



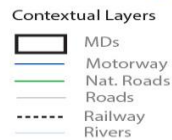
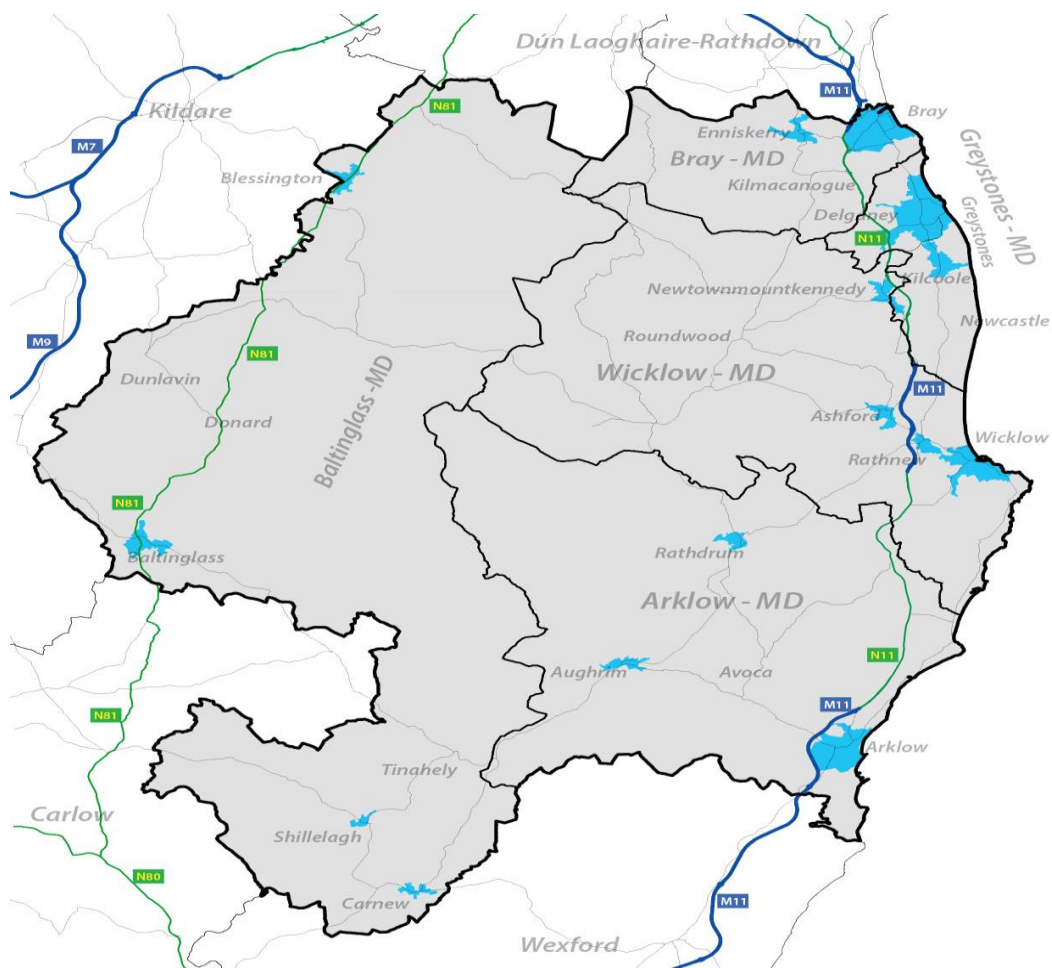
**Co. Wicklow
Children and Young People's
Services Committee**

**Children and Young People's Plan
2020-2022**

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Foreword

We are pleased to present the Co. Wicklow Children and Young People's Plan which covers the period from 2020 to 2022. This plan represents a strong 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 2016. A high birth rate combined with inward migration is maintaining this high youth population and evidences a continuing demand for services. Wicklow must be examined at a small area level to better understand disadvantage and deprivation. At the end of 2018 a Direct Provision Centre opened in Wicklow Town and there are also a number of locations being used as Emergency Accommodation for Asylum Seekers. Wicklow has begun to welcome its allocation of 38 Syrian families which commenced in December 2019. These families will be allocated across the five Municipal Districts. Statutory, Voluntary and Community services continue to work hard to meet the increasing demands. The COVID 19 pandemic has created further challenges for all stakeholders and we have tried as far as possible to reflect the impact within the plan where it has been possible to do so however we are conscious that the impacts may be ongoing and unpredictable at this stage.

A number of significant developments have taken place in the last few years which positively impact the lives of children and young people in Co. Wicklow. Healthy Ireland funding of €75,500 received under Rounds 1 and 2 has enabled us to deliver targeted actions under key priority areas such as nutrition and physical health/activity. The initiation of a YODA model of support to under 18s impacted by drug misuse and its expansion to include family therapy services on a pilot basis has been a further positive development. The continuation and mainstream funding of the Supporting Parents in Early Childhood Services [SPECS] ABC project in Bray which also demonstrates strong alignment with HSE and Tusla. The announcement of a Jigsaw Project for Co. Wicklow in 2019 with a hub in Bray and outreach services to the rest of the county. We look forward during our next plan to further development of these projects and to new initiatives.

This plan presents a coordinated interagency approach to the delivery of services to children and young people in Wicklow for 2020 to 2022 by all agencies 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 further 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 such as the COVID 19 Crisis.

As Chairperson of the Co. Wicklow CYPSC I wish to extend sincere thanks to all those involved in bringing this plan to fruition and to the members of our CYPSC and its subgroups for their continued commitment to the work of Co. Wicklow CYPSC.

Joanne Cullen

Chairperson

Co. Wicklow Children and Young People's Services Committee

October 2020

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 co-operation and collaboration by existing services and through interventions at local level.

Wicklow Children and Young People's Services Committee [CYPSC] was formally established in April 2011 following a period of pre-development work. Between 2011 and to date two action plans have been developed and implemented to address local needs as consistent with the national outcomes framework. The Wicklow CYPSC 2020-2022 Action Plan will continue to progress necessary work to meet ongoing and emerging needs.

CYPSC's 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, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth [DCEDIY], 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 CYPSC 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.

CYPSC 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 collaborative 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 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 CYPSC, taking on board their experiences to inform our work
- All involved will have a clear understanding of the role of CYPSC 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

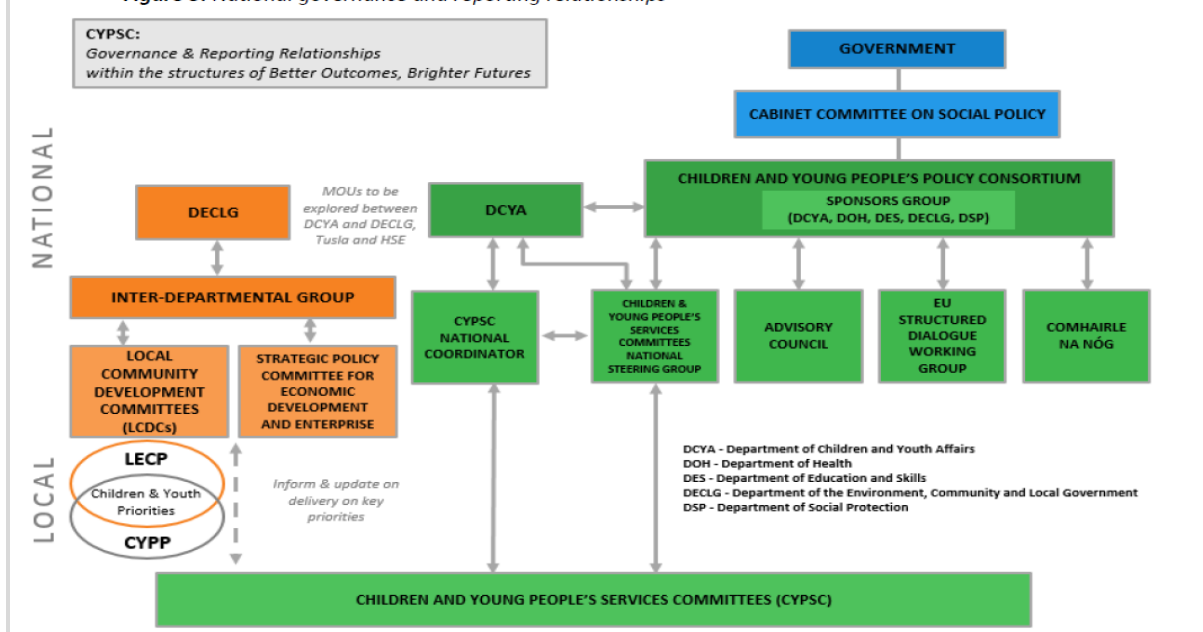
In January 2016 the role of the Co-ordinator was migrated into Tusla, the Child and Family Agency, and was made a full-time post. This was a significantly positive development in the work of Co. Wicklow CYPSC.

Who we are

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National Governance and Reporting Relationships

Figure 3: National governance and reporting relationships



Achievements to date

Healthy Ireland Funding

Co. Wicklow CYPSC has secured €75,500 in Department of Health - Healthy Ireland funding through Rounds 1 and 2. Round 1 funding of €38,400 was delivered through 7 partners and 14 actions impacting 100s of children and young people across the county. Round 2 funding of €37,100 provided funding for 5 projects. This funding has enabled us to build and strengthen the work outlined in our Children and Young People's Plan for 2016-19. The Healthy Ireland funding has been directed towards three priority areas of nutrition and physical health/activity and there has been a strong focus on targeting the funding to particular groups including families from disadvantaged areas, lone parents, members of the Travelling community, those with a disability, children and young people from new communities and young women not engaged in physical activities. A Healthy Wicklow Strategy was developed in collaboration with the LCDC under Healthy Ireland funding and the priorities identified are reflected in the current CYPP 2020-2022 and has been used to inform our Round 3 Healthy Ireland application. We look forward to continuing our work in Round 3 through a further sum of €96,000 in Healthy Ireland funding and €32,050 in Community Mental Health funding.

Quality Capacity Building Initiative – West Wicklow

In 2018 we secured Quality Capacity Building Initiative QCBI (now 'What Works') funding to roll out supports to parents of children and young people with ASD in collaboration with relevant partners in West Wicklow led by the West Wicklow Youth Project. This programme was informed by the range of evidence emerging of the needs of both parents and young people. It was also informed by the ASD Conference hosted by Co. Wicklow CYPSC in October 2017 which highlighted the needs of children, young people and their families. The QCBI programme took a two pronged approach. One strand was focussed on building the capacity of parents and the second focussed on improving transitions for young people with ASD moving from primary to secondary education settings. The work with parents included four workshops delivered by Sensational Kids on sensory regulation x 2, ASD in Teenage years, and Social Skills. An ASD Parent Support Group was formed as an outcome of the work with parents and the adaptation of the Transition Programme offered by West Wicklow Youth Project will continue to support the transition of young people with ASD in the years ahead. The impact for children and young people is to improve their experience of transition from primary to secondary education.

Online Safety

Co. Wicklow CYPSC has continued to work with Cybersafeireland in the roll out of workshops in primary schools across Co. Wicklow. The information gained from this work has been beneficial in providing a strategic direction including a stronger focus on parents to support them and provide them with additional information on the issue of online safety. In 2018 we delivered our first Safer Internet Day in collaboration with other agencies in the county including Wicklow Comhairle na n'Óg. In 2019 we celebrated our second Safer Internet Day and heard presentations from young people from Extern and Wicklow Comhairle na n'Óg. The Comhairle also facilitated a workshop for 30 young people from a local primary school and the 'Together for a Better Internet' artwork from the local school was a key talking point on the day. The work to date has impacted children and young people by having their voices heard and by increasing their awareness on the issue of online safety. We look forward to strengthening our approach to online safety in the CYPP 2020-2022 in collaboration with our partners.

Prevention Partnership and Family Support – Strengthening Relationships

The period of the last CYPP 2016-2019 has seen a strengthening of the relationship with our PPFS Partners. The PPFS Steering Committee which is also the Outcome 3 Subgroup of Co. Wicklow CYPSC has overseen the establishment of the Child and Family Support Networks and the implementation of Meitheal. The relationship between CYPSC and PPFS in the area demonstrates best practice in bringing together a variety of agencies across the area of family support and domestic violence. This has enabled an interagency and collaborative approach to the delivery of training and the co-ordination of parenting supports. The PPFS Steering Committee, the CFSNs and the ABC Project [SPECS] have raised awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences and will continue to do so. An Infant Mental Health Network has been formed which meets regularly providing shared learning and peer support to practitioners working in the area. The Non Violent Resistance Model has been introduced into the area and is being delivered on an interagency basis and a network has been formed which meets regularly and coordinates the planning of training delivery. The information on emergent need coming from the Child and Family Support Networks and feedback from Meitheal forms are reflected in the priorities identified in this plan.

Refugee Resettlement Report

In 2018 Co. Wicklow CYPSC partnered with Co. Wicklow Citizens Information Services and Co. Wicklow LCDC to commission a research report into the experiences of six Somali families who had come to live in Arklow under the 2013-2015 Resettlement Programme. In the years that followed these families were joined by twenty family members, following applications for family reunification. The majority of those young people are under the age of 22. The report documents the experiences of these families in Arklow. It reveals the potential of these families to contribute to life in Ireland and a determination to shape their own outcomes. However, the families face ongoing barriers to their experiences of integration in Ireland. There has been little research or evaluation of resettlement projects so this report will contribute to the body of knowledge in the area.

Key recommendations from the report included:

- More direct and ongoing support while transitioning to life in Ireland – this process takes more time than anticipated and needs to take account of reunification
- More support with education, training and employment needs
- Co-ordinated interagency response required to ensure all needs are properly assessed and addressed involving the Somali Community
- Training and capacity building needed for service providers
- Capacity building amongst target group

This report will be particularly valuable to us as we welcome 38 Syrian Families into Wicklow in early 2020 and to inform the integration of Asylum Seekers in the International Protection Accommodation Centres in Wicklow Town, Bray and Ashford. *'Resettlement projects are the beginning of an integration journey; if these processes are appropriately resourced and supported, they could lead to Better Outcomes and Brighter Futures for all'* (Learning from a Resettlement Project, 2018:4) [Download Here](#)

Other achievements of note

- Participation in a needs analysis process with the DSGBV section of Tusla which has led to the creation of three additional DSGVV specific posts in the county including two outreach worker posts (one in West Wicklow and one in East Wicklow) and a Traveller specific post for the county. Enhanced DV services in the county will impact positively on children and young people by ensuring adequate access to services that can support the family with a view to helping them to address the recognised negative impact of DV.
- Delivery of co-ordinated and interagency training in relation to Intercultural Competency and Transgender Awareness were rolled out successfully in 2019. The impact for children and young people would be to receive services from staff who have a greater understanding of diversity and inclusion and of transgender issues specifically.
- Collation and dissemination of information in relation to the planning and delivery of parenting courses in the county on an ongoing basis. In addition to a strong interagency approach to delivery of evidence based parenting programmes in the county. Collaborating with Kildare CYPSC and our partners in Kildare Parenting Forum to ensure that parenting courses in Wicklow are reflected on www.parentingsupport.ie. The impact for children and young people is improved parenting capacity and parenting relationships.
- Supporting the work of the ABC project, Supporting Parents and Early Childhood Settings [SPECS] Initiative in Bray, Co. Wicklow which commenced in 2015 and is engaging successfully in the community and now receives mainstream funding through Tusla. The learning from the evidence based practice in this project is informing and enhancing delivery of services across the county. SPECS is also the host initiative for the Infant Mental Health Network in the area. The impact of the project on children and young people is multi-faceted but it includes enhanced parenting capacity and improved parenting relationships, better access to speech and language therapy in early years' settings and improved
- Hosting 'The Right Direction' conference in October 2017 to highlight the rights of children and young people with ASD gave a powerful voice to both young people and their families on the issues of concern and Minister Harris was in attendance as well as colleagues from HSE Senior Management and the Department of Education. We will continue to advocate with our partner agencies to ensure adequate resourcing of services for children with disabilities.

Review of previous plan

The Co. Wicklow CYPSC submitted its second plan in 2016 for the period 2016-2019. The work was overseen by eight subgroups across the five outcome areas with two subgroups representing specific areas of interest i.e. West Wicklow and Somali Refugee Integration. Where possible, subgroups are chaired by members of the main CYPSC Committee to ensure good feedback. Regular progress updates are provided at CYPSC Committee meetings which take place 7/8 times per annum. A review of progress is undertaken bi-annually.

In September 2018 Co. Wicklow Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) commissioned an external evaluation of its work covering the period 2012-2019. The intention was to identify effectiveness, best practice and challenges encountered so as to inform and shape future policy, strategy and areas of work.

The evaluation methodology was participative and involved consultations with internal and external stakeholders through interview, questionnaire and workshops. A total of 182 people were consulted including CYPSC members, Subgroup Members, external Stakeholders and young people.

Learning

The overall conclusion of the evaluation is that the Wicklow CYPSC is becoming a strong and respected presence in County Wicklow. It is recognised and understood as an interagency structure and way of working that brings together services and supports in response to the needs of children, young people and families in the county. There are good indicators of trust and confidence in the CYPSC. This is most evident in the lead agencies and organisations that have direct responsibility to attend to the needs of children, young people and families. There are signs of strong interagency relationships and ways of working that have developed as a result of the presence of and work of the CYPSC to date. A firm foundation has been laid by and for the Wicklow CYPSC to proceed with confidence into the next plan period 2020-2022.

The **main strengths** of the CYPSC:

- Strong committed group of members with valuable experience and wisdom to share
- Attendance, active participation and commitment from people in decision making roles
- Good information sharing and interagency work
- Good insight into the workings of other agencies, particularly statutory agencies
- Congruence, whereby people relate to and align their own work with the objectives of the work being progressed within the CYPSC
- Excellent leadership/coordination and follow through on actions agreed.

The main areas that require attention are awareness raising and generating more precise understanding of the CYPSC, its role/remit, purpose and fit, in relation to other agencies.

Changes

The CYPSC has established a good foundation and presence with more work to be done to draw in the full suite of stakeholders in order to advance the work. In particular, it is important to draw in the voice of young people to usefully inform the work of the CYPSC and member organisations. This research confirms the wish of young people to be involved and to engage practically and meaningfully. It is also important to create stronger and specific working relationships with organisations that could progress the work under all Outcomes and particularly Outcomes 2 and 4. The Department of

Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Tusla, the Kildare and Wicklow ETB, the LCDC and the Partnership Companies are all important in this regard.

A strong recurring theme of the evaluation is continuance and deepening of the work into the next plan period. This includes keeping up the momentum and energy through attendance at CYPSC meetings and all members being active in the work of the subgroups. There is a need to refresh the structures of the CYPSC and ensure that each subgroup is working more self-sufficiently, and to capacity, in harmony with agreed terms of reference. It is recommended that the current sub groups continue into the next plan period with refreshed terms of reference, agreed and signed off.

Challenges

The main challenges facing Wicklow CYPSC are:

- Mental health services for young people and families.
- Active participation of children and young people, what this means and how it can be achieved and sustained.
- Early school leavers, good data needed with input of Education Welfare Officer (EWO) and data from groups like NEPS and NCSE.
- Responding well to refugee resettlement.
- Working collaboratively with other bodies to develop more integrated early intervention supports for marginalised target groups, particularly those affected by enduring poverty, unemployment and homelessness.
- Administrative support for the CYPSC Coordinator.

Impact

Wicklow CYPSC is making a positive difference in the lives of children and young people across the five national outcomes outlined in Better Outcomes Brighter Futures:

Outcome One: Active, physical and mental well being

The CYPSC has made good impact in terms of physical activity e.g. increased play infrastructure including skate parks, increased healthy eating courses particularly to target groups and actions under the Healthy Ireland Fund. A Yoda model¹ of service focused on under 18s has been initiated in the county and this can be built on into the future. The work of the CYPSC has made a difference to youth mental health by working with partners to secure a Jigsaw project for the county, promoting and supporting YMH initiatives e.g. Little Things, Gr82Byng, Be Well Wicklow. There continues to be significant challenges for particular cohorts of children and young people such as those with ASD.

Outcome Two: Achieving full potential in learning and development

There has been some impact in relation to outcome two with more work to do in the next plan period. Areas of note include transitions, literacy and numeracy, early school leaving, school exclusion and Traveller education in the county. Additional work is also required to develop support mechanisms for young people out of school and to encourage them to remain within the education system.

Outcome Three: Safe and protected from harm

Good progress is being made in relation to Outcome Three. The establishment of the Prevention, Partnership and Family Support Steering Committee (PPFS) is a success in overseeing the development of the Child and Family Support Networks (CFSNs) and the roll-out of Meitheal. Wicklow has been a

¹ YoDA: Youth Drug and Alcohol Service

leader in this regard. The CYPSC co-ordinated the planning of online safety training in schools, parenting courses and have availed of free/sponsored parenting courses to meet identified gaps in staff training e.g. Parents Plus Adolescent training. The CYPSC has partnered with Kildare CYPSC to have a joint parenting forum parentingsupport.ie. It has also developed and rolled out joint Social Worker/Garda DV training and carried out a DSGBV Needs Analysis in the county. Research was completed in relation to the Refugee Resettlement of Somali families in Arklow and a Working Group has formed to look at the recommendations coming from this research. There is close alignment with the work of Tusla and the Gardai.

Outcome Four - Economic security and opportunity

Many consider outcome four as challenging, for all CYPSC, particularly to achieve tangible outcomes. The main added value that CYPSC has brought is the co-ordination and planning of initiatives focused on young people who are not engaged in education, employment or training, i.e. NEETs. CYPSC has brought the partners together who are all working on NEETs and this has ensured shared effort and better targeting of initiatives in some areas. It is important that the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection comes to the CYPSC table as an essential partner in relation to this outcome area. There is a call for more work at a national level to clearly define the work under Outcome Four.

Outcome Five: Connected, respected and contributing to their world

Good work has been done in the area of equality e.g. the establishment of LGBT support groups within some services, roll-out of diversity/inclusion training in pre-schools services, expansion of self-help to all libraries in Wicklow. The West Wicklow Youth Project is in operation and is addressing a clear need identified in that area. Work has been done with a Youth service in Carnew to build capacity and it has moved to a new premises and the volunteer committee has received training. More work will be done in this area in 2020-2022.

Consultations with young people revealed that young people are unaware of the CYPSC and yet are eager to learn more and to contribute their views. There is a drive to connect with young people and to include their views and opinions into the CYPSC work and to realise the full vision of participation.

Recommendations from the Evaluation

The following are the strategic pointers to guide the preparation of the Plan 2020-2022. The overarching themes are continuance, relationship building, communication, alignment, participation and better use of data.

1. **Continue current structures** and expand relationships deeper and more specifically to align clearly and purposefully with the work plan 2020-2022.
2. **Align more deliberately** the CYPSC work with that of partner agencies and organisations and spell this out to influencers and people working at operational, as well as management levels. It recommended that final draft of the actions under each outcome, CYPSC Plan 2019-21, are circulated for information to key decision makers in each agency.
3. **Continue to raise awareness of the CYPSC** with target audiences so as to advance the work of the CYPSC.
4. **Continue to prioritise the work of the CYPSC in line with the relevant government policy** commitments. The **top five priorities** for the work of Wicklow CYPSC 2020-2022, based on the evaluation, are: 1. Early Intervention, 2. Youth Participation, 3. Positive Mental Health, 4. Children with Disabilities and 5. Physical Health.
5. **Participate and connect** with young people meaningfully, creatively and practically, with reference to good practice.

6. **Renew the terms of reference for each of the subgroups** based on the specific feedback gathered during this evaluation.
7. **Continue to communicate and network proactively** linking between and across subgroups and create ways to share information e.g. website, links, emails, invitations to different sub groups and other relevant stakeholders to talk about the detail of the work and how it is meshing together to reflect the reality of life in families and communities.
8. **Create interconnections** between the subgroups particularly where themes are cross cutting, e.g. connected, respected and contributing.
9. **Use data** to more specific and practical effect within each of the outcome areas. Progress the analysis of all data, quantitative and qualitative, and communicate findings and learning so as to purposefully influence policy and practice that relates to the lives of children, young people and families.

How the Children and Young People's Plan was developed

The Wicklow Children and Young People's Plan [Wicklow CYPP] 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 from local, national and international research.

The Change Management Subgroup of the Co. Wicklow CYPSC oversees the development of the 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 is informed by the CSO 2016, information gathered by the Local Authority in preparation for the Local Economic and Community Plan, the Tusla Data Hub and the State of the Nations Report 2016 and the data gathered in relation to the development of the Commissioning Plan for the ISA area in 2019.

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 Community and Voluntary [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 Tusla Commissioning process which included parents and children.

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 2018 Co. Wicklow CYPSC commissioned an external evaluation of its work to date.

The Audit of Services template was circulated, in Q1 2019, 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. Simultaneously a county profile was commissioned.

In April 2019 the Co-ordinator presented the profile and consultation findings to the CYPSC and gathered the input and comments of members. During the period May to September the subgroups had an opportunity to review the profile and consultation findings in order to agree/develop their actions for the new CYPP.

A consultation with young people from Comhairle na n'Og took place at their AGM in November 2019 and the results are included. On the 8th November 2019 a joint CYPSC/Subgroups meeting was held at which each subgroup had the opportunity to share their proposed workplan with colleagues from other subgroups with a view to identifying any further gaps or overlaps and to strengthening the partnership between subgroups.

A first draft of the entire CYPP was presented to Co. Wicklow CYPSC in February 2020 and some minor adjustments were agreed to be undertaken prior to submission for pre-assessment. Unfortunately the COVID-19 crisis delayed this process and significantly impacted all services in Wicklow. As a consequence it was agreed at the May CYPSC meeting that all subgroups should be given an opportunity to review workplans and that a review of the profile should also be undertaken. This work was undertaken and a final draft was presented to the CYPSC at the end of

August 2020. Some amendments/changes were made and the final plan was approved at the September 2020 meeting of Wicklow CYPSC.

Year	Process	Stakeholders Consulted	Outputs
2018	Consultations with internal and external stakeholders through interview, questionnaire and workshops	182 participants – CYPSC Members, Subgroup Members, Young People and External Stakeholders or relevance	External Evaluation of Co. Wicklow CYPSC
2018	Needs Assessment with young people in West Wicklow	58 Young People and 9 adults took part	Engaged young people in identify priorities for West Wicklow
2018, Q4	Consultation with Child and Family Support Networks	3 CFSN meetings of approximately 60 stakeholders	Engaged services to identify priorities across the 5 outcome areas
2019 (Jan to March)	Questionnaire, focus groups, individual interviews and consultations for the Tusla Commissioning and CYPSC plan processes	74 Tusla Staff 54 Services (27 Wicklow) 57 parents 83 children and young people (Appendix C and D)	Engaged services, parents, young people and children to identify priorities for the Tusla Commissioning and CYPSC plans
2019 (April)	Presentation to Wicklow CYPSC of county profile and findings from consultation process	Wicklow CYPSC Committee Members	Priorities identified to be raised with subgroups
2019 (May to Sept)	Presentation of profile and findings from consultations to CYPSC subgroups	Wicklow CYPSC Subgroup Members across 7 subgroups – more than 100 individuals	Priorities identified and actions mapped to the logic model
2019, November	Consultation with Comhairle na n'Og (Appendix F)	100 young people attended the Comhairle AGM	Engaged young people in identifying priorities for Co. Wicklow
2019, November	First draft of Children and Young People's Plan	50 stakeholders made up of community, voluntary and statutory services	Engaged services in consultation with draft plan. Reviewed comments and incorporated suggestions with subgroups and CYPSC.
2020, February	First draft of entire CYPP presented to CYPSC	25 CYPSC members made up of community, voluntary and statutory services	Reviewed the final draft and sign off for submission.

