools and is funding the roll out of the *Roots of Empathy* Programme with Barnardos, in a number of schools in Bray including St. Patrick's NS, Newcourt, St. Peter's and St. Kieran's. Through our Early Years Quality Programme it is working with 5 community based Early Years settings and has delivered training and capacity building to over 25 early years practitioners.

We have created a structure to address the gaps in services in West Wicklow

The CYPP for Wicklow 2012-2015 identified the lack of services in West Wicklow as an area of concern and the importance of including West Wicklow in any proposed developments. This was further highlighted by Wicklow CYPSC in their submission to the Local Economic and Community Plan. In 2015 a multi-agency committee was formed in West Wicklow to look at specific needs arising in the area in relation to a small number of young people. Members of the group ensured that interventions were put in place to support these young people and the group has remained in place and are undertaking a mapping exercise under the chairmanship of Tusla. This mapping

exercise will better inform the group about local needs and any action plan developed will become part of the new CYPP for Co. Wicklow.

Other achievements of note

- Successful implementation of the 2013-2015 CYPP for Co. Wicklow and development of the second three year plan 2016-2018 and continued commitment of agencies to the CYPSC initiative in Co. Wicklow. We have a strong and vibrant committee which meets regularly. There is an increased level of collaborative and interagency working across all outcome areas and recognition of the CYPSC as a committee with expertise in relation to the needs/priorities for children and young people in Co. Wicklow. For example the CYPSC was invited to present to the Housing SPC in relation to the impact of homelessness on children in Co. Wicklow and it was invited to make a submission to the Co. Wicklow Local Economic and Community Plan and is referenced in the final plan.
- Consultation with seldom heard young people across the five national outcome areas in December 2014 which was used in the development of the LECP submission and in the planning for the new Children and Young People's Plan for Co. Wicklow 2016-2018. In 2016 a consultation of more than 1,000 children and young people was undertaken around specific priorities contained in the plan to better inform actions.
- We secured funding for the redevelopment of the Co. Wicklow Community Directory which provides a comprehensive listing of all services to children, young people and their families in Co. Wicklow. The new site will be a powerful asset for community and statutory organisations, and the general public, across Co. Wicklow and will be accessible and more responsive on different devices with new features such as events, maps and social media pages. It is hoped to launch the new website by the end of 2016.

Review of previous plan

The Co. Wicklow CYPSC submitted its first three year plan in 2012 for the period 2013 to 2015. The work was overseen by six subgroups across the 5 outcome areas. Where possible, subgroups were chaired by members of the main CYPSC Committee to ensure good feedback. Regular progress updates were provided at CYPSC Committee meetings which take place 8/9 times per annum. A review of progress was undertaken annually and an end of year report was compiled in 2013. A significant review was undertaken at the end of 2014 in advance of making a submission to the Local Economic Community Plan. In mid-2015 a review was undertaken to put measures in place to address outstanding work and the previous plan was reviewed in conjunction with the planning for the new plan in early 2016.

Learning

- We must build on the excellent work that has taken place to further raise the profile of Co. Wicklow CYPSC and this is the responsibility of all members
- Outcome Groups are useful to oversee the work under each outcome area and to ensure that this work is receiving attention, however, task groups may be more appropriate in certain circumstances
- It is vital that a lead agency is responsible for each action, as far as practicable, and that this work is acknowledged in their work plans
- Consultation with young people should be an ongoing and integrated part of the work of the CYPSC and its member agencies

Changes

- Significant restructuring of organisations during the period of the plan: HSE/Tusla, ETBs, Local Governance
- Chairing of CYPSC moved to Tusla
- Publication of Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures in 2014 saw the expansion of the age remit of CYPSCs to young people up to the age of 24

Challenges

- Membership turn-over, maintenance and challenges in getting representation from some agencies e.g. DSP, NEPS
- Lack of resources (financial/staff) to sustain existing services, to initiate/expand programmes or to address identified gaps
- Up to January 2016 the Co-ordinator post was only part-time and ongoing work in sustaining the post during the three year period was substantial
- Expansion of age remit of CYPSCs to young people up to age 24 and trying to expand the membership of the CYPSC to reflect this expansion
- Maintaining the SPECS programme beyond the programme period which will end during the lifetime of the next Children and Young People's Plan
- Retaining and turn-over of membership on subgroups

Impact

- The CYPSC improving interagency working in the county and relationships between agencies
- The CYPSC being recognised as a vehicle through which gaps/needs can be easily identified and brought to the attention of the relevant agencies
- The successful and full implementation of Meitheal in East Wicklow has been hugely supported by the existence of a CYPSC which facilitated the formation of the PPFS Steering Committee
- Based on the identified needs in West Wicklow an interagency subgroup of the CYPSC has been established to specifically focus on this area, to ensure the best use of existing resources, advocate for service gaps and oversee the roll out of Meitheal in West Wicklow

How the Children and Young People's Plan was developed

The Wicklow Children and Young People's Plan [WCYPP] has been developed by the agencies involved in the Co. Wicklow CYPSC and its subgroup members. It is informed by the socio-demographic profile for the county detailed in Section 2 and by the overview of services to children and families in Wicklow Section 3. It also takes into consideration the national policy perspective and evidence arising from local, national and international research.

The Change Management Subgroup of the Co. Wicklow CYPSC agreed to oversee the development of the new CYPP for Co. Wicklow. The task of producing a socio-demographic profile for the county and leading out on the audit of services was overseen by this subgroup. The socio-demographic profile in 2016 is informed by the CSO 2011, information gathered by the Local Authority in preparation for the Local Economic and Community Plan, the local county level data sheets and the State of the Nations Report 2014.

The Co-ordinator undertook a literature review of national policy, CYPSC meetings and subgroup meeting minutes. CYPSC members were also invited to submit information relating to issues arising from other relevant structures e.g. joint policing committees, education committees, drug and alcohol task forces. Other community and voluntary organisations were invited to contribute to the plan through the C&V Representatives communiqué issued following every CYPSC meeting.

The CYPP is influenced by findings from consultations that have taken place across the county in relation to the Wicklow Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2020, the Joint Policing Strategy and the Wicklow County Development Plan 2016-2020.

The Co. Wicklow CYPP undertook annual reviews of its CYPP to ensure that members and agencies were clear on progress to date and on outstanding actions. In November 2014 the Co. Wicklow CYPSC undertook a review of its current plan in order to assist in making a submission to the Local Economic and Community Plan. This submission was made in February 2015. In June 2015 a further review of the current plan was undertaken and any outstanding work was identified and actions taken to address this work, as far as practicable, before the end of 2015. Where this was not possible this work was highlighted for inclusion in the new plan for 2016.

The Audit of Services template was circulated, in August 2015, to all member agencies and subgroups for wider circulation and completion. Agencies were asked to identify their own priorities for the next three years and any gaps in services.

In February 2016 a draft Sociodemographic profile and audit of services document (with summaries of both) were circulated to all CYPSC members in advance of a facilitated session which was held on the 7th March. The purpose of the session was to agree the priorities and objectives for the new CYPP for Wicklow. This was informed by the socio-demographic profile and audit of services information. The Co-ordinator presented the summary findings to the members together with the key issues emerging through the audit of services process. The Co-ordinator also presented the findings from two consultations with children and young people. The findings from the Comhairle na nÓg Survey 2015 were presented and their impact on the priorities for the county was highlighted. The findings from the consultation undertaken with seldom heard young people in December 2014 in relation to the five outcome areas were also presented. Through this analysis of need it was possible for the group to identify the ongoing needs in the county and to identify emergent needs.

Outcome Groups were established to look at the priorities identified under each of the outcome areas. Some of these groups were existing CYPSC subgroups. Each Outcome Group met in early April 2016 to agree the actions and to begin to complete the logic model. The Coordinator collated the information received and circulated completed sections of the plan to the Committee in advance of its April 2016 meeting. The first draft of the action plan section was presented to the Committee at its April meeting. Members were invited to provide input and comments.

A consultation with young people around the draft plan was carried out through the mobile unit of the Bray and East Wicklow Youth Services targeting schools and youth services in the county in May 2016 and findings noted.

The first full draft of the new CYPP for Co. Wicklow was presented to the committee on the 20th May 2016. Additional work was undertaken thereafter and a further draft presented to the CYPSC on the 17th June. Some additional time was used in July and early August to undertake a quality assurance review of the plan by a small number of members prior to submission to the National Co-ordinator for the first stage of the quality approval process in August 2016. Feedback received from this stage was used to make some further changes and formed the basis of discussion at the September CYPSC meeting. This resulted in a recommendation to look at some additional changes to specific outcome areas reflecting the suggestions of the National Co-ordinator and the final draft with changes was presented to the October meeting at which the plan was approved for submission by all members.

Section 2: Socio-Demographic Profile of Co. Wicklow

Measure	County		National	
	Number	%	Number	%
All Persons 2011	136,640	100	4,588,252	100
0 – 4 Years	11,474	8.4	356,329	7.8
5 – 9 Years	10,179	7.4	320,770	7.0
10 – 14 Years	9,519	7.0	302,491	6.6
15 – 19 Years	8,582	6.3	283,019	6.2
20- 24 Years	7,932	5.8	297,231	6.5
Population Aged 0 – 17 Years	35,657	26.1	1,126,919	24.6
Population Aged 0 – 24 Years	47,686	34.9	1,559,840	34.0
Change Population 0- 14 years 1991 – 2011	3,788	13.8		
Change Population 15- 24 years 1991 – 2011	761	4.8		
Youth Dependency Rate		34.5		31.9
Student or Pupil (Principal Economic Status)	11,687	11	408,838	11
Young Person with a disability (aged 0 -24 years) *18.73% of total no. of those with disability in the county i.e. 17,616	3,300	18.73 *		
Lone Parent Family Units with children (under 15 years)	3,581	21.2	113,356	21.6
Educational Attainment of Mother – Primary (including no formal education)	1,317	4.1	48,040	4.8
Educational Attainment of Mother – Lower Secondary	4,124	12.9	141,329	14.2
Educational Attainment of Mother – Upper Secondary	13,066	40.7	416,407	41.9
Educational Attainment of Mother – Third Level	12,945	40.3	364,299	36.7
Educational Attainment of Mother – Not available	634	2	23,590	2.4
	Number	Rate per 1,000	Number	Rate per 1,000
Foreign National Children	2,249	63.1	93,005	82.5
Traveller Children	313	8.6	14,245	12.4
Children with a disability	2,365	64.9	99,437	57.8
The number of Children registered as having an intellectual disability (2011)	227	6.2	8,852	7.7
The number of Children registered as having a physical or sensory disability (2011)	269	7.4	8,034	7.0

Summary of key findings from Socio-demographic Profile of Co. Wicklow

Population: Population of 136,640, Wicklow has the 14th highest population of all local authorities but the vast majority of the population (approx 65%) residing in Wicklow living within 5km of the east coast. This expansion is the result of both a high birth rate (14.6 per 1,000 in 2014) and high levels of inward migration into the county. The majority of this growth occurred in close proximity to the main commuter towns. Approximately 28% of Wicklow's population is aged '0-18' years (38,175). 47,686 of the people in Co. Wicklow at the time of the 2011 Census were aged 24 years or younger (35%).

Areas of the county that have experienced high levels of new developments have some of the highest rates of growth (Rathnew, Blessington, Aughrim and Roundwood) and will pose a significant challenge for the delivery of required services.

Given the size and significance of Wicklow's existing population cohorts in the 0-4 (8.4%) and 5-12 (11.7%) age ranges, it is evident that the county's population is still growing, and that there is likely to be an increased demand for children's and young people's services over the next decade. This is further supported by relative high levels of households in Wicklow within the Pre-School (8th highest) and Early School (7th highest) family life cycles stages.

With a rate of 34.5%, Wicklow has the 13th highest Youth Dependency Rate in the State and is considerably higher than both the National (31.9%) and Eastern & Midlands (31.1%) averages (Rathnew, Blessington, Aughrim and Roundwood)

Co. Wicklow has a pre-school population of 11,474, consisting of 5,802 Males and 5,677 Females. This represents a 19.8 % (State 17%) or an actual increase of 1,893 in the number in this age category since 2006. There was an increase of pre-school children living with a lone parent of 7.5% since 2006.

The number of primary school aged children in Co. Wicklow was **16,001 an increase of 50.3%** or an actual increase of 5,352. This is a very significant increase when one takes into account that the national increase for this age category was 12% and the overall population growth in the county was 8.3%.

Traveller & Foreign national Community: According to the CSO 2011 there were 313 Traveller children in the county. The average age of Irish Travellers was 22.4 compared to 36.1 for the general population, while approximately 52.2 % of the Irish Travellers were aged less than twenty years of age. The majority of the Traveller community in Co. Wicklow live the large urban centres in Bray (25%) and 19.3% in Wicklow town and its environs. There are significantly higher unemployment rates within the Traveller community than for the general public.

According to the 2011 Census of Population 9.9% of the population in County are non-Irish nationals slightly below national rate of 12%. Approximately 55% of the Foreign nationals living in Co. Wicklow are from three different nationalities, UK with 3,749, Polish with 2,754 and Lithuanian with 848 people. It is also worth noting that 10,067 (75.3%) of the Foreign nationals living in Co. Wicklow at the time of the Census of Population were from the EU 27. In Co. Wicklow there were 2,249 foreign national children in the county, representing a rate of 63.1 per 1,000 children in the county, below State of 82.5 per 1,000.

Household Composition: The average household size for Co. Wicklow at 2.8 is higher than the national average of 2.7 and the average for Wexford 2.7, while lower than the average for Kildare 3.0 and Meath 3.0.

Husband and wife and children is still the most popular composition of household (35%) that is higher than the national average of 31%. Higher number of households with mother only 10.24% vs 9.39% for the State.

Lone parent households accounted for 6,205 or 12.98% of all private households in Co. Wicklow in 2011. 17,240 persons live in households headed by a lone parent, this is 12.61% of the population of the county. Lone mothers account for 86.12% of the lone parent households. However it is also worth noting that the number of lone parent family units in the county in 2011 was 6,740.

As of 2011 there were 16,870 families in Wicklow with children aged under 15 years of age. Of those families, 21.2% (3,581) are classed as Lone Parent Families and 78.8% (13,289) are classed as Families with Both Parents. Relative to other local authorities, Wicklow has a moderate rate of Lone Parent Families (12 out of 31) and is lower than both the State (21.6%) and Eastern and Midlands (23.4%) average. Looking at the actual number of families, Wicklow has the 13th highest number of Lone Parent families in the State. The Lone Parent rate varies across Wicklow with the Bray MD having the highest rate at 25.3%. Across the settlement hierarchy the rate is particularly high in Carnew (36.1%), Baltinglass (34.6%), Rathnew (28.6%), Arklow (26.8%) and Bray (26.6%).

Education: Wicklow has a very well educated population though there are spatial variations in education attainment across Wicklow with the lowest rates being in Rathdrum, Arklow and Baltinglass.

Only 4 DEIS classified post primary schools i.e. the 10th lowest level of DEIS schools per population in the State.

Primary Schools in Wicklow have one of the highest average class sizes in the State with the following categorisation: 6.7% in '< 20 per Class', 62.2% in '20 to 30 per Class' and 31.1% in '>30 per Class'. With 31.1% of primary students in Wicklow in large class sizes of '>30 per Class', Wicklow has the 2nd highest rate in this category.

School Attendance Data from Primary and Post – In the academic year 2013/2014 in Wicklow Primary schools the mean percentage of school days lost was 5.1 % (Leinster 5.3 and State 5.1) and the mean percentage of 20 day absences was 8.3 (Leinster 10.0 and State 8.9). In post primary schools the mean percentage of school days lost through absence was 7.7 for Wicklow, 7.8 for Leinster and 7.9 for the state. The mean rate of absence for twenty or more days was 16.2% in Wicklow schools, 16.7 for the State and 16.4 for Leinster as a whole.

The State of the Nation's Children, Ireland 2014 report shows that the retention rate to the completion of the Leaving Certificate has increased by almost 8 % over the period 1997 to 2007 to 90.1 %. Nationally this ranged from 84.9 in Co. Carlow to 92.9 % in Counties Mayo and Meath. While the figure for Wicklow was 87.2 %.

Youth Unemployment: The percentage of persons aged under 25 on the Live Register now stands at 12.4% for January 2016, down from 13.7% in January 2015 and 15.1% in January 2014.

As of January 2016 there were a total of 1,154 young people (under 25 years) on the Live Register in Wicklow. The majority of these young people are recipients at the Bray SWO (412) with lower numbers registered at Arklow (363), Wicklow Town (239) and Baltinglass (140). The Arklow SWO has the highest number of young people signing on and represents 14.5 % of the total.

Disability & Children as Carers: Nationally since 2006 there has been an increase in the number of people classified as having a disability across all age groups with an overall increase of 201,550 or 51.2 %. It is worth noting that when the increase is analysed by age category **the greatest changes were for the youngest age group under five years of age** and for the oldest age group persons aged 85 years and older. 32.4 % of the persons with a disability in Wicklow are aged 65 years or older, while 28.7 are aged 45 to 64 years and 10.5 % are aged 14 years or younger. While 2,365 children in the county have a disability, this equates to 7% of all children in the county or a rate of 64.9 per 1,000 children in the county

Intellectual Disability: According the report State of the Nation's Children, Ireland 2014 approximately 6 out every ten children registered as having an intellectual disability are boys. While the National Intellectual Disability Database shows that in 2013 there were 9,018 children registered as having an intellectual disability and 195 in Co. Wicklow.

Physical and Sensory Disability: In 2013 there were 7,586 children registered as having a physical and/or sensory disability, approximately a third of the children registered on the National Physical and Sensory Disability Database are registered as having multiple disabilities and 258 in Wicklow.

In Co. Wicklow 159 children were carers to a family member or family friend; this is a rate per 1,000 children of 4.4.

Health Outcomes:

Birth Weight: Nationally the percentage of low weight babies has increased slightly over the last five years; in 2013 5.3% of all babies born were in the low birth weight category (weighing less than 2,500 grams)¹. In County Wicklow 120 low weight baby births were recorded 5.8 % of all births in the county.

Infant and Neonatal mortality: Infant Mortality Rate 3.7 per 1,000 for the State and 4.5 rate for Wicklow. Neonatal Mortality rate of 2.7 for the State and 3.0 for Wicklow.

Breastfeeding: Percentage of infants who are breastfed on discharge from hospital 56.3 for Wicklow, 55.7 State.

Health Conditions and Hospitalisation: Approximately half of the total hospital discharges of children in 2013 (4,115) were for children under the age of 5. The most common recorded diagnosis was diseases of the respiratory system 12.4 % and injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes at 9.3 %. In 2013 420 children in County Wicklow were discharged with a diagnosis of external causes of injury or poisoning.

Sexual Health and Behaviour: Teen Births: Over the period 2009 to 2013 the number of babies born to girls aged 17 and under decreased by 47.8 %, in 2013 there were 303 births to mothers aged 10 to 17 years. While according to the CSO Vital Statistics report there were 8 births to mothers aged 10 to 17 in County Wicklow and 2,102 births overall in the county in 2013.

Antenatal Care: The statistics show that early antenatal care is lowest among younger pregnant women. In 2013 86.2 % of pregnant women attended for antenatal care in the first trimester of pregnancy. In County Wicklow the %age was the same as for the state at 86.2 %.

Public Health Nurse Visit: Nationally in 2013 84.2 % of new born babies were visited by the public health nurse within 48 hours of discharge from hospital for the first time, the %ages range from 67.6 % in Meath to 98.4 % in Roscommon. In the Wicklow HSE area it was 96.3 % and in the Kildare/West Wicklow HSE area it was 93.0 %.

Developmental Screening: In 2013 nationally 88.1 % of children had the 7-9 month development check on time, the %ages range from 48.4 % in Galway to 96.7 % in Meath. In the Wicklow HSE area it was 95.1 % and in the Kildare/West Wicklow HSE area it was 95.9 %.

Accessibility of Basic Health Services: This refers to the number of children on hospital waiting lists. Department of Children and Youth Affairs, State of the Nation's Children, Ireland 2014 report shows

¹Department of Children and Youth Affairs, State of the Nation's Children, Ireland 2014

that in 2014 there were 5,914 children on in-patient/day case waiting list. While 75.9 % of these children were on an in-patient/day case waiting list for less than 6 months. While the number on the in-patient/day case waiting list for more than six months has increased by 17.3 % over the period 2010 to 2014 and by 93.0 % over the period 2012 to 2014.

Child Welfare and Protection: There are 108 children in care in the Wicklow part of the ISA area (Dublin South/SE/Wicklow) and 191 children in care in the Kildare/West Wicklow ISA area of which between 5 to 10 of these are thought to originate in West Wicklow. The referral rate in Wicklow increased by 20% between 2014 and 2015.

Mental Health Referrals: Young people (aged up to 18) who are presenting with a moderate to severe mental health difficulty receive their mental health care from the community based Child and Adolescent Mental Health services (CAMHS) with one team based in Bray, a second in Wicklow town (with an outreach clinic in Arklow) with West Wicklow being serviced by a CAMHS team in Tallaght. In 2015 the Wicklow based teams (this excludes West Wicklow) received 585 referrals - 314 young people underwent an initial assessment with a total of 5,143 appointments attended in this year. There are currently 1,021 young people attending and in active treatment within the Wicklow based CAMHS.

Drug and Alcohol Misuse: SONC 2014, 10% of children aged 10–17 reported that they had been drunk at least once in the past 30 days. Higher for Traveller children 16.8%. Mid-East 8.9%. In 2014, 58.3% of children aged 10–17 reported never having had an alcoholic drink 60.5 for traveller children and 57.9% for Mid-East. SONC 2014, 8.8% of children aged 10–17 reported that they had taken cannabis at least once in their lifetime. A higher percentage of older children and boys were more likely to report taking cannabis at least once in their lifetime. Much higher for traveller children 18.2% and 10.4% for Mid-East again higher than for State.

Deprivation: According to the 2011 Pobal HP deprivation Index Wicklow is the 2nd most affluent local authority area however it did reflect the impact of the economic recession by showing a fall in the score from 1.3 in 2006 to -5.9 in 2011, a 7.2 point decline. It is only at small area level that areas of 'very disadvantaged' and 'disadvantaged' can be seen. These include large urban centres such as Arklow and Rathmichael (Bray) and smaller rural towns such as Carnew, Aughrim, Dunlavin, Rathdrum, Baltinglass, and Glenealy.

At Risk of Poverty: Children aged between 0 and 17 remain the most at risk of poverty group reporting higher levels of poverty and deprivation than other groups. The at-risk of poverty is 17.9% and the consistent rate of poverty is 11.7% for this age category. Applying the national rates to Co. Wicklow would imply that 6,523 children are "at risk of poverty" in the county and approximately 4,264 children experience consistent poverty. However it is important to note that children not living in households are not included in these figures. Other children at a high risk of poverty include children living in temporary accommodation such as bed and breakfasts, children seeking asylum and children leaving institutional care.

Juvenile Justice: In Co. Wicklow there are four Juvenile Liaison Officers and over the period 01/01/2013 - 01/01/2016, 1,535 youths (age 12-18) were referred to the Diversion programme in the Wicklow Division (>80% males and <20% female). There are also two Garda Diversion projects (New Directions in Bray and The Way Project in Wicklow Town) in Co. Wicklow.

Housing/Homelessness: Wicklow County Council's Housing report, January 2016 shows that the number of children presenting as homeless or at risk of homelessness in 2015 was 240 a further increase on the 2014 figure of 175.

Detailed Socio-demographic Profile of Co. Wicklow

Landscape of the County:

County Wicklow is divided geographically by a spine of mountains. The majority of the population live on the East Coast. The majority of services and administration centres are also located on the East Coast. East/West movement is restricted by the mountains. The principal towns are located along the East Coast with a second linear arrangement of smaller centres in the west. East-west movement is severely restricted by the mountains so that most traffic has to take either the R756 or the R759.

As well as providing a natural geographical divide in the county, the mountains have influenced the way services are provided and contributed to a psychological divide in the county.

Demography:

With a population of 136,640 (Census 2011), Wicklow has the 14th highest population of all local authorities in Ireland. Census 2016 shows a further increase of 4.2% or an actual increase of 5,692 to 142,332. Net migration has decreased by -1.2% however the natural increase is now 9.4 per 1,000. Unfortunately only preliminary Census 2016 results are available to date.

The spatial distribution of the population within the county is however quite different to other local authorities in the region with the vast majority of the population (approx 65%) residing in Wicklow living within 5km of the east coast. Wicklow has experienced a major and consistent expansion of its population in recent years. This expansion is the result of both a high birth rate and high levels of inward migration into the county. Between 1991 and 2011, the population in the county increased by 40.5% (+39,375), the 5th highest rate of all local authorities. In the five years since Census 2006 the population growth within the county has been more modest at a rate of 8.3%, the 17th highest of all local authorities. Within this period, population growth occurred in 63 of the 82 Wicklow Electoral Divisions. The majority of this growth occurred in close proximity to the main commuter towns.

