



Meeting of the National Steering Group for Children and Young People's Services Committees

Date: Thursday, 15th October 2020

In Attendance:	
Kate Levey	Tusla Programme Development and Cross Government Framework Unit, DCEDIY
Colma Nic Lughadha	National Co-ordinator for CYPSC
Eifion Williams	Tusla - Child and Family Agency
Joy McGlynn	Area Manager, Dublin North City
Greg Straton	Department of Health
Emma Berney	CYPSC Co-ordinator Kildare
Claire Gavigan	Area Manager, North West
Deirdre Kelly	Department of Rural and Community Development
Sonya Kavanagh	Kildare County Council
John Cole	Tusla Programme Development and Cross Government Framework Unit, DCEDIY
Rory Licken	Tusla Programme Development and Cross Government Framework Unit, DCEDIY
Apologies:	
Dr Julie Heslin	Health Service Executive
Geraldine O'Hara	Daughters of Charity
Absences:	
Willie McIntosh	Department of Education and Skills
Kate Lehane	Young Person nominee
Vacancy:	
Chairperson of CYPSC NSG	

Please note that the Actions from this meeting are listed at Appendix 1 in Task List



1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Kate Levey, PO Tusla Programme Development and Cross Government Framework unit, introduced herself.
- Kate briefly flagged her particular interest in getting a better understanding of how the Tusla PPFS Programme and CYPSC interact / complement each other. It was noted that the last meeting of the group was in September 2019.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

- The minutes of the meeting 19th September 2019 were agreed.

3. DCYA New Responsibilities

- The Department's name is changing to Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY).
- New functions are being transferred from DoH (Disability) and DJE (IPAS, and equality matters).
- Educational Welfare functions are being transferred to DES (TESS, SCP, Home School Liaison Scheme, Alternative Education Assessment and Registration Service).
- The transfer of functions are complicated and may take a bit of time particularly the transfers to DES.

4. Update from the National Co-ordinator for CYPSC:

- The National Co-ordinator presented on recent developments for CYPSC:
 - Annual progress reports have been gathered from CYPSC.
 - An overview of the membership of CYPSC was provided.
 - In 17 CYPSC, the PPFS Steering Committee operates as a CYPSC subgroup.
 - 2020 data capture will show the importance of Covid-19 supports provided by CYPSC.
 - CYPSC were involved in the provision of food supports with the CRA.
 - CYPSC are working with Dept of Justice on supports to identified IPAS centres round the country (The Dublin City North CYPSC 'My place to play' initiative)
 - CYPSC supports to children and young people in homelessness situations continues
 - CYPP are being submitted and will be quality assured in the normal manner.

5. CYPSC funding 2020 & 2021 allocation:

- DCEDIY are waiting on confirmation of allocation for 2021. It is expected to remain the same as in 2020.
- DCEDIY will be contacting Dept of Health on Healthy Ireland funding for 2021.



- €67,500 will be provided shortly for CYPSC to fund further COVID work and other identified projects nationally. This funding will mean that the total DCEDIY CYPSC funding allocation for 2020 has been expended.

6. Amendments to the Child Care Act/CYPSC Consultation:

- Peter Szlovak DCEDIY presented on the review of the Child Care Act:
 - Consultations have been carried out with children and young people.
 - It has been proposed that the role of the former NCAC should be taken over by CYPSC and that CYPSC is put on a statutory basis along with mandated membership.
 - The National Co-ordinator and Joy McGlynn Tusla Area Manager highlighted the need for deeper consultation on the proposals with the wider CYPSC membership.
 - It was accepted that there should be a further role for CYPSC in the consultation process but that there is a short consultation timeframe.
 - DCEDIY and CYPSC agreed to look into a further consultative process with the wider CYPSC membership and to agree on the structure around this.

7. Healthy Ireland Initiative & Mental Health Community funding:

- The unit has been realigned under Sláintecare.
- The year 1/year 2 carryover restrictions have been removed.
- An extra €4 million has been provided in the Budget.
- Preparation has begun for round 4 of funding.
- Mental Health funding via Healthy Ireland has continued into 2020 but the once off allocation of €865,000 will be expended by end of 2020.

8. NSG Actions from CYPSC Shared Vision, Next Steps 2019- 2024 (SVNS):

- There are 13 actions for 2019/2020, 8 of which are already complete.
- A dashboard report on progress on 2019/2020 actions will be developed and published in 2021. This will be done on an annual basis to report on SVNS commitments and other important CYPSC work and initiatives.
- The role of the NSG is to advise and assist with any impediments to progressions of actions.

9. Successor to Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures (BOBF 2) - CYPSC input

- DCEDIY informed the meeting that BOBF was nearing completion and that preliminary development work on its successor will commence soon.
- DCEDIY advised that CYPSC will play an important part in the consultative process and this includes the NSG, the CYPSC Co-ordinators, wider CYPSC membership and community partners.



10. Messaging and Items for the attention of the Children and Young People's Policy Consortium:

- The September meeting was the last meeting of the Consortium under BOBF.
- The Consortium will be consulted for the development of the successor to BOBF.
- The BOBF 2019 Annual Report will be published shortly.

11. Any other business:

- Limerick CYPSC sent a letter during the summer to the NSG regarding concerns over education. The letter will be circulated to members.

Appendix 1 Task list from CYPSC NSG meeting 15th October 2020

Actions from meeting:	Responsible:
Circulate CCA presentation	DCEDIY
Circulate letter from Limerick CYPSC to NSG on Education concerns	DCEDIY