2020, March	COVID 19 delays submission of the CYPSP for pre-screening	Not applicable	Not applicable
2020, May-August	Review of the workplans by each subgroup and review of the socio-demographic profile in light of COVID 19	7 CYPSC Subgroups	Updated workplan agreed Updated profile prepared
2020, August	Presentation of final plan to Wicklow CYPSC Committee	Wicklow CYPSC members	Draft plan presented and some amendments agreed
2020, September	Final amendments undertaken to plan and approved at CYPSC meeting	Wicklow CYPSC members	Final plan agreed for submission for pre-screening
2020, October	Submission for QA process	DCYA Panel including National CYPSC Co-ordinator	Plan submitted for QA
2021, June	Feedback from QA process received	National CYPSC Co-ordinator	Feedback received and undertaken
2021, July	Final updated plan submitted	National CYPSC Co-ordinator	Plan submitted for posting to national CYPSC website

Section 2: Socio-Demographic Profile of Co. Wicklow

This demographic profile of Wicklow offers a detailed overview of Wicklow and its population covering a wide range of indicators based around 10 core themes. The focus of this profile is to provide robust evidence and data to assist with the development of strategy and policy leading to service provision and support for young people, marginalised, under represented and vulnerable members of the population.

This document has been structured as a reference document, with a focus on ease of access to the relevant indicators set out in the themes below:

Core Themes/Sections:

- 1. Demographics:** Population Age, Change Dependency, Travellers
- 2. Nationality**
- 3. Private Households:** Composition and Lone Parents (with Children Under 15), DSP Family Support Grants and Child Welfare
- 4. Education:** Mothers Attainment, Education and Schools Profile, Attendance, Childcare and Travellers in Education
- 5. Youth Unemployment:** (Live Register) and Travellers in Employment
- 6. Health:** Disability Profile, Intellectual and Sensory Disabilities, General Health, Medical Cards, Youth Waiting Lists, Health Conditions and Traveller Health
- 7. Births, Antenatal/Postnatal Care:** (Breastfeeding, Screening and Public Health Nurse visits) and Sexual Health.
- 8. Mental Health,** Self-Harm, Suicide and Alcohol/Drug Abuse
- 9. Deprivation,** Risk of Poverty and Juvenile Justice
- 10. Housing:** Social Housing, Homelessness and Traveller Accommodation

Summary Indicator Table 2016

Measure	County		National	
	Number	%	Number	%
All Persons 2016	142,425	100	4,761,865	100
0 – 4 Years	10,173	7.1	331,515	7.0
5 – 12 Years	17,984	12.6	548,693	11.5
13-17 Years	9,884	6.9	310,294	6.5
18-24 Years	10,422	7.3	392,502	8.2
Population Aged 0 – 17 Years	38,041	26.7	1,190,502	25.0
Population Aged 0 – 24 Years	48,463	34.0	1,583,004	33.2
Change Population 0- 14 years 1996-2016	6,682	26.1		17.1
Change Population 15- 24 years 1996-2016	-772	-4.5		-8.9
Youth Dependency Rate (0-14)		35.2		32.3
Student or Pupil (Principal Economic Status – age 15+)	11,880	17.5		18.5
Non Irish National Population 0-24 Years	2,660	5.5		8.2
Traveller Population 0-24 Years	437	0.90	18,018	1.2
Young Person with a disability (aged 0 -24 years) *19.7% of total no. of those with disability in the county i.e. 19,244	3,805	19.7*		
Children with a disability 0-14 Years	2,014	6.2		5.9
Youth with a disability 15-24 Years	1,791	11.1		9.3
The number of Children registered as having an intellectual disability (2015)	222	6.1	9,066	5.4
The number of Children registered as having a physical or sensory disability (2015)	213	5.8	6,230	5.2
Lone Parent Family Units with children (under 15 years)	3,306	19.1		20.0
2011 DATA Available only				
Educational Attainment of Mother – Primary (including no formal education) 2011	1,317	4.1	48,040	4.8
Educational Attainment of Mother – Lower Secondary 2011	4,124	12.9	141,329	14.2
Educational Attainment of Mother – Upper Secondary 2011	13,066	40.7	416,407	41.9
Educational Attainment of Mother – Third Level 2011	12,945	40.3	364,299	36.7
Educational Attainment of Mother – Not available 2011	634	2	23,590	2.4

Summary of Wicklow Profile, Wicklow and State 2016

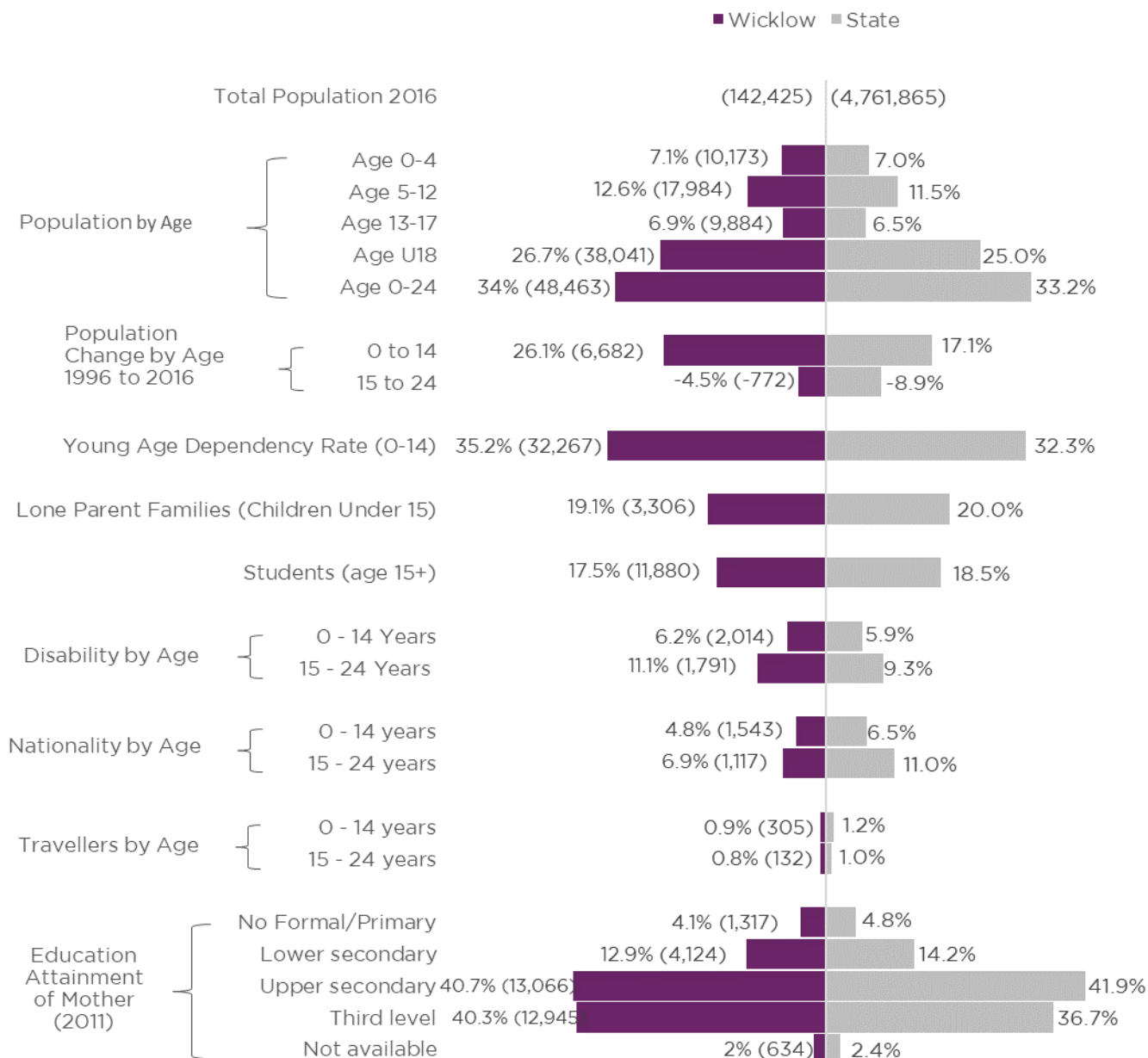


Figure 1: Summary Socio-Demographic Profile of Wicklow and State, 2016 (Source: CSO Census 2016)

Key Points from Wicklow Profile

General Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population 142,425 • 0-24: 48,463 or 34% • High birth rate 13.5 per 1,000 (12.9 State) and inward migration • High pre-school and school age numbers supported by high levels of households at these family life cycle stages • High Youth Age Dependency Rate 35% vs 32% State (13th highest in State) • 437 Travellers aged 0-24 i.e. 34.5% of total number of Travellers for county • 9.2% Non-Irish national (UK, Poland, Lithuania) – 5.5% 0-24
High numbers of Lone Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 2002 51% increase in Lone Parent Families. • Now 19.1% of all families - 13th highest number of Lone Parent families in the State • 21 settlements recorded higher rates (Carnew highest at 32.8%) • 1,144 in receipt of one-parent family support
Disability and General Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.2% of 0-14 have a disability • 11.1% of 15-24 vs 9.3% for State • 5,559 carers: 328 (u24) or 5.9% • Intellectual Disability 6.1 per 1,000 • Physical and Sensory Disability 5.8 per 1,000 • 83% of 0-24 reported very good health • Breastfeeding rates in line with State but still at only 48.6% • Lower rate of attendance for early antenatal • 10 births to 10-17 - marginally higher than State
Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self Harm: Male Rate is lower than the State (155 vs 181 per 100k) but the female rate is considerably higher (246 vs 218 for State) • Death by suicide current data 2016 (437 deaths or 9.2 per 100k) – 7 times higher in Traveller men compared with general male population
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial variation in education attainment • 81 mainstream Primary – only 7 DEIS • 23 Post Primary – only 4 DEIS • 7th lowest DEIS schools per population • 4th highest rate of primary students in large class sizes of more than 30 • School Attendance generally good but mean rate of 20-day absence at post-primary higher than State • Good Retention Rates • Picture very different for Traveller Population
Income/Finance and Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare Costs – 5th highest in the State at €200.21 • 1,468 Recipients of FIS and 4250 Back to school clothing and footwear • 494 0-24 on Live Register Jan 19 (reduction of 57% on 2016) • 35% of these Bray, 32% Arklow, 21% Wicklow and 32% Baltinglass • Unemployment rate for Travellers 77.2%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment rate for those with a disability was 23.8% • Medical Cards 35.7% • Deprivation: 49 Small Areas Disadvantaged and 13 Very Disadvantaged • Children 0-17 most at risk of poverty 18.4%, deprivation 23% and consistent poverty 8.8% - applying to Wicklow 6,999 at risk and 3,347 consistent poverty
Housing/Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,477 households qualified for housing supports – 52.4% on waiting list for 4 or more years • 4,791 of 9.8% of private households classed as within social housing tenure type – significant spatial variations • Wicklow has the highest rate of dependence on rent supplement • Homelessness figures need to be updated • 18 Traveller families (2017) Unauthorised halting sites

Landscape of the County

County Wicklow is geographically divided 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 is forced to travel on either the R756 or the R759 – two relatively minor roads. There is an urban (predominantly encompassing the east of the county) and rural population composition within the county. 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.

1. Demographics

Headline: With a population of 142,425 (Census 2016), Wicklow has the 14th highest population of all local authorities in Ireland.

The spatial distribution of the population within the county is quite different to other local authorities in the region (Eastern) with the vast majority of the population (approximately 65%) residing in Wicklow living within 5km of the east coast.

1.1. Population Change and Distribution

Headline: Between 1991 and 2016 Wicklow's population has increased by 46.4% (+45,160), the 5th highest rate of all local authorities.

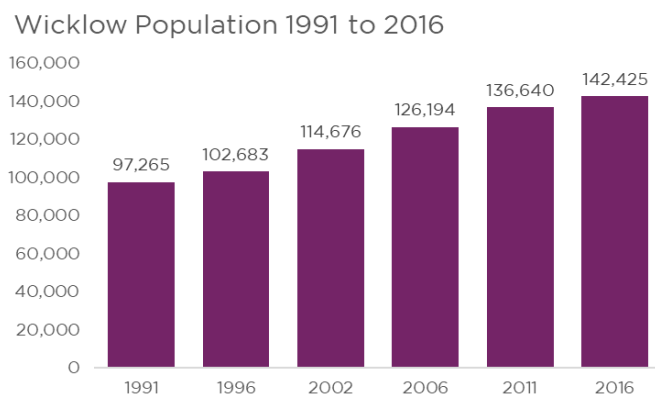


Figure 2: Population Wicklow 1991 to 2016 (Source: CSO Census 2016)

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.

Time-Series: Between 1991 and 2016, the population in the county increased by 46.4% (+45,160), the 5th highest rate of all local authorities.

In the five years since Census 2011 the population growth within the county has been more modest at a rate of +4.2%, the 13th highest of all local authorities and marginally higher than the State average (+3.8%). Within this period, population growth occurred in 61 of the 82 Wicklow Electoral Divisions (EDs).

The majority of growth that occurred in the county was located close to the large settlements along the M11 corridor (Bray, Greystones/Delgany, Roundwood, Newtownmountkennedy, Ashford and Rathnew/Wicklow) with EDs in the area recording rates of between +5% and +15% population increase. Inland, along the N81 corridor, Blessington EDs recorded rates in excess of +15%.

Rural parts of Wicklow, especially in the south and west of the country recorded population decline with rural Electoral Divisions surrounding Tinahely and Carnew recording the highest rates of population decline of between -2% and -8%.

According to the 2016 Census, 65% of the population in County Wicklow now live in the aggregate town areas, marginally (-0.1%) lower than in 2011. In the State, approximately 62.7% of the population now live in aggregate town areas.

1.2. Age Cohorts

Headline: Wicklow has a higher rate of young people than the State (25%) with 26.7% of the population residing in Wicklow under 18 years of age – 13th highest in the State

In summary, Wicklow has the 15th highest rate of population aged 0 to 4 (7.1%) and the 7th highest rate aged 5 to 12 (12.6%) in the State. However, it should be noted that the rate of pre-school (0 to 4) children has reduced in the county and is in line with national trends.

It is evident that the county's youth 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 (11th highest), Early School (6th highest) and Pre-adolescent (9th highest) family life cycles stages.

The following text and graphics provide more detail on the young age cohorts within Wicklow in 2016.

Summary Population (CYPSC Age Cohorts)

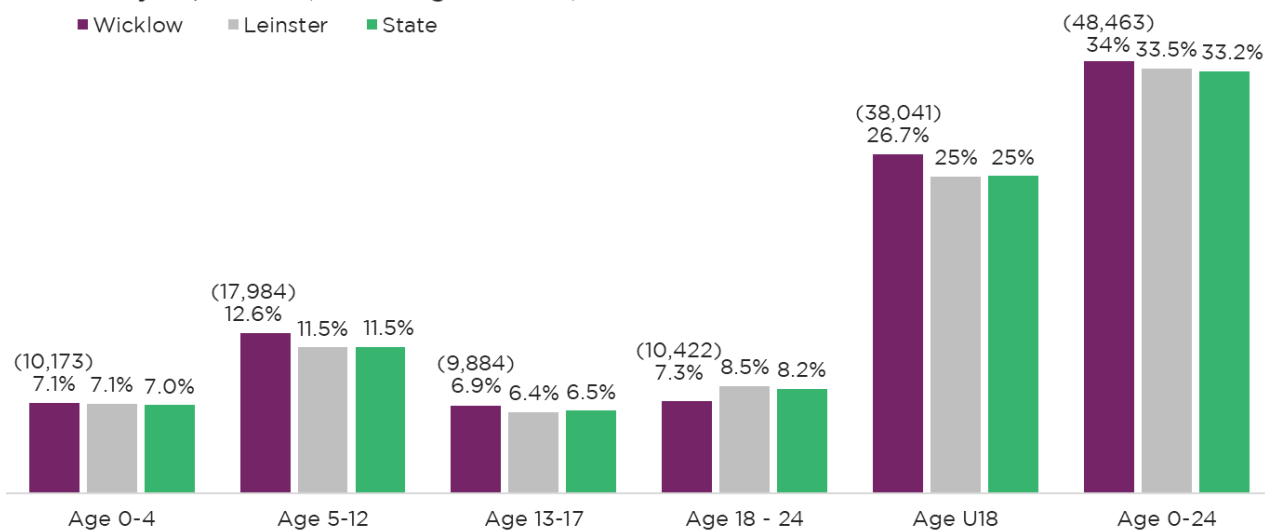


Figure 3: Population by CYPSC Age Cohorts, 2016 (Source: CSO Census 2016)

Age 0 to 4 (Pre-school)

Headline: There is a pre-school (age 0-4) population of 10,173 which consists of 5,168 males (50.8%) and 5,005 females (49.2%) and accounts for 7.1% of the total population in Wicklow – marginally higher than the State average of 7% and the 15th highest rate in the State.

Population Aged 0 to 4

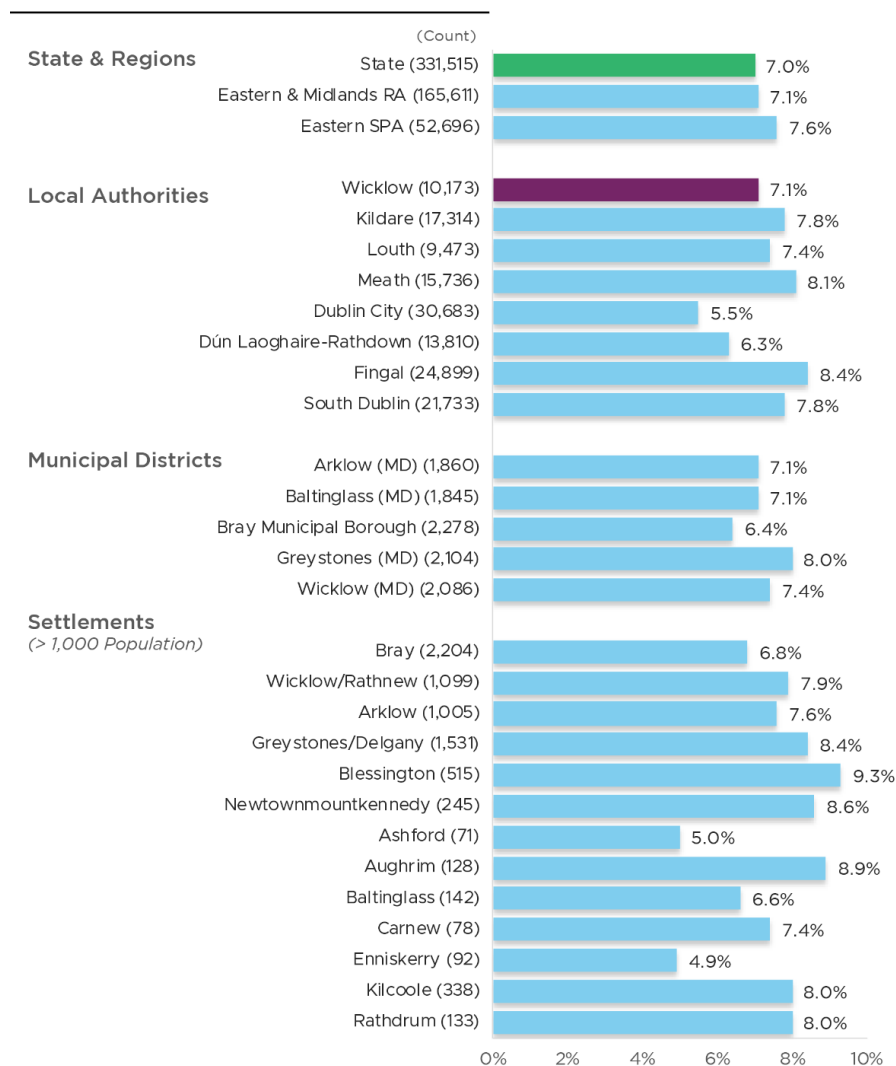


Figure 4: Population Aged 0 to 4 (Source: CSO Census 2016)

Time-Series: Since 2011, the 0-4 age cohort has reduced by -7% across the State. This is a result of a combination of historical population cycles and an overall lowering of the national birth rate (18.6% in 2011 v 15.1% in 2016). During this period, the rate of reduction in Wicklow has been more pronounced with a decrease -11.3% or -1,301 in the pre-school population.

Census 2016 also reports that 13.6% of all pre-school populations lived in lone parent families. This rate is marginally lower than the rate of 15.4% in 2011.

Age 5 to 12 (Primary school)

Headline: According to Census 2016, the primary school age group (5-12) in Wicklow stands at 17,984 and accounts for 12.6% of the population. This figure is higher than the State (11.5%) and lower than the Eastern SPA (13.2%) averages. The primary school population in Wicklow consists of 9,111 males (50.6%) and 8,873 females (49.4%).

Population Aged 5 to 12

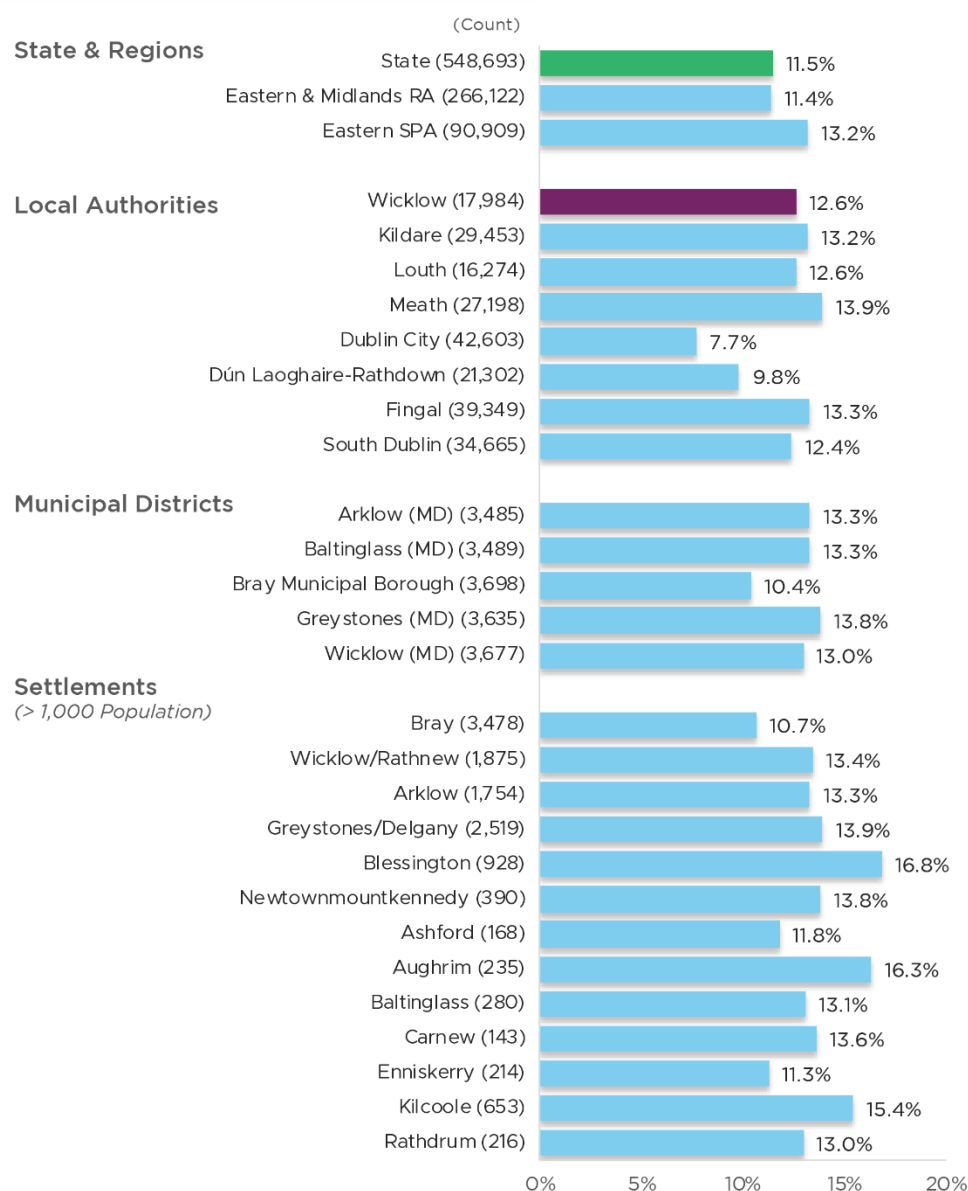


Figure 5: Population Aged 5 to 12 (Source: CSO Census 2016)

Time-Series: There has been a major increase in the primary school population in Wicklow with an increase of +1,983 or +12.4% recorded during the five years since Census 2011. This rate of increase is considerably higher than the State average of +8.8%.

Age 13 to 17

Headline: According to Census 2016, there is a secondary school (13 to 17) population of 9,884 or 6.9% of Wicklow's population. This is the 13th highest number in the State and the 17th highest rate.

Population Aged 13 to 17

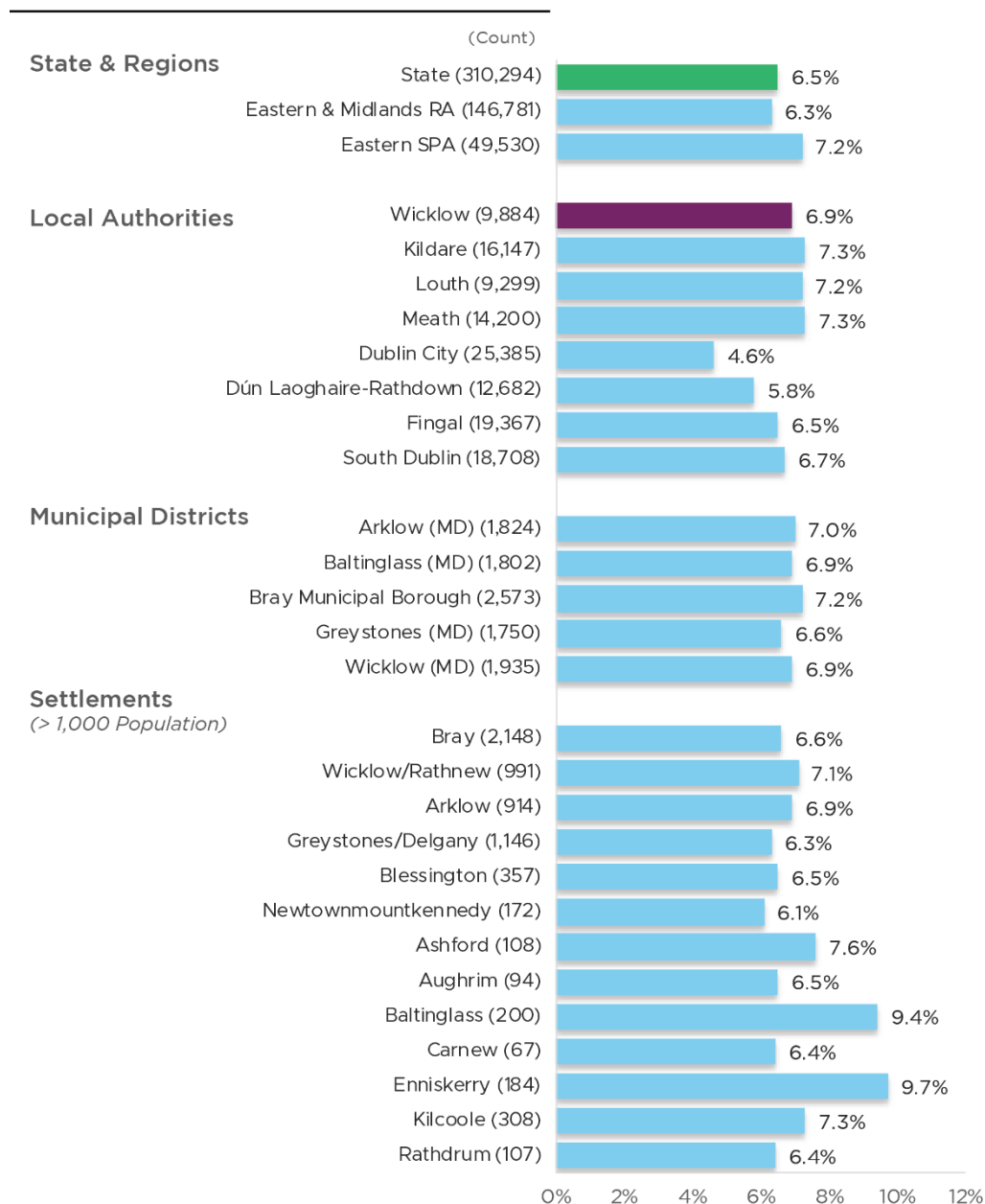


Figure 6: Population Aged 13 to 17 (Source: CSO Census 2016)

Time-Series: Since 2011, there has been a considerable increase in the population aged 13 to 17 of 917 or 10%, in the five years since the previous Census. This rate is higher than the State average of 7.7%.