According to the 2011 Census of Population 65.1% of the population in County Wicklow now live in the aggregate town areas. In the State approximately 62% of the population, now live in aggregate town areas.

Approximately 28% of Wicklow's population is aged '0-18' years (38,175). The county has the 13th youngest population of all local authorities in Ireland. Areas of the county that have experienced high levels of new developments have some of the highest rates (Rathnew, Blessington, Aughrim and Roundwood) and will pose a significant challenge for the delivery of required services.

Given the size and significance of Wicklow's existing population cohorts in the 0-4 (8.4%) and 5-12 (11.7%) age ranges, it is evident that the county's population is still growing, and that there is likely to be an increased demand for children and young people's services over the next decade. This is further supported by relative high levels of households in Wicklow within the Pre-School (8th highest) and Primary School (7th highest) family life cycles stages.

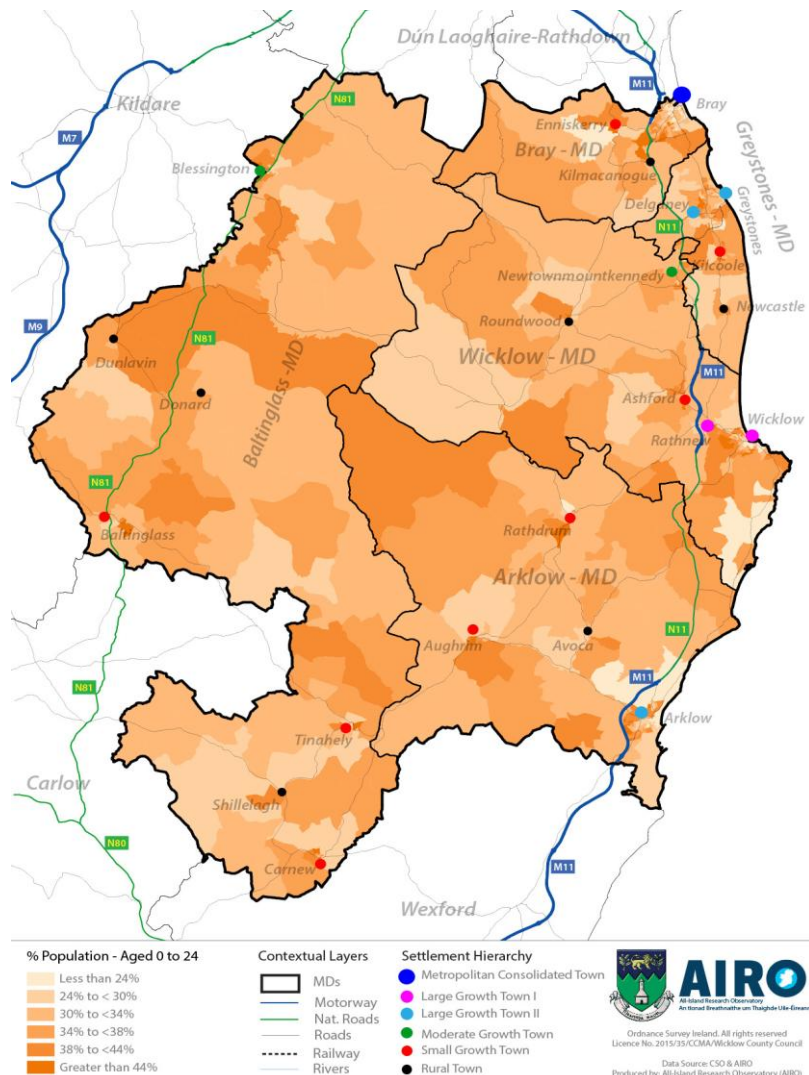
Age Composition:

Table 1: Persons by Age Category

Age Category	Wicklow	Leinster	State
0 – 4 Years	11,474	198,742	356,329
5 – 9 Years	10,179	175,466	320,770
10 – 14 Years	9,519	161,678	302,491
15 – 19 Years	8,582	151,886	283,019
20 – 24 Years	7,932	169,781	297,231

As can be seen in Table 1 in Co. Wicklow there is a pre-school population of 11,474, consisting of 5,802 Males and 5,677 Females. This represents a 19.8% or an actual increase of 1,893 in the number in this age category since 2006.

The Census also shows that nationally 83.1% of this age group lived in family units with both parents, with 15.4% in lone parent families. While there was an increase of pre-school children living with a lone parent of 7.5% since 2006, this type of family unit has decreased as a proportion of all household types from 16.9% to 15.4 % in 2011.



As can be seen from Table 2, 47,686 of the people in Co. Wicklow at the time of the 2011 Census were aged 24 years or younger this equates to approximately 34.9% of the county's population. The Youth Dependency Rate is a measure of the number of dependent young people (0-14) to the total population (15-64). A high ratio means that those of working age face a greater burden in supporting the young population. With a rate of 34.5%, Wicklow has the 13th highest Youth Dependency Rate in the State and is considerably higher than both the National (31.9%) and Eastern & Midlands (31.1%) averages. There is a noticeable difference between the rates at the MD level with Bray having by far the lowest at 29.5%. While the rate in the other municipal districts was 35.7 in Arklow, 36.7 in Baltinglass and 36.4 in Greystones. As expected, urban areas highlighted as having very high young populations stand out with very high youth dependency rates: Rathnew, Blessington, Aughrim and Roundwood.

Table 2: County Wicklow Population Change by Age Cohort 1991 – 2011

Age	1991	1996	2002	2006	2011	% Change 1991 - 2011
0 - 14	27,384	25,585	25,826	27,137	31,172	13.83
15 - 24	15,753	16,968	17,641	17,767	16,514	4.83
25 - 44	27,596	29,349	34,694	40,331	41,609	50.78
45 - 64	16,716	20,361	25,082	28,442	32,344	93.49
65 years and over	9,816	10,420	11,433	12,517	15,001	52.82
Total	97,265	102,683	114,676	126,194	136,640	40.48

Census 2011 shows the population of the primary school age group (5-12) at 504,267, an increase of 12 % since 2006 compared to an 8.2 % increase in the population of the State as a whole. While for Co. Wicklow the number of primary school aged children was 16,001 an increase of 50.3% or an actual increase of 5,352. This is a very significant increase when one takes into account that the national increase for this age category was 12% and the overall population growth in the county was 8.3%.

Table 3: Age Categories 0 to 24 in Main Urban Settlements 2011

Town	Total	0 – 4 Years	5 – 12 Years	13 – 18 Years	19 – 24 Years
Bray and Environs	31,872	2,228	3,347	2,444	2,613
Greystones and Environs	17,468	1,749	1,996	1,228	1,207
Arklow and Environs	13,009	1,210	1,507	968	909
Wicklow and Environs	10,356	784	1,333	902	731
Blessington	5,010	616	656	366	287
Kilcoole	4,049	443	503	339	292
Rathnew	2,964	390	380	187	185
Newtownmountkennedy	2,410	240	301	114	173
Baltinglass	2,061	176	292	156	139
Enniskerry	1,811	95	248	211	150
Rathdrum	1,586	151	175	114	100
Aughrim	1,364	156	196	83	78
Roundwood	833	103	117	72	48

Travellers in Ireland

The number of people enumerated as Irish Travellers in Census 2011 was 29,573, an increase of 32% since census 2006. All counties apart from Limerick and Waterford showed increases in the Traveller population that were larger than the increase in the general population. The figure compares with 36,224 population of Travellers enumerated in the Traveller All Ireland Health Study (AITHS).

Age Profile of Irish Travellers

Census 2011 reports that the general age profile of Travellers is far lower than the population as a whole.

- The average age of Travellers was 22.4 years compared with 36.1 years for the population as a whole, and over half of all Travellers (52.2%) were aged under 20.
- In 2011, Traveller children numbered 14,245 (accounting for 48% of the total Traveller population. The total population of children account for 25% of the total population.
- The number of Traveller children increased by 30.3% between 2006 and 2011.

This data reflects other research which note that outcomes in terms of health and life expectancy for Travellers is significantly lower than that of the rest of the population.

Travellers in Co. Wicklow

One of the key findings from the 2011 Census of Population was that there were 14,245 Traveller children in Ireland i.e. 1.2% of the child population and 48.2% of the total Traveller population. In Co. Wicklow there were 313 Traveller Children in the county this represents 0.86 % of all the children in the county and 43.4 % of the Traveller population in the county.

Table 4: Irish Travellers by Selected Urban Area

Area	White Irish Traveller	Total Population
Bray Legal Town and its Environs	180	31415
Wicklow Legal Town and its Environs	139	10244
Rathnew	56	2949
Arklow Legal Town and its Environs	49	12881
Kilcoole	37	4015
Greystones Legal Town and its Environs	31	17206
Ashford	29	1443
Baltinglass	24	2058
Enniskerry	14	1796
Carnew	10	1090
Roundwood	10	826

According to the census there were 180 members of the travelling community living in Bray which represents approximately 25% of the county's total Traveller population. While a further 139 live in Wicklow Town or its environs representing approximately 19.3 % of the Irish Traveller population in the county.

Nationality and Ethnicity:

The population of Co. Wicklow has increased significantly in recent years and has become more ethnically and culturally diverse. This diversity has enhanced the county in many ways with the influx of new skills, talents and approaches. Over the period 2002 to 2006 there was a rapid growth in the number of foreign nationals which saw the number increase from 224,261 to 419,733. The period 2006 to 2011 saw a continuation of this growth but at a slower rate with the number in 2011 standing at 544,357 an increase of 29.7 %.

Approximately 55 % of the foreign nationals living in Co. Wicklow are from three different nationalities, UK with 3749, Polish with 2,754 and Lithuanian with 848 people. It is also worth noting that 10,067 (75.3 %) of the foreign nationals living in Co. Wicklow at the time of the Census of Population were from the EU 27. In 2011 there were 93,005 foreign national children in Ireland which represents 8.3 % of the total child population in Ireland or 82.5 per 1,000 children². In Co. Wicklow there were 2,249 foreign national children in the county, representing a rate of 63.1 per 1,000 children in the county.

Households:

In April 2011 there were a total of 47,798 private households in Co. Wicklow with a total of 135,259 persons in private households. Therefore the average number of persons per private household was 2.83. At ED level there was a range of 1.13 in household size with the maximum being 3.39. There has been a decline of 0.23 in the average private household size in Co. Wicklow since 2002 and an increase of 11,226 or 30.7 % in the number of private households. Preliminary CSO 2016 results indicate a 3% increase in the number of households in Co. Wicklow.

Table 5: Private Household Size (Census of Population 2011)

Area	Number of Private Households	Number of Persons in private Households	Average Number of persons per private Household
Kildare	70,763	208,522	3.0
Meath	62,201	184,336	3.0
Wexford	52,652	144,349	2.7
Wicklow	47,798	135,259	2.8
State	1,654,208	4,510,409	2.7

The highest percentage of all private households in Co. Wicklow is households comprising of a husband and wife with children of any age at 31.61%. Nationally the number of lone parent families where the youngest child was less than twenty years increased by approximately 30% over the period 2002 to 2011. Throughout the period over 90% of the lone parent families whose child was aged under twenty years were headed by a female.

Lone parent households accounted for 6,205 or 12.98% of all private households in County Wicklow in 2011. It is worth noting that 17,240 persons live in households headed by a lone parent, this is 12.61% of the population of the county. Lone mothers account for 86.12% of the lone parent households. However it is also worth noting that the number of lone parent family units in the county in 2011 was 6,740

² State of the Nation's Children, Ireland 2014, Department of Children and Youth Affairs.

As of 2011 there were 16,870 families in Wicklow with children aged under 15 years of age. Of those families, 21.2% (3,581) are classed as Lone Parent Families and 78.8% (13,289) are classed as Families with Both Parents. Relative to other local authorities, Wicklow has a moderate rate of Lone Parent Families (12 out of 31) and is lower than both the State (21.6%) and Eastern and Midlands (23.4%) average. Looking at the actual number of families, Wicklow has the 13th highest number of Lone Parent families in the State. The Lone Parent rate varies across Wicklow with the Bray MD having the highest rate at 25.3%. Across the settlement hierarchy the rate is particularly high in Carnew (36.1%), Baltinglass (34.6%), Rathnew (28.6%), Arklow (26.8%) and Bray (26.6%).

Department of Social Protection figures for 2014 shows that 2,027 people were in receipt of one-parent family support payment in Co. Wicklow. The report also shows that 709 were in receipt of maternity benefit, while there were 20,168 recipients of child benefit for 38,132 children. There were 1,282 recipients of family income support and 4,747 of back to school clothing and footwear allowance.

Parental Education Level Attained

The number of children under 18 whose parents have attained: a) primary b) lower secondary c) upper secondary d) third level education as expressed as a proportion of all children.

Table 6: Number of children, by Wicklow and State and educational attainment of mother (2011)

	Primary (including no formal education)	Lower secondary	Upper secondary	Third level (degree or higher)	Not available	Total
Wicklow	1,317	4,124	13,066	12,945	634	32,086
State	48,040	141,329	416,407	364,299	23,590	993,665

In Co. Wicklow 4.1% of children's mothers have no formal or primary education only compared to 4.8% for the State.

The Department of Education & Science and Kildare & Wicklow Education and Training Board are the main education providers in Co. Wicklow. AIRO compiled a detailed profile of education in Co. Wicklow and some of the main points from their profile for the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) are outlined below.

- **Wicklow has a very well educated population.** 30.6% of the population have a third level degree or higher - the 6th highest rate in the country. The county has the 6th lowest rate of low education achievement (no formal/primary only – 13.6%) and the 9th lowest rate of medium education achievement (lower secondary – 16.4%). 19.9% of the Wicklow population have completed higher secondary education.
- **There are clear spatial variations in education attainment across Wicklow.** High levels of educational attainment (third level plus) are primarily in urban areas in the north-east of the county with highest rates in Greystones, Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue. At the MD level there is quite a difference with the Greystones (43.5%) and Bray (32.2%) MDs with the highest rates. In comparison, Arklow (22.7%) and Baltinglass (23.8%) have much lower rates.
- **83 Primary Schools in Wicklow.** In total there are 83 mainstream Primary schools in Wicklow educating 16,625 students. Of these, 9 are classed as DEIS schools. Primary schools in Wicklow

are primarily of a Catholic ethos (59) with the remainder classed as Church of Ireland (17) and Multidenominational (7).

- Using the 2014 Department for Education and Skills it is possible to categorise the primary school students in Wicklow into three different class sizes. Wicklow has one of the highest average class sizes in the State with the following categorisation: 6.7% in '< 20 per Class', 62.2% in '20 to 30 per Class' and 31.1% in '>30 per Class'. With 31.1% of primary students in Wicklow in large class sizes of '>30 per Class', Wicklow has the 2nd highest rate in this category. Highest rates in the category are also primarily in other Eastern & Midlands local authorities such as Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (31.4%), Meath (30%) and Wexford (26.1%).
- As of 2015 there were a total of 21 post primary schools in Wicklow. Of these, only 4 were classified as DEIS school and equates to a rate of 23.8% of all schools. This is the 13th highest rate in the country and higher than neighbouring counties such as Meath (20%) and Carlow (23.8%) but lower than Wexford (36.4%). When looking at the number of DEIS schools per '000 population aged 13-17 a gap in sufficient educational services becomes more apparent. Based on this metric Wicklow has the 10th lowest level of DEIS schools per population in the State.

Travellers and Education

The results of Census 2011 highlights the following situation of Travellers in Ireland with regard to education:

- 69% of Travellers were educated to primary level or lower, including 507 persons aged between 15 and 19 in 2011.
- 55% (of Travellers whose education had ceased) had completed their education before the age of 15, compared with 11% for the total population.
- 21.8% of Travellers (whose education had ceased) were educated to lower second level, compared with 15.2% in 2002. The percentage of Travellers who completed upper secondary education more than doubled from 3.6% to 8.2% over the same period.
- Only 3.1% continued their education past the age of 18, compared with 41.2% for the total population, and only 1% of Travellers progressing to third level education (compared with 31% of the settled population).
- Traveller females stayed longer in school than their male counterparts with 15% ceasing their education at age 17 or over, compared with just 11% of males.
- The percentage of Travellers with no formal education in 2011 was 17.7% compared with 1.4% in the general population.

Youth Unemployment

While not a measure of unemployment in the county the Live Register figures do give an indication of the state of the labour force in the county. It is worth noting that in January 2015 there were 12,541 people on the live register in the county, there has been a 23.7% decrease in the number over the period January 2012 to January 2016.

As of January 2016 there were a total of 1,154 young people (under 25 years) on the Live Register in Wicklow. This equates to approximately 12.7% of the total live Register recipients in the county. The majority of these young people are recipients at the Bray SWO (412) with lower numbers registered at Arklow (363), Wicklow Town (239) and Baltinglass (140). The Arklow SWO has the highest number of young people signing on and represents 14.5 % of the total.

Employment, Enterprise and the Traveller Economy

Unemployment in the Irish Traveller community was 84.3% in 2011, up from 74.9 per cent five years earlier. The Census 2011 reports that 19% across the whole population are unemployed. Research undertaken by the Equal at Work initiative in 2003 identified the range of barriers experienced by Travellers with regard to progression in the labour market, and these include literacy confidence (more so than literacy problems); educational qualifications – particularly where the Leaving Certificate is an entry level requirement for jobs; ageism – particularly for older workers who have not had the opportunity to complete the Leaving Certificate, prejudice in relation to where people live, and confidence.

It has been common practice for Travellers to organise and initiate their own economic activity. The government-appointed Task Force on the Travelling Community (1995) provided an important insight into the unique nature of the Traveller economy, explaining that what distinguishes the Traveller economy is not so much the particular economic activities that Travellers engage in but the distinct manner in which these activities are organised’.

Carers and Disability

The results of the Census of Population 2011 shows that nationally a total of 595,335 people had a disability accounting for 13% of the population. Of these 48.7% or 289,728 were male and 305,607 51.3% were female. Since 2006 there has been an increase in the number of people classified as having a disability across all age groups with an overall increase of 201,550 or 51.2%. According to the CSO the changing to the wording of the questions has had an impact on the increase, however, it is not possible to measure the impact of this change. It is worth noting that when the increase is analysed by age category the greatest changes were for the youngest age group under five years of age and for the oldest age group persons aged 85 years and older. The other age groups increased in line with the average.

Table 7: Age Categories of Persons with a disability 2011

Area	1 – 14	15 – 24	25 – 44	45 – 64	65 plus	Total
Wicklow	1,847	1,453	3,554	5,049	5,713	17,616

32.4 % of the persons with a disability in Wicklow are aged 65 years or older, while 28.7 are aged 45 to 64 years and 10.5 % are aged 14 years or younger. While 2,365 children in the county have a disability, this equates to 7 % of all children in the county or a rate of 64.9 per 1,000 children in the county.

The labour force participation rate for people with a disability was 30 % compared to 61.9% for the overall population. While the unemployment rate for among disabled people was 30.8% compared to 19% for the overall population.

The State of the Nation’s Children report highlights that in 2011, 6,449 children provided regular unpaid personal help for a friend or family member with a long term illness, health problem or disability. In Co. Wicklow 159 children were carers to a family member or family friend; this is a rate per 1,000 children of 4.4.

General Health:

“A new question on general health was introduced for the first time in census 2011 and asked respondents to select one of five categories ranging from very good to very bad. Self-perceived health provides a well validated and widely used measure, The naturally observed phenomenon of failing

health with age is clearly reflected in the census results. Among 10- 14 year olds 87 % perceived their health as very good – the peak for any age group; by age 40-44 this had fallen to 60 %. By age 65 only one in three people identified themselves as being in very good health. Just over half of all people aged 80 or older regarded their health as good or very good, a further 4 out of 10 replied fair while one in 10 replied bad or very bad (This is Ireland, Highlights from Census 2011, Part 2 pg. 41)’’.

In Co. Wicklow 89.7% of the population or 122,554 people stated that they were in very good or good health, compared to 88.3% for the population nationally. While 1.3% of the population stated that they were in bad or very bad health compared to 1.5% nationally.

- 34.5% of the Kildare/Wicklow (combined) population have a medical card. This is the second lowest figure in the state (average is 39.2 – figures are based on HSE administrative areas).

Health Outcomes:

Births and Deaths:

According to CSO Vital Statistics report for 2014 there were 2,015 registered births giving an annual birth rate of 14.6 per 1,000 for Co. Wicklow. The average age of mothers in 2014 was 32.4 for all births and 30.3 for first births. Births outside of marriage/civil partnership accounted for 39.8% of all births, nationally the rate was 36.3% .

Nationally a total of 1,253 mothers were aged 19 or younger in 2014, 23 of them were aged 15 and under, 80 aged 16, 177 aged 17, 351 aged 18 and 622 aged 19.

There were 249 infant deaths registered in 2011 giving an infant mortality rate of 3.7 per 1,000 live births. While there were 184 neonatal deaths registered in 2014.

Table 8: Infant and Neonatal mortality by area of residence of deceased

	Infant Mortality		Neonatal Mortality	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
State	249	3.7	184	2.7
Leinster	116	3.0	88	2.2
Wicklow	9	4.5	6	3.0
Wexford	6	2.9	6	2.9
Meath	8	2.6	7	2.3
Kildare	2	0.6	2	0.6

Source: Central Statistics Office, Vital Statistics, Fourth Quarter and Yearly Summary 2014, July 2015

Birth Weight:

Nationally the percentage of low weight babies has increased slightly over the last five years; in 2013 5.3% of all babies born were in the low birth weight category (weighing less than 2,500 grams)³. At county level the percentage ranged from 3.3% of all births in Co. Leitrim to 8.6 % in Co. Laois. In Co. Wicklow 120 low weight baby births were recorded 5.8 % of all births in the county.

³Department of Children and Youth Affairs, State of the Nation’s Children, Ireland 2014

Breastfeeding:**Table 9: Percentage of infants who are breastfed on discharge from hospital by mother's county of residence.**

County	Exclusive	Combined	Total
Wicklow	40.4	17.4	56.3
State	46.3	9.4	55.7

Source: Department of Children and Youth Affairs, State of the Nation's Children, Ireland 2014

Health Conditions and Hospitalisation:

Approximately half of the total hospital discharges of children in 2013 were for children under the age of 5. The most common recorded diagnosis were diseases of the respiratory system 12.4% and injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes at 9.3%.

Table 10: Number and rate of hospital discharges of children 2013⁴

Area	No. of hospital discharges of children	No. of children in county in 2011	Rate in 2013
State	150,981	1,148,687	131.4
Wicklow	4,115	36,444	112.9

In 2013, 420 children in Co.Wicklow were discharged with a diagnosis of external causes of injury or poisoning.

Health and the Traveller Community:

In 2010, 'Our Geels', the All Ireland Traveller Health Survey (AITHS) was published by Department of Health. Key findings included:

- Life expectancy at birth for male Travellers is 15.1 years less than the general population, as 61.7 years. The 2010 data represents a widening of the gap by 5.2 years (between 1987 and 2010). This is equivalent to the life expectancy of the general population in the 1940s. There are, however, marginal increases in male Traveller life expectancies at later ages. However, men in the community continue to have higher rates of mortality for all causes of death.
- Life expectancy at birth for female Travellers is now 70.1 which is 11.5 years less than women in the general population, and is equivalent to the life expectancy of the general population in the early 1960s.
- Traveller infant mortality is estimated at 14.1 per 1,000 live births (compared with the general population rate of 3.9).
- There have been improvements in Traveller women's health, notably (1) a narrowing the gap in life expectancy between Traveller and non-Traveller women of 0.4 years, (2) reduction in fertility rates to 2.7 per 1,000 population and (3) uptake of cervical screening at rates higher than the general population and uptake of breast screening at rates similar to the general population.
- Access to health services is good, with Travellers stating that their access is at least as good as that of the rest of the population. Access to primary care services is an important element of health services delivery. Over 94% of Travellers have a medical card with this figure rising to 99% in the older age group and nearly 97% of all Travellers are registered with a GP. The Traveller Primary Health Care Project (PHCTP) delivers primary health care

⁴ Hospital In-Patient Enquiry 2013

to Travellers, and plays a key role in supporting access to and information about health services: 83% of the Travellers interviewed received their health information and advice from the PHCTP and from the Travellers organisations.

- Traveller women thought that outreach services like the Primary Health Care for Travellers Projects (PHCTP s) facilitated Traveller trust. As a result, Traveller women have a higher rate of participation in screening programmes compared with the general population: 25% of Traveller women participated in breast screening compared to 13% of general population; and 23% of the Traveller women had smear tests compared to 12% of general population.
- The research reports that the general healthcare experience of Travellers is not as good as the general population, with communication cited as a major issue by both Travellers and service providers. Moreover, trust in services is a theme, and the AITHS found that the level of complete trust by Travellers in health professionals was only 41%. This compares with a trust level of 83% by the general population in health professionals.
- Travellers have a greater burden of chronic diseases than the general population, with conditions such as back conditions, diabetes, and heart attack increased by a factor of 2, and respiratory conditions such as asthma and chronic bronchitis increased by a factor of 2-4, in comparison with the general SLAN population.
- Just under half of all Travellers feel discriminated against. This is experienced in all aspects of life. However, least discrimination is experienced in sport, followed by the health sector. Travellers have a strong sense of community and high levels of community/family support.
- Suicide rates are nearly 7 times higher in Traveller men compared with the general male population. Suicide accounts for 11% of all Traveller deaths.

The AITHS findings reported that both travellers and health service providers interviewed acknowledged that 'social determinants' were the main cause of the poor health status of travellers, this includes accommodation, education, employment, poverty, discrimination, lifestyle and access and utilisation of services.

Intellectual Disability:

According the State of the Nation's Children, Ireland 2014, approximately 6 out of every 10 children registered as having an intellectual disability are boys. While the National Intellectual Disability Database shows that in 2013 there were 9,018 children registered as having an intellectual disability.

Table 11: Number of Children Registered as having an intellectual disability, Intellectual Disability Database, Health Research Board

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2013	
					No	%
Wicklow	286	272	329	321	195	2.17
State	7504	7385	7658	7802	9,018	100

Physical and Sensory Disability:

In 2013 there were 7,586 children registered as having a physical and/or sensory disability, approximately a third of the children registered on the National Physical and Sensory Disability Database are registered as having multiple disabilities.

Table 12: Number of Children Registered as having a physical and/or sensory disability, National Intellectual Disability Database, Health Research Board

Area	2009		2013	
	No	%	No	%
Wicklow	265	3.3	258	3.4
State	8,043	100	7,586	100

Child Welfare and Protection:

The table below indicates the referral rates to the Wicklow Social Work team and the rate of increase between 2014 and 2015. Currently there are 108 children in care in the Wicklow part of the Dublin South/SE/Wicklow ISA as at July 2016.

Wicklow only	2014	2015
Abuse	370	422
Child Welfare Concern	510	638
Totals	880	1060
Percentage Increase from 2014 to 2015	20%	

There are 191 children in care in the Kildare/West Wicklow area and it is suggested that between 5 to 10 of these children originate from West Wicklow.

Kildare West Wicklow	2014	2015
Abuse	350	273
Childre Welfare Concern	1254	1508
Totals	1604	1781
Percentage increase from 2014 to 2015	11%	

Sexual Health and Behaviour: Teen Births:

Over the period 2009 to 2013 the number of babies born to girls aged 17 and under decreased by 47.8 %, in 2013 there were 303 births to mothers aged 10 to 17 years. While according to the CSO Vital Statistics report there were 8 births to mothers aged 10 to 17 in County Wicklow and 2,102 births overall in the county in 2013.

It is also worth noting that 27.3% of children aged 15-17 in the State reported as having sex, where as in the Mid –East it was 28.2%.

Antenatal Care:

The statistics show that early antenatal care is lowest among younger pregnant women. In 2013 86.2% of pregnant women attended for antenatal care in the first trimester of pregnancy. In Co. Wicklow the percentage was the same as for the state at 86.2%.

Public Health Nurse Visit:

Nationally in 2013, 84.2 % of new born babies were visited by the public health nurse within 48 hours of discharge from hospital for the first time, the percentages range from 67.6% in Meath to 98.4% in Roscommon. In the Wicklow HSE area it was 96.3% and in the Kildare/West Wicklow HSE area it was 93%.

Developmental Screening:

In 2013 nationally 88.1% of children had the 7-9 month development check, the percentages range from 48.4% in Galway to 96.7 % in Meath. In the Wicklow HSE area it was 95.1 % and in the Kildare/West Wicklow HSE area it was 95.9%.

Accessibility of Basic Health Services:

This refers to the number of children on hospital waiting lists. The State of the Nation's Children, Ireland 2014 report shows that in 2014 there were 5,914 children on in-patient/day case waiting list. While 75.9% of these children were on an in-patient/day case waiting list for less than 6 months. While the number on the in-patient/day case waiting list for more than six months has increased by 17.3% over the period 2010 to 2014 and by 93% over the period 2012 to 2014.

Mental Health:

Young people (aged up to 18) who are presenting with a moderate to severe mental health difficulty receive their mental health care from the community based Child and Adolescent Mental Health services (CAMHS) with one team based in Bray, a second in Wicklow town (with an outreach clinic in Arklow) with West Wicklow being serviced by a CAMHS team in Tallaght. In 2015 the Wicklow based teams (this excludes West Wicklow) received 585 referrals - 314 young people underwent an initial assessment with a total of 5,143 appointments attended in this year. There are currently 1,021 young people attending and in active treatment within the Wicklow based CAMHS.

The Health Profile 2015 for Wicklow shows the suicide rate in Wicklow between 2007 and 2013 was 9.4 compared to a national rate of 11.3, it also provides information in relation to self harm. In 2012 125 males self harmed giving a rate of 195.4 compared to a national rate of 195.1, while 158 females self harmed giving a rate of 234.9 in Wicklow compared to the national rate of 228.0. It should be noted that self harm statistics are considered to be much higher as the statistics represent hospital presentations only. It should also be noted that suicide rates are nearly 7 times higher in Traveller men compared with the general male population. Suicide accounts for 11% of all Traveller deaths.

Drug and Alcohol Misuse:

SONC 2014, 10% of children aged 10–17 reported that they had been drunk at least once in the past 30 days. Higher for Traveller children 16.8%. Mid-East 8.9%. In 2014, 58.3% of children aged 10–17 reported never having had an alcoholic drink 60.5 for traveller children and 57.9% for Mid-East. SONC 2014, 8.8% of children aged 10–17 reported that they had taken cannabis at least once in their lifetime. A higher percentage of older children and boys were more likely to report taking cannabis at least once in their lifetime. Much higher for traveller children 18.2% and 10.4% for Mid-East again higher than for State.

Deprivation:

The main measurement of affluence and disadvantage in Ireland is based on the Pobal HP Deprivation index. This index is based on three dimensions of affluence/disadvantage: demographic profile, social class composition and labour market. The index provides two different statistical outputs the Absolute Index score and the Relative Index score. The Absolute Index score is used when making a comparison over time, while the relative index score is used when talking about an area at a particular point in time. Using data derived from the 2011 Pobal HP deprivation Index, Wicklow is the second most affluent local authority area within the Mid-East region, The Mid- East region is the second most affluent region nationally. The 2011 Pobal HP Deprivation Index Absolute Deprivation score shows the extent to which the county was impacted as a result of the economic recession. The absolute deprivation score fell from 1.3 in 2006 to -5.9 in 2011, representing a decline of 7.2 points. This is greater than the national fall which was 6.6 and identifies that the county was significantly adversely affected by the economic recession.

Looking at Co. Wicklow at Electoral Division level it is not characterised by extremes having no EDs that are classified as extremely affluent or extremely disadvantaged. Rathmichael in Bray is the most disadvantaged ED in the county with a score of -15 and is classified as disadvantaged. Rathmichael is the only ED to fall into this classification. 43 of the EDs or 52.4% are classified as marginally below average, while 37 are classified as marginally above average and Kilcoole ED is classified as affluent.

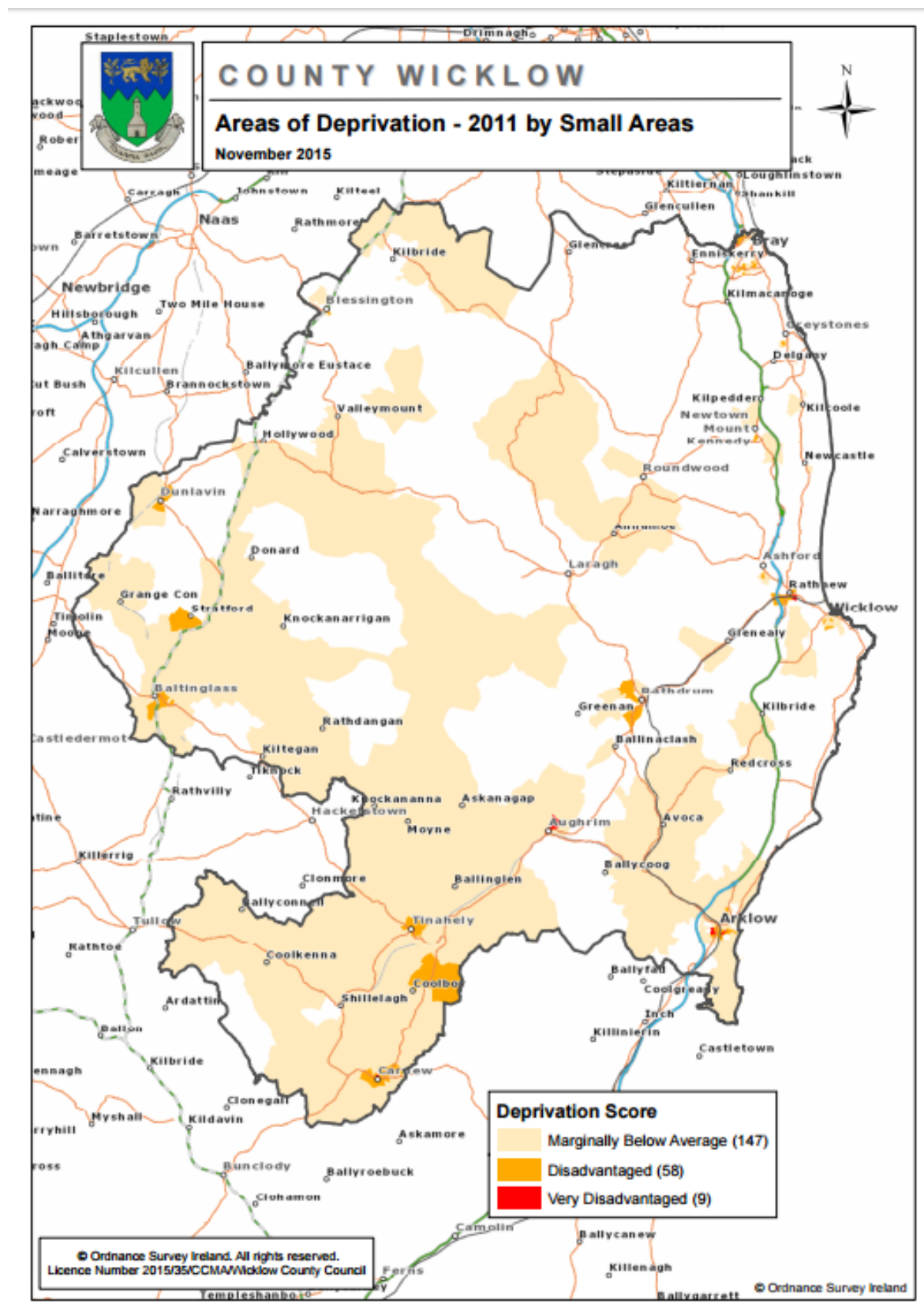
Examining the data at Electoral Division hides many of the pockets of deprivation which exist in the county and it is therefore worthwhile looking at the Small Area statistics. Similar to the ED level the small area HP Deprivation scores shows that Co. Wicklow does not have areas that are extremely affluent >30 or extremely disadvantaged <-30. It does show up areas of very disadvantaged which were not visible at ED level. **See map of Deprivation Scores by Small Areas.**

Rathmichael ED in Bray shows the highest level of deprivation and this follows through at small area level. It has the highest level of local authority housing with 45% of the population living in local authority housing. In 2011 Census the area was also characterised by high unemployment with a principal economic status unemployment rate of approximately 36 %, the highest in the county. The areas classified as very affluent fall into four EDs Delgany, Kilcoole, Kilmacanogue and Enniskerry. All of the affluent or very affluent areas are in East of the county.

Table 16: Small Areas showing highest level of Deprivation

Small Area	Electoral Division	Deprivation Score	
257004022	Arklow No. 1 Urban	-22.80	Very Disadvantaged
257077011	Wicklow Rural	-22.50	Very Disadvantaged
257082002	Rathmichael (Bray)	-22.20	Very Disadvantaged
257021002	Carnew	-21.90	Very Disadvantaged
257004021	Arklow No. 1 Urban	-20.60	Very Disadvantaged
257004036	Arklow No. 1 Urban	-20.50	Very Disadvantaged
257004020	Arklow No. 1 Urban	-20.40	Very Disadvantaged
257004029	Arklow No. 1 Urban	-20.30	Very Disadvantaged
257005004	Aughrim	-20.10	Very Disadvantaged
257077010	Wicklow Rural	-19.90	Disadvantaged
257033003	Dunlavin	-19.40	Disadvantaged
257004030	Arklow No. 1 Urban	-18.80	Disadvantaged
257065004	Rathdrum	-18.70	Disadvantaged
257051041	Kilmacanoge	-18.20	Disadvantaged
257082006	Rathmichael (Bray)	-18.10	Disadvantaged
257078018	Wicklow Urban	-17.80	Disadvantaged
257004009	Arklow No. 1 Urban	-17.70	Disadvantaged
257079002	Arklow No. 2 Urban	-17.30	Disadvantaged
257082004	Rathmichael (Bray)	-17.30	Disadvantaged
257077007	Wicklow Rural	-17.20	Disadvantaged
257080008	Bray No. 1	-16.90	Disadvantaged
257082003	Rathmichael (Bray)	-16.90	Disadvantaged
257004006	Arklow No. 1 Urban	-16.80	Disadvantaged
257082008	Rathmichael (Bray)	-16.80	Disadvantaged
257033002	Dunlavin	-16.50	Disadvantaged
257059001	Newcastle Upper	-16.50	Disadvantaged
257065002	Rathdrum	-16.40	Disadvantaged
257077006	Wicklow Rural	-15.60	Disadvantaged
257078017	Wicklow Urban	-15.30	Disadvantaged
257015001	Baltinglass	-15.00	Disadvantaged
257082005	Rathmichael (Bray)	-15.00	Disadvantaged

Deprivation Score – 2011 by Small Areas



At Risk of Poverty:

The European Union Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) is the official source of data on household and individual income and provides a number of key national poverty indicators, such as the 'at risk of poverty' rate, the consistent poverty rate and rates of enforced deprivation.

In 2013, the 'at risk of poverty' rate was 15.2% compared to 16.5% in 2012, while 17.9% of children were considered to be at risk of poverty. Children aged between 0 and 17 remain the most at risk of poverty group reporting higher levels of poverty and deprivation than other groups. The 'at risk of poverty' is 17.9% and the consistent rate of poverty is 11.7% for this age category.

Applying the national rates to Co. Wicklow it would imply that 6,523 children are "at risk of poverty" in the county and approximately 4,264 children experience consistent poverty. However it is important to note that children not living in households are not included in these figures. Other children at a high risk of poverty include children living in temporary accommodation such as bed and breakfasts, children seeking asylum and children leaving institutional care.

The highest consistent poverty rate for children occurred among those aged 12-17. This rate was 16.6% in 2013 compared with a rate of 11.1% for children aged 6-11 and a rate of 7.4% for those aged 0-5. In 2013, the consistent poverty rate of persons living in a household consisting of a single adult with children was 23.0%. This was substantially higher than the consistent poverty rate in households with 2 adults and 1-2 children (5.9%) and in households with 2 adults and 3+ children under 18 years (11.2%). Over the period 2009-2013, the percentage of children experiencing consistent poverty was consistently higher than the population as a whole.

Juvenile Justice:

There are four Garda Juvenile Diversion Officers in Co. Wicklow and over the period 01/01/2013 - 01/01/2016 a total number of youths (age 12-18) referred to the Diversion programme in Wicklow Division was 1,535. This number can be broken down as follows:

- Wicklow district which includes the following Garda stations, Arklow, Avoca, Wicklow Town, Ashford, Roundwood, Rathdrum – 471. This 471 is broken down into males- 389 - 82% and females- 82 - 18%
- Bray District which includes the following Garda Stations, Bray, Greystones, Newtownmountkenedy, Enniskerry. – 836. This 836 is broken down into males- 677 - 87% and females - 159 - 19%
- Baltinglass District which includes the following Garda stations , Baltinglass, Blessington, Dunlavin, Carnew, Tinahely, Shillelagh – 228. This 228 is broken down into males - 191- 84% and females -37 - 16%

There are also two Garda Diversion projects in Co. Wicklow (New Directions in Bray and The Way Project in Wicklow Town).

Housing:

Wicklow County Council's Housing report, January 2016 shows that the number of children presenting as homeless or at risk of homelessness in 2015 was 240.

Numbers presenting as homeless or at risk of homelessness **2014**. Individual Adult Presentations – 128, Families – 90 families made of up 127 adults and 172 children

Numbers presenting as homeless or at risk of homelessness **2015**. Individual Adult Presentations – 121 (41 male, 80 female), Families – 146 families consisting of 185 adults and 240 children

The Triennial Assessment of Housing Needs 2011 showed that there were 952 single person with children, 406 couples with children in need of social housing in the county. This represents 3.1 % of all households with children in need of social housing in the country. Preliminary CSO 2016 results indicate that Wicklow has only a 9% vacant dwelling rate which is the 7th lowest in Ireland and represents a decrease of 15.8% since 2011.

Accommodation and the Traveller Community:

In Census 2011 there were 7,765 households where some or all of the occupants indicated they were Travellers (of which 1,874 contained some persons who indicated they were not Travellers). Between 2006 and 2011, the percentage of Traveller households residing in caravans or mobile /temporary structures halved from 24.7% to 12.3%. In 2011, 920 households with Travellers resided in such temporary accommodation. Census 2006 documented that a third of all Travellers who live in temporary accommodation, and who responded to the question, have no sewerage disposal and one in five have no piped water.

School Attendance:

The Tusla report School Attendance Data from Primary and Post – Primary Schools 2013/2014 allows us to look at school attendance in the county. In the academic year 2013/2014 in Wicklow Primary schools the mean percentage of school days lost was 5.1 % (Leinster 5.3 and State 5.1) and the mean percentage of 20 day absences was 8.3 (Leinster 10.0 and State 8.9).

While when one looks at post primary schools mean percentage of school days lost through absence was 7.7 for Wicklow, 7.8 for Leinster and 7.9 for the state. The mean rate of absence for twenty or more days was 16.2 % in Wicklow schools, 16.7 for the State and 16.4 for Leinster as a whole.

As well as looking at the attendance level it is also worth looking at the retention rates, the 2015 report published by the Department of Education and Skills provides data for the 2008 entry cohorts Table 17.

Table 17: Retention rates to Junior and Leaving Certificate 2008 Cohort⁵

	Cohort Size	Junior Cert Retention	Leaving Cert Retention
Wicklow	1643	96.77	88.98
State	56075	96.89	90.56
Wexford	1928	96.32	90.46
Kildare	1884	96.55	92.52
Meath	2030	97.19	92.51

⁵ Department of Education and Skills, Retention rates of Pupils in Second Level Schools 2008 Entry Cohort, February 2015

The State of the Nation's Children, Ireland 2014 report shows that the retention rate to the completion of the Leaving Certificate has increased by almost 8% over the period 1997 to 2007 to 90.1 %. Nationally this ranged from 84.9 in Co. Carlow to 92.9% in Counties Mayo and Meath. While the figure for Wicklow was 87.2%.

Table 18: National Leaving Certificate Retention Rate for 1997-2008 cohorts

Year	Retention Rate (%)
1997	82.3
1998	83.6
1999	83.8
2000	84.8
2001	84.7
2002	84.8
2003	85.7
2004	87.7
2005*	89.5
2006*	90.2
2007*	90.1
2008*	90.6

Section 3: Overview of Services to Children and Families in Co. Wicklow

This section summarises the services provided to children, young people and families in the local area, by statutory, voluntary and community sector organisations. This information is based on the audit of services conducted by Co. Wicklow CYPSC. Services are presented using the Hardiker Model to reflect the level of intervention which services are providing from Level 1 being universal preventative and social development services to Level 4 being intensive and long-term support and protection. If you are seeking further information on any of the services presented please visit www.wicklowcommunitydirectory.ie

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
Child Protection & Welfare			
Tusla Wicklow (except West Wicklow)	Social Work, Family Support – Provides Services in the area of child protection and welfare (Child Care Act 1991), social work services to children in care, fostering service and family support service.	Statutory	Targeted and Universal HL 1-4
Tusla Kildare/West Wicklow	Social Work, Family Support – Provides Services in the area of child protection and welfare (Child Care Act 1991), social work services to children in care, fostering service, family support work service and primary care social work.	Statutory	Targeted and Universal HL 1-4
Health			
Co. Wicklow Partnership – Healthy Food Made Easy programme (HFME)	HFME is a healthy eating initiative aimed at 10 yrs upwards. The Programme is delivered in conjunction with the HSE. Courses aim : To encourage healthy eating To empower participants to make healthy, nutritious and economical food choices for themselves and their families To reduce diet-related illness from preventable diseases. Courses are delivered to youth groups, community groups, parents groups, primary and secondary schools.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
General Medical	47 GP Surgeries in Wicklow 30 Dental Practices in Wicklow		Universal HL1
HSE Countywide through 2 CHO areas	Child and Adolescent Physical Health – Medical Examination at 9 months BCG Neonatal Service Speech and Language Therapy Psychology Occupational Therapy Second Tier Audiology Child Health Surveillance	Statutory	Universal HL1

HSE Countywide through 2 CHO areas	Child and Adolescent Physical Health – Preschool Immunisation Programme School Immunisation Programme (Primary and Secondary) School screening Vision and hearing	Statutory	Universal HL1
HSE Countywide through 2 CHO areas	Child Health Developmental Screening. Children aged 0 – 6 years	Statutory	Universal HL1
Wicklow County Council: Local Sports Partnership	To support increased participation in sport and active recreation throughout County Wicklow especially across specific target groups such as women & girls, youth, older adults, people with disabilities, unemployed, disadvantaged and minority groups. Wicklow Local Sports Partnership also works to ensure that local resources are put to best possible use.	Statutory	Universal and Targeted HL1-2
KWETB: Sports Promotion Units Bray and Arklow	The Sports Promotion Units are responsible for devising, implementing and coordinating various sports and physical activity programmes for 'At Risk' children and youth in the Bray and Arklow areas. The programmes are aimed at youth aged between 10 to 21 years.	Statutory	Targeted and Universal HL1-2
County Wicklow Primary Healthcare Project	Wicklow Primary Health Care Project is based in CEART and resourced by HSE, Bray and Wicklow Travellers' Groups. The Community Health Workers provide an outreach service that focuses on health promotion, information and supporting access to mainstream health services. The work includes lobbying for adequate and culturally sensitive delivery of health services, working for improved opportunities and outcomes for Travellers in the health care system. It also supports positive mental health initiatives and suicide preventative measures.	Voluntary	Targeted HL1-2
Mental Health			
Be Well Bray Be Well Wicklow	Be Well Bray/Wicklow is a group of young people promoting a practical and positive approach to youth mental health. The initiative started out in Bray and through Community Ireland Funds and CYPSC seed funding is now being rolled out by the group through Co. Wicklow in collaboration with a range of other agencies including Co.	Voluntary	Universal HL1

	Wicklow CYPSC, KWETB, Comhairle na nÓg, Co. Wicklow Partnership.		
Wicklow Youth Mental Health Initiative (WYMHI)	WYMHI is an inter-agency working group comprising of nine agencies. The initiative works with transition year and Youthreach students promoting positive mental health and highlighting options for maintaining positive mental health and building resilience. This is an annual event, running during National Mental Health Month every October.	Voluntary	Universal and Targeted HL1
HSE CHO 6	Psychological services to people experiencing mild to moderate difficulties. Referral from Primary Care Team Members.	Statutory	Universal HL1-2
HSE CHO 7	Psychological services to people experiencing mild to moderate difficulties. Referral from Primary Health Care, Health Centre or Health Professional	Statutory	Universal HL1-2
Living Life Counselling – East Coast	Low Cost Counselling for adults, couples, adolescents and children	Part voluntary	Universal HL1-2
Family Support Services: Arklow Springboard Wicklow Child & Family Project Greystones FRC	Most of the family support services in the county provide some limited therapeutic services such as: play therapy, counselling for parents and children engaged in their services. Greystones FRC also offers Rainbows.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-3
Bray Local Drugs Task Force - Headlamps	School based service working with primary school children in 5 schools in Bray to address the developmental needs of children affected or at risk because of substance misuse in the family or wider community	Statutory	Targeted HL2-3
Co. Wicklow Partnership – Tunnel Project, Arklow	A community mental health initiative to provide social/personal support and develop programmes for people experiencing enduring mental health issues. Adult service.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-3
Arklow Mental Health Association - Portview Day Centre Arklow	To provide support to mental health sufferers and their families. To enable them to participate in activities they may have been otherwise excluded from. To enable people with mental illness to participate in community life. To raise awareness about mental health issues.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-3
Bray and East Wicklow Youth Services Bray	Youth Counselling for young people 12 – 21 years	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-3