Age 0 to 18

Headline: 26.7% of Wicklow's population are aged under 18 years (38,041). The 13th youngest population (under 18) of all local authorities in Ireland

Population Aged Under 18

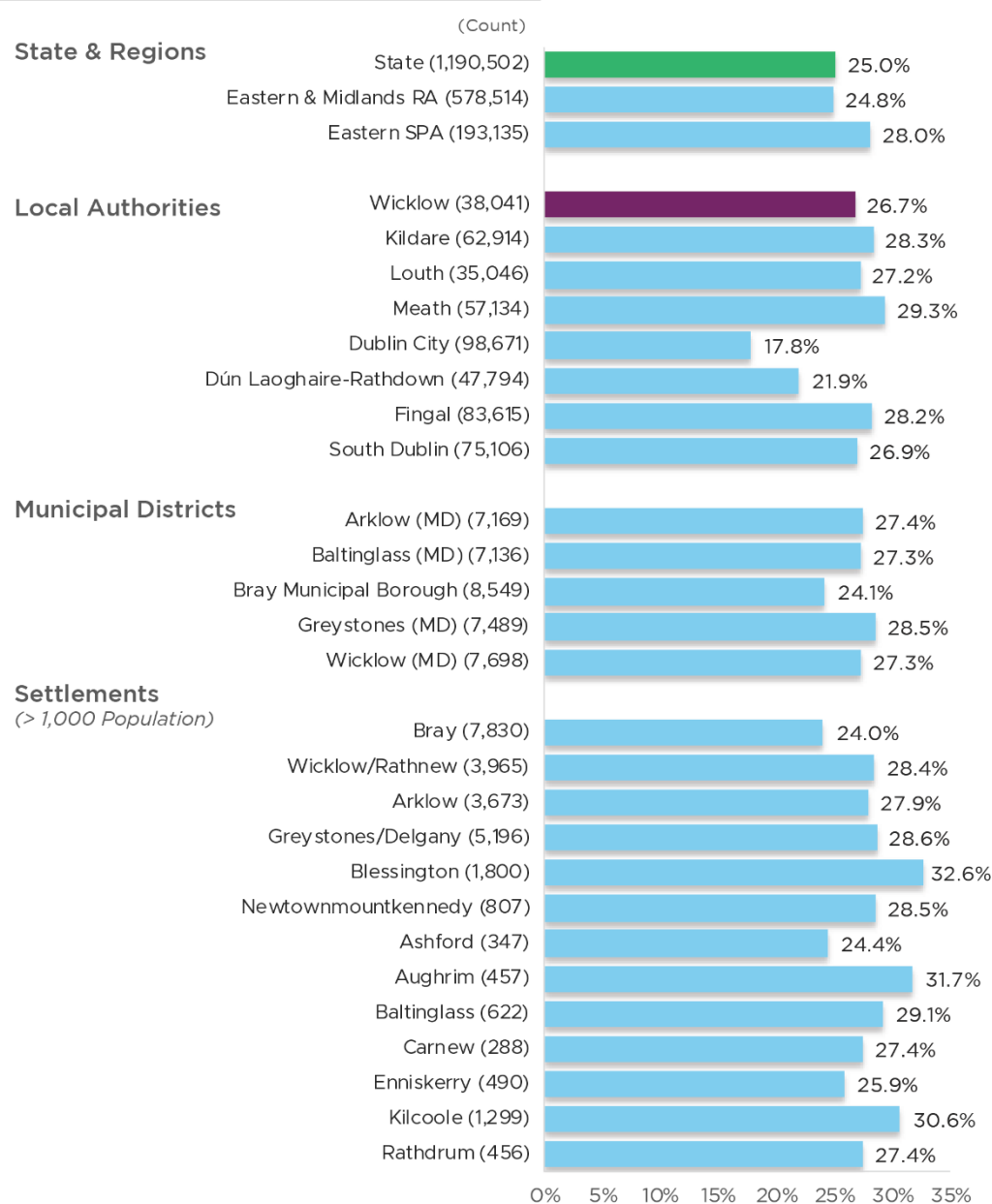


Figure 7: Population Aged Under 18 (Source: CSO Census 2016)

The under 18 population in Wicklow consists of 19,385 males (51%) and 18,656 females (49%). Areas of the county that have experienced high levels of new housing developments have some of the highest rates Barndarrig (37%), Redcross (36%), Rathnew (35%), Roundwood (34%) and Blessington (33%) and will pose a significant challenge for the delivery of required services.

Age 18 to 24

Headline: According to the 2016 Census, there were 10,422 persons or 7.3% of the population aged 18 to 24 living in Wicklow. This figure is lower than the State (8.2%) and Regional (7.8%) averages and is the 15th highest rate in the State.

Population Aged 18 to 24

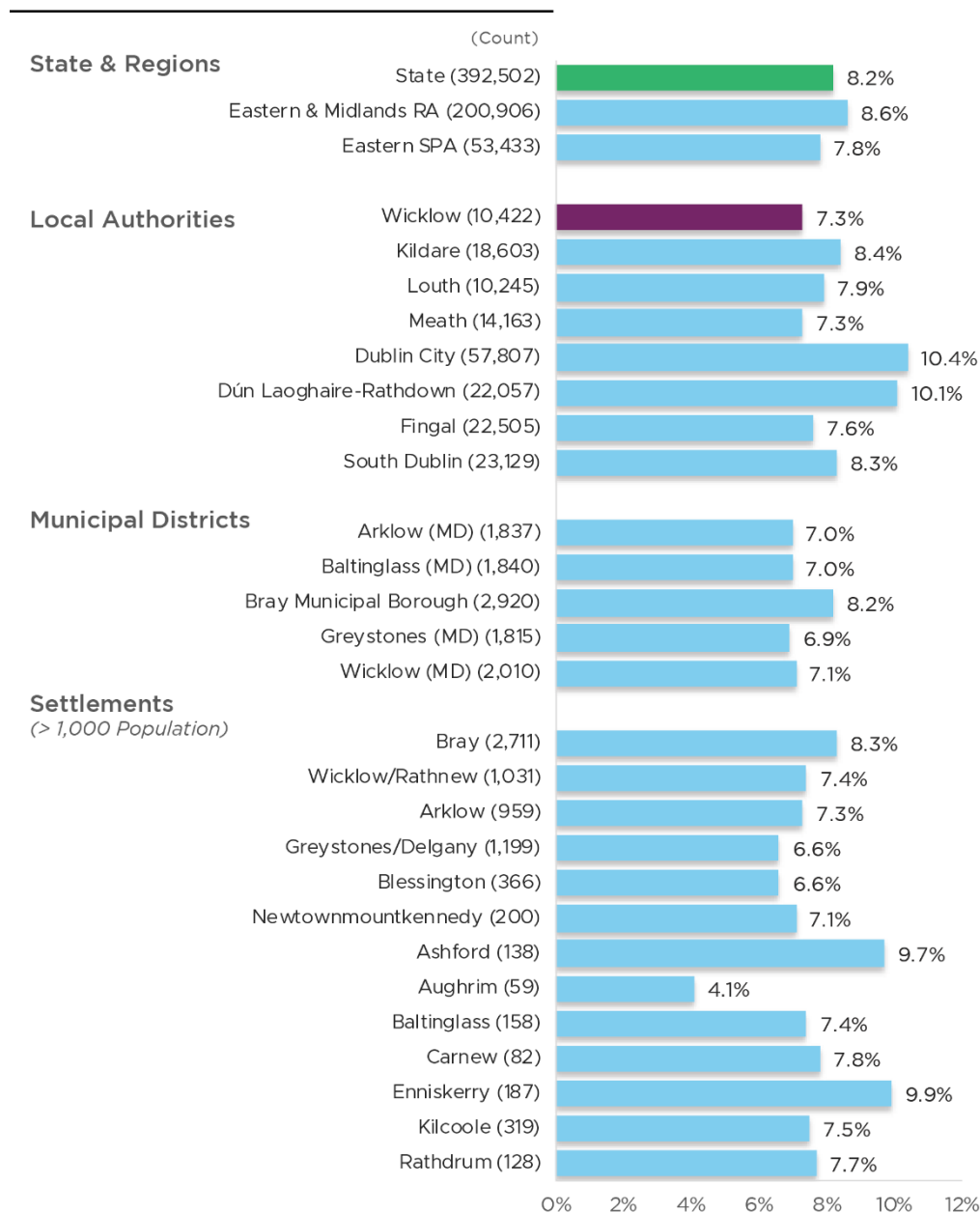


Figure 8: Population Aged 18 to 24 (Source: CSO Census 2016)

Time-Series: Since 2011, there has been a decrease of -7.3% or -820 in the population aged 18 to 24 in Wicklow. This figure is higher than the State average which recorded a decline of -4.5% in the five year period since Census 2011.

Age 0 to 24

Headline: In 2016, a total of 48,463 or 34% of the population of Wicklow were aged 24 years or younger. This figure is higher than the State (33.2%) and lower than the Eastern SPA (35.8%) averages. The under 24 population in Wicklow consists of 24,718 males (51%) and 23,745 females (49%).

Population Aged 0 to 24

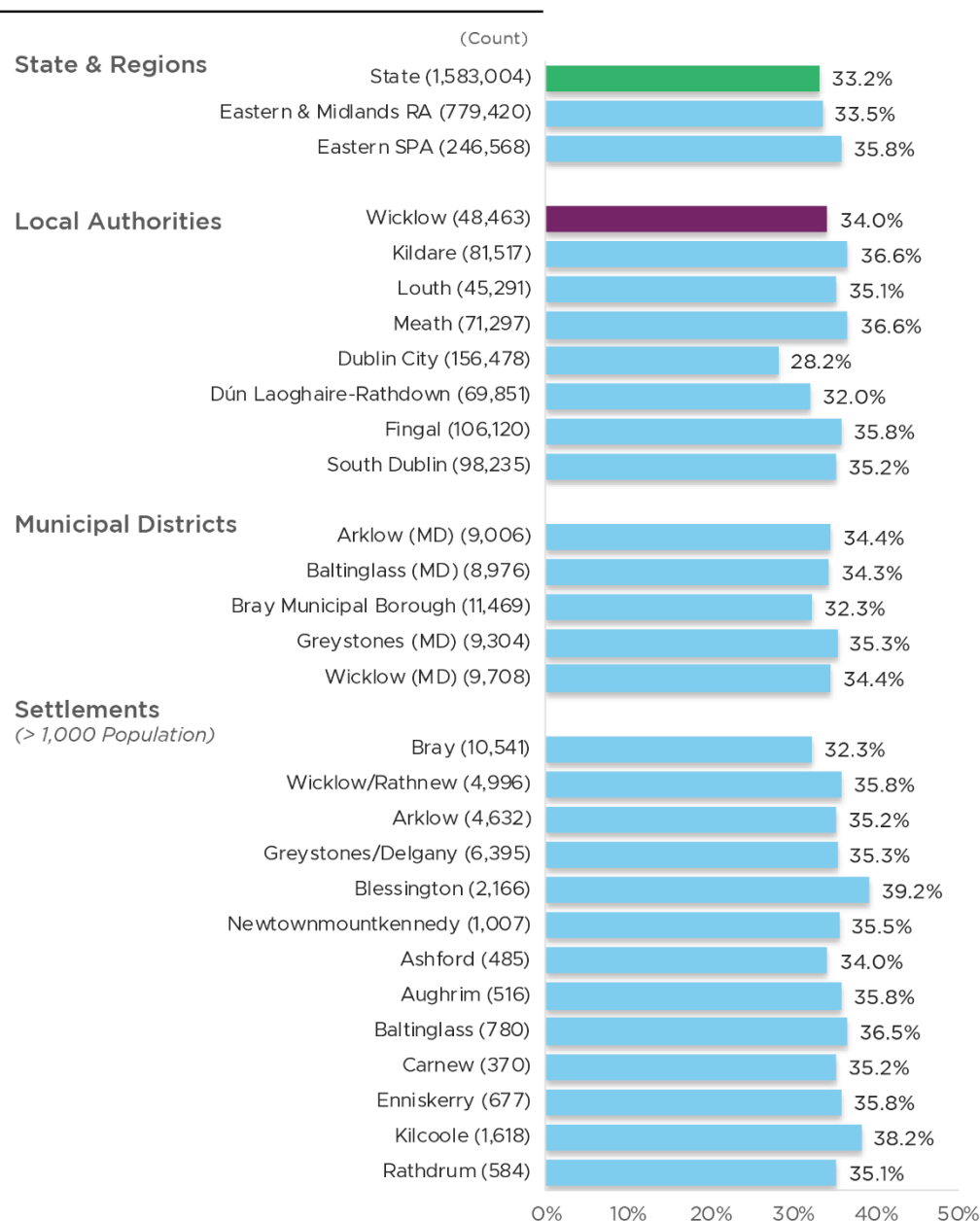
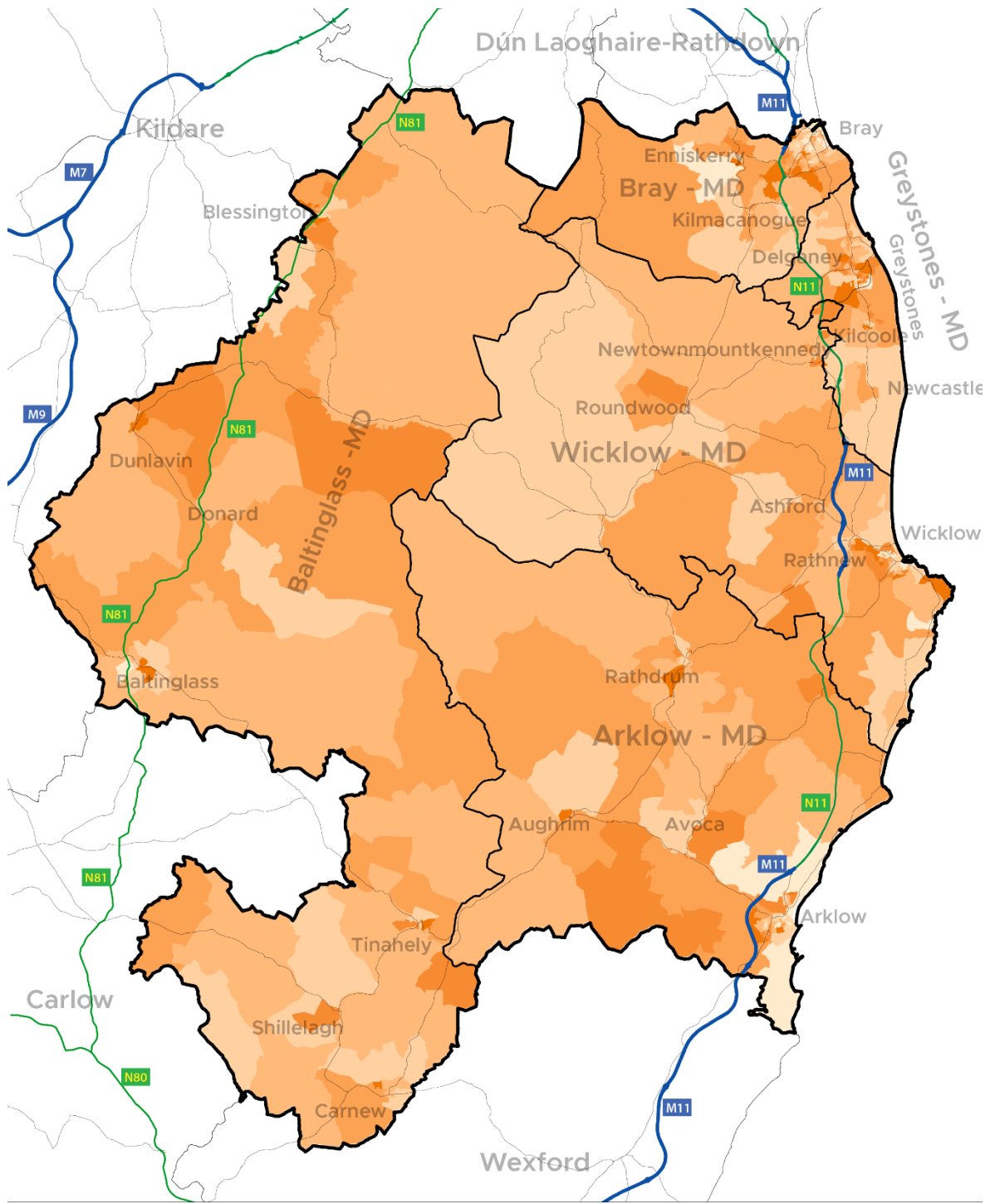


Figure 9: Population Aged 0 to 24 (Source: CSO Census 2016)

Time-Series: Since 2011, this cohort has increased by +1.6% or +777 and is in line with the State average (+1.5%).

See map overleaf for a detailed spatial distribution of young people (0 to 24) at the Small Area (SA) geographical scale across Wicklow.



% Population - Aged 0 to 24

- Less than 24%
- 24% to < 29%
- 29% to <33%
- 33% to <38%
- 38% to <43%
- Greater than 43%

Contextual Layers

- MDs
- Motorway
- Nat. Roads
- Roads
- Railway
- Rivers



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Data Source: OpenStreetMap, CSO Census 2016

Map 1: % Population Aged 0 to 24 in Wicklow Small Areas (SAs), 2016 (Source: CSO Census 2016)

1.3. Dependency Rates

* The Youth Dependency Rate is a measure of the number of dependent young people (0-14) as a percentage of the population aged 15 to 64. A high ratio means that those of working age face a greater burden in supporting the young population.

Headline: With a rate of 35.2%, Wicklow has the 13th highest Youth Dependency Rate in the State and is considerably higher the State (32.3%) average and lower than the Eastern SPA (36.8%) average.

Young Age Dependency Rate, Census 2016

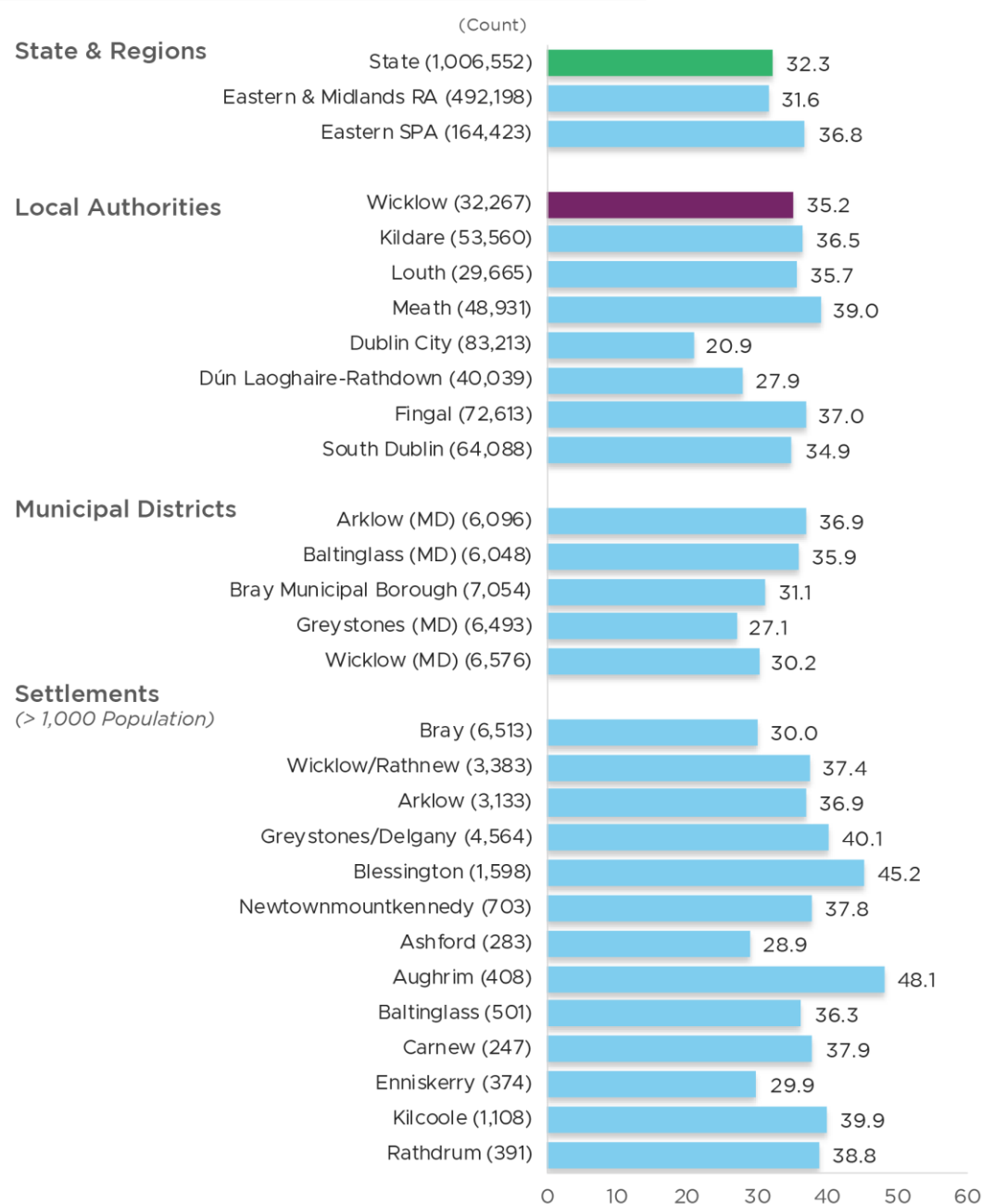


Figure 10: Youth Dependency Rate (Source: CSO Census 2016)

1.4. The Traveller Population

Headline: There were 778 White Irish Travellers enumerated in the 2016 Census in Wicklow. This figure represents 0.6% of the total population – the 17th highest in the State.

Nationally, the number of people enumerated as Irish Travellers in Census 2016 was 30,987. This figure represents an increase of +5% since census 2011. While there was growth in overall Traveller numbers across the State, a total of 11 of the 31 local authorities recorded a decline in numbers.

Wicklow experienced a marginal increase in Traveller numbers from 726 in 2011 to 778 in 2016.

The graphic below presents the distribution of Travellers across Wicklow settlements.

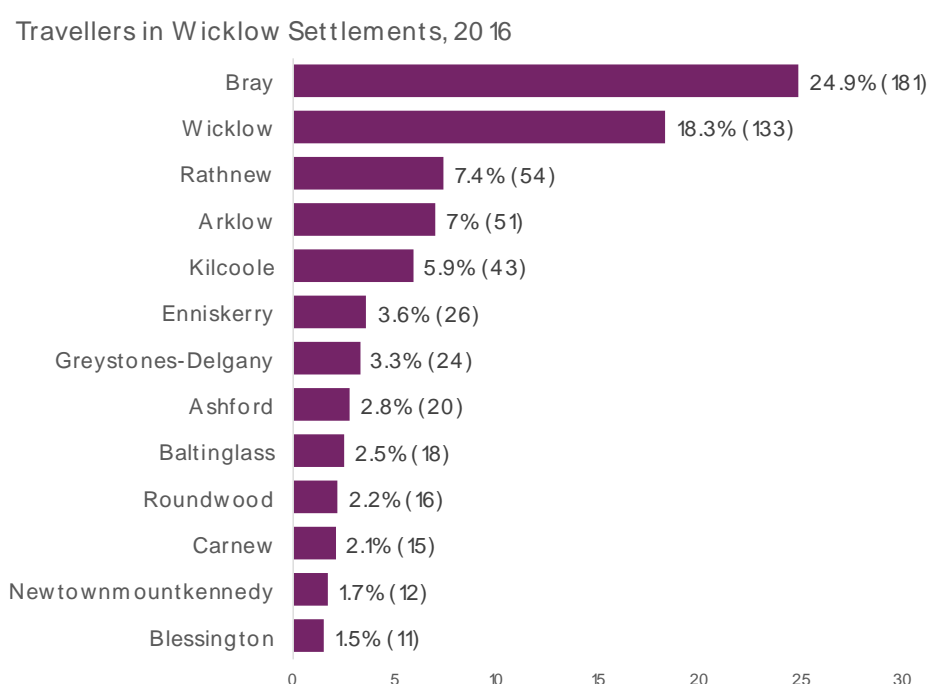


Figure 11: Count and Percentage of Travellers in Wicklow Settlements (Source: Census 2016)

Travellers Aged 0 to 24

The general age profile of Travellers is far lower than the overall population:

- Of the 30,987 Travellers enumerated in Census 2016, 18,018 were aged 0 to 24 in Ireland. This figure accounts for 58.1% of the total Traveller population and 1.2% of the overall population aged 0 to 24. In contrast, the overall population aged 0 to 24 accounts for 33.2% of the total population in the State
- In Wicklow there were 437 Travellers aged 0 to 24 in the county. This figure accounts for 34.5% of the Traveller population in the county and 0.91% of all the young people (aged 0 to 24) in the county.
- There was a marginal decline in the number of Travellers aged 0 to 24 (-0.9% or -168) since 2011 in the State. In the same period, Wicklow experiences an increase of +5.6% or +23.

The findings outlined above reflect other research which highlight that outcomes in terms of health and life expectancy for Travellers are significantly lower than that of the rest of the population

2. Nationality

Headline: According to Census 2016, the population identifying as non-Irish nationals in Wicklow was 12,986 or 9.2% of the total population. This rate is lower than the State (11.4%) and Eastern SPA (10.1%) averages and is the 9th lowest rate in the State.