Lucena Clinic	Child and Adolescent Mental Health – Provides Provide multidisciplinary assessment and/or treatment for children and adolescents referred with concerns around mental health including - behavioural disorders, emotional and mood disorders, anxiety disorders, eating disorders, ADHD, Psychosis, assessment only for ASD	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-4
Addiction			
Bray and East Wicklow Youth and Information Services – Drugs Education Workers Bray & Arklow	Drugs Education Programme - primary Schools Programmes, Clubs/groups, Support to Bray Drug and Alcohol Forum - Youth Events, Community Conference, Training Events - Adults working with young people, Community Quizzes and Outreach	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Wicklow Travellers Group, CEART	Developing the capacity of Traveller youth and families through engaging in drug and alcohol awareness, education and preventative strategies and promoting healthier lifestyle choices.	Voluntary	Targeted HL1-2
East Coast Regional Drugs Task Force East Coast excl Bray and West Wicklow	ECRDTF provides funding to a range of services in Co. Wicklow including CEART, ISPCC, WC&FP, Tiglin, Living Life Counselling, Rehab. Integration Service	Statutory	Targeted HL1-4
South West Regional Drugs Task Force West Wicklow	SWRDTF provides funding to some services in West Wicklow e.g. DPEI (Foroige)	Statutory	Targeted HL1-4
ISPCC – East Coast	ISPCC – Childhood Support Service offers three forms of support; Individual Therapeutic Support, Child/Teen Mentoring and Parent Mentoring. The Individual Therapeutic Support service offers support to young people from 10-18 years who are at risk of / or misusing drugs and alcohol or who are experiencing emotional and behavioural difficulties. The service aims to educate, develop coping skills, improve relationships and promote positive behaviours. The Child and Parent Mentoring service is a comprehensive community based service that forms a supportive mentoring relationship between a child or a parent and an ISPCC volunteer.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2
Living Life Counselling East Coast (Arklow/Bray)	Provides professional, affordable counselling services - spaces available to ECRDTF clients experiencing addiction and their families	Voluntary	Targeted HL2

Bray Area Partnership Bray Area	Integration Support Project. Provision of integration and aftercare support to a range of client categories. Stabilised and drug free problematic drug users.	Local Dev.	Targeted HL2
DAISH Bray Travellers Community Development Group	DAISH is a Traveller specific drugs initiative that was set up in response to the growing issue of substance abuse within the Traveller community. DAISH aims to address substance misuse among Travellers in a culturally appropriate way. DAISH is funded by the Bray Local Drugs Task Force.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-3
Bray Local Drugs Task Force – funded initiatives in Bray including Bray Community Addiction Team	BLDTF provides funding to a range of services in Bray as well as providing direct treatment and rehabilitation services through the Bray Community Addiction Team which is now providing treatment to young people from Bray aged 12 to 18 years on a pilot basis . Supported initiatives include: Living Life Counselling, the Integration Support Service, DAISH, BYS Drug education workers, Ballywaltrim Young Women's Project, Headlamps in 5 NS in Bray and Little Bray Youth Project	Statutory	Targeted HL2-3
HSE Addiction Services East Coast	HSE Harm Reduction Service, HSE Counselling/Psychotherapy and Rehabilitation Team for over 18s	Statutory	Targeted HL2-3
Wicklow Child & Family Project	Support to families in Wicklow town and surrounding areas experiencing difficulties around family member's addiction Brief Intervention counselling for adults (over 18s) experiencing addiction	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-3
Drug Prevention and Education Initiative (DPEI – managed by Foroige) West Wicklow/Kildare (funded by SWRDATEF)	A range of Education and Training Programmes for Parents/Carers, Community Members, Volunteers and Staff. Primary and Secondary Drug and Alcohol Awareness Programmes for Young People. Policy Development Workshops, Family Support, Strengthening Families Programme, Support, information and referral.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-3
Teachin an Dóchais (Cottage of Hope) Family Support Kildare/West Wicklow (funded by SWRDATEF)	A family support information and resource centre for family members who have a loved one with alcohol or other drug problems – offering services which include counselling, holistics & the 5 Step method (a brief psychosocial intervention)	Community	Targeted HL2-3

HALO Project Kildare/West Wicklow (funded by SWRDATAF)	Community based addiction services for Young Persons under 18 years old, and their families, affected by substance use problems.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-4
ARAS - Community Addiction Services West Wicklow/Kildare (funding by SWRDATAF)	Community based addiction services for individuals and families affected by substance use problems providing limited service in the Blessington area	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-4
HSE Outreach Team West Wicklow	Outreach addiction services to substance misusers in the target area. Primarily over 18s	Statutory	Targeted HL2-4
Tiglin	Rehabilitation Integration Service – (Greystones to Carnew) Residential Treatment Centre Outreach Bus Day Service (Arklow) For over 18s	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-4
Barnardos – Bray	Parenting support both home based and drop-in for families in Bray impacted by drug and alcohol use Also provides one-one support for children affected by parental addiction	Voluntary	Targeted HL3-4
Disability Services			
Enable Ireland Wicklow	Ireland Wicklow Services provides for children who reside within the HSE, Local Health Office Wicklow catchment area, with a base in Bray and in Arklow providing centre, home and school based assessment and interventions. The child must have a primary physical disability as a result of a diagnosed neurological deficit or muscular disease such as Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Muscular Dystrophy. The child must fall within the age range of 0-18 years. The child must require a team based service intervention, with a minimum of two disciplines	Voluntary	Universal HL1
St. Catherine's Early Services, The Activity Clinic, Four Winds,	Services for Children with intellectual /developmental delay. Children aged 0 – 4 years	Voluntary	Universal HL1
St. Catherine's Association Ltd.	[ECCE] Early Childhood Care & Education, disability, early intervention, pre-school, respite, residential, parent support and training. Children 0–18 years	Voluntary	Universal HL1
HSE Primary Health Care Centres	HSE Primary Care Services	Statutory	Universal HL1
HSE Early Intervention Team	Therapeutic Support and early intervention for children with a disability.	Statutory	Universal HL1

Enable Ireland, Marino Centre, Bray – North Wicklow	Therapeutic Support, Early Services for children aged 0 – 5 and Support Services for children aged 5 – 18.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Enable Ireland, Arklow Centre, Scoil Eoin Boy's National School- South Wicklow	Therapeutic Support - A range of therapy, social and educational services are provided to children and teenagers who have physical disabilities and to their families. Service supports are based on the identified needs and wishes of service users and are provided in active partnership with them	Voluntary	Universal HL1
St. John of God, Ravenswell, Bray Co. Wicklow	Residential service for people with learning disabilities	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Sunbeam House Services - countywide	Sunbeam House Services provides a range of supports to adults with intellectual disabilities.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
KARE	KARE provide support to people who have an intellectual disability and their families and work in mid and south Kildare, east Offaly, West Wicklow and Northeast Carlow.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Peacehaven Trust Ltd Greystones	Offers residential care services through Three Community houses located in Greystones, Co. Wicklow for adults with mild/moderate disabilities	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Bray Lakers	Bray Lakers Social & Recreational Club is a community-based sports, social and recreation club for children and adults with an intellectual disability. The club provides a wide range of sporting and educational services to members across Leinster from its centre in Bray, Co. Wicklow	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Carers' Association Countywide	Home respite services to family carers and support services to family carers	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Autism Spectrum Disorder Initiatives (ASDI)	Offers autism spectrum services to adults on the ASD spectrum. ASDI run two residential units in Arklow Town and in Ashford and a day service in Wicklow Town	Voluntary	Universal HL1-2
HSE Countywide	Community Speech and Language Therapy service provided through individual or group work, parent training, training of other professionals involved with our clients and liaison with schools focusing on children with a disability	Statutory	Universal and Targeted HL1-2

Education/Training			
Family Support Services: Arklow Bray Greystones Wicklow	A number of the family support services and family resource centres provide community education programmes which are supported by the Community Education Services of KWETB.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Department of Education and Skills	Primary and Secondary school provision and support in County Wicklow there are 83 Primary Schools 13 of these have pupils with special needs, 3 Special Schools i.e. 86 in total. Eight of these primary schools are part of DEIS (Glenealy, Rathnew x 2, Kiltegan, Bray x 3 and Newtownmountkennedy) There are 22 Secondary Schools (4 DEIS), there are 4 special schools.	Statutory	Universal HL1
National Learning Network	Training courses and support services for people 18years+ who need specialist support (job seekers, unemployed, people with illness or disability) in two centres: Arklow and Bray	Voluntary	Targeted HL2
Bray Area Partnership – Greater Bray Area	Provision of inclusion focused education supports to named target groups.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2
School Completion Programme	School Completion Programme is operational in Arklow, Rathdrum, Dunlavin, Bray, Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford and Newtownmountkennedy.	Statutory	Targeted HL2
Wicklow Travellers Group, CEART Countywide, excluding Bray	Support for parents and liaison with the schools. Support the Local Wicklow School Completion Programme. Supporting local schools who are working to attain and retain the Yellow Flag (celebrating diversity) in their schools. Helping children with homework and school projects.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2
Bray Travellers Community Development Group	BTCDG activities and supports are Traveller specific in nature. BTCDG offers Educational Training Programme, Community Development, DAISH project: harm reduction and education on substance misuse, Youth Activities and Diversity Training	Voluntary	Targeted HL2

National Educational Psychological Service, countywide	Educational psychological service to schools. Access through schools in line with NEPS model of service. Focus on school-age children with particular emphasis on those with special educational needs	Statutory	Targeted and Universal HL2-3
Education Welfare Services (Tusla)	The EWS (Tusla) employs Educational Welfare Officers (EWOs) x 3 for the county who prioritise children who are out of school/ who are experiencing school attendance difficulties/ who have no school place. Age range 6 – 16 years.	Statutory	Universal HL2-3
Kildare & Wicklow ETB			
Kildare & Wicklow Education and Training Board	KWETB is the Statutory Body responsible for providing education and training services to the community in the county through its Second Level Schools(10 – 3 DEIS) and 1 community national school, Further Education and Training Centres (6), Youthreach (4) and through its Adult and Community Education Programmes. Other services include Scholarships for students on existing grants and Youth Services. KWETB also has responsibility for an Outdoor Education Centre, a Music Centre and a Prison Education Unit.	Statutory	Universal HL1
KWETB Youthreach: Bray and North Wicklow Arklow West Wicklow	YOUTHREACH is an integral part of the national programme of second-chance education and training in Ireland and is a central part of the Government's contribution to the achievement of a lifelong learning society. The programme is managed and delivered by Kildare and Wicklow ETB and is directed at unemployed young early school leavers aged 16-20. It offers participants the opportunity to identify and pursue viable options within adult life, and provides them with opportunities to acquire certification. It operates on a full-time, year-round basis.	Statutory	Universal HL2
KWETB: School Completion Programme	There are four SCP programmes in Co. Wicklow, two in Bray, one in Wicklow Town and environs and one covering Arklow across to Dunlavin.	Statutory	Targeted HL2

Childcare			
Wicklow County Childcare Committee	Advisory service for those working with children including early years, parents, school age services. 167 pre-school services, 39 P&T Groups and 22 Community Childcare facilities.	Statutory	Universal HL1
Wicklow Child and Family Project – Wicklow Family Learning Project	The Wicklow Family Learning Programme (WFLP) is a preschool facility for children aged 3-5 years and is located in the parent's room of the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town. The WFLP is managed by Wicklow Child & Family Project. The WFLP is committed to promoting the development of children and their families to realise their full potential in a safe and caring environment. We aim to provide the highest possible standard of childcare for the families using our service, by helping the children to develop cognitively, socially, emotionally and physically, at their own pace, through positive encouragement and caring support.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Bray Area Partnership-Fundayz	Sessional pre-school service to children from 2.5 years to school age. Parents can avail of ECCE or CCS depending on the age of the child.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Juvenile Justice			
Gardaí- Juvenile Liaison Officers- Countywide	Juvenile Justice – focus on youths who have committed offences aged 12 – 18 years. There are 4 JLOs covering specific areas of the county.	Statutory	Universal HL2-3
The Way Project (Foroige)	The WAY Project is a Garda Youth Diversion Project. These Projects are community based, multi-agency crime prevention initiatives which seek to divert young people from becoming involved (or further involved) in anti-social and/or criminal behaviour by providing suitable activities to facilitate personal development and promote civic responsibility	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-3

Bray New Directions Project (Bray Youth Services)	Bray New Directions is a Garda Youth Diversion Project. The project aims to help young people make better life choices by working with them around issues such as offending, substance use and or anti-social behaviour. It also hopes to increase young people's employability by assisting them to find suitable education and training opportunities. Individual support, small group work, camp diversion, Advocacy.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-3
Family Support			
Rainbows: Greystones FRC	The Rainbows programme supports children and young people affected by loss because of bereavement, separation or divorce. The service is available in local communities throughout Ireland. The service is grant aided by Tusla. The programme is delivered through 1 FRC in Co. Wicklow and through 16 schools.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Greystones Family Resource Centre	Greystones Family Resource Centre targets areas of Greystones facing social exclusion through child, youth, adult and senior community development programmes through a family centred perspective.	Voluntary	Universal HL1-2
Bray Family Resource and Development Centre	Bray Family Resource and Development Centre offers a wide variety of services including Childcare Service, Youth Development Programmes, One to One and group support for individuals and families, Adult Education programmes.	Voluntary	Universal HL1-2
Marian Centre	Childcare and Family Support in Bray RAPID areas - Provision of preschool, homework clubs, breakfast clubs and afterschool care. Provision of ECCE and Community Childcare Subvention. Linking of families with appropriate community and statutory services. Services open to local community/ RAPID area residents. Specific targeting of children and families based on needs and referrals from PHN, HSE, Schools, Community Groups	Voluntary	Targeted HL1-3
Bray Area Partnership Bray, Greystones, NTMKY, Newcastle, Kilcoole	BAP supports Tusla in the implementation of Meitheal in an area where there is no specific family support service i.e. Bray, Greystones, NTMKY, Newcastle, Kilcoole	Voluntary	Targeted HL2

Barnardos Bray	Family support work with parent and child	Voluntary	Targeted HL2
Wicklow Child and Family Project	The Wicklow Child & Family Project, which is managed by County Wicklow Partnership, provides an intensive family support service to those who are most vulnerable. The Projects aim is to identify needs of children & parents giving specific attention to families where child protection, welfare and health problems exist, reduce the risk to children by enhancing their family life and develop existing strengths of parents. The work undertaken comprises a diverse range of interventions from one to one work, family work, group work, therapeutic services, Family Learning preschool programme and drop in facilities for information and support. The nature of the work with the families is dependent on identified needs and addresses issues such as parenting, parent/child relationships, separation issues, behavioural difficulties and personal development. The service also supports Tusla in the implementation of Meitheal.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-3
Arklow Springboard Family Support Service	Arklow Springboard Family Service is part of the Daughters of Charity Child and Family Service, a non for profit organisation which provides a range of therapeutic supportive interventions to children up to the age of 18yrs, their parents or carers in the greater Dublin area and Wicklow. The catchment area for Arklow Springboard includes Arklow Town and surrounding areas, Aughtrim, Avoca, Tinahely, Shillelagh and Carnew. The Service aims to meet the needs of children and parents, giving specific attention to families where child protection and welfare concerns exist. The work undertaken includes a range of services: Direct Work with families, One to One work with children, family work, parenting programmes, child focused groups and community wellness programme. The nature of the work is dependent on the identified needs. The service also supports Tusla in the implementation of Meitheal. It	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-3

	also provides sessional play therapy and counselling.		
BAP Supporting Parents and Early Childcare Services (SPECS) Initiative– Bray	The SPECS Initiative is a local collaborative early Intervention and prevention initiative. The three year initial phase of the initiative is focused on the Bray area and is supported by Atlantic Philanthropies and DCYA. The key operational approach involves supporting parents of children 0-7 through a three strand programme including one-2-one home visiting service, parenting programmes, quality support for ECCE Community Childcare settings and Roots of Empathy in Primary Schools.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-3
Extern – Janus Programme	Extern is a charity which works in partnership with Tusla to support vulnerable young people at home, in care, in education and within the wider community. The Janus Programme offers focused individual work to young people aged 8-17 who are experiencing difficulties in a number of areas of their lives. The intervention is delivered through individual, group, activity and residential sessions to young people, and home visits to parents/carers. Programmes are tailored to offer support in areas such as: emotional or behavioural difficulties; a lack of parenting skills in the home; drug and alcohol use; risk taking or unsafe behaviours; and poor attendance and/or behavior in education.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-4
Domestic Violence			
Greystones FRC	Domestic violence service to victims of DV, women and men in the target area	Statutory	Targeted HL2
Bray Women’s Refuge	Childcare and Family Support Bray Women’s Refuge provides short term crisis accommodation for women and children who have fled from their family home due to domestic abuse. Included in the services offered is a childcare service for those women and children residing in the Refuge.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-4
Sonas Domestic Violence Charity – Countywide	Onsite supported housing – women and children who have become homeless because of DV	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-4
Sonas - Wicklow Town and immediate surrounds	Pilot – DV Specialist Visiting support Service to families impacted by domestic violence	Voluntary	Universal HL2-4

St. Louise's Unit, Crumlin	Provides assessment and therapy services to children and families living in Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow where sexual abuse is a concern	Statutory	Targeted HL3-4
Local Authority			
Planning Section	Land zoning for community and recreational facilities, development conditions on developments. Promoting the development of safe and secure mobility routes in housing estates, neighbourhoods. Ensuring land is designated for community facilities	Statutory	Universal HL1
Community Cultural and Social Development Section,	Promoting and facilitating development of community and recreational facilities, playgrounds, Music Generation Programme. Promotion of Social Inclusion policies and practice – RAPID, Social Inclusion Unit. Provision of data and support to community groups. Provision of Playgrounds – Baltinglass, Enniskerry, Greystones, Kilmacanogue, Rathdrum, Tinahely, etc.	Statutory	Universal HL1
Wicklow Library Service	Library Service - caters for all age groups and engages with all social inclusion measure groups including people with disabilities, the Traveller Interagency Group, the School Completion Programme and the migrant population. The library service has adapted premises/services to facilitate people with physical and sensory disabilities. The service ring fences places to include traveller children in summer camps and in general runs focused events and also try to mainstream people at risk of social exclusion into all events /programmes/services.	Statutory	Universal HL1
Environmental Services Directorate	Environmental promotion and awareness raising, Green Schools programme, Secondary Schools Environment debating competition.	Statutory	Universal HL1
Transportation and Roads Infrastructure Directorate	Footpaths, transport planning, road safety,	Statutory	Universal HL1
Wicklow County Council – Housing Section	Homelessness, Emergency Accommodation, Social Housing. Children and families that are homeless or at risk of homelessness	Statutory	Targeted and Universal HL1-2

Homelessness			
Local Authority	Homelessness, Emergency Accommodation, Social Housing. Children and families that are homeless or at risk of homelessness	Statutory	Targeted and Universal HL1-2
Sa Bhaile	Provides support services for local homeless people to access accommodation	Voluntary	Universal HL1-2
Simon Community	Assists people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless to secure and/or maintain housing through the county of Wicklow. Simon also run long term accommodation in Wicklow Town for men only.	Voluntary	Universal HL1-2
Wicklow Homeless Five Loaves	Supported housing for homeless men in Bray.	Voluntary	Universal HL1-2
Cluid	Clúid is the largest housing association in Ireland and has been approved to construct 45 social housing units in Rathnew, Co. Wicklow.	Voluntary	Universal HL1-2
Employment/ Training			
County Wicklow Partnership – Tús Programme	<p>Employment Activation Programme placing all age ranges including 18 to 24 demographic with community and non-profit groups for a period of one year. Development/Mentoring process in place to define and support the areas of personal/professional development based on individual participants needs. Process for development/Mentoring include: 1:1 meetings; Goal Setting and CV Preparation; Researching the Job market; Identifying pathways to education.</p> <p>Mentoring Initiative for 18 to 24 age group. Partnered with older experienced participant for skills training within the work environment. Engagement with KWETB for literacy/general training courses. County Wicklow Partnership S.I.C.A.P. for Start Your Own Business, Occupational First Aid and Safe Pass courses.</p> <p>Employability Services are utilised for further support.</p> <p>18-24 years – 19 Current Placement Providers across schools, GAA clubs, tidy towns and other community initiatives</p>	Loc. Dev. Sector	Universal HL1

Bray Area Partnership (BAP)	BAP Local Employment Service Network – provision of welfare to work mediation supports to key target groups Enterprise Support: Start your Own Business courses, assistance with BTWEA. Social Enterprise Development	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Shuttle Knit Ltd CEART	The community enterprise, Shuttle Knit Ltd, is a partnership between Travellers and the settled community. The logo “knitting communities together” expresses the spirit of the enterprise. Shuttle Knit creates and designs an innovative range of knitwear products for nationwide and worldwide sales.	Voluntary	Targeted HL1
Kildare and Wicklow ETB	Provides a wide range of training opportunities through its Further Education and Training Centres in Co. Wicklow.	Statutory	Universal HL1
KWETB Guidance Service	The KWETB Guidance service provides education and employment guidance and training to young people aged between 15 and 21 who are out of school.	Statutory	Universal HL1
Department of Social Protection	To promote active participation in society through the provision of income supports, employment services and other services.	Statutory	Universal HL1-2
Wicklow Travellers’ Group, CEART	Developing the capacity of Travellers to become workers in the areas of community development, community health, drugs related work and mental health/suicide prevention, etc. Supporting positive public service recruitment to train and employ Travellers in public services.	Voluntary	Targeted HL1-2
General Youth Activities			
KWETB	There are 62 volunteer led youth groups registered with KWETB	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Wicklow Travellers Group - CEART	Engaging young Travellers in weekly youth development programmes including personal development, up-skilling, non-formal education, an annual summer project, sporting events throughout the year, seasonal events at Christmas and Halloween and a drop-in facility.	Voluntary	Targeted HL1
Bray Youth and Information Services	General Youth Activities Youth Services - range of projects with a focus on disadvantaged youth, SPY(Special Projects for Youth), Drugs Education,	Voluntary	Universal HL1

	Youth Information, Adventure Sports, the Seomra Youth Café, Youth Counselling, Garda Vetting, Child Protection Training, Youth Leader Training, Insurance and support for voluntary youth groups, New Directions, FARE Week - Anti Racism		
Bray Youth and Information Service(Bray to Newtown/Newcastle)	Youth Services with a range of projects with a focus on disadvantaged youth – SPY(Special Projects for Youth), Drugs Education, The Seomra Youth Café, Child Protection Training, Leadership training, Youth Counselling, Insurance and Support for a range of Youth Voluntary Groups.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Greystones FRC	Youth Groups for teenagers from the target area Low cost Summer Project for children from low income households supported by Wicklow County Council	Statutory	Universal HL1
Foróige	General Youth Activities Foróige Regional Youth Officer enable communities to set up volunteer led clubs/groups in their area to provide a safe place for young people to meet weekly . Provide training and support to such clubs and promote community and personal development programmes.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
County Wicklow Partnership	Youth Groups, Kids Club, Homework Classes, Summer Projects, Parent & Toddler, collaboration on events such as Youth Mental Health. Work collaboratively with other organisations.	Local Deve. Sector	Universal HL1
Co. Wicklow Partnership – LEADER Rural Youth	Rural Youth - Strategic Action 1 Provision of bespoke, flexible and creative pathways to learning for young people enabling them to progress both socially and economically in line with their own specific needs and interests and to reach their full potential Rural Youth - Strategic Action 2 Develop and deliver a youth re-engagement programme in West Wicklow Rural Youth – Strategic Action 3 Support provision of social infrastructure for young people in specific areas where the need is	Voluntary	Universal HL1

	<p>greatest.</p> <p>In addition, the programme will continue to offer support to community groups wishing to improve local infrastructure for the wider community including young people e.g. community infrastructure(including playgrounds, MUGAs etc.), community halls, community parks and gardens, walks, biodiversity projects etc.</p>		
County Wicklow Partnership	Rural Recreation Project – TY Students Rathdrum	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Bray Youth and Information Service (Bray)	Drugs Education – Drugs Education workers. Run a drugs education programme in primary schools and programmes in youth clubs/groups. Support Bray Drugs Awareness Forum and organise training and events. Community Outreach.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Bray Youth and Information Service – Adventure Sports	Outdoor Education – Kayaking, Rock Climbing, team games, camp craft, survival skills, etc.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Bray Youth and Information Service – YouthSpin	Education – Youth Information through technology Skye(Skills and Knowledge for Youth Employment) links, Text service, Satellite points	Voluntary	Targeted and Universal HL1
The Seomra Youth Café	Drop-in, gigs, small group work, anti bullying programmes, Mindout programmes,	Voluntary	Targeted and Universal
The Vault, Arklow	Youth Centre offering general youth activities drop-in, gigs, small group work, anti bullying programmes, youth advocacy and support	Voluntary	Targeted and Universal HL1
Dcaf – Blessington	Youth café and youth club, range of youth activities, drop in, group work	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Teen Scene – Dunlavin	Youth café and youth club, general youth activities, drop in, group work	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Valleymount Youth Café	Youth café and youth club, general youth activities, drop in, group work	Voluntary	Universal HL1
BBH Group – Wicklow (Ballyguile, Broadlough and Hillview)	General youth activities, drop in, small group work, homework club, Kids Club in conjunction with County Wicklow Partnership, Parent and Toddler group, Knit and Stitch group for 7 years and older, East Wicklow Youth service. Wild Cats,	Voluntary	Universal HL1
East Wicklow Youth Service	SPY, Child protection awareness training, Garda vetting, support to youth groups, home work club Arklow, small group work, Moms and Tots Arklow, drugs awareness, Camp Inver Arklow. Support for a variety of Youth	Voluntary	Targeted and Universal HL1

	Clubs along the East Coast of County Wicklow		
Variety of Youth Clubs and Projects	There are a variety of Youth Clubs in the County including the following; Ballywaltrim Youth Project, Celtic Youth Bray, Kilcoole Youth Club, Little Bray After Schools, Little Bray Youth Project, Queen of Peace – Bray, St. Fergals, RC. – Bray, Wolfe Tone and District Youth Club – Bray, Wicklow Youth Club, Hi Rez Youth Centre – Bray, Arklow Youth Marching Band.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Scouting Ireland	Currently 13 Scouting groups across the county, run by volunteers, follow scouting programmes for various ages	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Other Uniform Youth Groups	There are approx. 13 other youth uniform groups in Co. Wicklow including Girl Guides, Girls Friendly Society, Boys and Girls Brigade.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Macra Na Feirme	There are 5 Macra groups in the county committed to personal development and places emphasis on social interaction and participation.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Other Youth Groups	Approx. 25 other youth groups ranging from music/arts based, faith based, drop-in youth club across county.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Sports Group	There are a vast range of sporting clubs/groups providing recreational facilities and training for young people e.g. GAA clubs, athletics, community games, boxing clubs, martial arts, etc	Voluntary	Universal HL1
County Wicklow Partnership – SICAP Programme, Youth Activities	<p>Collaborations/partnerships with Foroige, Comhairle na nÓg and ECRDATF re. Identifying and addressing needs</p> <p>LGBT Transgender event 2016</p> <p>Wicklow Pride Diversity Youth and Children Summer Programme</p> <p>Support is provided to families and lone parents through afterschool programme and supports, summer camps, Easter camps, parent & toddler groups and development days, healthy eating courses for parents and children.</p> <p>Transition year students receive supports where possible throughout the year across the county depending on the requirements of the school.</p> <p>Supports are provided to DEIS schools yearly.</p>	Voluntary	Universal HL1-2

Croí Rath Naoí	Community garden, general youth activities, youth club, soccer club, boys after school club.	Voluntary	Universal HL1-2
Bray Travellers Community Development Group	BTCDG runs wide ranging activities for young Travellers. General youth activities, after-school homework club, small group work, summer projects.	Voluntary	Universal HL1-2
Other			
Citizens Information Centres Countywide	7 CICs providing information, advice and advocacy in Co. Wicklow: Arklow, Bray, Wicklow, Baltinglass, Blessington, Brockagh, Rathdrum.	Statutory	Universal HL1
Greystones FRC	Womens' Group, Older People's Group, Family Day Trips, Community Christmas Party, Information Service	Statutory	Universal HL1
Wicklow Travellers Group – CEART	Supporting Travellers who are seeking the provision of adequate, suitable and culturally appropriate accommodation on the basis of meaningful consultation. Monitoring, reviewing and evaluating the provision of accommodation through engaging in relevant research, information and data collection	Voluntary	Targeted HL1
Fishing Futures c/o CEART	Fishing Futures was established in November 2006 by a group of volunteer anglers and representatives from local community groups. The main aim of the project was to offer an angling experience to individuals and groups within the community who were marginalized, both socially and economically.	Voluntary	Targeted and Universal HL1

Section 4: Local Needs Analysis in Co. Wicklow

The Local Needs Analysis section of the Co. Wicklow CYPP is informed by the socio-demographic profile of the county, the overview of services, the commitments within Brighter Outcomes, Brighter Futures and other national policy documents such as Healthy Ireland, Connecting for Live, the National Youth Strategy. It focuses clearly on the five national outcomes for children and young people and the transformational goals. It is also informed by the work undertaken during the period of the last plan 2013 – 2015 and issues emerging during the lifetime of that plan such as mental health, drugs and alcohol and homelessness. Concerns arising through the Co. Wicklow Comhairle na nÓg Survey 2015 are also clearly reflected as well as the outcome of consultation undertaken with seldom heard young people at the end of 2014 and consultation done with children and young people in 2016 specifically on priorities identified in the plan. Agencies were invited to provide information in relation to their own priorities for the next three years and to identify any gaps in services and every effort has been made to reflect these views.

The following tenets underpin the methodology and its implementation:

- Adopting an early intervention and prevention approach across the lifecycle
- The fundamental aspect of the parents role in the development and well-being of children
- Collaboration to enable a coherent approach to seamless service delivery
- Evidence based and informed practice
- The intention to have a universal ambit encompassing targeted action – progressive universalism model
- Outcomes focused action
- Alignment with the national policy framework in the context of meeting local needs
- Using measurement systems that equally capture tangible outputs together with inherent community capital gains

A short summary of the key points from the profile and overview of services is provided to give a background to the development of the Local Needs Analysis section of this plan.

Key Points from Co. Wicklow Profile

It should be noted that the information contained in the Co. Wicklow profile is drawn largely from information collected by the CSO in 2011 and that the new census information will not be available to us until 2017. It has been agreed that this information will be used to update the county profile in 2017 when it will be reviewed by the Co. Wicklow CYPSC and any actions taken to highlight issues arising within the current plan where practicable.

- Total population of 136k (142k CSO 2016) and 0-24 years, 47,686 (35%)
- Highest rates of growth in areas of new developments Rathnew, Blessington, Aughrim and Roundwood
- 13th highest youth dependency rate
- High pre-school (11,474) and primary school age range (16,001) 50% increase
- 313 Traveller children (Bray, Wicklow). 52% of Travellers under 20 years of age i.e. 375 for Wicklow
- 2,249 foreign national children
- 21% (3,581) lone parent families (children u15). High rates for Carnew and Baltinglass
- 31% of primary students in Wicklow in large class sizes of >30 per Class – 2nd highest in this category
- Attendance and Retention rates in same range as State
- 1,154 young people on Live Register (under 25 years) Bray, Arklow, Wicklow, Baltinglass
- 2,365 children in the county have a disability, this equates to 7% of all children in the county
- 159 children were carers to a family member or family friend
- 120 low weight baby births

- Neonatal and Infant Mortality Rates higher than State
- Deliberate Self Harm 2012 – 172 Male, 193 Female, Suicide rate of 9.7 Wicklow (State 11.4)
- 6,523 children “at risk of poverty” 4,264 “consistent”
- 1,535 referrals to Youth Diversion Programme 2013-15
- Homelessness 240 children 2015 rise from 175 in 2014
- Small areas show ‘very disadvantaged’ and ‘disadvantaged’ areas

Key Points from Overview of Services

- Services weighted to the East Coast and the dense areas of population in the urban centres
- Lack of services in West Wicklow including Youth Service
- Adequacy of current education provision in light of high numbers of children in pre-school and primary school age groups
- Long waiting lists for therapeutic services
- Lack of specialist family support service in Bray
- Lack of specialist substance misuse services for young people up to 18 years of age for the county
- Lack of employment opportunities for young people and Travellers
- Lack of funding/resources to meet growing demands
- Travelling Community: education/ employment /discrimination
- Lack of Public Transport in rural areas
- Lack of Domestic Violence services in the South and West of the county
- Homelessness- lack of social housing, limited private rental, high cost of existing private rented accommodation, low level of rent supplement, overcrowding

National Issues/Priorities identified through the literature review further underpinned the development of the Local Needs Analysis as follows:

- Better Outcomes/Brighter Futures 2014 - Extension of Age Remit to 24 years
- Obesity
- Youth Mental Health (self harm/suicide)
- Homelessness/Housing
- Drugs & Alcohol
- Refugees
- Youth Unemployment
- Youth Participation
- Domestic Violence

The views of children and young people were also considered in identifying the local needs and we were fortunate to have information from a Comhairle na nÓg Survey undertaken in 2015 further reinforced by a consultation undertaken with seldom heard young people undertaken in 2014 (Appendix A). A survey of young people in relation to some of the priority areas identified within the plan was undertaken in May 2016 and the findings are presented in Appendix B and are reflected herein. A summary of the Comhairle na nÓg findings are provided below:

Comhairle na nÓg Survey 2015: The findings from this survey give us an up-to-date and meaningful insight into the views of a significant number of young people in Co. Wicklow across the five municipal districts of their opinions on topical issues.

- 1,001 Respondents
- 465 (46.45%) of respondents were male, 496 (49.6%) were female.

40 young people i.e. 4% did not identify their gender or responded outside of the binary.

The top 3 issues for males:

- Mental health (87.3% of votes 'very important')
- Homeless young people (81.7% of votes 'very important')
- Physical health (80.4% of votes 'very important')

The top 3 issues for females:

- Mental health (91.3% of votes 'very important')
- Homeless young people (85.7% of votes 'very important')
- Cyber bullying (82.7% of votes 'very important')

Arklow MD group added in a 4th issue:

- Job opportunities for young people (83.3% of votes 'very important')

Report from consultation with Seldom Heard Young People in Co. Wicklow - December 2014

Seven targeted youth groups participated in structured workshops and focus groups facilitated by youth workers who were known to the young people involved. In total 12 youth workers and 60 young people participated across the 7 groups. A set of open questions were designed around the five outcome areas and young people were invited to give their input and the information was fed back to the group through the facilitator. The following geographic areas were covered: Little Bray, Ballywaltrim (Bray), Newtownmountkenedy, Wicklow Town and Arklow Town. Although the data gathered from these initial workshops and focus groups was not hard quantitative data certain themes and concerns emerged very strongly and are reflected within this needs analysis. See Section: 8 - Appendix A for the full report.

Outcome 1: Active and Healthy, physical and mental well being**Mental Well-being**

The priorities identified under this section of Outcome 1 were strongly influenced by both national and local needs and some are continuing priorities from our last plan. There is a great deal of promotional work being undertaken by four groups working in Wicklow: Be Well Bray and Bray, Wicklow and Arklow Youth Mental Health Groups. The 'Be Well Bray' group have now secured funding to roll out this youth led model to the rest of Co. Wicklow and the CYPSC Youth Mental Health subgroup will be supporting and assisting them to include targeting areas where there is little or no activity e.g. West Wicklow and South County Wicklow. We have secured representation from these groups onto the CYPSC Youth Mental Health Subgroup and are endeavouring to share the learning.

Whilst the suicide rate in Wicklow of 9.4 is below the national rate of 11.3 there are significant rates of reported self-harm in both males and females. A recent Comhairle na n'Óg Survey of over 1,000 young people from Co. Wicklow highlighted mental health (89%) as the most important issue overall. Its findings reported that *'there are not enough places for teens with mental health problems to go where they feel safe'*. The consultation with seldom heard young people in 2014 confirmed that stress levels and poor self-esteem are still major issues for young people. There is a recognised need by all agencies in Co. Wicklow including CAMHS for a brief intervention type service for young people such as Jigsaw. CAMHS look after moderate to severe mental health difficulties with waiting lists increasing for young people with mild to moderate mental health issues as there is a lack of other services in Co. Wicklow they can attend. The Bray Area Partnership Youth Mental Health Subgroup has done significant work in relation to securing a Jigsaw Project and the Bray area is part

of the Headstrong Learning Network. The CYPSC acknowledge and support this work and will work with the committee to secure a base for such a project with a view to associated services being provided through outreach for young people from the rest of the county.

About 70% of health problems and most mortality among the young arise as a result of mental health difficulties and substance-use disorders (McGorry, 2005). Almost 75% of all serious mental health difficulties first emerge between the ages of 15 and 25 (Hickie, 2004; Kessler et al, 2005; Kim-Cohen et al, 2003). (My World Survey, National Study of Youth Mental health in Ireland, 2012)

Some national issues emerged during discussions of the local needs with the CYPSC, subgroups and agencies which are not easily addressed at local level however it is important that these issues are highlighted:

Waiting lists for CAMHS services and referral criteria: Agencies working with CYPSC subgroups brought this to the attention of the CYPSC in 2015 and a meeting was arranged with the HSE and St. John of Gods to discuss concerns relating to young people and families waiting for long periods for appointments and seeking support from services/agencies outside of CAMHS who do not have the appropriate resources or expertise. Agencies also reported significant increases in waiting lists for the limited therapeutic services provided e.g. play therapy. It is hoped to have further discussions with local senior management in relation to ongoing concerns.

Psychological Services for those with ASD/Intellectual disability: There is no psychological service provision for those with ASD/Intellectual disability and this issue needs to be addressed.

Dual Diagnosis: Significant gap in services for those experiencing mental health issues and have issues with drug/alcohol misuse. A new model of service is required at national level to address the needs of this group which is being reported by many agencies.

Primary Care Psychological Services: Particular areas of Co. Wicklow (Baltinglass, Donard, Dunlavin) have no primary care psychological services at present and this matter will be followed up with HSE Senior Management from the relevant CHO area.

Co. Wicklow CYPSC will make every effort and avail of all opportunities to address these issues at national fora and through ongoing discussions at local level.

The new plan contains a range of actions which we hope will go some way to address the gaps in services across the two priority areas identified:

- Youth mental health and emotional well being
- Drugs and Alcohol

Youth mental health and emotional well being: Informed by Vision for Change, Connecting for Life and locally identified needs the actions included in the plan work to improve availability/accessibility to services, developing a youth led model of positive mental health promotion, securing a Jigsaw project for the county, supporting the implementation of '*Connecting for Life*' including supporting the education sector in the implementation of the national guidelines for well being for primary and post-primary schools. We intend to support the roll-out of the Sleep Programme which has been locally devised and successfully piloted as a means to address youth mental health and emotional well being. The Youth Mental Health Subgroup is also committed to developing a pathway for young people with autism in relation to access to psychological services and exploring opportunities to address gaps identified. We are particularly mindful of ensuring that activities are equally focussed

on West Wicklow and South Wicklow where a gap in provision of services was identified during the last plan.

According to a survey of young people from Co. Wicklow in May 2016, Social Media (56%) and talks/workshops for young people (53%) were considered to be the best ways to promote positive mental health to young people. 92% of respondents agreed that local and affordable youth counselling should be provided and 96% indicated that a place for teens to drop in to get help with mental health issues is needed.

Drugs and Alcohol: A recent survey undertaken by an inter-agency group based in the East Wicklow area (132 respondents of professionals working with young people) found that:

- drug and alcohol abuse affects **one in six** young people in Co. Wicklow
- one in three say there are no services available in this area to deal with these issues
- nine out of 10 rate services for young people affected by drug and alcohol misuse as poor or fair
- specialist adolescent support services are required to address drug and alcohol problems.

The CYPSC recognises and acknowledges this gap in service and will work with interested groups to support all efforts to secure a targeted adolescent support service for Co. Wicklow to include a drug and alcohol specific component.

In relation to supporting young people and families with drug and alcohol issues 74% of respondents, to the survey of young people from Co. Wicklow in May 2016, indicated that counselling should be made more available to people that need it, 63% felt that there should be awareness raising events or workshops and 51% would like to see services that focus on young people only.

Active and healthy

The issue of physical activity and physical health are matters of concern at both national and local level. The longitudinal study, Growing Up in Ireland, has provided insight relating to a number of issue including obesity levels. Since our last plan significant progress has been made in relation to improving the play and recreation infrastructure in Co. Wicklow (7 playgrounds, 3 outdoor gyms, 2 skateparks and 2 MUGAs). The priorities identified under the Active and healthy sections of Outcome 1 are strongly influenced by national policy e.g. Better Outcomes Brighter Futures, Healthy Ireland, National Youth Strategy, GUI findings in relation to obesity and local needs. A study undertaken by DCU in Wicklow of four secondary schools in the county pointed to poor physical mobility levels. The recent Comhairle na nÓg survey highlighted physical health as the 3rd most important (80%) issue to young people in the county and stated that fitness needs to be encouraged, *'I think physical and mental health is very important'*.

Co. Wicklow CYPSC acknowledges the wealth of research which points to the fact that children today have less opportunities for meaningful 'free' play, less access to outdoor space and less autonomy (Tikhoniouk, 2015) and would agree with the view that "A community not built around children is no community at all" (George Monbiot). The CYPSC has endeavoured to reflect this view in the actions included in this plan.

Physical Activity: We hope to build on and maintain the work that has been achieved in relation to the play and recreation infrastructure in Co. Wicklow. It was felt that a prevention and early intervention approach needs to be applied in relation to physical activity therefore activities should be focussed at whole families and efforts will be made to target groups highlighted during the planning process i.e. girls, young women, sedentary people, those with disabilities and homeless families. Healthy Ireland's 'Get Ireland Active' National physical activity plan will be utilised to

increase both the physical activity levels of target people within the county, and also to increase the access and availability of physical activity opportunities to people living in Wicklow.

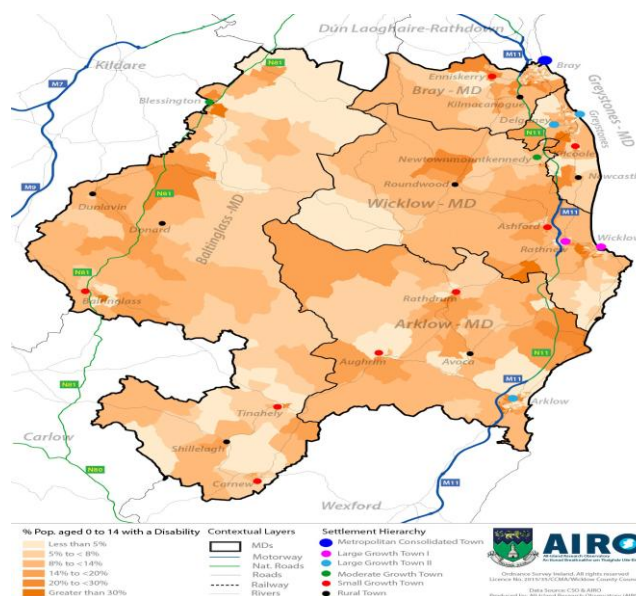
According to the survey of young people in Co. Wicklow in May 2016, the majority of respondents (65%) indicated that promoting different types of activities e.g. dance, yoga, may be useful in supporting and encouraging girls and young women to be active. However 57% indicated that the development of a sports leadership programme for young women would be useful and 40% indicated that there should be more activities that are targeted at the whole family.

Physical Health: A number of actions are included here which focus on work led by the HSE in relation to vaccination across all programmes including the new HPV vaccine where an interagency approach will be vital in delivering improved uptake. The new Nurture Programme which was formally launched at the end of May 2016 is also included as the committee sees a role for the CYPSC in promoting this programme. The Co. Wicklow CYPSC welcomes the launch of the Nurture Programme which is the culmination of many years of research and practice in relation to Prevention and Early Intervention. The CES report 'Ten years of learning' 2014 gave a number of recommendations which included the development of an infant health and well-being service to focus on the 0-3 years. *'The foundation for virtually every aspect of human development – physical, intellectual and emotional, are laid in early childhood. What happens in these early years (starting in the womb) has lifelong effects on many aspects of health and wellbeing.'* – Marmot Health Inequalities Review (2010).

An action is also included in this section of the plan in relation to the roll out of the Co. Wicklow Partnership 'Healthy Eating Programme' and the new Community Food initiative. It is hoped to build on previous work to target specific groups in collaboration with CYPSC agencies.

Disability: According to the 2011 Census there are 1,847 children with a disability residing within Wicklow which is the 5th highest rate in the country. The highest rates being in Wicklow Town and Greystones. During the lifetime of the last plan the CYPSC has maintained a link with the Progressing Disability initiative in the county and were given a presentation on progress in October 2015. It is planned to seek a formal meeting with the Heads of Social Care and Primary Care biannually in order to raise issues of concern to CYPSC agencies. See map of % population with a disability 0-14 years.

% Population with a disability 0-14 years, 2011



Respite facilities for those with disabilities: Concerns were expressed by a number of agencies at the lack of respite facilities for those with disabilities in the county. Reports were received of foster placements being sought to address such service gaps. It has been agreed that information will be collated on available respite facilities/schemes, access criteria and this information will be shared with relevant CYPSC agencies.

Outcome 2: Achieving full potential in learning and development

Co. Wicklow appears to have a well educated work force and attendance/retention rates are in line with national levels. However, a number of issues were highlighted during the analysis particularly in relation to young people who are out of school but are not engaged with Education Welfare Services. A number of such cases arose in West Wicklow in 2015 which resulted in the formation of the West Wicklow multi-agency committee to address the needs arising for a number of young people who were out of school. The consultation with seldom heard young people pointed to negative teacher/student relationships and suggested using more interactive ways of learning in schools. A replacement for our Education Welfare Services representative was secured in September 2016 and every effort will be made to secure an Education Welfare Services representative to support the work of the Outcome 2 subgroup.

Quarterly National Household Survey Parental Involvement in Children's Education Q2 2012 found that:

- Over two thirds (69%) of primary school children and 13% of secondary school children are assisted daily by their parents with homework.
- Some 4% of primary school children and 28% of secondary school children never receive assistance with their homework.
- Overall 59% of school children's parents feel very confident about assisting their children with homework. In family units where the mother has a third level degree or above, 72% of parents feel very confident about assisting secondary school children with homework.
- Among pre-school or school children (aged 3-7) 93% are being read to by their parents. 71% are being read to on a daily basis.
- 71% of school children with a parent in employment use the internet outside school to access school learning material. 59% of school children with parents who are both unemployed or not in the labour force and 55% of school children with parents who are both not in the labour force access the internet for the same purpose.
- 87% of parents aspire to having their children remain in the education system to attend college or university. However, only 82% of parents believe their children will actually remain in the education system to attend college or university.
- 61% of parents whose first language was English or Irish felt very confident about assisting with their children's homework. In contrast just 47% of parents whose first language was not English or Irish felt very confident about assisting in this way.