Nationality: Non-Irish, Census 2016

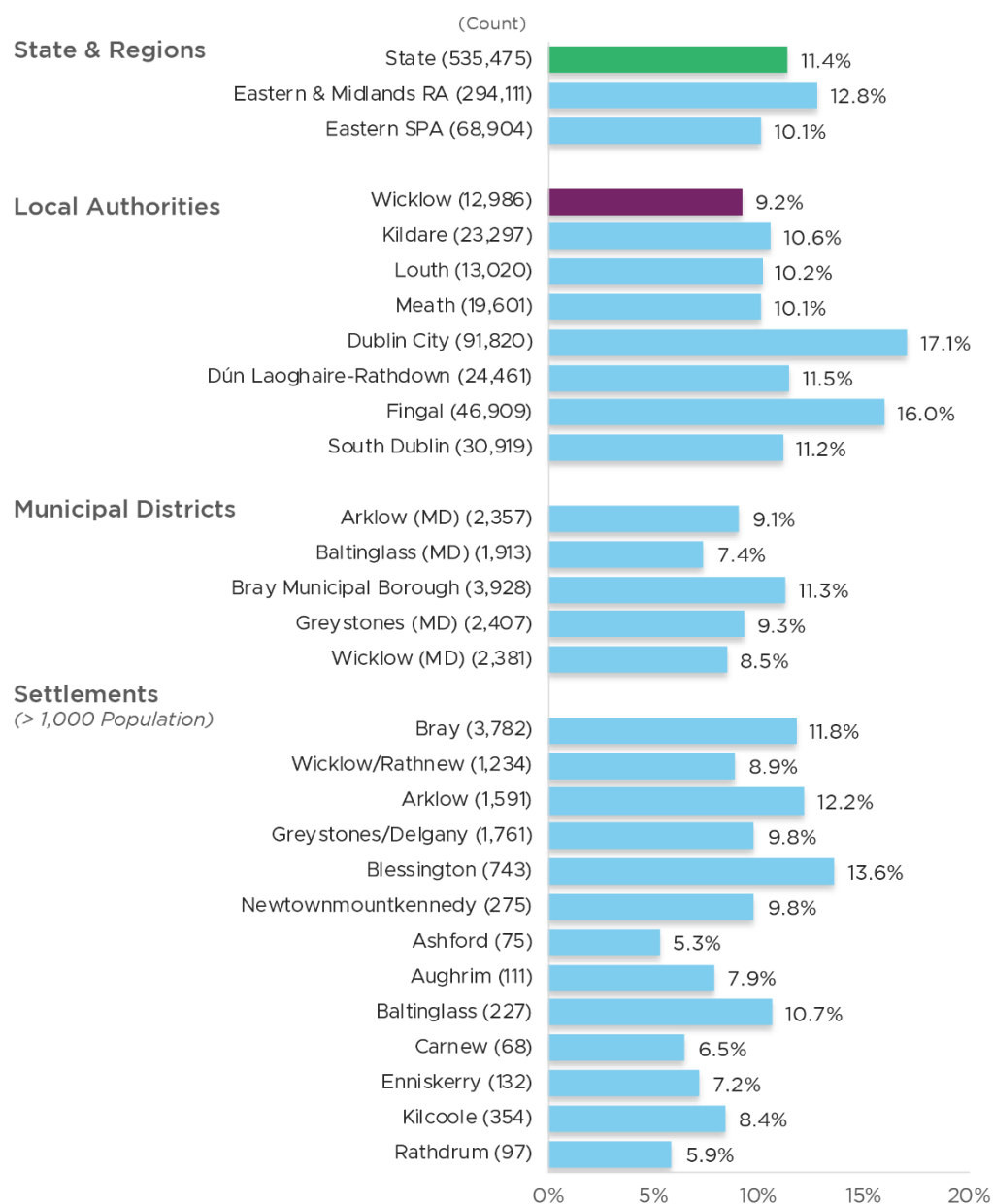


Figure 12: Non-Irish Nationals, (Source: Census 2016)

The population of 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 an influx of new skills, talents and approaches.

Time-Series: Between 2002 and 2016 there has been a significant increase (+4,781 or + 47.6%) in the number of non-Irish nationals residing in the county. However, since 2011 there has been an overall reduction of -2.9% or -391 non-Irish national. This marginal rate of decline is broadly in line with the State average (-1.6%). This fall in non-Irish nationals can in part be explained by the rise in the number of those with dual Irish nationality, who are classified as Irish in the census.

Non- Irish Nationals Aged 0 to 24

Headline: In 2016, there were 2,660 (5.5%) Non-Irish Nationals in Wicklow aged under 24 – lower than the Stage (8.2%) average.

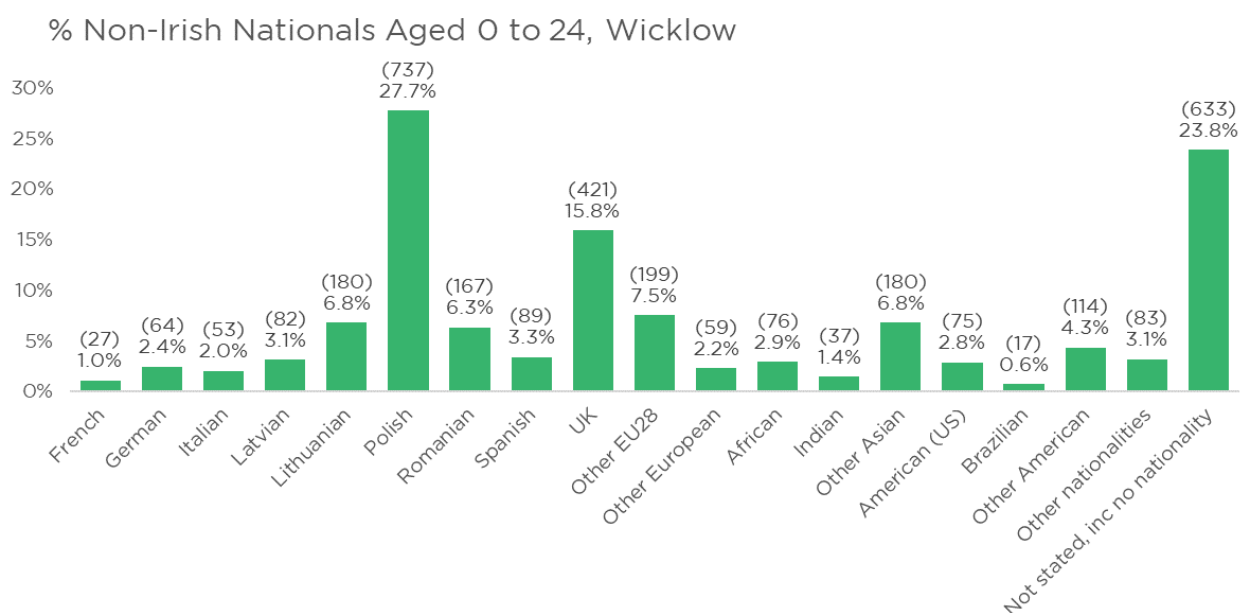


Figure 13: Non-Irish Nationals Aged Under 24 in Wicklow, by Nationality (Source: Census 2016)

Note: In December 2018 a Direct Provision Centre was opened in Wicklow Town to cater for up to 110 people including children and young people. Two Emergency Accommodation Centres have also been established in the county (one in Bray and one in Ashford). The non-Irish national population has also been impacted by reunification whereby those who entered under resettlement programmes have been joined by more than 20 family members. Wicklow has also committed to taking 38 Syrian families in 2019/20 which will further impact services for children and young people in the county.

3. Private Households

Headline: There were a total of 49,211 private households in Wicklow with a total of 140,978 persons living in private households according to Census 2016.

Since 2011, the average number of persons per private household in Wicklow has increased from 2.83 to 2.86 in 2016 and represents a marginal increase of 0.3

Overall, there has been an increase of 1,413 (+3%) in the number of private households in Wicklow with an additional 5,729 (+4.2%) persons living in private households.

Private Households			
County	No. Households	No. Persons	Average Persons
Kildare	73,596	220,923	3.0
Meath	64,234	194,400	3.03
Wicklow	49,211	140,978	2.86
Dublin City	211,747	554,554	2.61
DLR	78,601	218,018	2.77
Fingal	96,812	296,020	3.05
South Dublin	92,253	278,767	3.02
State	1,702,289	4,676,648	2.75

Table 1: Private Households and Average number of Residents, 2016 (Source: CSO Census 2016)

3.1. Household Composition

Headline: The composition of private households in the State can be broken into three main groups. The primary group are households containing families (couples, families with children, related persons) which account for 70.2% of all households. The second largest group are one-person households (23%) and the final group are non-family households (unrelated persons) (6.3%).

Household Composition, Census 2016

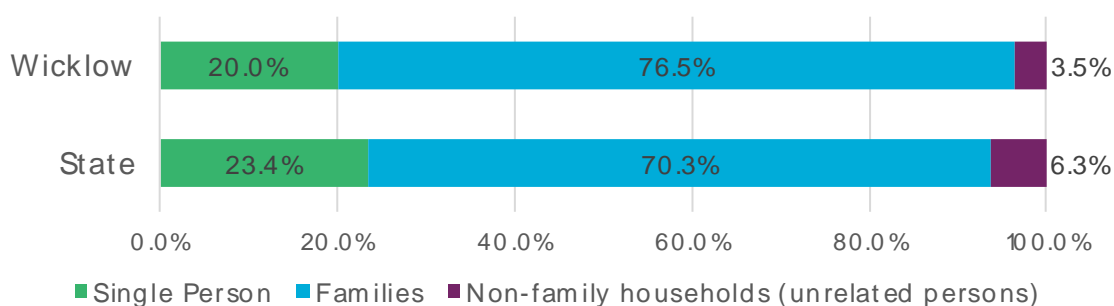


Figure 14: Household Composition Wicklow and State (Source: CSO Census, 2016)

The household composition of the 49,211 private households in Wicklow is somewhat different to that of the State. There is a higher proportion of family households (76.5% or 37,503), a lower rate of one-person households (20% or 9,811) and a considerably lower rate of those living in non-family households (3.5% or 1,691 households).

3.2. Lone Parent Families

Headline: According to Census 2016, there were 3,306 Lone Parent families residing in Wicklow or 19% of all families with children aged under 15. This rate is lower than the State average (20%) and is the 15th highest rate of all Local Authorities and the 13th highest number.

Lone Parents (Children Under 15), Census 2016

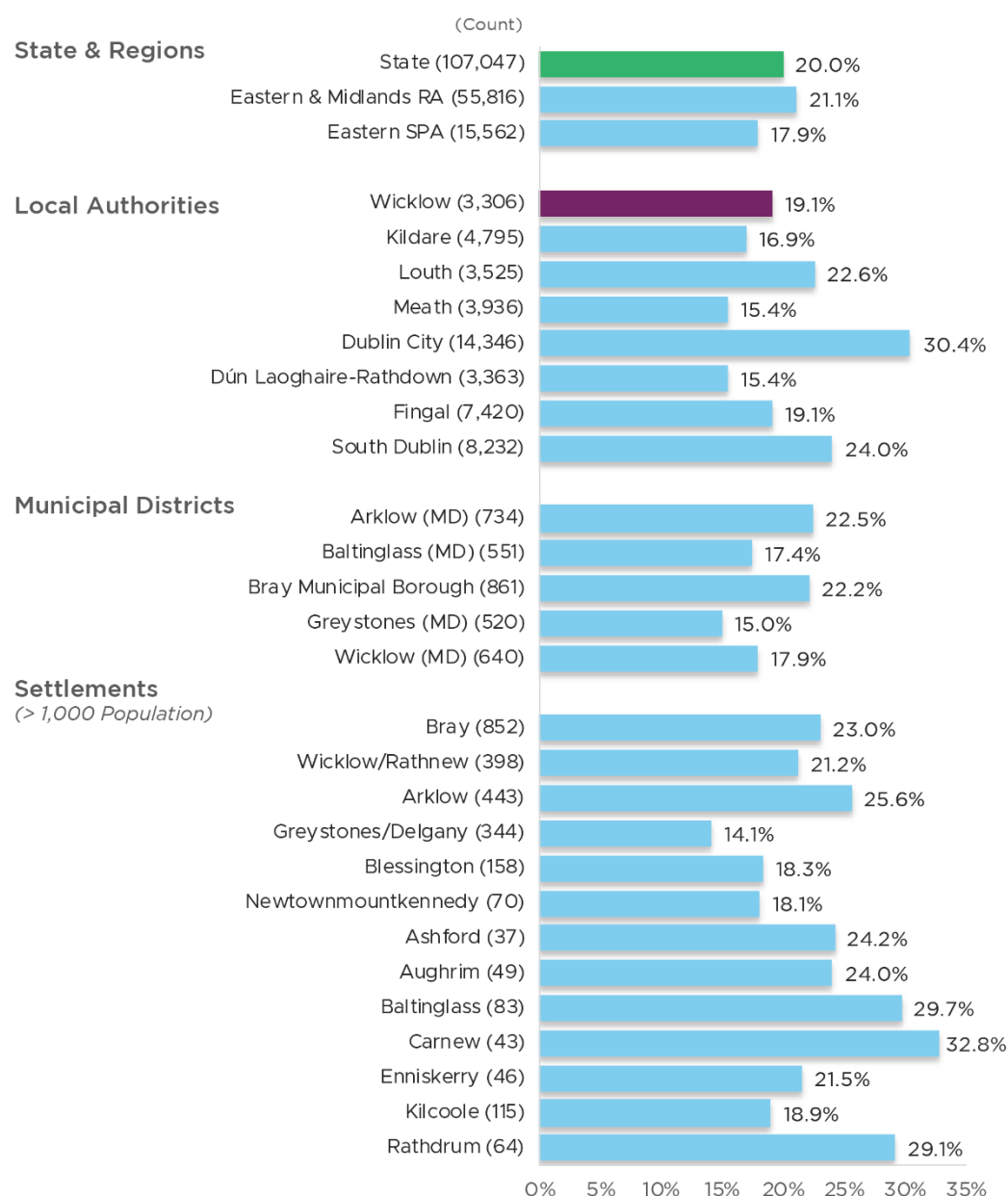


Figure 15: Lone Parent Families with Children Aged Under 15 (Source: Census 2016)

There is an uneven distribution among Lone Parent Fathers and Mothers (with children under 15) in both Wicklow and the State. According to Census 2016, 93.1% (or 3,077) of Lone Parent families (children Under 15) in Wicklow are Lone Mother families and 6.9% (or 229) are Lone Father families. These figures are in line with the State averages of 92.5% and 7.5% respectively.

At a settlement level, 21 settlements in Wicklow recorded higher rates of Lone Parent families than the Wicklow average (19.1%) – outlined in Figure 3 below. The highest rate recorded was in Carnew with Lone Parent families making up 32.8% of families with children under fifteen and the lowest recorded rate was in Kilpedder (11.3%).

3.3. DSP Family Support Grants

According to Department of Social Protection figures for 2017, a total of 1,144 people were in receipt of one-parent family support payment in Wicklow. This figure represents a decrease of -883 or -43.5% since 2014.

The report also shows that there were 20,630 recipients of child benefit (for a total of 39,034 children). The 2017 DSP report also details a total of 1,468 recipients of family income support and 4,250 recipients of back to school clothing and footwear allowance.

3.4. Child Welfare and Protection

Tusla Child Protection and Welfare Referrals for **Dublin South, South East and Wicklow**

ISA Totals

- 2018 **2,496**
- 2017: **2,629**
- 2016: **2,580**

Wicklow Child Protection and Welfare Referrals Year

- 2018: 1,192
 - 2017: 1,331
- **Child Welfare, 2018:** More than three-quarters of referrals of children in Wicklow were because of child welfare concerns (76.6%; n=913).
 - **Child Abuse, 2018:** There were similar numbers of children referred for emotional abuse (n=94; 7.8%) and physical abuse (n=89; 7.4%). Children were also referred for sexual abuse (n=55; 4.6%) and neglect (n=41; 3.4%).
 - **Breakdown of referrals, 2017:** 969 CPWR were for child welfare concerns; 362 CPWR were for child abuse. See breakdown below

Wicklow Child Welfare Referrals by Reason, 2017

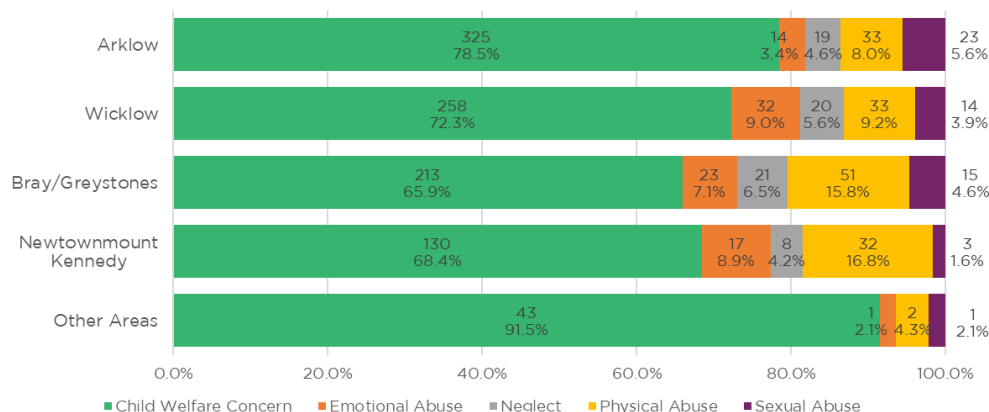


Figure 16: Wicklow Child Referrals by Reason, 2017

Number of Children in Care end of 2018: **98 Children**

Tusla Aftercare 2017 statistics in Wicklow during 2017, 38 young adults received an Aftercare Service. Just over half (55%) were in full-time education or in Education/ Training. Two thirds of the young adults were still living with their carers while they received aftercare support. 14% were in other accommodation. All young people receiving Aftercare had an Aftercare plan, and 80% had an Allocated Aftercare worker.

4. Education

Headline: In Wicklow, 35.1% (32,454) of the population who have completed education hold a third level degree or higher – the 6th highest rate in the State.

4.1. Educational Attainment – Total Population, 2016

Relative to other local authorities in Ireland, Wicklow has a very well-educated population. According to Census 2016, a total of 35.1% (32,454) of the population who have completed education hold a third level degree or higher.

The county has the 6th lowest rate of low education achievement (no formal/primary only – 11.1%) and the 6th lowest rate of medium education achievement (lower secondary – 14.3%). Overall, 69.4% of the Wicklow population (aged 15+) who have completed education have attained Leaving cert or higher. This compares to a State average of 66.6%.

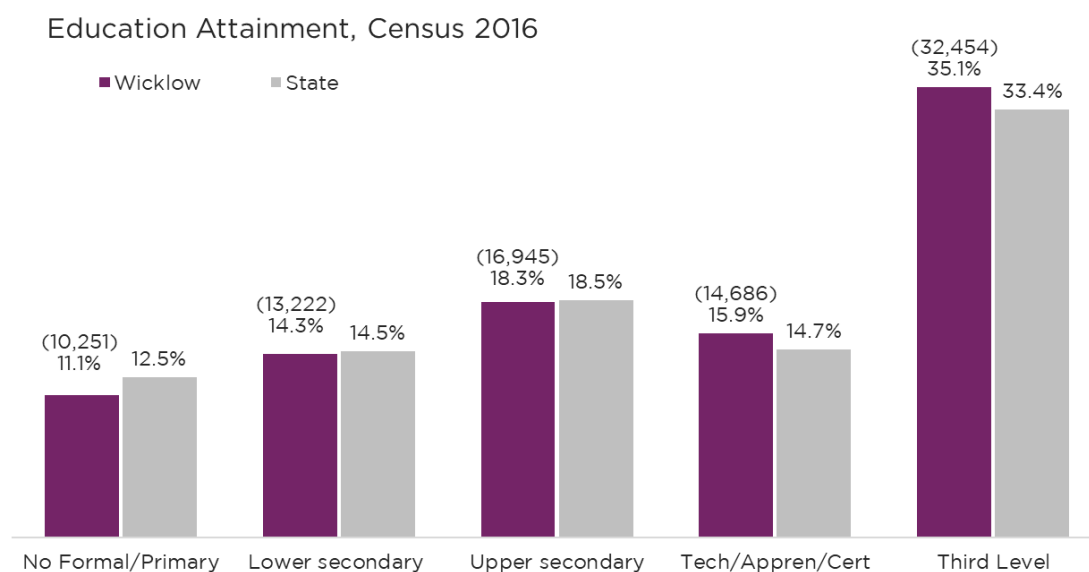


Figure 17: Educational Attainment – Total Population, Census 2016

There are clear spatial variations in education attainment across Wicklow. High levels of educational attainment (Third level or higher) are primarily in urban areas in the north-east of the county with highest rates in Greystones (52.9%), Enniskerry (44.6%) and Kilmacanogue (45%). At the MD level there is quite a difference with the Greystones (47.8%) and Bray (37.1%) MDs with the highest rates. In comparison, Arklow (26.6%) and Baltinglass (28.4%) have much lower rates.

No Formal Primary Education

Education Attainment: No Formal/Primary, Census 2016

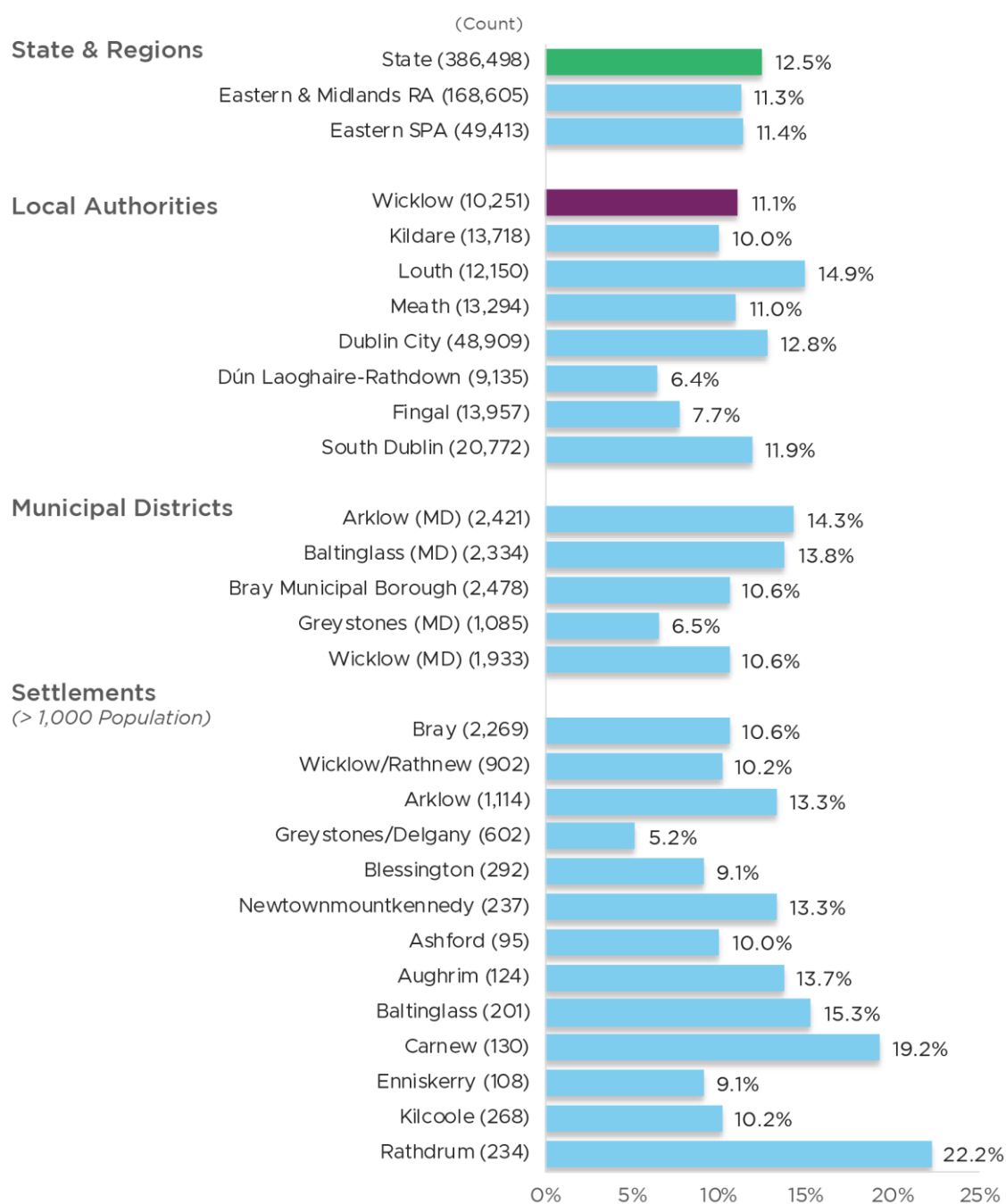


Figure 18: Education Attainment (Pop aged 15+): No Formal/Primary. (Source: Census 2016)

Third Level Education

Education Attainment: All Third Level, Census 2016

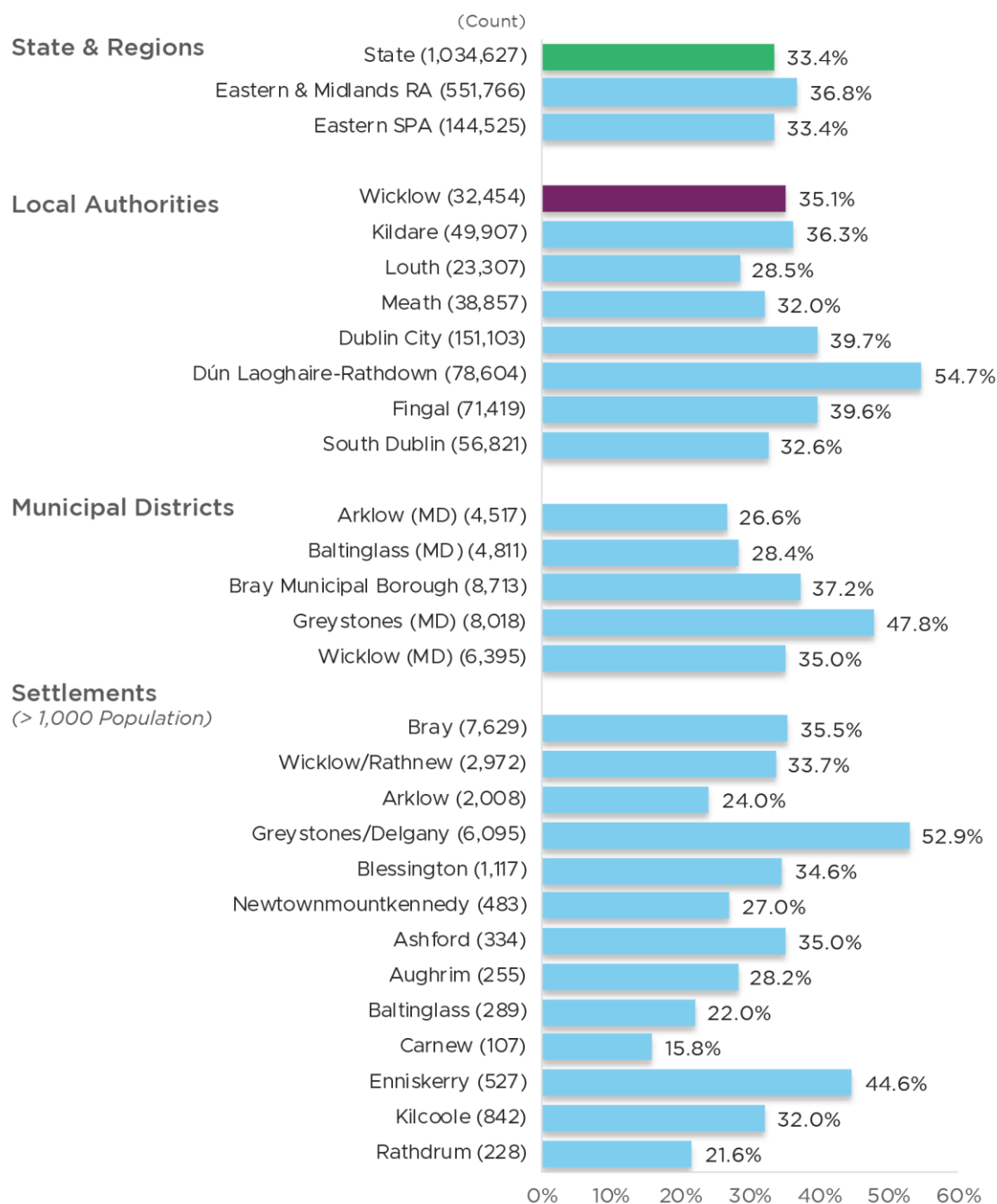


Figure 19: Education Attainment (Pop aged 15+): All Third Level. (Source: Census 2016)

4.2. Education Attainment Levels of Mother (2011)

The previous CYPSC demographic profile detailed the educational attainment of mothers. This data was not made available for Census 2016 unfortunately and 2011 data has been retained.