A task group was formed in 2015 to look at the issue of children missing from school through absence, reduced timetable, recurring suspensions or any other reason which could impact a child or young person's school attendance. This was a priority issue for the last plan. The group acknowledged the lack of information from education welfare services. It identified risk factors such as lower socio-economic status, class size, psychological issues, undiagnosed learning difficulties, transitions, involvement with drug/alcohol issues, trauma etc. Protective factors were also identified such as engagement in extracurricular activities, one key adult, positive parental attitude, flexibility in the school, early identification of learning difficulties and of those 'at risk' and targeted individualised supports. The challenges within the system such as:

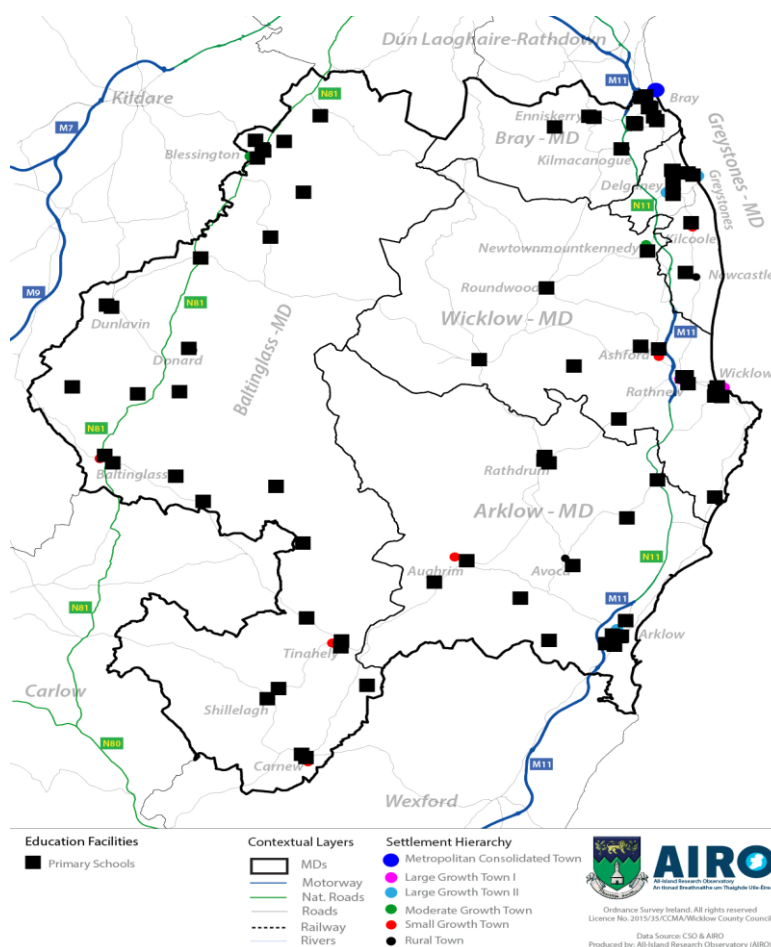
- Loss of specialist teaching posts, support for Travellers, visiting teacher service for Travellers, support teachers from EAL background, guidance posts, pastoral care posts not replaced

- Lack of stability in funding
- Resource teacher/resource hours
- Community supports – long waiting lists for counselling or psychological assessment
- Youthreach – criteria for access
- Only 4 DEIS post primary schools for Co. Wicklow (Glenart College - Arklow, Avondale College - Rathdrum, St. Kevin's – Dunlavin and St. Killian's CS - Bray)– lack of supports for disadvantaged children attending non DEIS schools
- 8 DEIS primary schools (Glenealy, Rathnew x 2, Kiltegan, Bray x 3, Newtownmountkennedy)

The group also acknowledged some positive initiatives in Co. Wicklow such as: Home School Liaison (limited to DEIS schools), Headlamps (Bray only), Parents Plus Adolescent Programme, School Completion Programme (Bray, Wicklow, Rathdrum, Rathnew, Ashford, Newtownmountkennedy, Dunlavin, Arklow) family support services in Wicklow and Arklow and SPECS programme in Bray. The group acknowledged the higher levels of support in the Bray area when compared to the other areas of the county. This is largely due to it being the 4th largest town (outside cities) in Ireland.

Concerns were also highlighted in the profile in relation to our high numbers of pre-school and primary school children. The adequacy of education provision in the county will be raised with the Department of Education and Skills particularly in light of our worryingly high class sizes, 31% of primary students in Wicklow in large class sizes of >30 per Class – 2nd highest county in this category. See map of primary schools in Co. Wicklow, 2014.

Primary Schools in Co. Wicklow, 2014

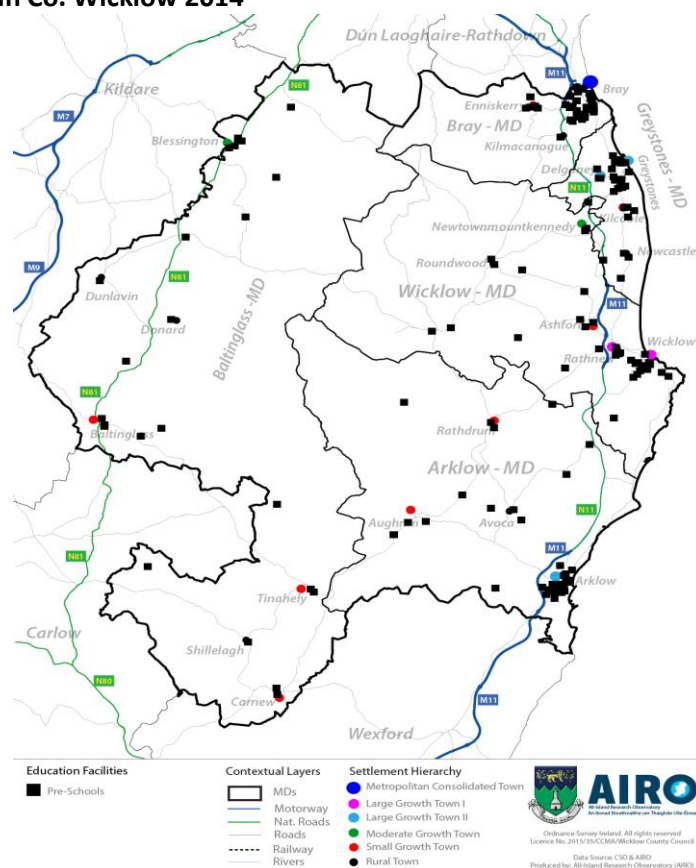


Literacy and numeracy: Literacy and Numeracy is a national priority issue and was a feature of the previous plan and strengthening the family learning environment was highlighted as key and therefore both actions are focussed on parents and children. A wide range of academic research (such as Desforges & Abouchar, 2003, Morrison *et al*, 2003, McBride *et al*, 2005) shows the direct correlation between the levels of interest and involvement of parents in their children's schoolwork and the outcomes of those children.

Transitions: Strengthening transitions for young people is a commitment within the National Youth Strategy and is seen as a key to progression by CYPSC members. A number of actions are included to look at gathering information on transition difficulties that may be arising in the county and proposing to introduce a transition tool from pre-school to primary school similar to those which have been introduced in other CYPSC areas e.g. the 'I Can' preschool transition tool developed by Kildare CYPSC and the one developed by the SPECS programme in Bray. In undertaking this work Co. Wicklow CYPSC will review transition material already produced by other CYPSCs, ABC sites, NEYAI and materials from NCSE and SESS.

Better Preschool access for children with disabilities: An action led by Wicklow County Childcare committee to work with pre-school settings and parents in Co. Wicklow to support the implementation of the new Access and Inclusion Model (AIM, June 2016). The model includes 7 tiers of support ranging from information for parents, training for early years' practitioners, capital grants and therapeutic interventions. The model also includes a range of supports up to and including on-site mentoring, access to enhanced early intervention services and in a minority of cases direct payments of up to €195 per week to the service to commission the relevant additional services. See map of pre-school services in Co. Wicklow 2014.

Pre-school Services in Co. Wicklow 2014



In Budget 2016, the government announced the expansion of the ECCE scheme, widening the age eligibility range (3 to 5 and a half years). This change has resulted in a circa 100% increase in the number of eligible children to the scheme, resulting in some regional pressure on the capacity of pre-school provision. Whilst overall there is sufficient reported capacity for 2016 there are geographical pressure points within Co. Wicklow in areas such as Bray and Wicklow Town. It also remains to be seen what effects the expanded ECCE scheme has on both full day care and after-school provision in the county and capacity of those services will need to be monitored.

Oral Language Development: This priority arose as a result of concerns about waiting lists for essential therapeutic services at Primary Care level such as Speech and Language Therapy. It is hoped to provide frontline childcare workers with the skills to improve oral language development in targeted pre-school settings. It is also hoped to address the findings of the gap analysis by the DCYA in relation to communication programmes such as Hanen and Lámh as part of this action. This is linked to the implementation of the Access and Inclusion Model launched in June 2016.

Progression Pathways: A lack of information for parents of children/young people with disabilities around progression pathways in education and it is hoped to compile a list of options, relevant agencies and access criteria to share with parents. The adequacy of current provision will also be explored.

Outcome 3: Safe and protected from harm

The Outcome 3 Group acts as the Prevention, Partnership and Family Support Steering Committee for the East Coast and oversees the implementation of Meitheal in the area through the four Child and Family Support Networks which have been developed. The actions included in this section of the plan relate to the on-going work of the PPFS Steering Committee and how it responds to the welfare needs of children and young people in Co. Wicklow:

PPFS Steering Committee: An active committee which meets regularly and has membership across the statutory, voluntary and community sector.

Meitheal: the process of working with children, young people and families across the county through Child and Family Support Networks.

Parental Participation: the parental participation project is being focussed on areas of the county identified by the PPFS during the lifetime of the last plan as lacking family support services.

Training: opportunities for interagency training are explored e.g. Children First and Domestic Violence training were delivered under the last plan.

Parenting Courses: This action brings a co-ordinated and interagency approach to the delivery of programmes across the county. A listing of courses is maintained and updated annually and a list of the training capacity of PPFS agencies' staff is also maintained. Through the PPFS only evidence based programmes are delivered in Co. Wicklow and opportunities for additional interagency training are explored. During the last plan we were successful in our application for Parents Plus Adolescent Facilitator training for 4 staff and this training has been rolled out in the county annually in subsequent years. We intend to explore the possibility of including our listings on the website www.parentingsupport.ie developed by Kildare CYPSC.

Supporting Parents and Early Childhood Services: ABC programme based in Bray was awarded during the lifetime of the last plan and it is hoped that we can disseminate the learning from this programme to other parts of the county. The findings from the independent evaluation of the Preparing for Life home visiting programme (Darndale) from 2008 to 2015 were presented in May 2016. The evaluation, conducted by Principal Investigator Dr. Orla Doyle and the Early Childhood Research Team at the UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy, has demonstrated significant improvements across a range of child outcomes from cognitive, language and socio-emotional development to physical health and well-being. Some of the findings included: lower BMI, improved diet, improved take up of immunisation programme, 10 point gap in IQ, fewer behaviour problems, improved pro-social behaviour, higher quality home environments, less permissive parenting and improved screen-time practices. The evaluation demonstrates the programme's capacity to impact positive outcomes for children and families across the five national outcome areas.

Domestic Violence: A priority from the last plan which will be built in this plan. A network of relevant agencies has been formed. This plan will continue to promote/raise awareness of national campaigns and improve links with relevant services and develop training.

Implementation of Children First (Mandatory Reporting): It is anticipated that there will be a role for the CYPSC in assisting agencies in relation to the implementation of mandatory reporting.

Refugee Reunification: A number of issues have been raised by PPFS and CYPSC agencies during the last plan in relation to reunification of families and challenges that this has raised for the families and services involved particularly as the Department of Justice programme supports are no longer in place. An interagency committee is to be formed to consider how best to address the complex needs and to create a communication route with the relevant Government agencies whereby services in Co. Wicklow can be notified in advance of refugee reunification plans for particular families.

Homelessness: In 2015 a delegation from the PPFS delivered a presentation to the Local Authority Housing SPC to highlight its concerns in relation to the issue in Co. Wicklow. In 2014, 128 adults presented themselves as homeless, as well as 90 families consisting of 175 children. In 2015 this rose to 240 children. Sonas has seven units available in Wicklow town for women and children who can stay for up to two years where domestic violence has been an issue in making the family homeless. Currently all units are fully occupied and there must be a history of domestic violence to access the units. The Simon Community run long term accommodation at Kilmartin Hill in Wicklow town in a 10 unit complex, places are limited and not suitable for families. Bray Women's Refuge provides emergency accommodation for women and children experiencing domestic violence. Ark Housing in Bray provide accommodation for men only and a similar facility in Brighton Terrace, Bray was closed in early 2016. *'Child homelessness is incredibly damaging and has devastating social consequences. Homeless children are more likely to experience adult homelessness themselves, as well as the myriad symptoms of deprivation such as unemployment or low-income employment, low socialisation, poor education, and increased risk of addiction, mental illness and poor physical health. Kerry Anthony MBE, CEO of Depaul'*

The particular issues highlighted by the delegation included:

- No emergency accommodation for families or vulnerable young people 18-24
- Lack of private rented accommodation and rising cost of private rented accommodation
- Families falling into rent arrears due to the fact that they are unable to meet the gap between rent supplement and the agreed rental
- Lack of social housing – for new families or those experiencing difficulties in their current accommodation
- Low level of Rent Allowance Supplement and length of time it takes to get RAS and landlords unwilling to accept RAS tenants

- Increased risk of homelessness and associated stress for those who receive eviction notices from private rented accommodation
- Overcrowding (generations of families living together)
- Access to Local Authority services (transport)

The PPFS group will carry out an annual review with its members of issues arising and bring these to the attention of the Local Authority. The CYPSC welcomes recent announcements in relation to the construction of social housing in the county: 45 units in Rathnew, 42 houses in Bray and 20 units in Rathdrum.

Wicklow has the 11th highest number of Gardai per county (328 Gardai) but has the 5th lowest rate of Garda Stations and the 4th highest rate of crime of the 21 Garda divisions nationally. The highest rates of crime are recorded in the four large urban centres: Bray, Greystones, Wicklow Town, Arklow. The recent consultations in relation to the LECP, Co. Development Plan and Joint Policing Strategy highlighted issues including the visibility of the Gardai and cyber bullying. A consultation with seldom heard young people at the end of 2014 highlighted the relationship with Gardai as an issue of concern. The 'Children and Youth Strategy 2012 – 2014' published by An Garda Síochána underpins the activities which have been prioritised under outcome 3. The strategy focuses on the following objectives: confronting youth crime; effective road policing for children and young people; ensuring children and young people contribute to and benefit from a peaceful community; working with young people in the community and; an excellent organisation. A range of actions are included in this plan to address some of these issues including:

Online Safety: Cyber bullying was highlighted in the recent Comhairle na nÓg Survey as fourth most important issue to young people (79.8%). In 2016 the Comhairle na nÓg conducted more in-depth consultations with 221 young people across the geographical spread of Wicklow which found that 29% of respondents had been cyber bullied and 60% knew of someone who had been cyber bullied in the past two years. Instagram was found to be the most popular site on which to accept follows from people one did not know and **ask.fm** was found to be the social media site on which cyber bullying is most common. Gardai and other agencies will work together to target workshops at parents and young people and will explore the possibility of addressing this need through working with CybersafeIreland to deliver workshops in primary schools in targeted areas.

The survey of young people in Co. Wicklow in May 2016 found that most respondents (83%) indicated that providing talks and workshops to young people is the best way of keeping young people safe online whilst 69% felt that providing talks and workshops to parents is useful and 67% indicated that displaying posters and leaflets in schools and youth projects is effective.

Garda Youth Awards: Recognition of young people from Co. Wicklow undertaken for the first time in 2015 led by the Gardai and supported by agencies from around the county. This was an extremely successful event which received a great deal of positive PR and it is hoped to build on its success during the lifetime of this plan. Garda/Youth relationships was mentioned repeatedly in the survey of seldom heard young people and the majority of groups referred to a need to improve relationships between young people and the Gardaí.

Garda Youth Clubs/Events: Important to build and improve Garda/Youth relationships.

Outcome 4: Economic security and opportunity

Quarterly National Household Survey Effect on Households of the Economic Downturn Quarter 3 2012 found that:

- 82% of households reduced their spending on at least one of the listed categories of expenditure as a result of the economic downturn in the 12 months before the survey. Nearly a quarter of all households indicated that they had cut back on five or more categories of spending.
- The category where spending was most frequently reduced was going out to pubs, restaurants etc (66% of households), followed by clothing and footwear (65%) and groceries (51%).
- Over one third of households who used a car had cut back on their expenditure on this means of transport.
- Some 14% of owner occupied households with a mortgage were unable to make mortgage repayments on time at least once in the previous twelve months due to financial difficulties.
- On the rental side 19% of all renting households failed to pay rent on time at least once.
- Over 40% of households indicated that they had experienced difficulties in keeping up with their bills and debts.
- Two fifths of individuals were concerned about their level of personal debt. Over half of these said that they were currently more concerned than they had been twelve months previously. Only 5% indicated that their level of concern had decreased.

The report, Dynamics of Child Economic Vulnerability and Socio-Emotional Development (2014) found that economic vulnerability has a strongly negative impact on children's socio-emotional development and this is even stronger for families who were vulnerable right through the full duration of the recession. The educational level of the primary care giver was found to play an important protective role in protecting children's socio-emotional development. The report called for a policy focus on measures to tackle persistent poverty where families remain in poverty for long periods of time. The TASC Report 'Cherishing All Equally 2016' shows that consistent poverty almost doubled during the recession from 6.3% in 2008 to 11.2% in 2014 i.e., 1 in 8 children are living in consistent poverty. The report uses evidence from *Growing Up in Ireland* to point to the impact of income disparity on educational outcomes which become stronger as children get older.

As of January 2016 there were a total of 1,154 young people (under 25 years) on the Live Register in Wicklow. This equates to approximately 12.7% of the total live Register recipients in the county. The majority of these young people are recipients at the Bray SWO (412) with lower numbers registered at Arklow (363), Wicklow Town (239) and Baltinglass (140). The Arklow SWO has the highest percentage of young people signing on and represents 14.5 % of the total. The profile for the county also provides an estimate of 6,523 children "at risk of poverty" 4,264 in "consistent poverty". Many CYPSC agencies are working to provide supports to children, young people and families under Outcome 4 such as the Department of Social Protection, the Local Authority, the Local Development Companies and Kildare and Wicklow ETB. The economic outlook for the county is covered comprehensively within the Local Economic and Community Plan to which the CYPSC provided a submission in 2015. The CYPSC will work to maintain a strong link with the LCDC to highlight the issues that impact the economic security and opportunity of children, young people and their families in Co. Wicklow with the LCDC. In this regard the CYPSC continues to seek appropriate representation from the DSP.

Labour Force Participation Rates, 2011

to encourage further such pilots and supports to young unemployed people who are not accessing education or training.

Education and Training: Kildare and Wicklow ETB has identified the need for an interagency forum to focus on education and training services and provisions within the county and developing an education and training strategy for the county. This action is reflected under Goal 5 of the Local Economic and Community Plan i.e. Address access to education and training to increase life opportunities for all.

Outcome 5: Connected, Respected and Contributing to their world

The priorities identified under this outcome area are strongly influenced by national policy emerging since our last plan around the participation of children and young people e.g. the National Youth Strategy 2015-2020, the National Strategy on Children and Young People's Participation in Decision Making 2015-2020.

It is hoped that a young person will be represented on the CYPSC during the lifetime of the new plan. The guidance from the DCYA on this issue is awaited before progress can be made.

The actions also reflect local needs in relation to gaps in services identified in areas such as West Wicklow and South Wicklow. The profile for the county and overview of services highlights the lack of such services in these areas and the lack of public transport for young people from these areas to access services elsewhere.

Active participation of children and young people: A range of actions are included around securing a representative onto the CYPSC, engagement with Comhairle na nÓg, sharing information on models of participation being used in CYPSC agencies, lack of public transport in Co. Wicklow and how it impacts engagement/access and Tusla Children's Participation Project. An Agenda Day was held in May 2016 for 20 young people facilitated by young people. All have experience of Tusla services at some level. The project to emerge will be to hold three more Agenda Days to focus on the development of a user-friendly information webpage for young people.

Youth Services in West Wicklow and South Wicklow: During the last plan the lack of services in South Wicklow and West Wicklow was highlighted. The actions included here, if funded, will help to address some of these gaps. Participation of young people in the development of these services will be an essential component of the work.

Youth Work Committee: This priority acknowledges the work by CYPSC representatives to the Kildare and Wicklow ETB (KWETB) Youth Work Committee currently being set up by KWETB. This is being set up under KWETB's statutory responsibility in regards to ***"the provision, coordination, administration and assessment of youth work services in its functional area and provid(ing) such information as may be requested by the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs in relation to such support."*** (ETb Act 2013, Section 10 (1) (j)) and the proposed development of a Regional Youth Work plan.

Equality: The Comhairle na nÓg survey found that 40 young people i.e. 4% did not identify their gender or responded outside of the binary. Youth services have developed LGBT support groups in some areas to respond to the needs of LGBT young people. The actions included here look at offering training for those working with LGBT young people and if possible developing LGBT leaders. This priority is underpinned by the National Youth Strategy Priority ***"Promote and support young people's right to self-determination and self-expression in relation to their sexual orientation and / or***

gender identity" (Outcome 5.10). It is also planned to develop and expand the 'Shelf Help' section of libraries beyond West Wicklow in consultation with young people.

Respondents to the survey of young people in Co. Wicklow, May 2016, were asked to indicate the best way to support LGBT young people and create awareness of LGBT issues and the two most popular suggestions (78%) are to provide training for teachers, youth workers and others working with young people and to provide workshops with all students in schools and youth groups. More youth groups for LGBT young people was considered relevant by 73% of respondents and more than half (58%) felt that availability of information through schools, youth groups and libraries was important.

An action is also included that relates to the ECCE sector to implement the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM, June 2016) at local level, in particular engagement by pre-schools with the Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Charter and Guidelines.

Relationships: A range of agencies expressed concerns around the issue of healthy relationships. Such issues have been the subject of substantial media coverage particularly in relation to the sharing of images and the issue of consent. At a conference in DCU in June 2016 Dr. Sheri Bauman presented evidence from a recent survey of pupils from 300 Irish secondary schools showing 'sexting' was most frequent among 14 to 17-year-olds, with more than one in four saying they had sent such messages. Irish teenagers emerged as the fourth most prolific "sexters" in the EU. It is hoped to identify the existing programmes/resources available and to develop a resource for use in a variety of settings including schools.

The findings from the survey of young people from Co. Wicklow, May 2016, found that a significant number of respondents (75%) indicated that the best way to ensure that young people can enjoy healthy relationships was to provide more work in schools about sex and relationships. More than half (58%) thought that more awareness campaigns about healthy relationships would be useful and (53%) indicated that talks and workshops in young groups/libraries would be valuable.

Change Management

The Change Management section of the plan has been used to reflect CYPSC identified priorities and work that is not reflected elsewhere in the plan. The Change Management Subgroup is comprised of key agencies that can affect change around issues such as commissioning and assist other outcome groups in relation to issues such as the lack of adequate public transport and homelessness in Co. Wicklow. It can provide a forum to assist other agencies in progressing work not easily address solely by those agencies e.g. Leaving Care/After Care Supports.

Establish feedback linkage with LCDC: Formal MOU to be undertaken with the LCDC to ensure that the CYPSC is recognised as the committee with expertise in relation to priorities impacting children, young people and their families in Co. Wicklow.

Data Collection: As already discussed the profile for the county is currently based largely on findings from Census 2011 which is already 5 years out of date. The profile for the county will be reviewed in 2017 to see the impact of the findings from Census 2016. CYPSC members will consider these changes and review the current plan in light of any significant findings.

Involvement with relevant Structures: The CYPSC Co-ordinator and other CYPSC members will engage with relevant structures in the county to strengthen the links with the CYPSC plan and other plans/strategies, to raise the profile of Co. Wicklow CYPSC.

Website: Maintaining an up-to-date website and sharing of appropriate information in relation to Co. Wicklow CYPSC is vital to raising awareness of the initiative and assisting in engaging with agencies and the general public in a meaningful way.

Community Directory: An essential online tool setting out the full scope of services in Co. Wicklow across all outcome areas. In 2015 we secured seed funding through the DCYA to undertake a significant redevelopment of the site and this work is currently underway and it is hoped to launch the new site by the end of 2016. The CYPSC Co-ordinator is a member of the Community Directory Steering Committee.

Critical Incident Protocol: Identified in the last plan as necessary and work is underway in reviewing the Critical Incident Protocols already developed by other CYPSCs.

Leaving Care/Aftercare Supports: This priority was identified to support the work of Tusla in developing an interagency committee to look at the issues for young people leaving care and developing a package of aftercare supports.

Commissioning: The CYPSC will try to gather relevant information in relation to government commissioning to share with all agencies around the impact of commissioning on service delivery to prepare CYPSC agencies for the changes ahead. As part of a Tusla Commissioning pilot site, West Wicklow, will see the impact of commissioning at an earlier stage than most other areas.

West Wicklow: A multi-agency committee was established in 2015 under the Chairmanship of the South West Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force to bring together interested and relevant agencies and community members to address the on-going needs raised in the area in regards to young people and families in difficulty. This arose from a small inter-agency response to a particular group of young people who were out-of-school and engaging in drug and alcohol misuse. This group is now chaired by a Tusla representative from the relevant ISA area. A mapping exercise is currently underway and sharing of information between services is ongoing. A work plan for this area will be identified and it will be incorporated into the new CYPP for Co. Wicklow. This group will also have a specific role in supporting the implementation of Meitheal in West Wicklow. So far in 2016 a subgroup of this committee have had to deliver a rapid response to a particular area of disadvantage in West Wicklow resulting from suicide attempts by a number of young people. Work in this area is ongoing.