See table 2 below for 2011 data.

	No Formal/Primary	Lower secondary	Upper secondary	Third level	Not available	Total
Wicklow	1,317	4,124	13,066	12,945	634	32,086
	4.1%	12.9%	40.7%	40.3%	2.0%	
State	4.8%	14.2%	41.9%	36.7%	2.4%	

Table 2: Number/Percentage Children by Educational Attainment of Mother,2011 (Source: CSO Census 2011)

4.3. Schools in Wicklow

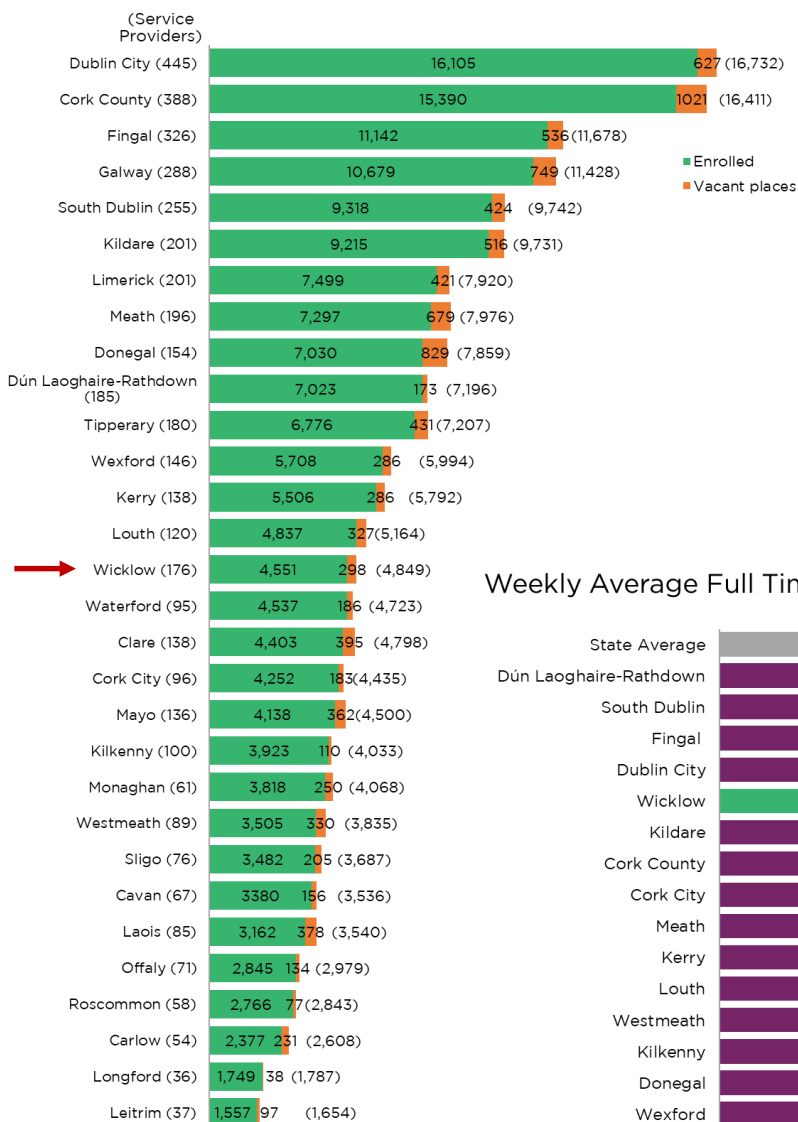
Pre-School and Childcare

Headline: In 2019 there were 176 childcare services providers in Wicklow with a total of 4,849 spaces. The average weekly full-time cost is €204.25.

Data provided by Pobal highlights the overall childcare capacity and costs in Wicklow. Of the 4,849 childcare spaces available in Wicklow, 4,551 are enrolled and 298 vacant. This gives a vacancy rate of spaces 6.1% in Wicklow. Wicklow has the 12th highest number of childcare spaces available

Wicklow has the 5th highest average weekly childcare cost of €204.25 after the four Dublin local authorities.

Childcare Spaces 2018/19 - Enrolled and Vacant



Weekly Average Full Time Childcare Fees, 2018/19

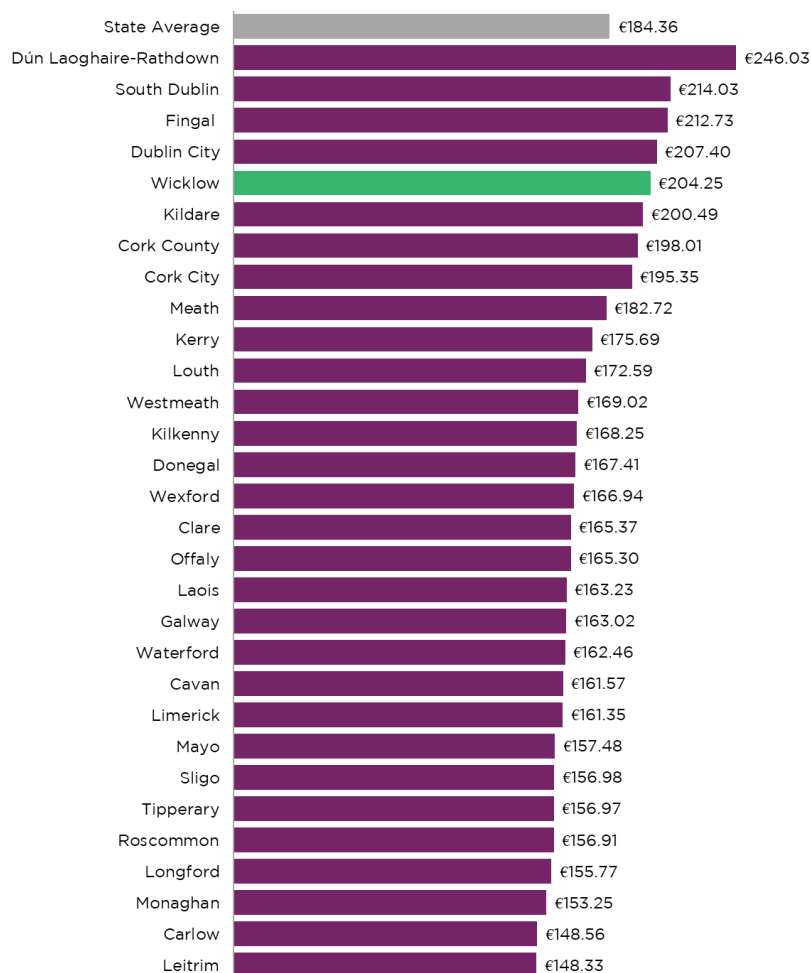


Figure 20: Childcare Enrolled/Vacant Spaces and Weekly Average Fees 2019 (Source: Pobal Early Years Sector Report 18/19)

Primary Schools

Headline: In 2018, there were 81 mainstream Primary schools in Wicklow educating 16,625 students. Of these, a total of 7 or 8.6% are classed as DEIS schools. There are 0.39 DEIS schools per 1,000 population aged 5 to 12.

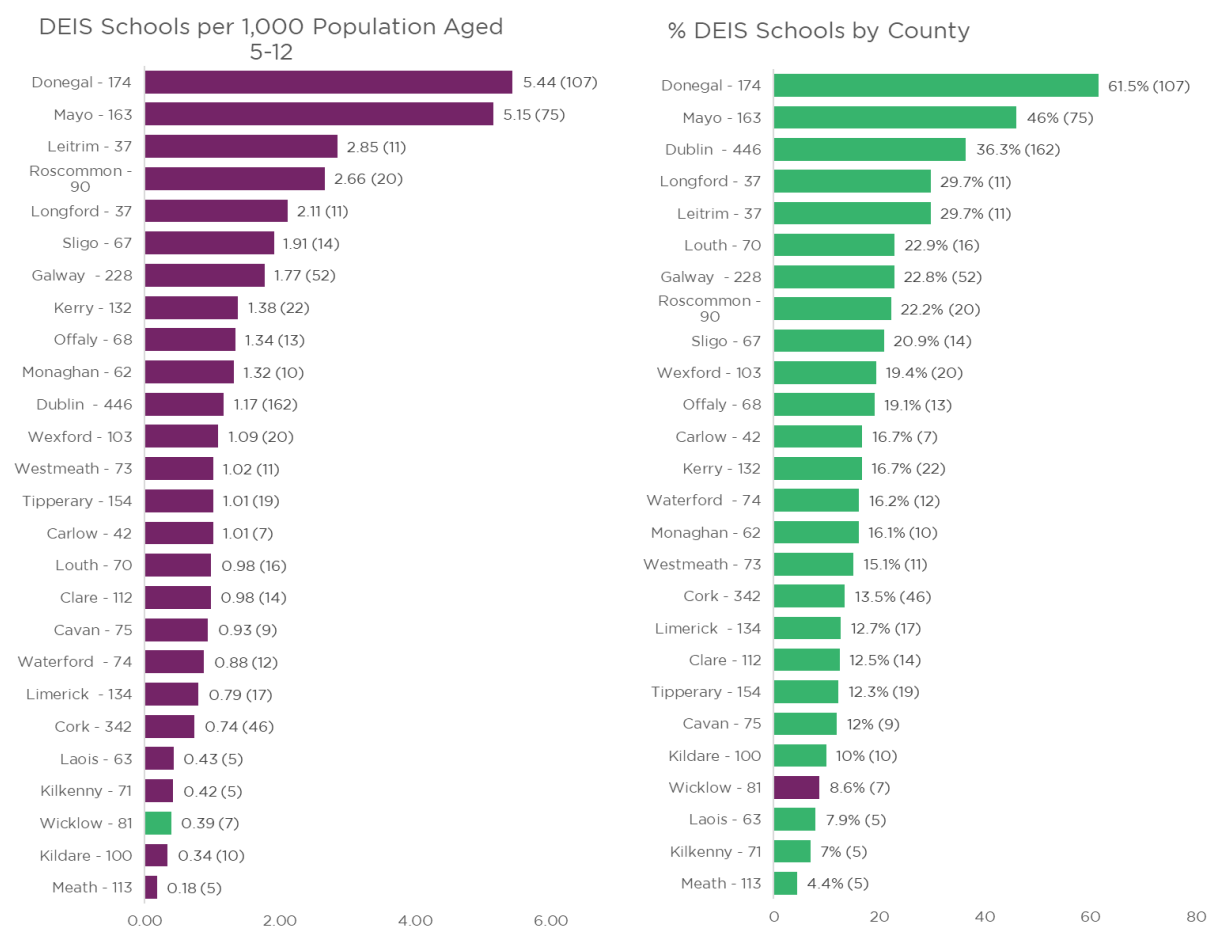


Figure 21. DEIS Schools Per 1,000 Pop Aged 5-12 and DEIS Schools by County 2018 (Source: Dept Education and Skills)

Of the 81 mainstream Primary schools in Wicklow, Catholic ethos (55) schools are the dominant ethos with the remainder classed as Church of Ireland (17), Interdenominational (4) and Multidenominational (5).

In addition, there were 3 Special Primary Schools in Wicklow with a total enrolment of 229 pupils. Two are located in Bray and one in Newcastle. At class level in mainstream schools there are 40 special classes/teaching posts in Wicklow across 20 primary schools. The classes/posts are allocated as follows: Autism/Autistic Spectrum Disorders (30), ASD Early Intervention (5), Mild General Learning Disability (4), Specific Speech and Language Disorder (1).

The Department for Education and Skills provides data on the individual class sizes at school level. This data can be aggregated to present the overall distribution of class sizes in Wicklow into three sizes groupings (<20 per class, 20 to 30 per class and > 30 per class). Wicklow has one of the highest average class sizes in the State with 8.3% in '< 20 per Class', 66.9% in '20 to 30 per Class' and 24.7% in '>30 per Class'. Since 2014, the rate of primary students in Wicklow in large class sizes of '>30 per Class' has dropped significantly from 31.1% to 24.7%. This rate, however, remains the 4th highest rate in the State

Post Primary Schools

Headline: There are 23 Post Primary schools in Wicklow, 4 or 17.4% of which are DEIS Schools. There are 0.4 DEIS schools per 1,000 population aged 13 to 17.

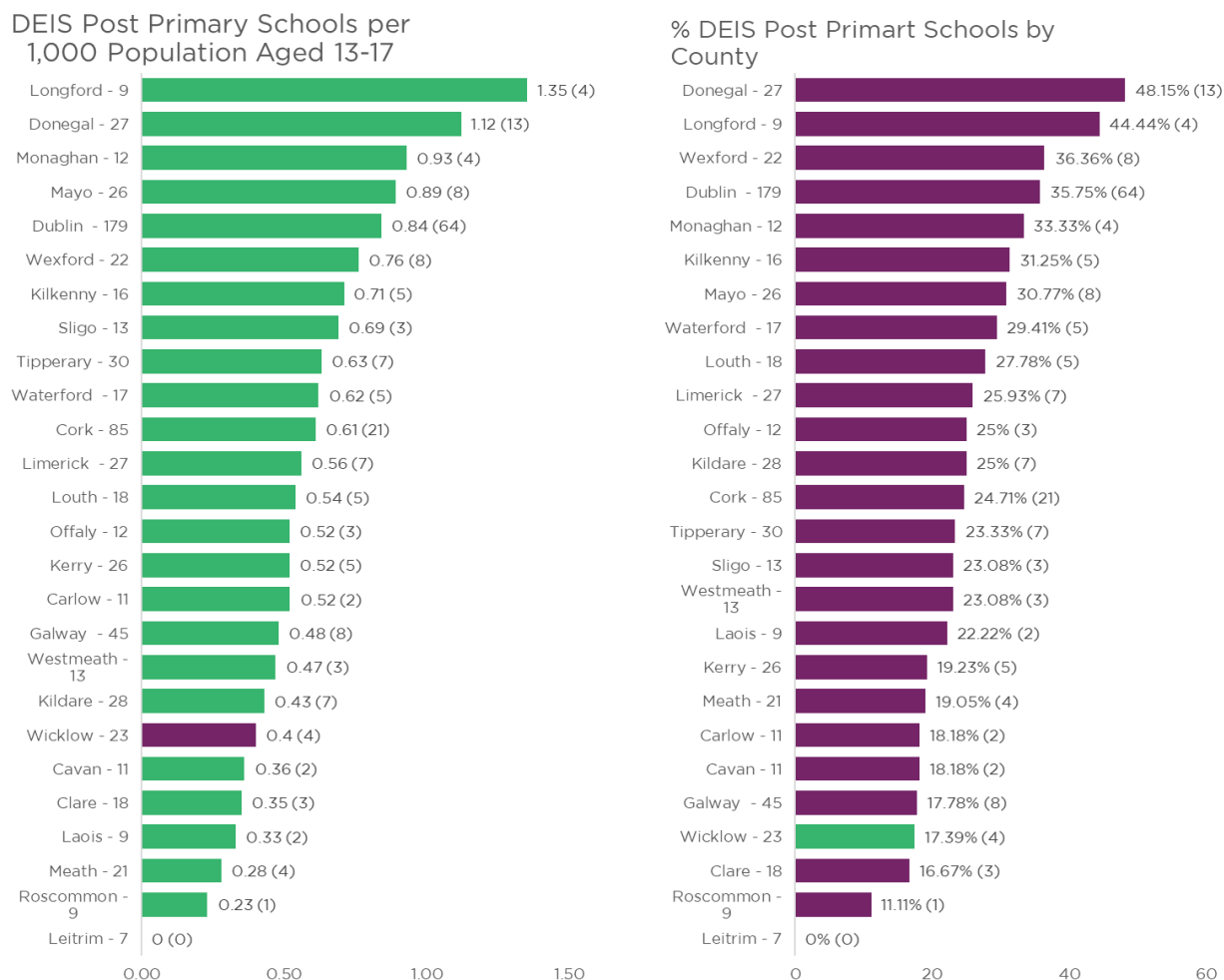


Figure 22: DEIS Schools Per 1,000 Pop Aged 13-17 and DEIS Schools by County 2018 (Source: Dept Education and Skills)

In 2018, there were a total of 23 post primary schools in Wicklow. Of these, only 4 were classified as DEIS school and equates to a rate of 17.4% of all schools. This is the 4th lowest rate in the country with only Clare, Roscommon and Leitrim with lower rates. 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 7th lowest level of DEIS schools per population in the State.

There is Special Class provision provided for 10 classes or 18.5 teaching posts across 6 mainstream post-primary schools in Wicklow. The provision is broken down as follows: Autism/Autistic Spectrum Disorders (15.5 posts), Mild General Learning Disability (1.5 posts) and Moderate General Learning Disability (1.5 posts).

4.4. School Attendance

Tusla provide an annual report on school attendance rates for Primary and Post-Primary Schools at the local authority in Ireland. In the academic year of 2016/2017.

Headline: The mean percentage of school days lost in Wicklow primary schools was 5.5% - the 9th lowest in the State. The mean percentage of school days lost in post-primary schools was 7.7%

The mean percentage of student/days lost, 2017

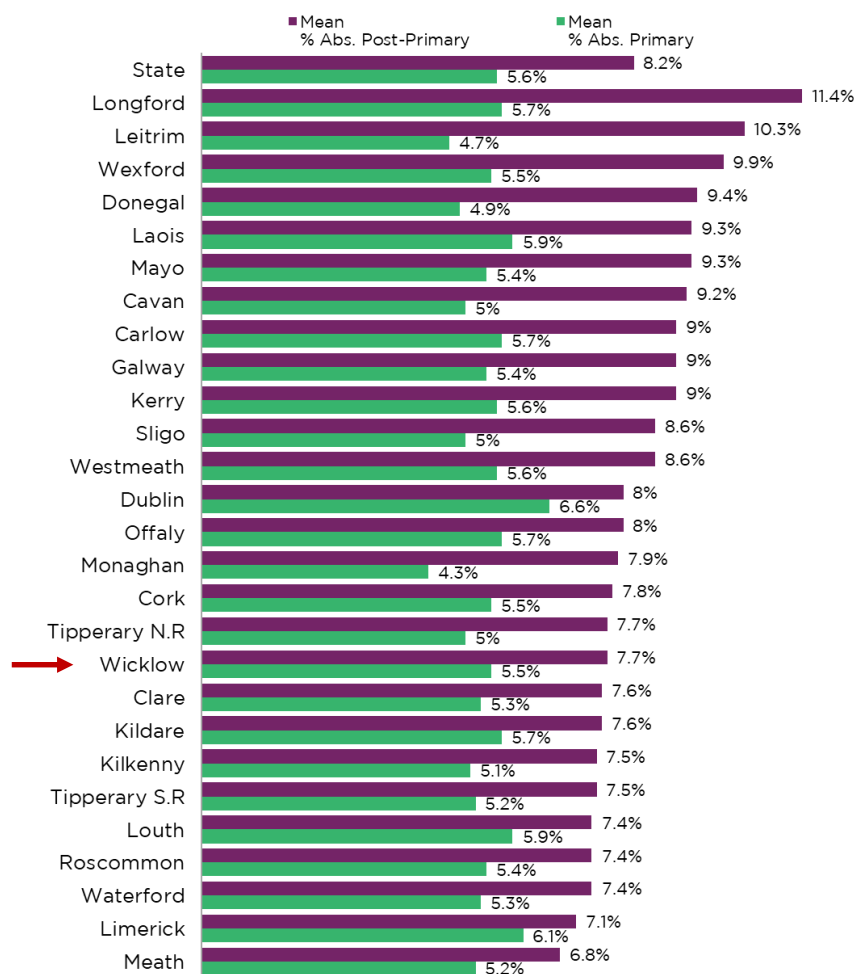


Figure 23: Mean Percentage of Student/Days Lost, 2017 (Source: Tusla)

4.5. Retention Rates

Headline: Wicklow has a Junior Cert progression rate of 97.4% and a Leaving Cert progression rate of 91.5% (*14th highest in State*).

The proportion of students who take both the junior and leaving certificate examinations has been increasing steadily over recent decades. This is the case in Wicklow and across the State.

Among the cohort who entered post-primary education in 2010 and would have been expected to sit the junior Certificate in 2013, Wicklow had a progression rate of 97.54%. This rate is the 13th

highest rate of all local authorities. When compared to the 2008 cohort, there has been an increase of 1% in the overall rate.

Among the cohort who entered post-primary education in 2012, and who would have been expected to sit the Leaving Certificate in 2018, Wicklow had the 5th lowest progression rate (89.3%) of all local authority areas in the State. This rate presents a marginal decrease on the 2010 cohort progression rate of 91.5%.

4.6. Travellers, Non-Irish nationals and Education – National Trends

The results from Census 2016 provide an overview of the educational status among Travellers in Ireland:

- 62% of Travellers were educated to No Formal/Primary, including 375 persons aged between 15 and 19 in 2016. The rate of No Formal/Primary education in the State was 12% for the same period.
- 55% (of Travellers whose education had ceased) had completed their education before the age of 15, compared with 5% 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 7.6% over the same period.
- Only 7.5% continued their education past the age of 18 and above, compared with 44.9% for the total population in the State.
- Only 1.5% of Travellers progressed to third level education compared with 33.4% of the total population.
- Traveller females stayed longer in school than their male counterparts with 19% of females continuing education beyond 17 or over, compared with just 17% of males.

As indicated already the addition of an International Protection Accommodation Centre (Wicklow Town) and two Emergency Accommodation Centres (Bray and Ashford) combined with the impact of reunification and the arrival of 38 Syrian Families in late 2019 has and will increase the numbers of children and young people seeking school places in Co. Wicklow at both primary and secondary level. In many instances there are no additional supports available to address the many challenges that arise as has been highlighted by the 2018 research undertaken with the Somali families in Arklow '*A Review of Resettlement, Reunification and Integration*'.

5. Youth Unemployment

5.1. Live Register and youth unemployment

Headline: There were 5,316 recipients in January 2020 recorded on the Live Register. Of this number, 505 were aged under 25 and 4,811 aged 25 and over.

The Live Register is not specifically designed to measure unemployment as it includes part-time (those who work up to three days a week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Jobseekers Allowance or Jobseekers Benefit. It does, however, allow an analysis of employment trends at both a county level and also at social welfare office (SWO) level. Data is available for both Under 25 (Youth Unemployment) and 25 and Over.

Of those aged 25 and under on the Live Register, 34.6% or 175 were recipients at the Bray Intreo office, followed by Arklow (34% or 172), Wicklow (21.5% or 109) and Baltinglass (9.7% or 49).

Live Register, Wicklow County and Intreo Offices, January 2020

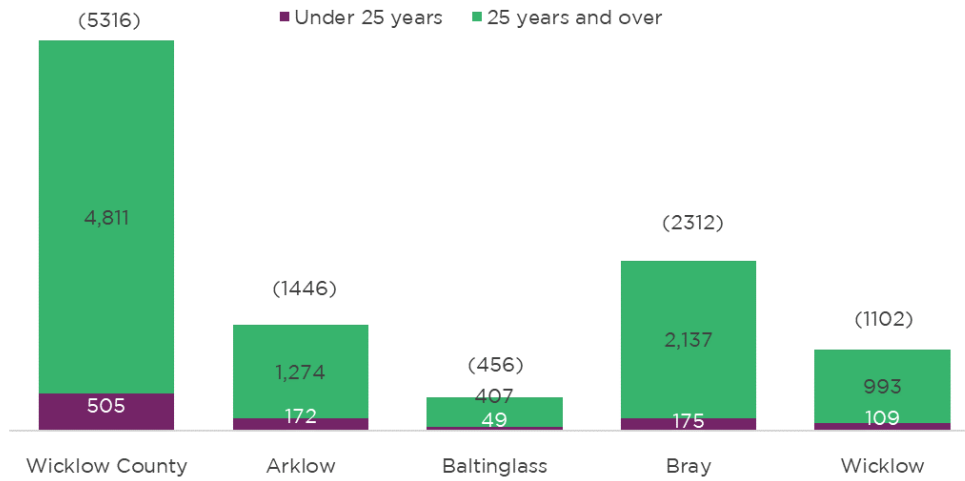


Figure 24: Live Register by Age and Intreo Office, January 2020 (Source: CSO Live Register)

Time Series: In the past ten years the numbers recorded on the Live Register have decreased considerably. The following graphics highlight the extent of the decrease. In relation to those aged under 25, there has been a 76% decrease, marginally lower than the State average decrease of 77%.

Live Register Wicklow County, January 2010 to 2020

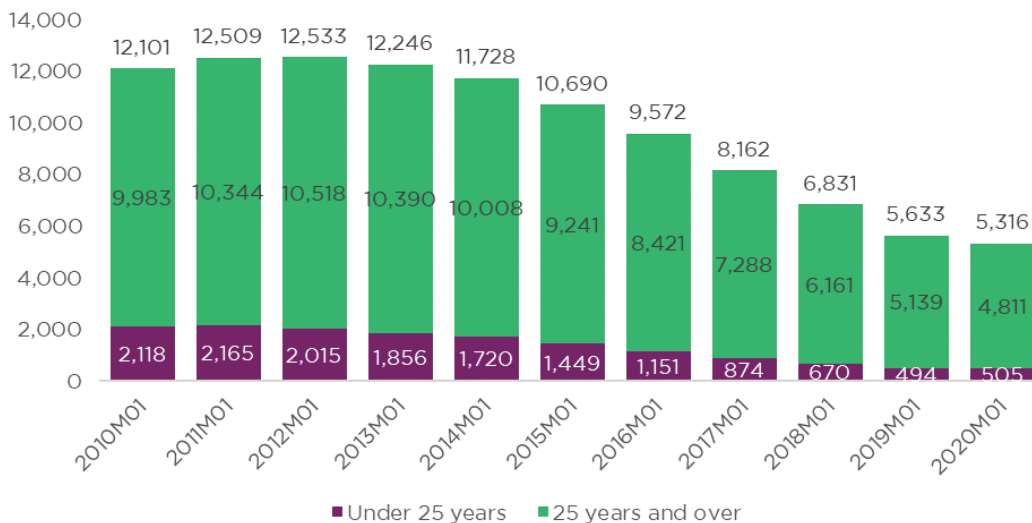


Figure 25: Live Register by Age 2010 to 2020 (Source: CSO Live Register)

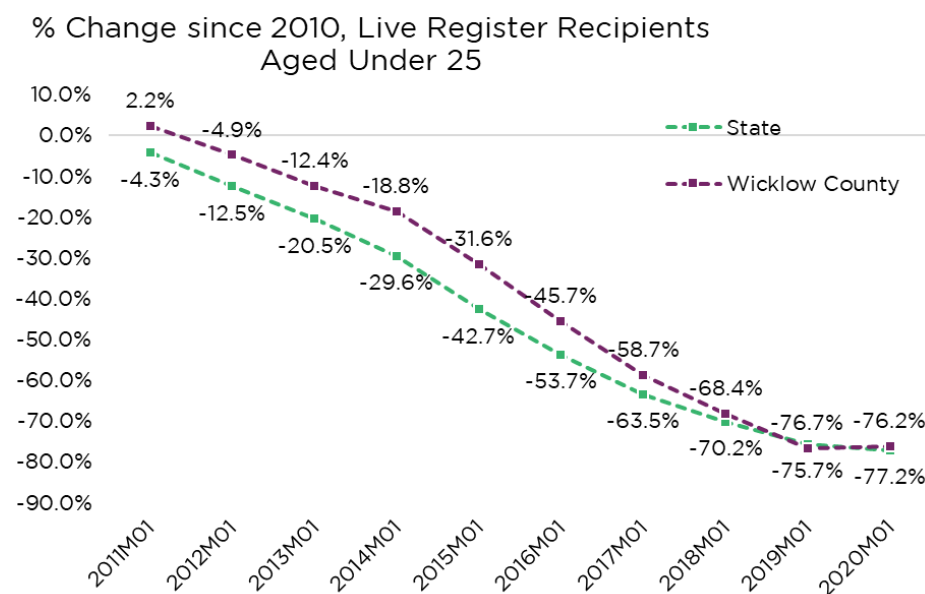


Figure 26: Live Register Change 2011 to 2020 (Source: CSO Live Register)

Labour Force Participation Among the Traveller Community

According to Census 2016, the labour force unemployment rate among the Irish Traveller community across the State was 80%. In contrast to this, the labour force unemployment rate for the State as a whole was only 12.9% in 2016 and highlights the critically high rates of unemployment within the Traveller community. In Wicklow, the labour force unemployment rate amongst the Traveller community was 77.2%. In general, labour force unemployment rates have dropped since 2011 although the rate of decline is less pronounced within the Traveller community. In 2011 the State unemployment rate was 19% whereas the rate in the Traveller community was 84.3%.