Section 5: Summary of Children and Young People's Plan for Co. Wicklow

Outcome Areas	Local Priority Areas*
1. Active and healthy, physical and mental wellbeing	Youth Mental health and Emotional Wellbeing Drugs & Alcohol Physical Activity Physical Health Disability Respite facilities for those with disabilities
2. Achieving full potential in learning and development	Literacy and Numeracy Transitions Better Preschool access for children with disabilities Oral Language Development Progression pathways
3. Safe and protected from harm	PPFS Meitheal Parental Participation Training Parenting Courses SPECS Domestic Violence Implementation of Children First – Mandatory Reporting Refugee Reunification Homelessness Online Safety Garda Youth Awards Garda Youth Clubs/Events

4. Economic security and opportunity	Link with LCDC Reducing poverty Youth Unemployment Education and Training
5. Connected, respected and contributing to their world	Active Participation of children and young people Youth Services: West Wicklow and South Wicklow Youth Work Services Equality Relationships
Change Management	Establish feedback linkage with LCDC Lack of adequate public transport infrastructure in Co. Wicklow Data Collection Involvement with relevant structures Website Community Directory Critical Incident Protocol Leaving Care/After Care Supports Commissioning West Wicklow

Section 6: Action Plan for Co. Wicklow Children and Young People's Services Committee

Action Plan for Co. Wicklow Children and Young People's Services Committee								
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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Youth Mental Health & Emotional Well being	To deliver up to date information on all mental health and drug & alcohol services and link appropriate services to 'yourmentalhealth'	An up-to-date and accurate record of relevant support services and groups in Co. Wicklow	1 online database completed on Co. Wicklow Community Directory	Draft database Meetings of subgroup Input to Co. Wicklow Directory Link to your mental health.ie	December 2016	YMH Subgroup	Vision for Change Reach Out	TGs: Support Parents Cross-Government & Interagency Collab & Co-ord
Youth Mental Health & Emotional Well being	To create a referral pathway tool for use by professionals linked to CAMHS SOP	A referral pathway tool for circulation to professionals which is reviewed annually	1 referral pathway Nos. circulated 1 annual review	Draft referral pathway Meetings of subgroup Finalise and circulate & Review	2017	YMH Subgroup	Vision for Change Reach Out	TG: Cross-Government & Interagency Collab & Co-ord
Youth Mental Health & Emotional Well being	Increase number of young people leading out on youth mental health activities in the county ensuring that young people in out of school settings are targeted.	No. of Be Well Wicklow events promoted No. of youth led groups formed	1 Launch 2 events promoted in 2016 and 2017 3 groups formed including 1 group in West Wicklow	Support the roll out of 'Be Well Wicklow' and ensure young people not in school are targeted Facilitate engagement with groups from target areas in 5 MDs Promote events	December 2017	Be Well Wicklow KWETB CYPSC	Vision for Change Reach Out	National Outcome 5: Connected, Respected & Contributing TG: Listen to & involve Ch. & YP.
Youth Mental Health & Emotional Well	To support the establishment and operation of a	No. of Jigsaw Projects No. of young	1 Jigsaw Project for Co. Wicklow No. of young	Support the BAP Youth Mental Health Sub-group	2017-2018	BAP Youth Mental Health Sub-group and CYPSC Youth	Vision for Change Reach Out	TGs: Early Intervention and Prevention

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being	Jigsaw Project to provide accessible and flexible services to young people in the county.	people accessing Jigsaw services No. of outreach locations	people accessing Jigsaw services 2 outreach locations	to introduce of a Jigsaw project that provides services to young people in Co. Wicklow		Mental Health Subgroup		
Youth Mental Health & Emotional Well being	Promote mental health campaigns to improve understanding and knowledge of suicidal behaviour, self harm, mental health and wellbeing and available mental health services in the county.	No. of campaigns No. of participating organisations No. of locations displaying materials No. of resources circulated	2 campaigns promoted No. of participating organisations No. of locations No. of resources circulated	Promote/ participate in campaigns such as Little Things, Mental Health Week campaigns, Circulate and display Resources	2016-2018	HSE YMH Subgroup	Connecting for Life, Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide 2015-2020 Connecting for Life; Dublin South East, Dún Laoghaire and East Wicklow. Reducing Suicide Together 2015-2020	TGs: Early Intervention and Prevention
Youth Mental Health & Emotional Well being	To assess, develop and implement the most appropriate Response Plans relating to suicide in the area	Local action plan available to enhance community response to suicide	1 local action plan	Assess existing response plans and the need for local coordinated responses. Develop an appropriate plan for the area. Develop protocols for sharing	2016 - 2018	HSE CYPSC CM S/Group	Connecting for Life, Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide 2015-2020 Connecting for Life; Dublin South East, Dún Laoghaire and East	TG: Cross-Government & Interagency Collab & Co-ord

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Outcome 1: Active and healthy, physical and mental wellbeing								
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				information Implement response plan and evaluate process and outcome			Wicklow. Reducing Suicide Together 2015-2020	
Youth Mental Health & Emotional Well being	To support schools and centres of education to adopt a whole-school approach to health and well-being in line with the national guidelines for wellbeing at primary and post primary	Range of mental health programs identified and mapped. Resources, information and services available relating to mental health promotion and suicide prevention.	1 map of mental health programmes circulated to schools No. of resources shared with schools No. of schools participating	Review the range of mental health programs available to schools in the area and explore the capacity to deliver the most appropriate programs Share resources, information relating to mental health promotion and suicide prevention	2016 - 2020	HSE YMH Subgroup	Connecting for Life, Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide 2015-2020 Connecting for Life; Dublin South East, Dún Laoghaire and East Wicklow. Reducing Suicide Together 2015-2020 National Guidelines for Well-being Primary and Post Primary	TGs: Early Intervention and Prevention Cross-Government & Interagency Collab & Co-ord
Youth Mental Health & Emotional Well being	To disseminate the Sleep Programme Resource through CYPSC agencies	Research Project Launch Event Nos. briefing sessions Nos. programmes Nos. participants	1 Research report 1 launch event 2 briefings per annum 4 programmes delivered 8/10 young people per programme	Assist in organising launch event Identify relevant fora for briefing sessions Disseminate resource in hard-copy and online	2017-2018	Sleep Programme Task Group CYPSC Co-ordinator CYPSC & subgroup agencies	Healthy Ireland National Youth Strategy	TGs: Early Intervention and Prevention

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
				Agree programme delivery with relevant agencies and record attendance				
Youth Mental Health & Emotional Well being	To explore gap in services for young people with autism and consider ways to address gaps	Pathway document created to identify service gaps Research undertaken in relation to possible solutions Information presented to funders	1 pathway document No of possible solutions identified 1 presentation to funders	Form Task Group Create pathway Circulate to relevant agencies for input Identify gaps and explore solutions from other area Present findings to funders	2017	YMH Task Group YMH Subgroup		National Outcome 3: Safe & protected from harm TG: Cross-Government & Interagency Collab & Co-ord
Drugs & Alcohol	To identify a range of suitable services to address adolescent drug and alcohol supports and treatment services.	Client pathways in services established No. of young people accessing service	1 targeted adolescent support service for Co. Wicklow No. of young people accessing service	Identify and promote the services available to under 18s Support multi-agency committee in addressing gaps in services	2016 to 2018	Drugs & Alcohol Task Forces Multi-agency Committee	National Drugs Strategy National Alcohol Strategy Task Force Action Plans	National Outcome 3: Safe & protected from harm TG: Cross-Government & Interagency Collab & Co-ord
Drugs & Alcohol	To support the roll out of the 3 Task Forces Alcohol Reduction Campaigns in Co. Wicklow	Engagement of communities across Wicklow with parent and child events	6 communities targeted with parent and child linked prevention events	Parent talks Child education programmes and competitions	December 2016 with follow on events through 2017 and 2018	Drugs & Alcohol Task Forces Partnerships Crosscare	National Drugs Strategy National Alcohol Strategy Task Force Action Plans	National Outcome 3: Safe & protected from harm

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Drugs & Alcohol	To promote drugs (including alcohol) education and prevention programmes that target parents and young people	Adult programmes Young people out of school programmes In school programmes	16 programmes 200 participants At risk communities and young people	Drugs including alcohol education and awareness	December 2018	Drugs & Alcohol Task Forces Task Force Funded Projects	National Drugs Strategy National Alcohol Strategy Task Force Action Plans	National Outcome 3: Safe & protected from harm TG: Support Parents Early Intervention & Prevention

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Physical Activity	To improve and maintain existing recreation infrastructure and ensure that all provision considers those with disabilities including sensory disability	No. facilities upgraded Weekly and annual inspection scheme No. disability friendly measures in recreation facilities	4 upgrades Weekly and annual inspection scheme 5 disability friendly measures	To avail of funding possibilities to upgrade 4 facilities Weekly and annual inspection scheme In place	2016 - 2018	Local Authority Partnerships Local Communities	County Wicklow Play Policy Get Ireland Active National Play Policy Healthy Ireland	National Outcome 3: Safe & protected from harm TG: Support Parents Listen to & involve children and young people
Physical Activity	To increase physical activity amongst target groups e.g. families, young women, those with disabilities, homeless children.	Number of programmes run and completed. Number of participants. Feedback from all participants.	5 programmes per annum Min. 10 participants per event Feedback from participants	Identify areas where there is a need for intervention to increase Physical activity in target groups. Provide a choice of opportunities for the groups that have been identified to take part in regular physical activity.	2016 to ongoing.	Local Authority, KWETB SPU and LSP.	Healthy Ireland Get Ireland Active LSP Strategy and KWETB SPU Strategic Plan.	National Outcome 2: Achieving in all areas of L&D 5: Connected, Respected & Contributing TG: Support Parents Listen to & involve children and young people
Physical Activity	To develop a locally devised active sports leadership programme targeting young	Increase the number of young women involved in physical activity leadership in the county.	1 Programme devised 1 programmes rolled out per annum Min 5 participants	The LSP and the KWETB SPU will design and develop a programme based on findings from pilot	2016-2018	Wicklow Local Sports Partnership KWETB Sports Promotion Unit.	Healthy Ireland Get Ireland Active LSP Strategy and KWETB SPU Strategic Plan. National Youth	National Outcome 2: Achieving in all areas of L&D National Outcome 5: Connected, Respected &

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Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and partners	Link to other plans	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
	women and to empower them to remain physically active and be physical activity leaders in their Community.		per programme	programme in Bray. Identify target groups in collaboration with CYPSC agencies. Implement and evaluate			Strategy	Contributing TG: Listen to & children and young people
Physical Activity	To promote physical activity through appropriate events and make physical activity available to everyone in Co. Wicklow	No. of events No. of participants	Min 5 events per annum Min. 15 participants per event	Promote and coordinate planned activities throughout Wicklow.	Mid to end 2016 and 2017	Wicklow Local Sports Partnership	Healthy Ireland Get Ireland Active LSP strategy	National Outcome 2: Achieving in all areas of L&D TG: Support Parents
Physical Activity	To promote the use of community spaces for outdoor and unstructured play	No. measures taken to promote outdoor and unstructured play	8 specific measures to promote outdoor and unstructured play	Work with the Planning Section of Wicklow County Council for the provision of open spaces and child friendly mobility measures. Promote the importance of 'free' and unstructured play to child	Ongoing	Local Authority and KWETB	County Wicklow Play Policy Get Ireland Active National Play Policy	National Outcome 2: Achieving in all areas of L&D TG: Support Parents

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
				development				
Physical Health	To promote and maintain vaccination take-up	Maintain/improve current levels of vaccination take-up across all programmes	95%+ vaccination uptake of second level school immunisation programmes (85% HPV) and 95% uptake for the Junior Infant immunisation booster programme and Primary Childhood Immunisation programme	Use the CYPSC and its outcome groups as a vehicle to promote vaccination take up across all programme Disseminate up to date information on vaccination through CYPSC agencies	Ongoing	HSE/ Department of Education and Skills	Healthy Ireland	National Outcome 3: Safe and protected from harm TG: Support Parents Early Intervention & Prevention
Physical Health	To promote engagement with the Nurture Programme	Interagency approach to the promotion of the Nurture programme in Co. Wicklow	No. of disseminations No. of agencies No. of areas	Programme Launch May 2016 Promote the Nurture Programme in Co. Wicklow Disseminate relevant information about the programme through CYPSC agencies	Ongoing	HSE/ Early education settings/ Second level education facilities/schemes	Healthy Ireland The Nurture Programme – Infant Health & Wellbeing	National Outcome 3: Safe and protected from harm TG: Support Parents Early Intervention & Prevention

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Physical Health	Delivery of healthy food courses to children and parents	No of courses delivered as reported by Co. Wicklow Partnership Healthy food programme	20 courses delivered to children aged 10 to 14yrs 4 courses delivered to 15 – 18 yr olds 4 courses delivered to parents groups	Assist CWP healthy food programme by promoting courses to target groups	2016 to 2018	Co. Wicklow Partnership HFME programme & HSE	Healthy Ireland	National Outcome 3: Safe and protected from harm TG: Support Parents Early Intervention & Prevention
Physical Health	Hosting two healthy food Networking events aimed at low income families of 0-5 year olds (2016), 5-12 year olds (2017) and teenagers (2018)	No of events delivered No of families in attendance	2 events 50 families in total at both events	Assist CWP healthy food programme by promoting Networking events to families Participate on project steering committee	2016 to 2018	Co. Wicklow Partnership HFME programme, HSE, Safe Food	Healthy Ireland	National Outcome 3: Safe and protected from harm TG: Support Parents Early Intervention & Prevention
Physical Health	Delivery of 3 small projects aimed at educating families 0-5 year olds (2016), 5-12 year olds (2017) and teenagers (2018) in healthy eating for children	No of projects No of families participated	3 projects 12 families in total	Assist CWP healthy food programme by promoting projects events to families Participate on project steering committee	2016 to 2018	Co. Wicklow Partnership HFME programme, HSE, Safe Food	Healthy Ireland	National Outcome 3: Safe and protected from harm TG: Support Parents Early Intervention & Prevention
Disability	To maintain a link with the implementation of	Annual meetings with HSE Heads of Social Care and	1 meeting 2017 1 meeting 2018	To hold meetings with relevant personnel from	2017-2018	HSE CYPSC	DOH Programme: Transforming Lives	TG: Cross Government and Interagency

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
	progressing disabilities and to discuss the impact of the current changes being undertaken by the HSE to improve services for children with disabilities	Primary Care		Social Care and Primary Care Identify and raise issues of relevance e.g. respite facilities, waiting lists, psychological services for those with ID/ASD				Collaboration & Co-ordination
Respite facilities for those with disabilities	To improve sharing of information in relation to respite facilities in Co. Wicklow	Directory of services/initiatives compiled and shared with agencies and families	1 directory of services/ initiatives identified No. of services/initiatives identified No. of directories shared	Gather information on relevant services in Co. Wicklow including 'Share a break' scheme	December 2017	Outcome 1 Group HSE	DOH Programme: Transforming Lives	TG: Support Parents

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Literacy and Numeracy	To improve awareness for parents of ages/stages of language development	Clear and accessible information on ages/stages of oral language development available for parents	No of information items No of P&T groups	Form working group Identify material Disseminate through P&T groups	2017-2018	Wicklow CCC HSE SPECS	Literacy and Numeracy for Learning and Life	National Outcome 1: Active & Healthy TG: Support Parents
Literacy and Numeracy	To encourage engagement with library services of Parent & Toddler Groups	Improved engagement of young families with library services	No of P&T Groups engaged No of events	Form working group Review Devise plan and implement	Ongoing	Wicklow CCC Local Authority - Libraries	Literacy and Numeracy for Learning and Life	National Outcome 1: Active & Healthy TG: Support Parents
Transitions Pre-school to Primary	To improve transitions from Preschool to Primary Schools in Co. Wicklow	No. of transition tools developed No. pilots No. of schools participating	1 pre-school/primary school transition tool developed 5 pilots 2017 Min. 10 school participating by 2018	Identify similar transition tools currently available Review and identify suitable tool for Co. Wicklow and pilot use Evaluate and roll-out to other settings	Ongoing	Wicklow CCC L&D Subgroup	National Youth Strategy	National Outcome 5: Connected, respected & contributing TG: Strengthen Transitions
Transitions Primary to Post Primary	Develop guidance on a good practice model for Primary DEIS and Non DEIS Schools	Good practice model guidance circulated to all Primary Schools in Co. Wicklow	1 model sent to all Primary Schools in Co. Wicklow	Consult with relevant stakeholders and compile guidance on good practice model for both	Within academic year 2016-2017	IPPN, NAPD & EWS Tusla		National Outcome 5: Connected, respected & contributing TG: Strengthen Transitions

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
				DEIS and Non- DEIS Schools				
Better pre-school access for children with disabilities (Access and Inclusion Model, AIM)	To improve access for children with disabilities in preschool settings in Co. Wicklow	Improved access for children with disabilities to access and meaningfully participate in the ECCE programme.	No. of services receiving supports outlined in Levels 1-7 of the DCYA's Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) # of children benefiting from supports outlined in AIM.	Raise awareness among parents, pre-school services and stakeholders of the range of supports made available as a result of funding of AIM model	September 2016-2018	Wicklow CCC HSE Better Start DCYA	Supporting Access to the ECCE Programme for Children with Disability Access and Inclusion Model (AIM, June 2016)	National Outcome 5: Connected, respected & contributing TG: Ensure quality services
Oral Language Development	Pilot programme to improve awareness of oral language development by frontline childcare workers focussed on targeted pre-school settings To implement findings from gap analysis carried out as part of DCYA AIM Model	Improve awareness of oral language development by childcare workers in targeted pre-school settings Improve awareness of open S&L clinics Improve access by ECCE settings to a range of programmes such as Hanen, Lamh	No of settings No of staff engaged/trained No of open S&L clinics and geographic locations No of programmes available	Form working group Pilot pre-school settings identified Devise plan and implement Evaluate and disseminate learning Disseminate information on open S&L clinics Disseminate information on programmes such as Hanen and Lamh	Ongoing	Wicklow CCC HSE S&L	Access and Inclusion Model Wicklow CCC LIP	National Outcome 1: Active & healthy TG: Support Parents Ensure quality services

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Progression pathways	To map progression pathways including for those with disabilities	Improved information on progression pathways for those with disabilities	List of options List of agencies Access criteria No disseminated	Compile list of options & relevant agencies and access criteria Agree method of dissemination Examine current provision & its adequacy	Ongoing	KWETB and L&D Subgroup members		National Outcome 4: Economic Security & Opportunity TG: Support Parents Strengthen Transitions

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
PPFS	To maintain the existing PPFS Steering Committee to oversee Meitheal, identify and address gaps in services and issues of concern.	No. of meetings per annum % attendance No. of issues identified	1 PPFS Steering Committee 6 meetings per annum 75%+ attendance No. of issues identified	Regular meetings held Attendance recorded Issues of concern identified Gaps in services identified eg Bray, West Wicklow, South county Wicklow Gaps in services addressed	2016-2018	Tusla & PPFS		TG: Ensure quality services Cross government and interagency collaboration & co-ordination
Meitheal	To continue the roll-out and development of Meitheal and CFSN Networks	No. of CFSN networks No of agencies engaging with Meitheal No of Meitheal Evaluation	4 CFSN networks No of agencies engaging with Meitheal No of Meitheal Evaluation	Managers encouraging their staff to engage in their local CFSN and the Meitheal process	Ongoing	Tusla & relevant PPFS Members	<i>Guidance for the Implementation of an Area Based Approach to Prevention, Partnership and Family Support (TUSLA)</i> <i>Meitheal Toolkit (TUSLA)</i>	TG: Support Parents Early intervention & Prevention
Meitheal – West Wicklow	To commence the roll-out and development of Meitheal and CFSN Networks in West	No. of CFSN networks No of agencies engaging with	1 CFSN networks No of agencies engaging with Meitheal	Managers encouraging their staff to engage in their local CFSN	2017-2018	Tusla DSW/KE/WW And relevant partners	<i>Guidance for the Implementation of an Area Based Approach to</i>	TG: Support Parents Early intervention & Prevention

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
	Wicklow	Meitheal No of Meitheal Evaluation	No of Meitheal Evaluation	and the Meitheal process in West Wicklow			<i>Prevention, Partnership and Family Support (TUSLA)</i> <i>Meitheal Toolkit (TUSLA)</i>	
Parental Participation	Parental Participation Project across two ISA areas. Parents and agencies working together to meet local needs in terms of Parenting Supports	No. of parental participation projects No. of events No. of participants	2 projects 4 events 8 min participants per event	Identifying geographical areas that have gaps in terms of parenting supports in South and West Wicklow Working with parents to meet identified needs as part of the project Plan devised and implemented	Initial project 2016-2017	Tusla (2 ISA areas) and relevant PPFS members	<i>Investing in Families: Supporting Parents to Improve Outcomes for Children (TUSLA)</i> <i>Toolkit for Parental Participation, National Guidance & Local Implementation (TUSLA)</i>	TG: Support Parents Early intervention & Prevention
Training	To identify and address training needs of CFSN Network members including any training needs related to mandatory reporting	No. of events No. of participants Evaluation	2 events per annum 10 min participants per event 1 evaluation per event	Annual TNA undertaken in consultation with PPFS members Training identified and delivered Monitored and evaluated	2016-2018	Tusla & PPFS Members		TG: Cross-Government & Interagency Collaboration & Co-ordination

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Parenting Courses	To co-ordinate and plan parenting courses	Directory of Trainers Directory of courses No. of courses per annum Listing on parenting support.ie	1 directory of trainers and programmes maintained 1 directory of parenting courses per annum 20 parenting courses per annum 1 website listing on parentingsupport.ie	Annual record of all parenting courses maintained and shared Identify gaps in provision and consider how these should be addressed Explore with Kildare CYPSC possibility of listing on relevant website	2016-2018	PPFS Members and CYPSC Co-ordinator		TG: Support Parents Early intervention & Prevention
Supporting Parents & Early Childhood Services [SPECS]	To support, maintain and expand the SPECS programme in Bray beyond 2017 and to support the development of similar programmes in other parts of Wicklow	No of steering committee meetings No of funding streams identified No of other programmes developed in Co. Wicklow	4 meetings 1 funding stream sourced and secured 1 programme developed subject to funding	Participation by CYPSC members in SPECS Steering Committee, sub committees and Consortium Disseminate the learning from the programme Explore funding streams to maintain/expand SPECS to other areas of the county	2016-2018	SPECS and relevant PPFS members	ABC Programme	TG: Support Parents Early intervention & Prevention

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Domestic Violence	To deliver domestic violence training to target groups in Co. Wicklow	No of training events No of participants	2 events 10 min participants per event	Joint training to be devised for Gardai/Tusla in 2016 Training event to be held DV network to be maintained	2016-2018	Tusla Gardai Other relevant agencies	Domestic Violence Bill	TG: Cross-Government & Interagency Collaboration & Co-ordination
Implementation of Children First Act 2015 - Mandatory Reporting	To improve knowledge to support the roll out of mandatory reporting through delivery of briefing sessions to PPFS network structures	No of briefings No of participants	2 briefings per annum 10 min participants per briefing	Identify training needs of mandated reporters Roll out briefings to support to mandated reporters regarding safeguarding statements	2017 -2018	Tusla and all CYPSC agencies	Children First	Transformational Goal: Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination
Refugee Reunification	To work with the Local Authority/Tusla and other stakeholders to form an interagency committee to address issues arising with refugee reunification	Interagency Committee No of meetings No of interventions No of participants supported	1 Interagency Committee 4 meetings p.a. 4 interventions 10 participants supported	Identify membership Form committee Identify issues Devise plan and implement Explore funding opportunities	2017-2018	Local Authority & Tusla Relevant CYPSC & PPFS members		TG: Cross-Government & Interagency Collaboration & Co-ordination
Homelessness	To monitor the impact of homelessness in Co. Wicklow on children	Annual review of homelessness situation by PPFS members	1 review per annum 1 briefing to Housing per annum	PPFS to monitor homelessness in Co. Wicklow and impact on children	2016-2018	PPFS members LA Housing	Co. Wicklow Homeless Action Plan	TG: Support Parents Cross-Government & Interagency

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
		Information shared with Local Authority Housing Section		Sharing information annually with Housing Section of Local Authority				Collaboration & Co-ordination
Online Safety	To promote online safety to parents and young people targeting the issue of cyberbullying	No of events No of participants Evaluation	4 events per annum 20 young people per event 10 parents per event 1 Evaluation per event	Work with stakeholders including Gardai, CyberSafelreland and Comhairle na nÓg to devise plan Implement plan PPFS members to identify target schools/groups	2017-2018	An Garda Síochána CyberSafelreland ISPCC Comhairle na nÓg Relevant PPFS members	Garda Síochána Children and Youth Strategy JPC Strategy	National Outcome 1: Active & healthy TG: Support Parents Early Intervention & Prevention
Garda Youth Awards	To support the Annual Garda Youth Awards as a means to recognise the achievement of young people in Co. Wicklow and to improve relationship with Gardai	No of events No of applications No of agencies submitting No of young people recognised	1 event per annum 20 applications 10 agencies submitting 20 young people recognised	Submit applications by agreed deadline Promote and participate in the event Co. Wicklow Partnership to assist with funding post 2016	2016-2018	An Garda Síochána Co. Wicklow Partnership PPFS member and others	Garda Síochána Children and Youth Strategy	National Outcome 5: Connected, Respected & Contributing TG: Listen to and involve ch. & yp.
Garda Youth Clubs/Events	To improve relationship between Gardai and young people by Garda	Maintain and develop Garda involvement in schools and clubs.	No. of events organised delivered attended	Organise, deliver and participate in relevant youth events	2016-2018	An Garda Síochána Community Policing in cooperation with	Garda Síochána Children and Youth Strategy	National Outcome 5: Connected, Respected & Contributing

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
	involvement with schools and clubs			Maintain link with Comhairle na nÓg Continued participation in Youth justice workshop of Mental Health week		Comhairle na nÓg na n'Óg and relevant Youth Groups.		TG: Listen to and involve ch. & yp.