Labour Force Participation Among the Persons with a Disability

There is a considerable divide between labour force participation rates and unemployment rates among those with a disability and the overall population. In 2016, the labour force participation rate for people in Wicklow with a disability was 34.7%. This figure compares to a rate of 61.5% for the overall population. The labour force unemployment rate for those with a disability was 23.8%. In contrast, the labour force unemployment rate among the overall population was 12.7% in Wicklow.

6. Disability and General Health

6.1. Disability

Headline: The percentage population in Wicklow classified as having a disability is the same as the State (13.5%) and accounts for 19,244 of the population. Wicklow has the 17th highest rate of disability and the 15th highest number population with a disability of all local authorities.

Since 2011, there has been an increase of +9.2% or +1,628 in the number of persons classified as having a disability in Wicklow.

Disability by Age

Disability by Age, 2016

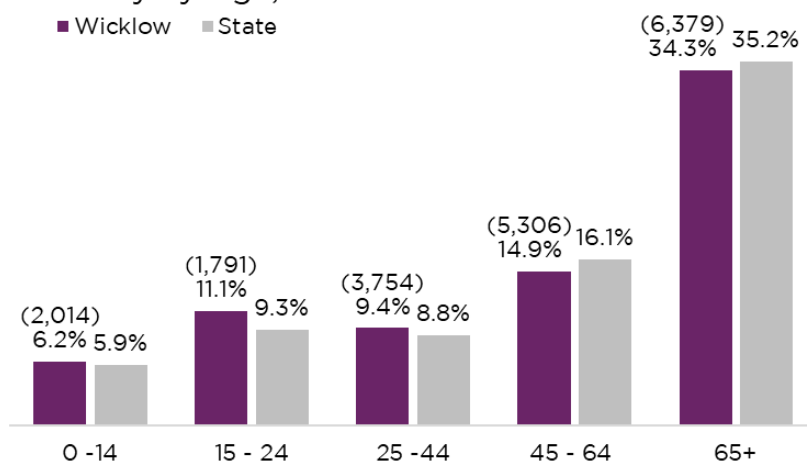


Figure 27: Percentage Population by Age with a Disability, 2016 (Source: CSO Census 2016)

Of those with a disability, by far the largest age cohort is the population aged 65 and over where 34.3% (6,379) of the population in that cohort have a disability. Among the younger population, 6.2% of persons aged 0 to 14 have a disability. This is marginally higher than the State average (5.9%). Of those aged 15 to 24, 11.1% or 1,791 have a disability. This rate is considerably higher than the State average of 9.3%

Disability by Type

There were 52,131 disability conditions recorded in the 2016 Census among the 19,224 persons who stated they had a disability or chronic illness in Wicklow. The distribution of disability types is broadly comparable to that of the State. The most common form of disability recorded was “Other disability, including chronic illness. The second most common disability recorded was “A condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities”.

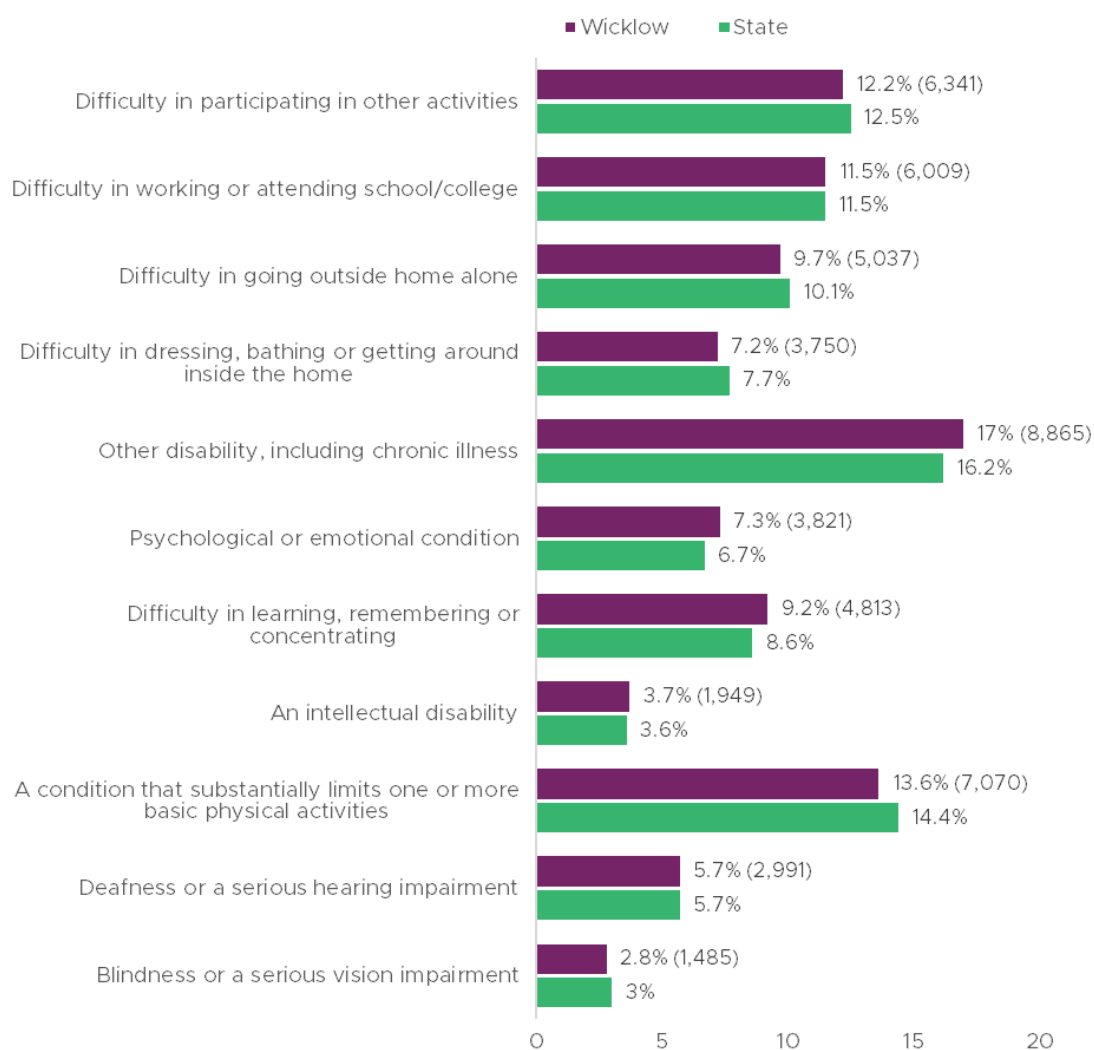


Figure 28: Population by Disability Type (Source: CSO Census 2016)

Carers

In Wicklow, there were a total of 5,559 carers recorded in Census 2016 representing a rate of 3.9%. This is the sixth lowest rate of all local authorities. There were 328 young people (under 24 years) engaged in providing care to others in Wicklow, accounting for 5.9% per cent of all carers. This is a decrease from the 2011 rate of 6.8% (349).

As Census 2016 was a no change census, the questions on caring in 2011 and 2016 are directly comparable. The census showed a total of 195,263 persons (4.1% of population) were providing unpaid assistance to others, an increase of 8,151 (4.4%) on the 2011 figure of 187,112. There were 13,147 young people (under 24 years) engaged in providing care to others, accounting for 6.7% per cent of all carers. This is a decrease from the 2011 rate of 7.6% (14,233).

Intellectual Disability

Headline: According to the National Intellectual Disability Database, there were 9,066 children registered as having an intellectual disability in 2015. This figure equates to a rate of 7.5 per 1,000 children. There is an uneven distribution amongst males (66.6%) and females (44.4%).

In Wicklow, there were 222 children registered with an intellectual disability in 2015. This figure equates to a rate of 6.1 per 1,000 children – lower than the State average.

	2005	2006	2007	2014	2015	Rate per 1,000
Wicklow	272	329	321	195	222	5.8
State	7,385	7,658	7,802	9,018	9,066	5.4

Table 3: Number of Children Registered as having an intellectual disability, 2015 (Source: Intellectual Disability Database, Health Research Board)

6.2. Physical and Sensory Disability

Headline: According to the National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, there were 6,230 children registered as having a physical and/or sensory disability in the State in 2015. Approximately a third of the children registered on the National Physical and Sensory Disability Database are registered as having multiple disabilities.

In Wicklow, there were 213 children registered as having a physical and/or sensory disability. This figure equates to a rate of 5.8 children per 1,000 population and higher than the State average (5.2).

	2009		2013		2015	
	Number	Rate Per 1,000	Number	Rate Per 1,000	Number	Rate Per 1,000
Wicklow	265	3.3	258	3.4	213	5.8
State	8,043	100	7,586	100	6,230	5.2

Table 4: Number of Children Registered as having a physical and/or sensory disability, 2015 (Source: National Intellectual Disability Database, Health Research Board)

6.3. 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. Nationally, 59% of the population perceive their health status to be very good, 27.6% good, 8% fair, 1.3% bad and 0.3% very bad.

The naturally observed phenomenon of failing health with age is clearly reflected in the Census results. Among 0 to 14 year age cohort in the State, 83% perceived their health as very good – the highest rate of any age cohort. Rates decrease by age and the 45 to 64 cohort presented a rate of 47%. By age 65 and over 24% of the population in the State considered their health status being in very good health.

General Health: Bad/Very Bad, Census 2016

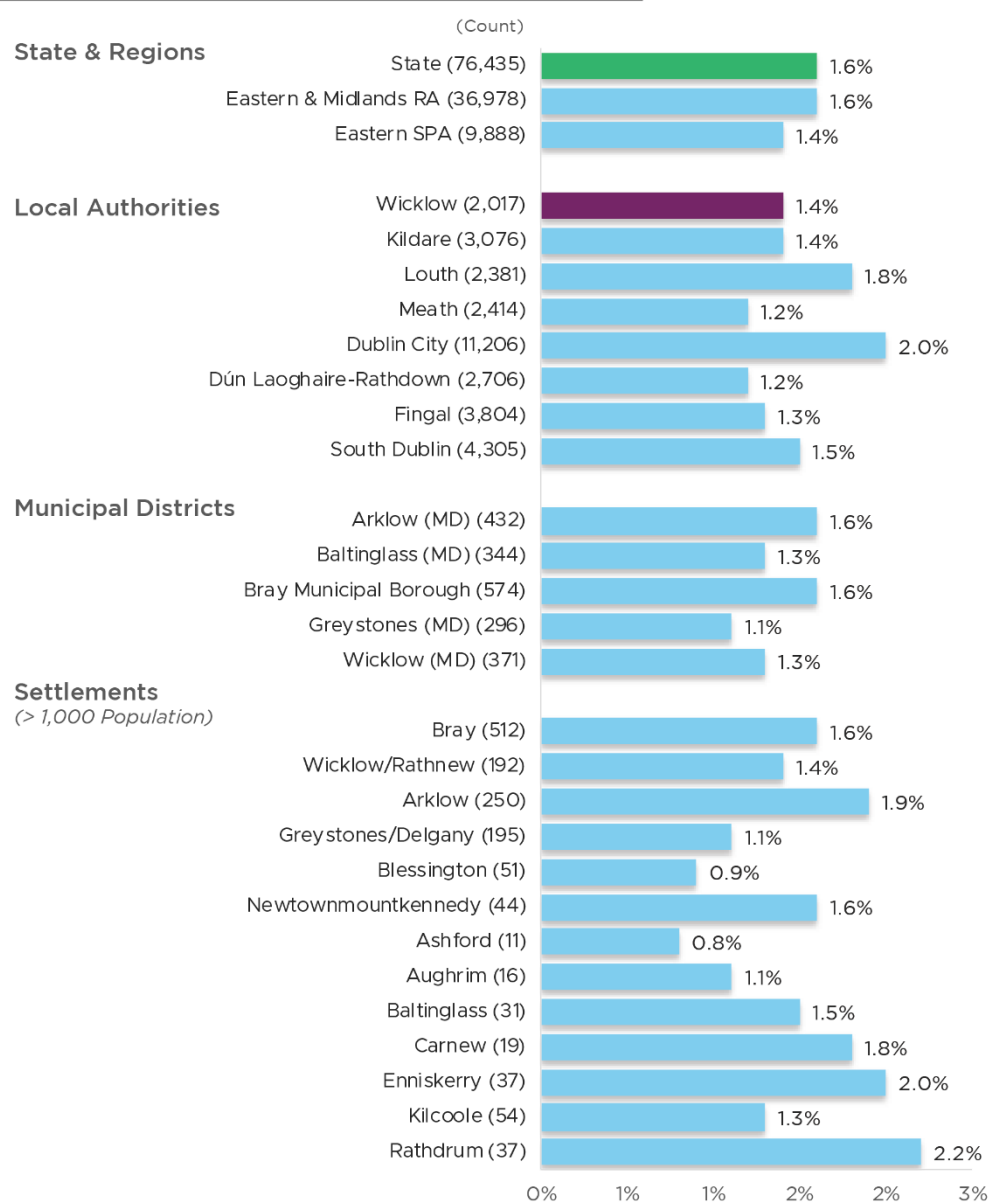


Figure 29: Perceived General Health: Bad/Very Bad (Source: Census 2016)

In Wicklow, 62.5% (88,984) of the population stated that they were in very good health, 26.2% (37,311) good, 7.4% (10,594) fair, 1.1% (1,632) bad and 0.3% (358) very bad. Overall, Wicklow has a higher rate of good and very good health (88.7%) when compared to the State average of 87%. In Wicklow, 83% (40,217) of the population aged 0-24 stated that they were in very good health, 12% (5,822) good, 1.5% (751) fair, 0.2% (87) bad and 0.1% (32) very bad. Overall, Wicklow has a higher rate of good and very good health (95%) when compared to the State average of 94.3%.

6.4. Medical Cards

Headline: According to the HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Service, in 2019, 33.2% (39,355) of the population residing in the Wicklow HSE Local Health Area are Medical Card holders – the 11th lowest rate in the State. Covering the western portion of Wicklow, 27.9% (63,737) of the Kildare/West Wicklow LHO population have a medical card. This is the 7th lowest figure in the State (32.6%). Figures are based on HSE Local Health Office (LHO) administrative areas.

6.5. GP Visit Cards

Headline: According to the HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Service, in 2019, 13.2% (15,634) of the population residing in the Wicklow HSE Local Health Area are GP visit card holders – the 3rd highest rate in the State.

Of this number, 6,662 are aged 0 to 5 years. Covering the western portion of Wicklow, 10.7% (24,557) of the Kildare/West Wicklow LHO population have a GP visit card. This is the 13th lowest figure in the State (11.1%). OF the total figure for Kildare/West Wicklow, 47% (11,593) are aged 0 to 5 years. Figures are based on HSE Local Health Office (LHO) administrative areas.

6.6. Health Conditions and Hospitalisation

Headline: Approximately half of the total hospital discharges of children in 2015 were for children under the age of 5.

The most common principal diagnosis recorded was ‘diseases of the respiratory system’ (12.4%), followed by ‘injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes’ (9.2%).

Overall, there were 134.3 hospital discharges per 1,000 children in 2015. Rates ranged from 107.6 per 1,000 in Co Monaghan to 181.4 per 1,000 in Co Donegal.

In 2015, 433 children in Wicklow were discharged with a diagnosis of external causes of injury or poisoning.

	No. of hospital discharges of children	No. of children in county in 2016	Rate in 2015
Wicklow	4,076	38,041	107
State	154,241	1,190,502	129

Table 5: Number and rate of hospital discharges of children, 2015 (Source SONC 2016)

7. Births, Antenatal/Postnatal Care and Sexual Health

7.1. Births

Headline: According to CSO Vital Statistics report for 2019, there were 1,769 registered births in Wicklow. This amounts to an annual birth rate of 11.8 per 1,000 for County Wicklow (State: 12.1 per 1,000).

Age of Mothers

Headline: The average age of mothers in Wicklow in 2019 was 33.9 for all births and 31.5 for first births. This represents an increase from 32.9 and 30.8 on respective figures recorded in 2017

The average age of mothers in 2019 was 33.3 for all births and 31.5 for first births. Births outside of marriage/civil partnership accounted for 42.6% (+1.7% since 2017) of all births, the State average rate was 38.1%.

In 2019, there were a total of 1,769 children born to mothers in Wicklow. Of this number, 21 were born to mothers aged 19 or younger. In the State there were 864 births recorded by mothers aged under 20; 21 were aged 15 and under, 53 aged 16, 96 aged 17, 257 aged 18 and 437 aged 19.

Infant Mortality

Headline: In Wicklow, there were 10 infant deaths registered in 2017 which equates to an infant mortality rate of 5.4 per 1,000 live births. There were 10 neonatal deaths registered in 2016.

Nationally, there were 188 infant deaths registered in 2017 which equates to an infant mortality rate of 3.2 per 1,000 live births. There were 144 neonatal deaths registered in 2016.

Births (Rate per 1,000 live births) - 2017				
	Infant Mortality		Neonatal Mortality	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
State	188	3	140	2.3
Wicklow	10	5.4	10	5.4
Kildare	11	3.5	7	2.2
Meath	6	2.2	5	1.8

Table 6: Infant and Neonatal mortality by area of residence of deceased, 2016 (Source: CSO Vital Statistics)

7.2. Birth Weight

Headline: There were 103 low weight baby births recorded or 5.1% of all births in Wicklow.

The percentage of low weight babies (weighing less than 2,500 grams) has increased slightly over the last five years. In 2015, 5.9% of all babies born were in the low birth weight category.

At the county level the percentage ranged from 4.4% of all births in Sligo to 7.3% in Laois. There were 103 low weight baby births recorded or 5.1% of all births in Wicklow.

7.3. Breastfeeding

Headline: In 2015, 60.9% of infants were breastfed on discharge from hospital. This includes 48.6% who were exclusively breastfed and a further 12.3% who were fed using a combination of bottle and breastfeeding.

	Exclusive	Combined	Total
Wicklow	48.6	12.3	60.9
State	47.7	10.3	58

Table 7: Breastfed Infants on discharge from Hospital by Mother's County of Residence, 2015 (Source: CSO Vital Statistics)

7.4. Antenatal Care

Headline: 86.2% of pregnant women attended early antenatal in the first trimester of pregnancy in 2015 - the 6th lowest of all local authorities.

Across the State, the percentage of pregnant women attending early antenatal in the first trimester of pregnancy in 2015 was 88%. Dependent on the age of mother, the rate of attendance varies from the lowest rate of 77% for under 19 year old mothers to the highest rate of attendance for mothers aged 30 to 34 (89.5%).

7.5. Public Health Nurse Visit

Headline: 100% of babies born in the Wicklow and Kildare West LHO were visited by a public health nurse within 72 hours.

In 2015, 97.5% of new born babies born in the State were visited by the public health nurse within 72 hours of discharge from hospital for the first time. The percentages range from 90% in Dublin West to 100% in 10 Local Health Offices (LHO) in the State. Both the Wicklow and Kildare West Wicklow LHO areas recorded 100% of babies visited within 72 hours.

7.6. Developmental Screening

Headline: 92.8% of babies born in the Wicklow LHO and 93.6% of babies born in the Kildare/West Wicklow received their 7-9 month developmental check in time (2015).

In 2015, 93.7% of babies born in the State received their 7-9month developmental check on time. At Local Health Office (LHO) area level, the rate of recipients ranges from the lowest (87.7%) in Louth to the highest (98.7%) in West Cork HSE Local Health Office (LHO) area. In the Wicklow HSE Local Health Office (LHO) area the rate was 92.8 % and in the Kildare/West Wicklow LHO, the rate was 93.6 %. **(Please note that LHOs no longer exist and are replaced by CH East - Wicklow)**

7.7. Sexual Health and Behaviour: Teen Births

Headline: There were 10 births to mothers aged 10 to 17 in Wicklow, in 2015*.

The CSO Vital Statistics report details the number of babies born grouped by the age of the mother. In 2015, there were 344 babies born to girls aged 10 to 17 in the State. This figure equates to a rate of 4.6 births by 10 to 17 year olds per 1,000 births.

Since 2011, there has been a 23% decrease in the number of births in this age cohort where 391 babies were born to mothers aged 10 to 17.

In Wicklow, there were 2,031 births overall in 2015 and 10 births to mothers aged 10 to 17. This figure equates to a rate of 4.9 births by 10 to 17 year olds per 1,000 births in Wicklow – marginally higher than the State average (4.6 per 1,000 births).

*Note: the detailed age breakdown of mothers aged 10 to 17 was not presented in the 2019 CSO Vital statistics report.

According to a Health Behaviour in School Aged Children (HBSC) survey in 2014, 26.9% of children aged 15-17 in the State were reported as having sex, where as in the Mid–East it was 25%.

There has been a 7% increase in sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Ireland in 2018 compared to 2017, according to provisional data from the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC). The prominent STIs were chlamydia, gonorrhoea, genital herpes and syphilis. In recent years, the greatest burden of STIs is among young people aged between 15-24 and men who have sex with men (MSM), according to the HSE.

8. Mental Health, Self-Harm, Suicide and Alcohol/Drug Abuse

8.1. 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 Linn Dara CAMHS teams in Mid-Kildare (Blessington) and South Kildare (Baltinglass).

In 2018 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.

8.2. Self-Harm

Headline: According to the latest National Self-Harm Registry Ireland data (2017), 83 males and 141 females presented as self-harming in East Wicklow.

These figures equate to a rate of 155 and 246 per 100,000 populations, respectively. The male rate of self-harm in Wicklow is lower than the State average 181 while the female rate was considerably higher than the State average of 218.

It should be noted that the above figures relate to hospital presentations only.

8.3. Suicide

Headline: There were 10 suicides recorded in Wicklow in 2019 which equates to a suicide rate of 6.7 per 100,000 population (State 8.6).

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) has responsibility in Ireland for the publication of suicide statistics. Currently, data for 2019 is the most recent year for which 'year of occurrence' data is available for (421 deaths or 8.6 per 100,000). Of note, this data may be subject to change due to 'late registered' suicide deaths.

In relation to data for Wicklow, the county suicide rate is presented below compared to the national rate for Ireland for the time period 2014 to 2019.

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

	Wicklow	Ireland
2019	6.7 per 100,000	8.6 per 100,000
2018	7.4 per 100,000	7.2 per 100,000
2014	9.3 per 100,000	10.5 per 100,000

Table 8: Suicide Rate Per 100,000 Population (Source: CSO Vital Statistics)

Recorded Suicides in Wicklow, 2008 to 2019

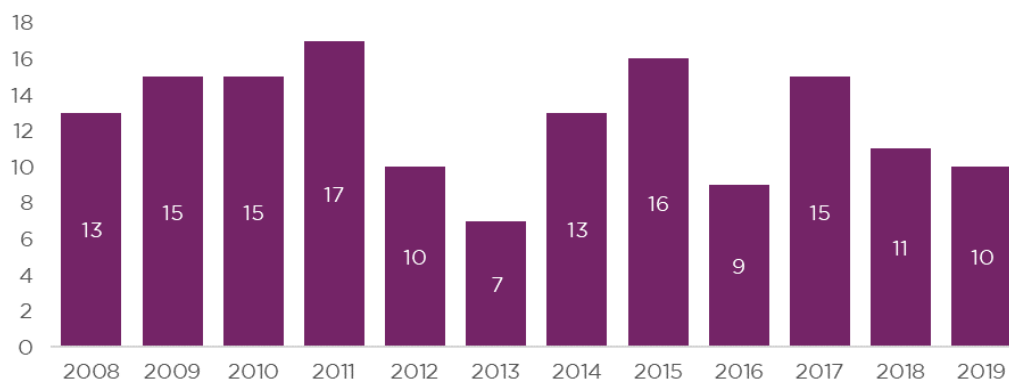


Figure 30: Recorded Suicides in Wicklow, 2008 to 2019 (Source: CSO Vital Stats, 2019)

8.4. Smoking, Drug and Alcohol Misuse

Headline: HSE Youth Smoking in Ireland 2018 (Evans et al)

- 5.9% schoolchildren aged 9+ currently smoke
- 7% boys and 6% girls
- Those who smoke are 12 times more likely to drink alcohol and 39 times more likely – cannabis
- Older more likely to smoke –20% aged 18+ smoked

The HSBC Study 2018 reports that there are lower rates of cigarette smoking, alcohol and cannabis use in 2018 than there were in 2014. E-cigarette use is about twice as common as tobacco smoking. Children aged 12 to 17 years who had ever drunk alcohol were asked where they sourced and consumed alcohol. The most common reported source of alcohol is a parent or guardian, followed by a friend and then by giving someone else money to buy it for them. The most common location for consumption is in someone else's home, followed by their own home and then at a pub or bar. (HSBC Study 2018)

According to the Quality Matters (2018) ECRDATF Community Alcohol Survey 2018.

Ireland: East Coast Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force (unpublished). Participants: all adult; 169 (Arklow); 166 (Greystones); 178 (Wicklow town).

- 96% of participants had drunk alcohol at some stage of their life and 66% drank alcohol in the last 7 days.
- Participants reported drinking an average of 9 units of alcohol in the last 7 days. On average, men consumed twice the average than women and 18-24 year olds consumed more units of alcohol than the other aged participants
- 58.5% believed that it was appropriate for young people [under the legal drinking age of 18] to be allowed to drink at home with their parents.
- 37.4% believed that it was appropriate for young people [under the legal drinking age of 18] to have alcohol bought for them by their parents.
- 12% agreed that it is safe to drink alcohol during pregnancy and 4% agreed that it is safe to drink a glass of wine every day during the last 12 weeks of pregnancy.
- 18-24 year old participants (70%) were more likely to know someone who needed to reduce their drinking compared with other aged participants

- 34% stated that they regretted something that they had said or done after drinking [in the past 12 months]
- 52% stated that they had experienced or witnessed violence related to alcohol [in the past 12 months]

9. Deprivation, Risk of Poverty and Juvenile Justice

9.1. Deprivation – The Pobal HP Deprivation Index

Headline: 4,116 or 2.9% of the population of Wicklow live in areas classed as “Disadvantaged”, while 42,553 or 29.9% of the population live in areas classed as “Marginally Below Average”.

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 Situation. The index provides two different statistical outputs: the Absolute Index Scores and the Relative Index Scores. When making comparisons over time, the appropriate scores to use are the Absolute Index Score. When making a statement about a particular SA, ED or LA at a particular point in time (e.g. in 2016) the appropriate score to use is the (2016) Relative Index Score.

The index reveals the dramatic increase in deprivation between 2006 and 2011 following the economic collapse in 2008 and the partial recovery between 2011 and 2016 - estimated to be 41% of the decline witnessed between 2006 and 2011. Comparing the relative changes in the HP Index Scores between 2006, 2011 and 2016, it is clear that the dominance of Ireland’s urban environs has continued unabated. Overall, the waning tide has lowered all boats, but the cities have declined less than the rest of the country.

Using data derived from the 2016 Pobal HP Deprivation Index (relative score), Wicklow is the eighth most affluent local authority in the country. Across the Mid-East region, the second most affluent region in the country, Wicklow is the third most affluent local authority.

The 2016 Pobal HP Deprivation Index *absolute scores* show the extent to which the county was impacted as a result of the economic recession. The absolute deprivation score fell from 1.1 in 2006 to -5.6 in 2011, representing a decline of -6.7 points. This is greater than the national fall which was -6 and identifies that the county was significantly adversely affected by the economic recession. Since 2011, the absolute deprivation score increased from -5.6 to -2.7 in 2016, a gain of 2.9 which is marginally higher than the State gain of 2.7.

An analysis of the 2016 Pobal HP Deprivation Index at Electoral Division (ED) level reveals that there are no affluent EDs in County Wicklow, and that social polarisation is less pronounced in the county than is the case across the State. As the following table shows, approximately 33% of Wicklow’s population lives in EDs that are classified, on the HP index, as being either ‘marginally below average’ or ‘disadvantaged’. Just over two thirds of the population live in an ED that is classified as ‘marginally above average’.

HP Category	Population (2016)	% of the Population	Number of EDs
Marginally Above Average	95,756	67.2%	46
Marginally Below Average	42,553	29.9%	34
Disadvantaged	4,116	2.9%	2

Table 9: Pobal HP Deprivation Relative Score Categories in Wicklow, 2016 (Source: Pobal HP Deprivation Index)

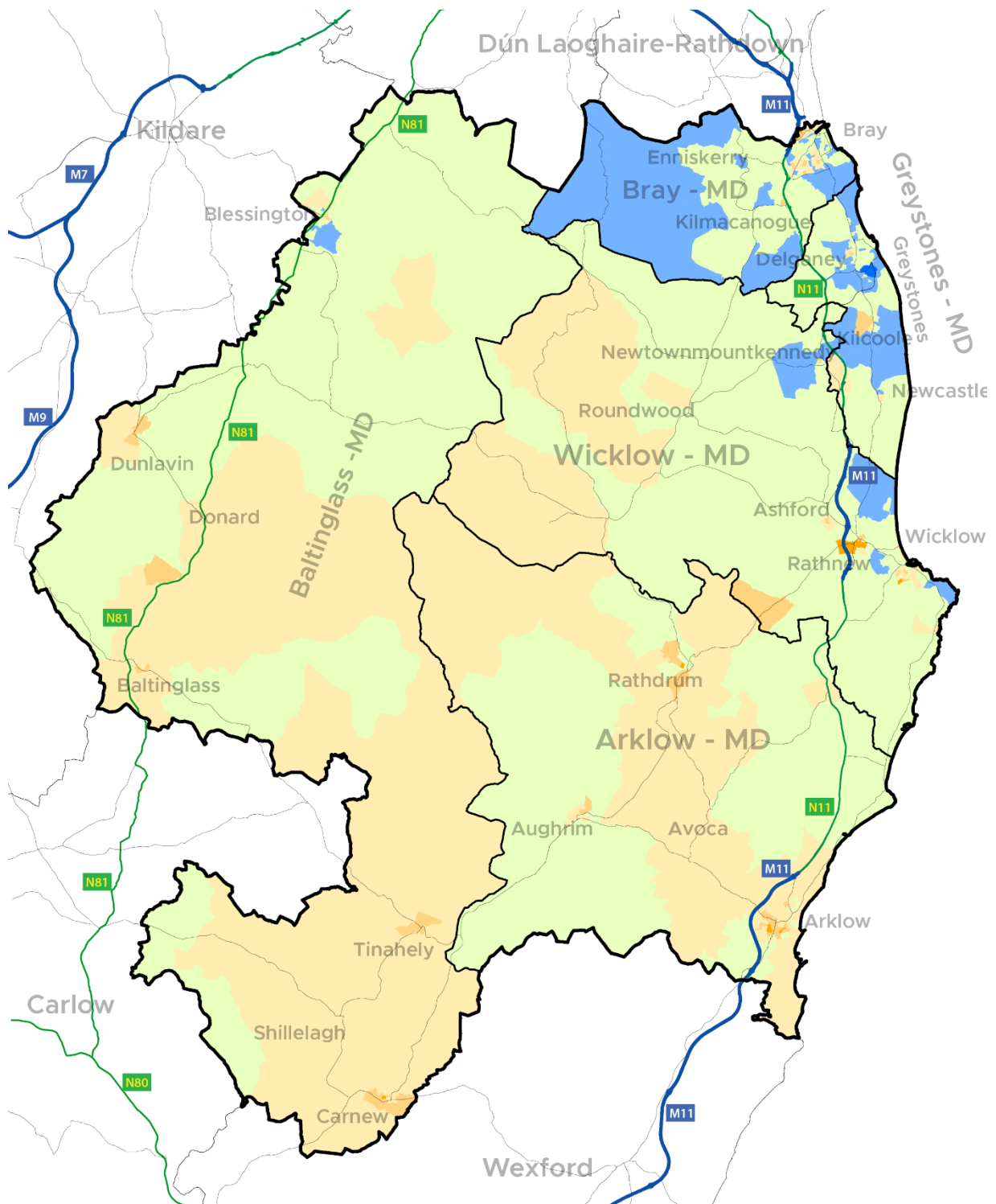
Rathmichael in Bray is the most disadvantaged ED in the county with a score of -13.7 and is classified as disadvantaged. Only one other ED, Carnew (-10.6), is classed as Disadvantaged. In total, 42 of the EDs are classified as marginally below average, while 38 are classified as marginally above average.

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 (SA) statistics. Similar to the ED level, the SA HP Deprivation scores shows that Co. Wicklow does not have areas that are extremely affluent (>30) or extremely disadvantaged (>-30). However, at the SA level Wicklow has 49 SAs classed as Disadvantaged and 13 SAs classed as Very Disadvantaged. The most disadvantaged SAs in Wicklow are in Old Connaught area in Bray (Rathmichael ED), Rathnew, Hillview in Wicklow town, Parnell Park in Rathdrum and areas such as Marian Villas, John Paul Avenue and Rory O'Connor Place in Arklow. **See map of Deprivation Scores by Small Areas.**

The areas classified as affluent and very affluent are all located in the north-east of the county in areas such as Enniskerry, Bray, Greystones and Delgany.

Small Area	ED Name	Relative Deprivation Score, 2016	Relative Category Score, 2016
257017012	BRAY NO.3	-15.1835	Disadvantaged
257004030	ARKLOW NO. 1 URBAN	-15.5889	Disadvantaged
257004014	ARKLOW NO. 1 URBAN	-15.6186	Disadvantaged
257033002	DUNLAVIN	-16.0534	Disadvantaged
257021007	CARNEW	-16.0723	Disadvantaged
257079002	ARKLOW NO. 2 URBAN	-16.1794	Disadvantaged
257082004	RATHMICHAEL (BRAY)	-16.2541	Disadvantaged
257051041	KILMACANOGE	-16.2939	Disadvantaged
257004010	ARKLOW NO. 1 URBAN	-17.138	Disadvantaged
257082006	RATHMICHAEL (BRAY)	-17.5384	Disadvantaged
257051017	KILMACANOGE	-17.812	Disadvantaged
257078017	WICKLOW URBAN	-18.3567	Disadvantaged
257004009	ARKLOW NO. 1 URBAN	-18.8525	Disadvantaged
257005004	AUGHRIM	-18.9935	Disadvantaged
257015001	BALTINGLASS	-19.4119	Disadvantaged
257033003	DUNLAVIN	-19.9366	Disadvantaged
257078018	WICKLOW URBAN	-20.3263	Very Disadvantaged
257082008	RATHMICHAEL (BRAY)	-20.909	Very Disadvantaged
257004029	ARKLOW NO. 1 URBAN	-20.9514	Very Disadvantaged
257065004	RATHDRUM	-20.9906	Very Disadvantaged
257004036	ARKLOW NO. 1 URBAN	-21.0709	Very Disadvantaged
257004020	ARKLOW NO. 1 URBAN	-21.2104	Very Disadvantaged
257004021	ARKLOW NO. 1 URBAN	-21.6541	Very Disadvantaged
257004022	ARKLOW NO. 1 URBAN	-21.6872	Very Disadvantaged
257077010	WICKLOW RURAL	-21.7892	Very Disadvantaged
257077007	WICKLOW RURAL	-21.9806	Very Disadvantaged
257082002	RATHMICHAEL (BRAY)	-23.1219	Very Disadvantaged
257077011	WICKLOW RURAL	-24.9514	Very Disadvantaged
257021002	CARNEW	-27.3617	Very Disadvantaged

Table 10: Pobal HP Deprivation Relative Score Categories in Disadvantaged Wicklow Small Areas, 2016
(Source: Pobal HP Deprivation Index)



Pobal HP Dep Index, Relative Score 2016

- extremely disadvantaged
- very disadvantaged
- disadvantaged
- marginally below average
- marginally above average
- affluent
- very affluent
- extremely affluent

Contextual Layers

- MDs
- Motorway
- Nat. Roads
- Roads
- Railway
- Rivers



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 Data Source: OpenStreetMap, CSO Census 2016

Map 2: Pobal HP Deprivation Index by Small Area - Relative Score, 2016 (Source: Pobal HP Deprivation Index)

9.2 At Risk of Poverty

The Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) in Ireland is a household survey covering a broad range of issues in relation to income and living conditions. It 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 2017, the 'at risk of poverty' rate was 15.7% compared to 16.2% in 2016. Children aged between 0 and 17 remain the most at risk of poverty group reporting higher levels of poverty, deprivation and consistent deprivation than other groups. The 'at risk of poverty' rate is 18.4%, the 'deprivation rate' is 23% and the 'consistent rate of poverty' rate is 8.8% for this age category.

Applying the national rates to Co. Wicklow it would imply that 6,999 children are 'at risk of poverty' in the county and approximately 3,347 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.

In 2017, the consistent poverty rate of persons living in a household consisting of a single adult with children was 14.7%. This was substantially lower than the consistent poverty rate in households with 2 adults and 1-3 children (20.4%). Over the period 2016-2017, the percentage of children experiencing consistent poverty was consistently higher than the population as a whole.

9.3 Juvenile Justice

There are four Garda Juvenile Diversion Officers in Co. Wicklow and over the period 01/01/2016 - 01/01/2019 a total number of youths (age 12-18) referred to the Diversion programme in Wicklow Division was 1,782.

This number can be broken down as follows:

- Wicklow district which includes the following Garda stations, Arklow, Avoca, Wicklow Town, Ashford, Roundwood, Rathdrum – 463. This 463 is broken down into males- 380 and females- 83
- Bray District which includes the following Garda Stations, Bray, Greystones, Newtownmountkennedy, Enniskerry. – 1007. This 1007 is broken down into males- 727 and females - 280
- Baltinglass District which includes the following Garda stations, Baltinglass, Blessington, Dunlavin, Carnew, Tinahely, Shillelagh – 312. This 312 is broken down into males – 248 and females -64

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

10. Housing and Homelessness

10.1. Social Housing Needs

Headline: 2,477 households who qualified for housing supports in Wicklow in 2018

The Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2018 report is a statutory assessment of social housing needs arising from the Rebuilding Ireland action plan. The figures presented in the assessment

represent the total number of households qualifying for social housing support whose needs are not currently being met. According to the assessment there were 71,858 households assessed as qualified for social housing supports in 2018. In Wicklow there were 2,477 households who qualified for housing supports – a 4.8% drop on 2011.

Of the 2,477 households qualified for housing supports, a total of 1,292 or 52.4% have been on the housing waiting list for 4 or more years.

Of those living in qualified accommodation, a total of 56.8% are unemployed and in receipt of rent supplement.

10.2. Current Social Housing

According to Census 2016, there are 4,791 or 9.8% of private households classed as within social housing tenure type. This figure is marginally higher than the State (9.4%) average. The settlements of Knockananna (35.8%), Barndarrig (34.9%), Carnew (28%), Roundwood (26.9%), Avoca (25.9%) and Rathdrum (25.4%) all have rates in excess of 25% social housing.

Social Housing (Local Authority/Voluntary Body), Census 2016

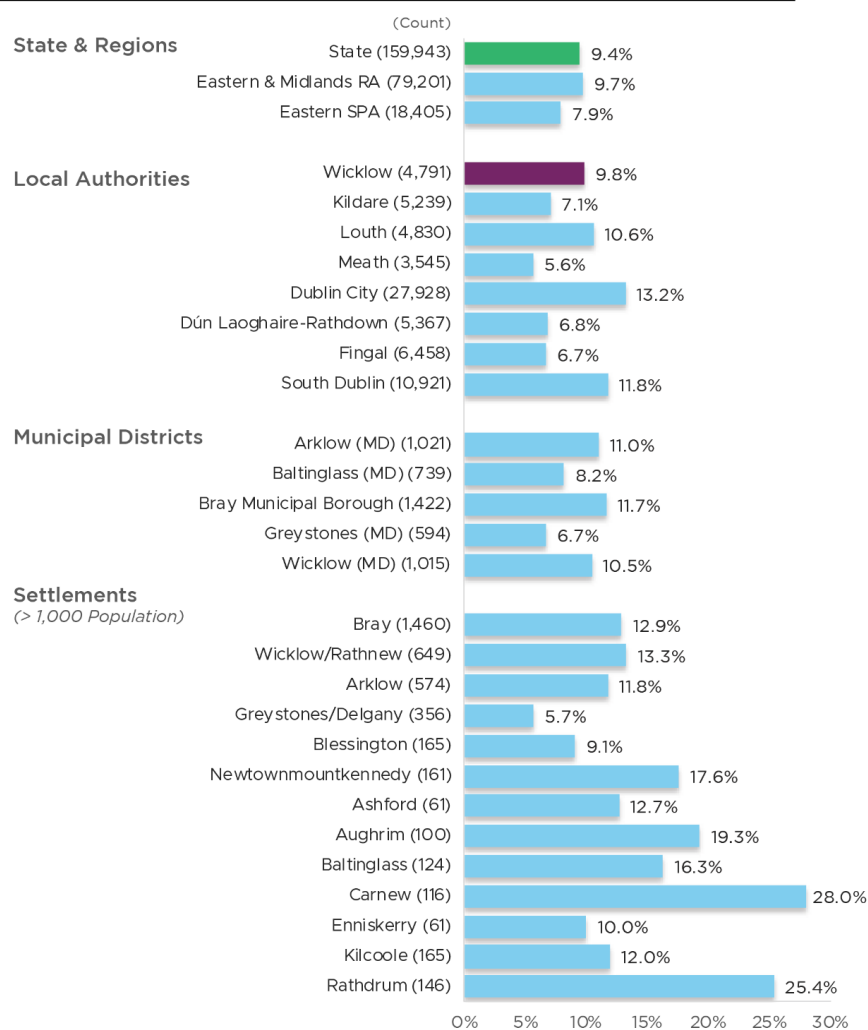


Figure 31: Social Housing (Source: Census 2016)

10.3. Rent Supplement

Headline: Wicklow has the highest rate of Rent Supplement per 1,000 private rented household (140.9) in the State. There were 1,020 RS tenancies recorded in 2018.

In 2018, Wicklow had the highest number of households in receipt of Rent Supplement in the State – 1,020 recipients. Further insight into this can be gained by calculating the number of rent supplement recipients per 1,000 private rented households in local authorities.

This calculation reveals that at a rate of 140.9 per 1,000 rented households (almost 15% of private rented households) Wicklow has the highest rate of dependence on rent supplement in the State.

*It should be noted that the Housing Assistance Payment has been brought in to replace Rent Supplement and year on year decreases have been recorded across the State. Between 2017 and 2018 the number of RS recipients in Wicklow decreased from 1,438 to 1,020.

Rent Supplement Recipients per 1,000 Private Rented Household, 2018

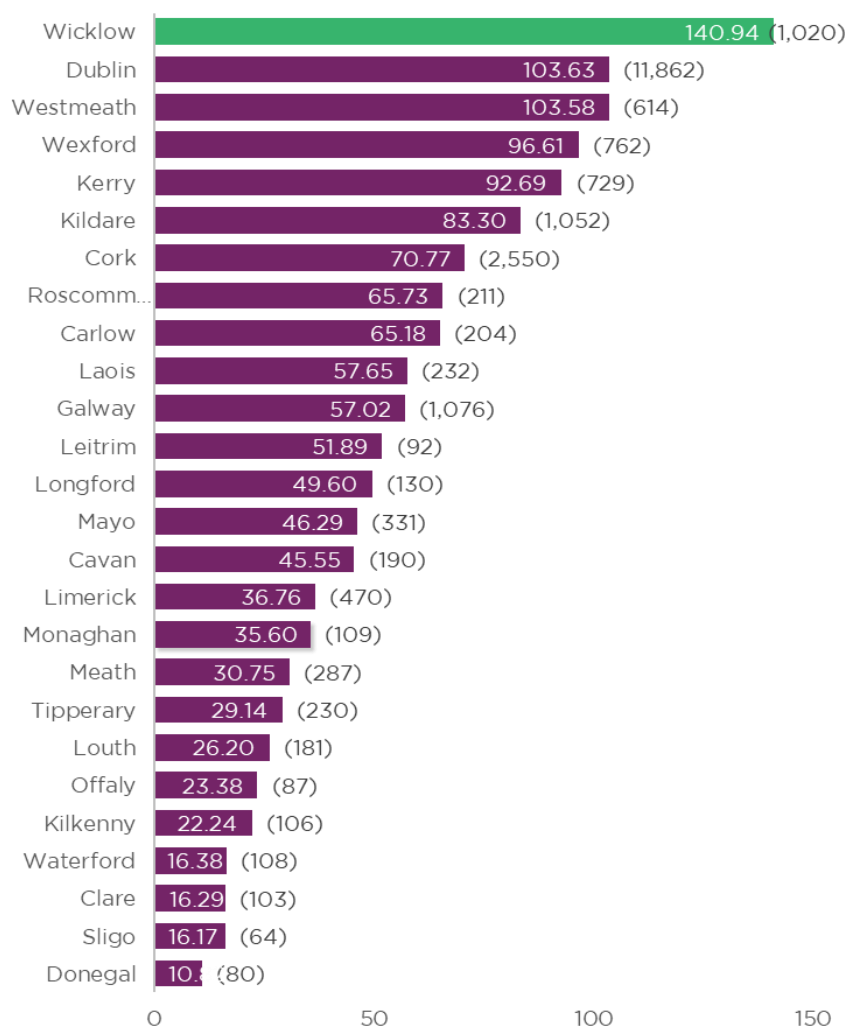


Figure 32: Rent Supplement Recipients per 1,000 Private Rented Households (Source: DSP)

10.4. Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

Headline: 1,518 HAP tenancies set up in Wicklow between 2017 and 2018 Q4

HAP is a form of social housing support provided by all local authorities. HAP means that local authorities can provide housing assistance for households who qualify for social housing support, including many long-term Rent Supplement recipients. Under HAP, local authorities will make payments, subject to rent limits, on behalf of the HAP recipient directly to the landlord in respect of rent. Wicklow County Council began implementation of HAP in 2017 and has 1,518 tenancies set up to date (2019 Q3) – the 15th lowest number of all Local authorities.

HAP Tenancies Setup to Q3 2019

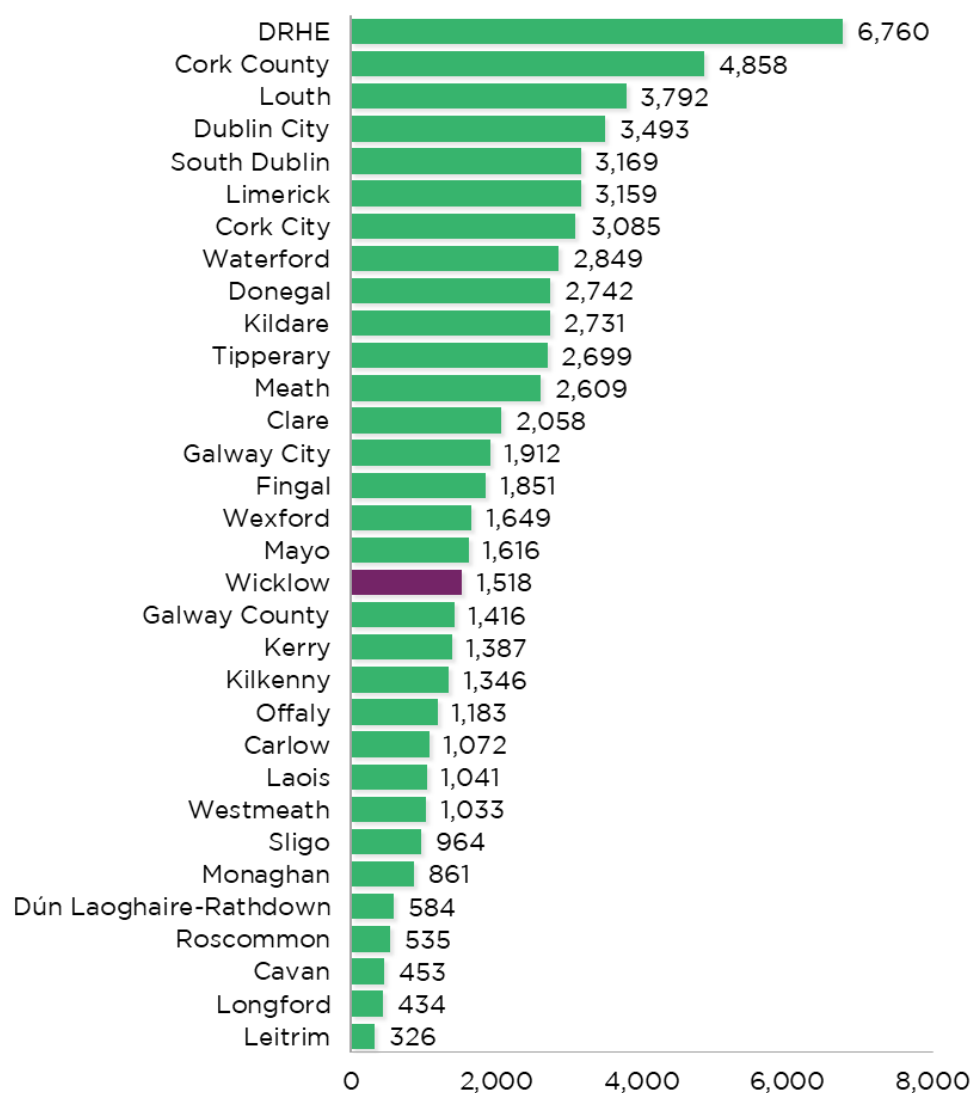


Figure 33: Housing Assistance Payment Tenancies Setup by, Q3 2019 (Source: DHPLG)

10.5. Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Headline: In 2019 there were 347 RAS tenancies located in Wicklow at an annual exchequer cost of €4.79 Million.

The Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) is a social housing support for persons who are in receipt of long-term rent supplement (>18 months). The RAS scheme is run by local authorities. Under RAS, local authorities draw up contracts with landlords to provide housing for an agreed term for people with a long-term housing need. The local authority pays the rent directly to the landlord on behalf of the tenant. In 2017, Wicklow had 512 RAS tenancies – the 12th lowest of all local authorities. Since 2013, the number of tenancies has remained relatively static with 515 recorded.

RAS Tenancies and Expenditure (€), 2019

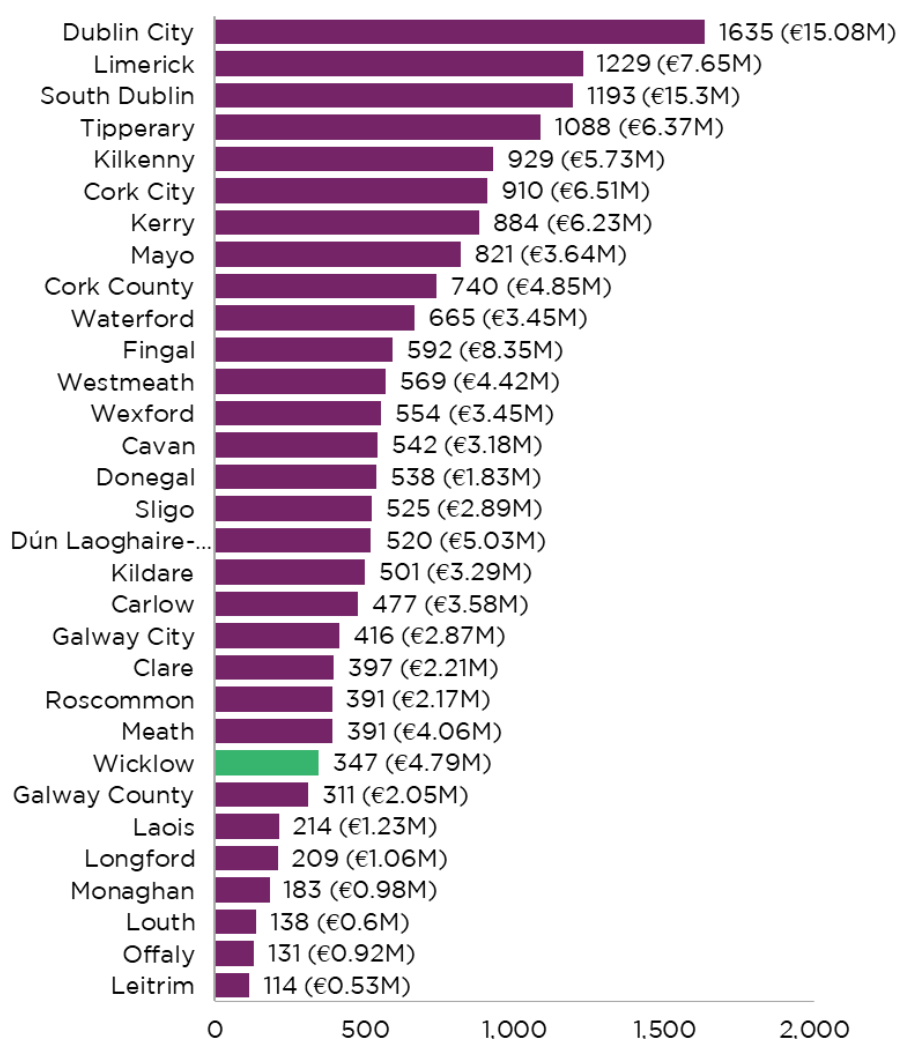


Figure 34: Rental Accommodation Scheme, 2019 (Source DHPLG)

10.6. Homelessness

It is apparent that whilst there was a slight decrease in 2017, figures rose again towards end 2018. In Wicklow we are seeing increasing levels of homelessness from Private Rented properties where landlords are selling as they are coming back into positive equity.