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Outcome 4: Economic security and opportunity								
Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and partners	Link to other plans	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Link with LCDC	To raise relevant issues impacting economic security and opportunity for children, young people and families in Co. Wicklow with the LCDC in terms of having effective response strategies included within the LECP.	No. of issues identified No. of submissions/ presentations	1 issue per annum 1 submission or presentations	A consultative mechanism will be developed through which relevant issues will be communicated to the LCDC and monitoring of outcome and impact will be reviewed.	2016-2018	CYPSC Change Management Subgroup - Lead Collaborative Body - LCDC	Co. Wicklow LECP	<i>Outcome 2: Achieving in all areas of learning and development</i> <i>Transformational Goal:</i> <i>Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination</i>
Reducing poverty	To reduce poverty amongst young people 0-17 years	Reduction in the number of children and young people experiencing poverty	5% reduction in number of children and young people 0-17 years 'at risk of poverty' or 'in consistent poverty'	Collective action by CYPSC members to identify, highlight and promote meaningful interventions to reduce poverty	2016-2018	CYPSC members working collectively. Relevant organisations – DSP; Education providers; LDCs	National Action Plan for Social Inclusion; Pathways to work; Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning; SICAP; Youth Guarantee; LECP LDCs Action Plans	<i>Outcome 2: Achieving in all areas of learning and development</i> <i>Transformational Goal:</i> <i>Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination</i>

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Outcome 4: Economic security and opportunity								
Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and partners	Link to other plans	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Youth Unemployment	To decrease the number of unemployed young people	Decrease in the number of young people unemployed and on the Live Register.	5% decrease in number of young people unemployed or on the Live Register.	Direct and focused initiatives with young people Range and quality of services and supports available	2016-2018	CYPSC members working collectively. Relevant organisations – DSP; Education providers; LDCs	National Action Plan for Social Inclusion; Pathways to work; Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning; SICAP; Youth Guarantee; LECP LDCs Action Plans	<i>Outcome 2: Achieving in all areas of learning and development</i> <i>Transformational Goal:</i> <i>Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination</i>
Youth Unemployment including for those with disabilities	Promoting learning from pilot interagency youth employment initiative	Effective interagency model of engaging young people impacted by unemployment	1 Pilot 1 Evaluation Report No. of initiatives developed	Await evaluation report from pilot project Disseminate learning Other projects initiated	Mid 2017 2017-2018	KWETB Interagency Steering Committee Other partners	National Action Plan for Social Inclusion; Pathways to work; Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning; SICAP; Youth Guarantee; LECP	<i>Outcome 2: Achieving in all areas of learning and development</i> <i>TG: Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination</i>

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Outcome 4: Economic security and opportunity								
Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and partners	Link to other plans	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Youth Unemployment including for those with disabilities	Use social clauses in public contracts to deliver social benefits regarding employment opportunities and social inclusion	No of social clauses in public procurement contracts No people benefiting from social contracts	5 social clauses 30 people benefitting	Identify upcoming suitable public contracts Define wording for social clause Monitor and evaluate	2016 - ongoing	WCC Relevant CYPSC statutory agencies	National Action Plan for Social Inclusion; Pathways to work; Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning; SICAP; Youth Guarantee; LECP	<i>Outcome 2: Achieving in all areas of learning and development</i> <i>TG: Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination</i>
Education and Training	Developing and education and training strategy for Co. Wicklow	Education & Training Forum Employability & skills deficit report No. of interagency initiatives Protocol between LCDC and Forum	1 Forum 1 evidence based report No of interagency initiatives 1 protocol	Participate in E&T forum and report Promote interagency initiatives Promote Lifelong learning	2017-2018	KWETB	LECP, Goal 5	<i>Outcome 2: Achieving in all areas of learning and development</i> <i>TG: Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination</i>

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Active participation of children and young people	Ensure the active participation of children and young people on CYPSC	Young person contributing to the work of the CYPSC	1 young person 18-24 appointed to CYPSC	Await guidance from DCYA Use guidance to appoint representative Support representative in role as CYPSC member	2016-2017	CYPSC Co-ordinator CYPSC Members	National Youth Strategy	<i>Outcome 1: Active and healthy</i> <i>Transformational Goals:</i> <i>Listen to and involve children and young people</i> <i>Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination</i>
Active participation of children and young people	To engage with Comhairle na nÓg in Co. Wicklow to enhance participation of children and young people in CYPSC	No. of Comhairle na nÓg meetings Meetings/Events No. of issues raised	3 meetings/events per annum 1 issue raised per annum	Attend meetings of Comhairle na nÓg Raise issues of concern to Comhairle na nÓg with CYPSC members/subgroups	2016-2018	CYPSC Co-ordinator Comhairle na nÓg	National Youth Strategy	<i>Outcome 1: Active and healthy</i> <i>Transformational Goals:</i> <i>Listen to and involve children and young people</i> <i>Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination</i>

Action Plan for Co. Wicklow Children and Young People's Services Committee								
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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Active participation of children and young people	To increase participation of children and young people in planning/delivery of services in CYPSC member agencies	Questionnaire circulated to CYPSC members No. of participation models identified and shared % increase in participation	1 questionnaire 5 participation models identified and shared 5% increase in participation	Explore models of practice currently in use in CYPSC agencies Collate information and share with other CYPSC members Evaluate impact	2017-2018	CYPSC Co-ordinator and CYPSC members	National Youth Strategy	<i>Outcome 1: Active and healthy</i> <i>Transformational Goals:</i> <i>Listen to and involve children and young people</i> <i>Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination</i>
Active participation of children and young people	To raise with relevant CYPSC subgroup/ members and agencies challenges of transport issues as a barrier to engagement/access	No. of issues identified No. of meetings or briefings	1 issue identified per annum 1 meeting or briefing per annum	Engage with young people to identify particular issues involved Raise issues identified with CYPSC subgroup, members or agencies Feedback to young people	2017-2018	Outcome Group 5	National Youth Strategy	<i>Outcome 1: Active and healthy</i> <i>Transformational Goals:</i> <i>Listen to and involve children and young people</i> <i>Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination</i>

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Active participation of children and young people	To support Tusla Children's Participation Project	No of Agenda Days No of participants Child-friend webpage developed by young people for young people Other issues raised and/or addressed	3 Agenda days 20 participants per event 1 child friendly webpage No of other issues raised and/or addressed	Facilitator training Agenda Days organised Webpage developed	2016-2017	Tusla PPFS agencies	Towards Participation (TUSLA)	<i>Outcome 1: Active and healthy</i> <i>Transformational Goals: Listen to and involve children and young people</i>
Active participation of children and young people	To increase children's participation in the Meitheal process including identification of Strengths and Needs and Meitheal Meetings	No. of Meitheal Training sessions No. of agencies participating No. of network meetings	2 training sessions per annum 10 min agencies participating 2 network meetings p.a. in each CFSN area	Children's participation included as a theme in Meitheal training Children's participation included as a theme in networks meetings	2016-2018	Tusla	Meitheal Toolkit (TUSLA) Towards Participation (TUSLA)	<i>Outcome 1: Active and healthy</i> <i>Connected respected & contributing</i> <i>TG: Listen to and involve children and young people</i>
Youth Services in West Wicklow	To support KWETB and multi-agency committee to introduce funded youth service in West Wicklow	No. tender documents No. of services No. of service plans	1 Tender document 1 service for West Wicklow 1 service plan No. of young people participating	Identify organisation to deliver service Service Plan Implementation	2016-2018	KWETB	National Youth Strategy LECP	<i>Outcome 1: Active and healthy</i> <i>TG: Listen to and involve children and young people</i>

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Youth Services in South Wicklow	To provide youth support services in South Wicklow subject to receipt of funding	No. tender documents No. of services No. of service plans	1 Tender document 1 service for South Wicklow 1 service plan No. of young people participating	Identify organisation to deliver service Service Plan Implementation	Ongoing	KWETB Co. Wicklow Partnership	National Youth Strategy LECP LEADER Plan	<i>Outcome 1: Active and healthy</i> <i>TG: Listen to and involve children and young people</i>
Youth Work Services	To establish formal link between Kildare & Wicklow Youth Work Committee through CYPSC statutory nominees	No of CYPSC Reps No. of meetings Youth work plan	2 CYPSC Reps 4 meetings 1 Youth work plan	Attend meetings Contribute to plan consultation process	Ongoing	KWETB Youth Work Committee CYPSC Reps	National Youth Strategy KWETB FET Strategy	<i>Outcome 1: Active and healthy</i> <i>TG: Listen to and involve children and young people</i>
Equality	To improve awareness of LGBT issues through training available for frontline workers, young people and dissemination of relevant information	No. of training events for frontline workers No. of training events for young people No of agencies sent information	1 event per annum for frontline workers 1 event per annum for young people 20 agencies sent relevant information	Explore with GLEN or other relevant body training for frontline workers and young people Identify and train workers/young people Identify and disseminate information to agencies/schools about LGBT	2017-2018	Bray & East Wicklow Youth Services Schools CYPSC members	Equality Legislation and Guidelines LGBT guidance for schools	<i>Outcome 1: Active and healthy</i> <i>Transformational Goals: Listen to and involve children and young people</i>

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Equality	Creating a 'shelf – help' in Co. Wicklow Libraries in consultation with young people and promoting through CYPSC agencies and website	No. of 'Shelf Helps' developed	'Shelf Helps' developed in 20% of libraries by end 2018	Explore Kildare/West Wicklow model of Shelf Help Consult with young people Engage with libraries Promote Shelf Help with young people	2017-2018	Local Authority HSE and other CYPSC members	Equality Legislation and Guidelines National Youth Strategy	<i>Outcome 1: Active and healthy</i> <i>Transformational Goals: Listen to and involve children and young people</i>

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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	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Preschool Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	To improve the culture of diversity, equality and inclusion in early years settings in Co. Wicklow	Improved engagement with the Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Charter and Guidelines (June 2016)	No of services signed up to Inclusion Charter No of services receiving training on Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Guidelines	Workshops for early years services	2016-2018	Wicklow County Childcare Committee	Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Charter and Guidelines for ECCE Wicklow CCC Plan	<i>Outcome 1: Active and healthy</i> <i>Transformational Goals: Listen to and involve children and young people</i>
Healthy Relationships	To have appropriate information on healthy relationships available in user-friendly format to schools or others	No of programmes/ resources identified No of resources devised No of packs disseminated	10 programmes/ resources identified 1 resource devised 100 packs disseminated by end 2018	Identify existing programmes/ resources available Devise resource that is age appropriate for use in a variety of settings including schools	2017-2018	Bray and East Wicklow Youth Services Refuge	National Youth Strategy	<i>Outcome 1: Active and healthy</i> <i>Transformational Goals: Listen to and involve children and young people</i>

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Change Management								
Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and partners	Link to other plans	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Establish feedback linkage with LCDC	To enter into a MOU with LCDC to ensure clear communication between CYPSC and LCDC on issues impacting children and young people in Co. Wicklow	Effective interagency collaboration and co-operation	1 MOU No. of issues raised No. of submissions	MOU to be sought with LCDC Issues identified and raised	2017-2018	OG4 & CM Subgroup All CYPSC Subgroups	LECP	Transformational Goal: Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination
Lack of adequate public transport infrastructure in Co. Wicklow	To raise with relevant structure/agencies the impact of the lack of adequate public transport infrastructure in Co. Wicklow	No. of issues raised No. of submissions Feedback to relevant subgroup	1 issue raised 1 submission 1 feedback	Liaise with Outcome 5 Subgroup Bring issues to relevant agencies in Co. Wicklow Feedback to relevant subgroup	2017-2018	OG4 & CM Subgroup All CYPSC subgroups	LECP	Transformational Goal: Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination
Data Collection	County profile to be updated in 2017 in line with information available from publication of CSO data	No. of county profiles No. of presentations No. of issues identified/raised	1 county profile 1 presentation to CYPSC No. of issues identified/raised	Revised county profile produced	2017- 2018	Local Authority CYPSC Co-ordinator	Relevant to all CYPSC agency plans	Transformational Goal: Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination

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Change Management								
Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and partners	Link to other plans	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Involvement with relevant structures	To participate in Co-ordinators network, CYPSC national events and to report to national steering committee	No. of structures No. of meetings or events No. of progress reports	3 CYPSC network meetings per annum 1 national events 4 progress reports per annum	Attend meetings of network and annual CYPSC event Provide progress reports	2016 to 2018	CYPSC CM Subgroup		Transformational Goal: Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination
Website	To maintain an up to date Co. Wicklow CYPSC website	Website presence for Co. Wicklow CYPSC and regular updates	1 website page 6 updates per annum	Regular updates to Wicklow CYPSC webpage Encourage engagement by CYPSC members	2016-2018	CYPSC Co-ordinator CYPSC Members	CYPSC Communication Plan	Transformational Goal: Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination
Community Directory	Work with established interagency committee on the redevelopment and promotion of the new directory site	Directory of services in Co. Wicklow Launch of new site No of events to promote new site Participation on steering committee	1 new directory 1 Launch 1 promotion event per annum 2 Steering committee meetings per annum	Attend meetings Input to redevelopment of new directory Launch of new site Q2 2016 Promotion of new site Ongoing participation on steering committee	December 2016 Ongoing 2016-18	Multi-agency Community Directory Steering Committee & CYPSC Co-ordinator		Transformational Goal: Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination

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Change Management								
Priority Area	Objective(s)	Indicators	Target	Activities	Timeframe for completion	Lead Responsibility and partners	Link to other plans	Linked to other national outcome(s) and or Transformational Goal(s)
Critical Incident Protocol	To develop a critical incident protocol for the county	Critical Incident Protocol for Co. Wicklow CIP structures in place Annual reviews of CIP	1 CIP for Co. Wicklow and structures formed 2 annual reviews of CIP	Finalise CIP for Co. Wicklow Form relevant structures to support CIP Annual Review	Q2 2017 Ongoing	CYPSC Change Management Subgroup		Transformational Goal: Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination
Leaving Care/After Care Supports	To establish an interagency committee led by Tusla to look at supports for young people in process of leaving care and aftercare	Committee formed No. of meetings No of support packages put in place annually	1 interagency Committee formed 5/6 meetings p.a. 5 support packages p.a.	Identification of Interagency Committee members Establish and hold regular meetings Devise appropriate support packages	2016-2018	Tusla Local Authority KWETB and other relevant ,	Homeless Strategy National Aftercare Policy	Transformational Goal: Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination
Commissioning	Raise awareness of Government Commissioning Strategy and impact of service delivery	No of briefing sessions	1 briefing session per annum	Briefing sessions – for CYPSC agencies and subgroup member agencies in relation to commissioning	2016-2018	Tusla and all CYPSC agencies	Govt policy and approach to commissioning	Transformational Goal: Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination
West Wicklow	Work with established multi-agency committee in West Wicklow to develop workplan to address identified needs in the area	No. of meetings Plan for West Wicklow incorporated into CYPP for Co. Wicklow	4 meetings per annum 1 plan for West Wicklow	Regular meetings Mapping of current services Development of needs analysis Identification of actions	Ongoing	Tusla (Dublin South West/Kildare/West Wicklow)		Transformational Goal: Cross government and inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination

Section 7: Monitoring and Review

Co. Wicklow CYPSC is committed to ongoing review and monitoring of the implementation of the CYPP and will meet on a regular basis throughout the lifetime of the plan.

Outcome Groups and Task Groups will be responsible for the implementation of the activities assigned to them and all Outcome Group Chairs will report on progress on activities on a regular basis to the Co. Wicklow CYPSC.

An annual workplan will be provided by all Outcome Groups to the CYPSC.

Progress reports will be provided from Co. Wicklow CYPSC to the CYPSC National Steering Committee and the DCYA as required.

The Change Management Subgroup will ensure ongoing collection of relevant data and research to inform current and future planning including the evidence coming from other Children and Young People's Services Committees.

An annual review of the Wicklow CYPP will be completed and distributed to relevant stakeholders including the Local Community Development Committee.

Co. Wicklow CYPSC will comply with all national reporting requirements and will avail of all opportunities to showcase its work .

Section 8: Appendices

- A. Report from consultation with seldom heard Young People December 2014
- B. Report from consultation with young people June 2016
- C. Bibliography

Appendix A

Report from consultation with Seldom Heard Young People in Co. Wicklow - December 2014

- 7 Groups Participated
- 60 Young People
- 12 Youth Workers
- Geographic Areas Covered include: Little Bray, Ballywaltrim (Bray), Newtownmountkennedy, Wicklow Town and Arklow Town

Although the data gathered from these initial workshops and focus groups was not hard quantitative data certain themes and concerns emerged very strongly.

These included the following:

Physically Healthy

Unhealthy food was cheaper and easier to access than healthy food, over 50% of them suggested that more healthy food be made available in schools

Many young people noted that there were sports facilities and gyms in their local area but over 70% of them said that cost was a barrier for them and that access should be made free or more affordable to them.

Mentally Healthy

Young people noted that there have been improvements in mental health supports and awareness in schools and youth services but they also said that stress levels and poor self-esteem are still major issues for young people.

Education and learning, achieving full potential

Young people's feedback in relation to school was varied and they noted that positive and negative experiences often depended on their relationships with teachers, over 50% of them reported negative teacher- student relationships and many of them suggested using more interactive ways of learning in schools.

Safe and Protected from Harm

The Gardaí were mentioned repeatedly in this aspect and almost all of the groups referred to a need improve relationships between young people and the Gardaí: *'Gardaí should not treat all young people as criminals'*, and some suggested for more Gardaí to be on patrol to keep areas safe.

Economic security

Many young people did not have positive experiences to report in relation to economic security, many of them mentioned their families not having enough money for even basic needs and almost all of them (approx. 75%) said that there were not jobs available for young people in their area.

Positive networks & Included and participating

The young people involved generally reported positive networks among families and friends and also positive involvement within their immediate communities with many having been involved with sports clubs and youth project activities. However, many of them did not feel that young people were respected among the wider area and experienced discrimination based on their address or *'for just being young, hanging about the shops. We should be given more of a chance'*

Appendix B: Report of Youth Consultation May 2016

Key Findings

This consultation was undertaken using a two page questionnaire and included priorities from the Co. Wicklow Children and Young People's Plan [WCYPP] seeking input from the young people on how these priorities might be addressed. A range of quantitative and qualitative questions were posed. The findings from this consultation will be addressed in the implementation of the plan to ensure that it is reflected in how the work is undertaken. Sincere thanks are extended to the young people involved and to the agencies that co-operated with the consultation. Particular thanks are extended to the staff of Bray and East Wicklow Youth Services who assisted in designing and distributing the questionnaire through the outreach youth work bus.

The questionnaire was distributed to young people who visited the bus organised by Bray and East Wicklow Youth services which travelled around a number of schools in Wicklow during the week commencing the 16th May. Staff on the bus provided an introduction and any clarifications needed. Young people visited the bus in groups of 10 and 20 and they were able to complete the questionnaires in a relaxed, informal setting. At the first school visit some t-shirts supporting the 'mylittletthings' campaign were provided to young people and they were encouraged to use social media to post something that they do to look after their own mental health using the hashtag 'mylittletthings'. The t-shirts and other resources (pens, pencils, stickers, badges) sourced through the Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention and Bray Drugs Awareness Forum also encouraged completion of the questionnaire. The questionnaire was also distributed through a variety of youth settings e.g. schools, youth groups and youth projects. Some schools organised for young people to complete the questionnaire in advance of the visit by the bus.

Completed questionnaires were return to the CYPSC co-ordinator for analysis and the findings are presented below.

Total number of responses: 1028 (989 valid responses)
Incomplete responses: 39 (excluded)

Gender Breakdown: 430 Females (43%), 551 Males (56%) and 8 No gender specified

Age Range: 11 to 24 years (52% 16-18yrs, 35% 14-15yrs, 11% 11-13yrs and 2% 19-24yrs)

Geographic Area:

The geographic spread of responses reflects an urban and rural mix and includes young people from all parts of Co. Wicklow. Responses are recorded from up to 60 towns, villages and rural areas of Co. Wicklow.

Positive mental health:

Social Media (56%) and talks/workshops for young people (53%) were considered to be the best ways to promote positive mental health to young people.

92% of respondents agreed that local and affordable youth counselling should be provided and 96% indicated that a place for teens to drop in to get help with mental health issues is needed.

Respondents were invited to provide suggestions on other ways to promote positive mental health to young people and there were more than 250 responses with recurring suggestions such as: talks/workshops/events/speakers/classes in schools; using sporting clubs/events to encourage

communication about mental health and to remove stigma; increasing physical activity; providing youth friendly information through social media or other online media e.g. apps, videos; improved services e.g. Mental Health doctors, youth centres, drop-in centres; events e.g. charity, music, fun.

Drug and alcohol issues:

In relation to supporting young people and families with drug and alcohol issues 74% of respondents indicated that counselling should be made more available to people that need it, 63% felt that there should be awareness raising events or workshops and 51% would like to see services that focus on young people only.

Respondents were invited to provide suggestions of other ways we might support young people and families with drug and alcohol issues and more than 150 responses with recurring suggestions such as: services e.g. free counselling, family counselling, youth services; support group including peer to peer support, AA etc, and encouraging people to talk; advertising/information including helplines, posters, talks/workshops; enforcement was also mentioned in terms of tackling the availability of drugs; events to provide information/support and advice. Some young people also pointed to the availability of options for those who do not continue in education in terms of employment and affordability/accessibility of alternative recreational pursuits such as gyms. Some respondents also stressed the importance of supports/training for parents.

Physical activity for girls and young women:

The majority of respondents (65%) indicated that promoting different types of activities e.g. dance, yoga, may be useful in supporting and encouraging girls and young women to be active. However 57% indicated that the development of a sports leadership programme for young women would be useful and 40% indicated that there should be more activities that are targeted at the whole family.

Respondents provided a wide range of suggestions to promote physical activity for girls and young women such as: alternative sports/physical activities such as dance, kickboxing, martial arts, boxing; **equality – promoting and funding girls' sports/achievements as much as men's**; promotion/advertising of activities for girls using social media etc; encouraging girls only teams/activities; affordability – free/discounted gym membership; surveying girls/young women to find out what they like to do. The respondents emphasised the importance of making the activities fun and of the role for schools in promoting physical activity for girls.

Keeping young people safe online:

Most respondents (83%) indicated that providing talks and workshops to young people is the best way of keeping young people safe online whilst 69% felt that providing talks and workshops to parents is useful and 67% indicated that displaying posters and leaflets in schools and youth projects is effective.

Suggestions to keep young people safe online included: Parents and Security – training for parents on how to set controls/privacy settings and monitor online activity; Information and experience – training for young people on how to use sites safely and using past experience of others; advertising – using traditional and online methods to get the message across e.g. posters, schools talks, pop up ads 'Do you feel safe?', Facebook campaign. Respondents acknowledged the important role of parents in monitoring online activity. Programmes in schools were also seen as valuable.

LGBT Awareness and Support:

Respondents were asked to indicate the best way to support LGBT young people and create awareness of LGBT issues and the two most popular suggestions (78%) are to provide training for teachers, youth workers and others working with young people and to provide workshops with all students in schools and youth groups. More youth groups for LGBT young people was considered relevant by 73% of respondents and more than half (58%) felt that availability of information through schools, youth groups and libraries was important.

More than 100 respondents offered suggestions on how we could support or create awareness about LGBT issues such as: information – suggestions to use a variety of media to raise awareness about LGBT issues including personal experience of LGBT people, workshops, talks, helplines, removing stigma; advertising and events – posters, leaflets, libraries, social media, events; schools – talks, workshops, SPHE, unisex facilities.

Ensuring that young people can enjoy healthy relationships:

A significant number of respondents (75%) indicated that the best way to ensure that young people can enjoy healthy relationships was to provide more work in schools about sex and relationships. More than half (58%) thought that more awareness campaigns about healthy relationships would be useful and (53%) indicated that talks and workshops in young groups/libraries would be valuable.

Finally a wide range of suggestions were recorded in relation to how best to ensure that young people can enjoy healthy relationships including: information – using a variety of traditional and online methods to explain what a healthy relationships is including poster, leaflets, talks, workshops, websites and social media; services e.g. counselling; advertising and events. A number of young people mentioned the portrayal of relationships in the media and some of these being very unhelpful. Providing training and support to parents in addressing these issues with young people was also referenced.

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