Wicklow County Council continues to attempt to address Homelessness with a key focus on prevention and intervention. The introduction of Homeless HAP is producing results and supply is increasing both in the Council's construction programme and in the private sector.

No of Homeless Presentations

Year	No of Presentations	No of Households Families	No of Children	No of Adult (Individuals)
2016	522	322	583	200
2017	470	238	421	232
2018	645	366	744	279

Table 11: Number Homeless Presentations 2016 to 2018 (Source: Wicklow County Council)

Quarter 1 – 1st January 2019 to 31st March 2019

No of Presentations	No of Households Families	No of Children	No of Adult (Individuals)
165	94	174	71

Table 12: Number Homeless Presentations January to March 2019 (Source: Wicklow County Council)

10.7. Accommodation and the Traveller Community

According to the 2017 Annual Estimate of Traveller Families report as produced by the Department for Housing, Planning and Local Government, there were 194 families accommodated by or with assistance of the local authority or on unauthorised sites in Wicklow.

Of this number, 115 were being housed in standard local authority housing, 38 by local authority halting sites and 23 families housed in other LA supported schemes (voluntary body or other assisted schemes). The remaining 18 families captured in the study were housed in unauthorised halting sites throughout the county.

According to Census 2016, there were 8,332 households where some or all of the occupants indicated they were Travellers. In addition, 517 Travellers were recorded as homeless.

The majority of Travellers in the State were living in private houses (79.7%) or apartments (8.1%) in 2016. Following a sharp decline between 2006 and 2011 (-32%), there has been an increase in the temporary type of accommodation (caravans or other mobile or temporary structures) between 2011 and 2016 (+10.3%).

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 and 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. Prevention, Partnership and Family Support – Child and Family Support Networks and Meitheal.	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			
General Medical	47 GP Surgeries in Wicklow 30 Dental Practices in Wicklow	Private	Universal HL1
HSE Primary Care Services (countywide) CH East and CHO 7	The Primary Care Team is responsible for organising and delivering primary health care to meet the needs of the local population. They include Public Health Nursing, Primary Care Psychology, Physiotherapy, Dietetics, Social Work and Occupational Therapy.	Statutory	Universal HL1-2
HSE Countywide through CH East (All of Wicklow excluding West Wicklow) and CHO 7 (West Wicklow)	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

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
HSE Countywide through CH East (All of Wicklow excluding West Wicklow) and CHO 7 (West Wicklow)	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 CH East (All of Wicklow excluding West Wicklow) and CHO 7 (West Wicklow)	Child Health Developmental Screening. Children aged 0 – 6 years	Statutory	Universal HL1
County Wicklow Primary Healthcare Project for Travellers	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
Wicklow Local Sports Partnership	To support increased participation in sport and active recreation throughout County Wicklow especially across specific target groups such as women and 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
Sports Promotion Units (KWETB) 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

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
Co. Wicklow Partnership – Healthy Food Made Easy programme (HFME) and Community Food Initiative	HFME is a healthy eating initiative aimed at 10 yrs upwards. The Programme is delivered in conjunction with the HSE.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Mental Health			
HSE Primary Care Psychology CH East and 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
Jigsaw Wicklow	To be established by the end of 2020 Jigsaw Wicklow will offer a free and confidential support service for young people aged 12-25 who live in Co. Wicklow	Voluntary	Universal HL1-2
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.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Arklow Youth Mental Health Initiative	AYMHI is an inter-agency working group. The initiative works with 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
Wicklow Youth Mental Health Initiative (WYMHI)	WYMHI is an inter-agency working group. The initiative works with transition year and Youthreach students promoting positive mental health and highlighting options for maintaining positive mental health and building resilience.	Voluntary	Universal and Targeted HL1
Living Life Counselling – East Coast	Low Cost Counselling for adults, couples, adolescents and children	Part voluntary	Universal HL1-2
Sophia Counselling – West Wicklow	Low Cost and no-cost Counselling for adults, couples, adolescents and children	Part voluntary	Universal HL1-2

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
Family Support Services: Arklow Springboard Wicklow Child and Family Project Greystones FRC	The family support services in the county provide therapeutic services such as: play therapy, counselling for parents and children engaged in their services, parenting programmes, direct work with children. Greystones FRC also offers Rainbows. The Wicklow Child and Family Project provides low cost therapeutic services for children, adolescents, adults and families.	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
West Wicklow Youth Project West Wicklow	Teen Counselling for young people 12-21 years	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-3
Lucena Clinic	Child and Adolescent Mental Health – Provides 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

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
Linn Dara Mid-Kildare and South Kildare (covering West Wicklow)	Community Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Services provides multidisciplinary assessment and/or treatment for children and adolescents referred with concerns around mental health issues	Statutory	Targeted HL2-4
Resource Officers for Suicide Prevention	Two Resource Officers for Suicide Prevent for the county support the implementation of Connecting for Life local plans, support national and local positive mental health campaigns, provide access to a wide range of positive mental health training opportunities	Statutory	Universal
Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officers	Two Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officers for the county is to provide a proactive and timely community-based support to individuals, families, groups, or communities who have experienced a suicide loss.	Statutory	Targeted
Social Prescribing for Health and Wellbeing	The Social Prescribing Service is an initiative which aims to link persons (over 18) into activities within their communities to improve their health and wellbeing with an overall aim of self-management.	Voluntary	Targeted
Cairdeas Clubhouse	A Clubhouse is a programme of support for individuals on their road to recovery	Voluntary	Targeted
Drugs and Alcohol			
Yoda – CHO East (excluding West Wicklow and South East Dublin)	The YoDA East Coast service offers substance use treatment to Under 18's in CHO East (Wicklow, (excluding west Wicklow) and South East Dublin). The current service offers assessment and treatment by a Clinical Nurse Specialist with additional input from child and adolescent psychiatry and family therapy (specific to drug and alcohol related problems)	Statutory	Targeted HL2-4
Bray and East Wicklow Youth and Information Services – Drugs Education Workers Bray and 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

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
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 and Alcohol Task Force	ECRDATF works in conjunction with existing services and provides direct funding to a range of local agencies dealing with drug and alcohol problems across CHE. Supported initiatives include WCandFP, ISPCC, Living Life Counselling, Crosscare, Tiglin, Merchants Quay Ireland CRIS project	Statutory and Voluntary	Targeted HL1-4
South West Regional Drugs Task Force West Wicklow	SWRDTF provides funding to some services in West Wicklow e.g. Drug Prevention and Early Interventions DPEI (Foroige)	Statutory and Voluntary	Targeted HL1-4
ISPCC – East Coast	ISPCC – Child and Family Support Service offers Individual Therapeutic 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 build resilience, educate, develop coping skills, improve relationships and promote positive behaviours.	Voluntary	Targeted HL1-4
MQI Community Recovery and Integration Supports (CRIS) East and Central Wicklow (Funded by East Coast Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force)	CRIS is a community based addiction support service, focusing on recovery and integration supports for adults and their families. The service offers one-to-one case management and care planning for people who are either looking to address their drug/alcohol use or who are already in recovery. The service also provides supports for families affected by addiction.	Voluntary	Both
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.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
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. 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 and 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 South West Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force SWRDATAF)	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 SWRDATAF)	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 and the 5 Step method (a brief psychosocial intervention)	Community	Targeted HL2-3

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
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	Residential Treatment Centres for men and women. Step down supported housing. 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			
HSE Disability Services	HSE Disability Services provide funding, case management and manage directly funded services for children and adults aged 18-65 years in the area.	Statutory	Universal HL2-4
HSE Early Intervention Team	Therapeutic Support and early intervention for children with a disability.	Statutory	Universal HL1
HSE School Age Team	Therapeutic support and intervention for children with a disability	Statutory	Universal HL1
HSE South Kildare Network Disability Team covering West Wicklow	Network Disability Teams provide interdisciplinary support services to children aged 0-18 who present with needs identified as complex. It is a team of professionals with different expertise working in partnership with families, school/outside agencies to develop and implement integrated intervention programmes	Statutory	Universal HL1
Enable Ireland Wicklow	Provides services for children 0-18 with a physical disability who reside within CH East - Wicklow, with a base in Bray and in Arklow providing centre, home and school based assessment and interventions. The child must require a team based service intervention, with a minimum of two disciplines	Voluntary	Universal HL1

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
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 and Education, disability, early intervention, pre-school, respite, residential, parent support and training. Children 0–18 years	Voluntary	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 Gods, 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 and 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

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
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 Kildare and Wicklow ETB.	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Department of Education and Skills	Primary and Secondary school provision and support in Co. Wicklow. 83 Mainstream Primary Schools and 3 Special Primary Schools. Seven of these primary schools are part of DEIS (Glenealy, Rathnew, Kiltegan, Bray x 3 and Newtownmountkennedy) There are 22 Secondary Schools (4 DEIS). There are 40 special classes in Wicklow at primary level across 20 schools. There are 10 special classes at post-primary level across 6 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 Programmes	School Completion Programme is operational in Arklow, Rathdrum, Dunlavin, Bray, Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford and Newtownmountkennedy.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
Wicklow Travellers Group, CEART Countywide, excluding Bray	Support for parents and liaison with the schools. Support the Wicklow School Completion Programme. Supporting 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
Tusla Education Support Services (TESS)	TESS employs Educational Welfare Officers 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 and Wicklow ETB			
Kildare and 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	Statutory	Universal HL2

	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.		
School Completion Programmes	There are four SCP programmes in Co. Wicklow, two in Bray, one in Wicklow Town and environs and one covering Arklow across to Dunlavin.	Voluntary	Targeted HL2
Childcare			
Wicklow County Childcare Committee	Advisory service for those working with children including early years, parents, school age services. 158 pre-school services, 39 PandT Groups and 22 Community Childcare facilities.	Statutory	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

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
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 (Oldcourt and Fassaroe), Youth Development Programmes, One to One and group support for individuals and families, Strengthening Families and Rainbows Programmes, 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 (Hours have been extended)	Voluntary	Targeted HL2

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
Wicklow Child and Family Project	<p>The Wicklow Child and 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 and 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 and drop in facilities for information and support. The service also supports Tusla in the implementation of Meitheal.</p>	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-3
Arklow Springboard Family Support Service	<p>Arklow Springboard Family Service is part of the Daughters of Charity Child and Family Service. The catchment area for Arklow Springboard includes Arklow Town and surrounding areas, Aughrim, 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. Our model of service has three aims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To support children and families develop coping skills and resilience 2. To help families develop social supports within their family and in their local community 3. To support the development of attachment and resilience skills of children <p>The model of service delivery allows for short term targeted and long term intensive therapeutic work with children, young people and their families.</p>	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-3

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
Supporting Parents and Early Childcare Services (SPECS) Initiative– Bray	The SPECS Initiative is a local collaborative early Intervention and prevention initiative. 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
Extern – Intensive Home Support Service	Extern’s Intensive Home Support Service is a home-based service, providing families with targeted support, including access to 24-hour phone support. The service focuses on strengthening family unity, sustaining young people at home and empowering the family to become autonomous with healthy positive relationships.	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

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
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
Bray Women's Refuge Outreach Service – East Wicklow	Offers confidential appointments providing support to families in the community including court accompaniment	Voluntary	Targeted HL2-4
Saoirse Women's Refuge Outreach Service – West Wicklow	Offers confidential appointments providing support to families in the community including court accompaniment	Voluntary	Targeted 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
Garda Divisional Protective Services Unit	Specific Unit to deal with sexual crimes and crimes against children	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

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
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

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
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. 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. Employability Services are utilised for further support. 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)	<p>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</p>	Voluntary	Universal HL1
Shuttle Knit Ltd CEART	<p>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.</p>	Voluntary	Targeted HL1
Kildare and Wicklow ETB	<p>Provides a wide range of training opportunities through its Further Education and Training Centres in Co. Wicklow.</p>	Statutory	Universal HL1

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
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 Employment and 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			
Volunteer Led Youth Groups	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, 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	Voluntary	Universal HL1
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

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
Connect - Bray Neighbourhood Youth Project. Three contact points: Little Bray youth project Ballywaltrim Community Centre South Bray Family Resource Centre	The Youth project is committed to supporting and meeting the needs of the most at risk young people, families and their communities within the most disadvantaged communities in Bray. Drop in programmes, Life skills programmes, Art, drama, sports and music, IT access and training, Summer programmes, One to one support, Informal/formal educational supports and programmes, Training and peer education, Mentoring, Family support, Street work, Advocacy, Fundraising, International projects	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 and 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 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 greatest.	Voluntary	Universal HL1

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
Co. Wicklow Partnership – LEADER Rural Youth (contd.)	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.		
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

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
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 Clubs along the East Coast of County Wicklow	Voluntary	Targeted and Universal HL1
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	Collaborations/partnerships with Foroige, Comhairle na nÓg and ECRDATF re. Identifying and addressing needs LGBT Transgender event 2016 Wicklow Pride Diversity Youth and Children Summer Programme	Voluntary	Universal HL1-2

Organisation/ Agency	Services	Statutory or Voluntary	Universal or Targeted or both.
County Wicklow Partnership – SICAP Programme, Youth Activities contd.	Support is provided to families and lone parents through afterschool programme and supports, summer camps, Easter camps, parent and toddler groups and development days, healthy eating courses for parents and children. Transition Year students receive supports where possible throughout the year across the county depending on the requirements of the school. Supports are provided to DEIS schools yearly.		
Croí Rath Naóí	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 Citizen Information Centres 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 Accommodation Services	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 Children and Young People's Plan [CYPP] is informed by the socio-demographic profile of the county, the overview of services, the commitments within Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures and other national policy documents such as Healthy Ireland, Connecting for Life, and the National Youth Strategy amongst others. 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 2016 - 2019 and issues emerging during the lifetime of that plan such as mental health, drugs and alcohol, new communities and homelessness. Concerns arising through the Tusla Commissioning process are also clearly reflected together with the outcome of consultations undertaken with children, young people and parents. The recommendations from the evaluation commissioned in 2018 by Co. Wicklow CYPSC are also included. 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.

As a consequence of the COVID-19 national emergency which commenced in March 2020 all our plans and actions are being reviewed as the situation progresses. We will endeavour to implement actions as originally envisioned but we will be guided in all circumstances by public health advice.

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
- Adopting a progressive universalism model
- Outcomes focused actions
- 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

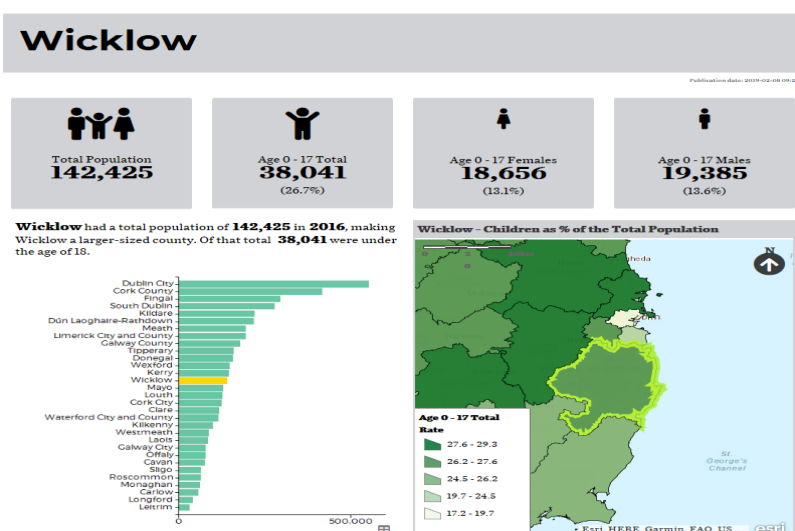


Figure 1: Total Population and 0-17 Population and Breakdown, CSO 2016



Figure2: Wicklow Profile Highlights I, CSO 2016

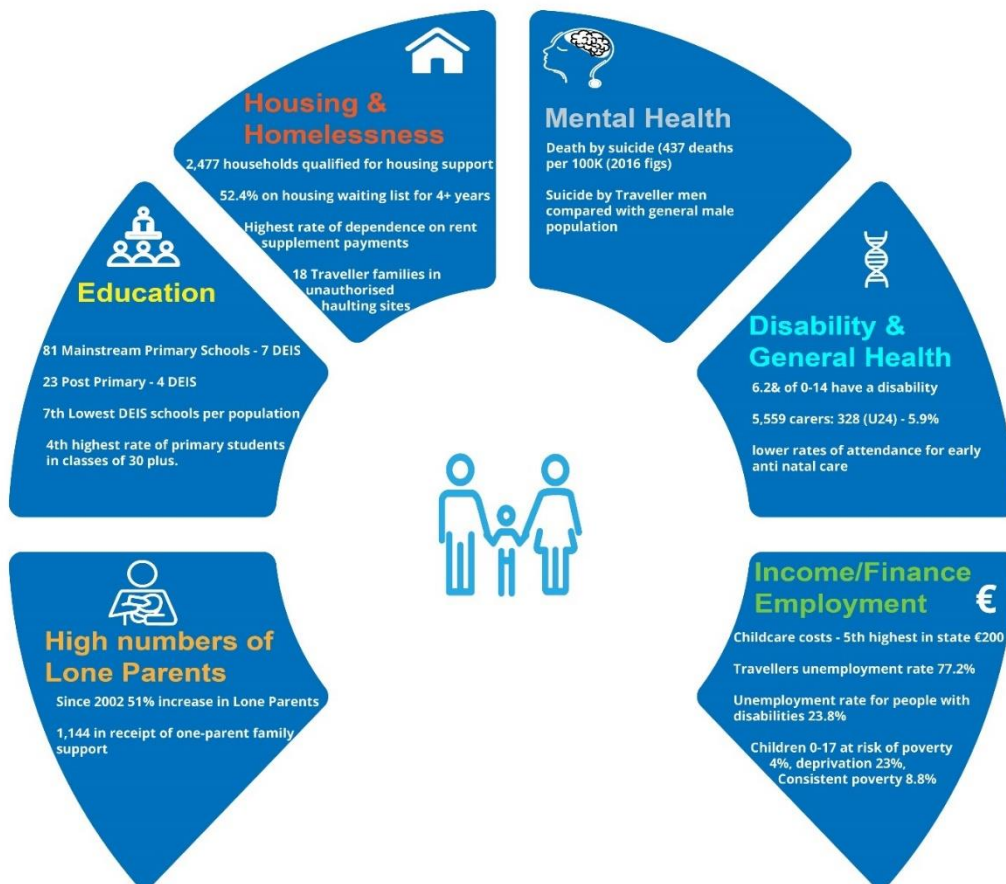


Figure 3: Wicklow Profile Highlights II, CSO 2016

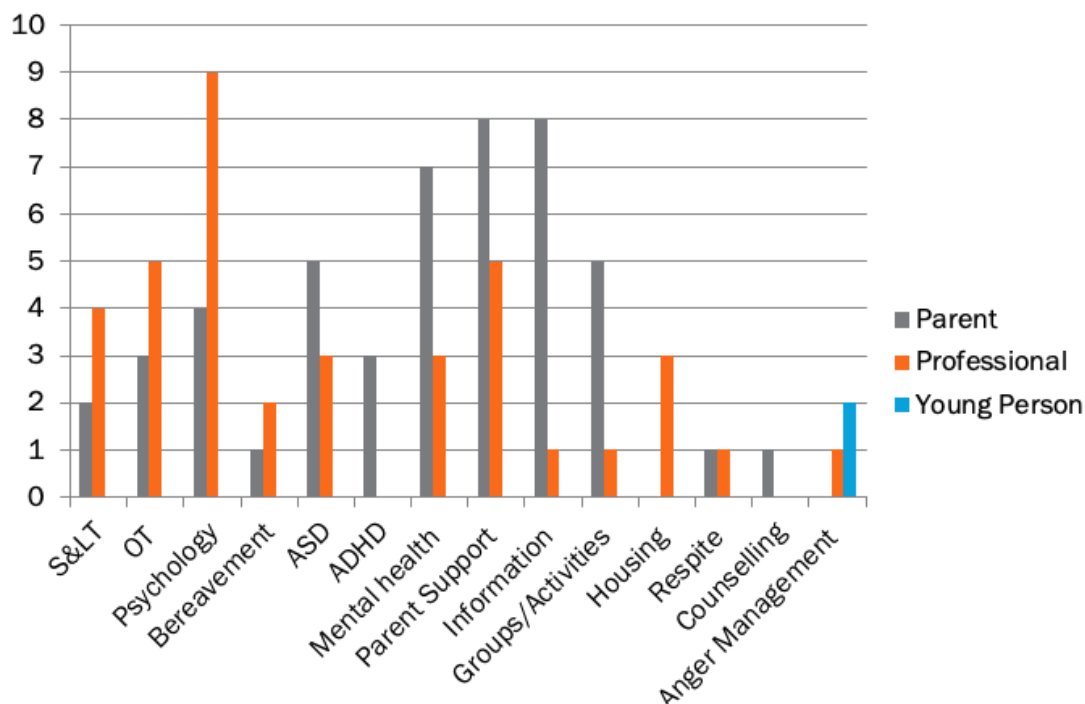
Key Points from Overview of Services

- The profile of the East Coast in terms of population, urban centres and level of need to be met results in a necessary concentration of services in the area
- Lack of services in West Wicklow and the urgent need for a Child and Family Support Network Co-ordinator for the area
- Adequacy of current education provision in light of high numbers of children in pre-school and primary school age groups
- Long waiting lists/lack of therapeutic services for children and young people with disabilities particularly relating to early intervention and school age
- Lack of services for children and young people with ASD
- Lack of specialist family support services in Bray and West Wicklow
- Adequate resourcing of the existing specialist substance misuse services for young people up to 18 years of age for the county
- Lack of employment opportunities for young people, Travellers and those with disabilities
- Lack of funding/resources to meet growing demands
- Travelling Community: education progression/ employment /discrimination
- Rural Isolation and lack of Public Transport in rural areas
- Homelessness/Housing- lack of social housing, limited private rental, high cost of private rented accommodation, low level of rent supplement, overcrowding and poor housing quality.

Figure 4: Comparison of Priorities Identified during development of Wicklow CYPP.

<p>Priorities identified during the Co. Wicklow CYPSC Evaluation process 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Intervention and Prevention • Youth Participation • Positive Mental health and well being • Children with Disabilities incl. ASD • Healthy Eating/Physical Activity • Safety – Domestic Violence • Out of School Learning • Social Housing shortage and poverty • Strengthening partnership approach • Work with Refugees/Asylum Seekers • Embed learning and practice into mainstream 	<p>Priorities identified through consultations/questionnaire and review with CFSNs 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disadvantage/Poverty – small area level, hidden and particular impact on certain groups • Minority Ethnic Groups including Travellers, Refugees, Asylum Seekers • Health: Mental Health (Parental and Young People), Drug/Alcohol Education and Support, Sexual Health, Accessibility/Availability of disability Services in particular ASD • Education: School Refusal, Transitions Support – Out of School Supports • Safe and Protected: Lack of funded Family Support Service in some areas, Housing/Homelessness/Overcrowding (Tenancy Course), Domestic Violence, Online Safety, Community Policing – Anti-social Behaviour, Alcohol and Substance Misuse [Hidden Harm]
<p>National Issues/Priorities identified through the literature review further underpinned the development of the Local Needs Analysis as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obesity • Youth Mental Health (self harm/suicide) • Homelessness/Housing • Drugs and Alcohol • Refugees and Asylum Seekers • Youth Unemployment • Youth Participation • Domestic Violence 	<p>Priorities identified by Young People 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport Mental Health Drugs and Alcohol Online Safety Housing/Homelessness Climate Change Part-time work Youth Spaces/Places

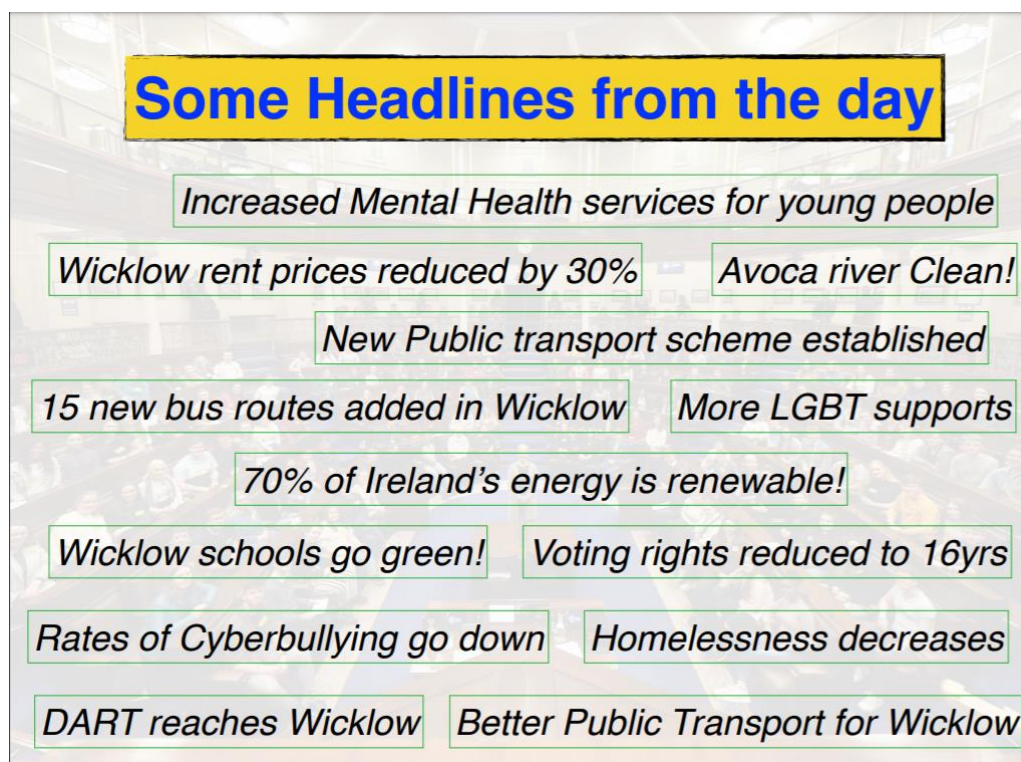
Gaps in services identified by parents, professionals and young people during Meitheals



We will continue to highlight gaps in services for children and young people with ASD and their families. A recent research report from NUI Galway highlighted that the financial and quality of life implications of not addressing the needs of autistic people with appropriate services and supports are profound. According to the study's lead author, Áine Roddy of NUI Galway '*Policymakers need to understand that we need to spend in order to save, as research shows that autism is the most expensive condition internationally, due to the substantial economic burden on State expenditure for adult-assisted care provisions, institutional care costs and high unemployment rates (80%) among autistic adults*' (Irishhealth.com, *Most Children with Autism have Unmet Needs*, Feb. 20)

The views of children, young people and parents were also considered in identifying the local needs and we were fortunate to have information from the Tusla Area Commissioning process. This data was gathered by one of the following methods: individual interviews with parents, questionnaires, or focus groups with parents or children - 57 parents and 83 children and young people contributed. **(See Appendix C and D).**

A consultation was also undertaken with Wicklow Comhairle na n'Óg at their AGM where up to 100 young people aged 12 to 17 attended. See an example below of the headlines that the young people arrived at during the consultation. **(See also Appendix E).**



Outcome 1: Active and Healthy, physical and mental wellbeing

Mental Health and Wellbeing

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 previous plan. There is a great deal of promotional work being undertaken by two groups working in Wicklow: Wicklow Youth Mental Health Initiative (Gr82Byng) and Arklow Youth Mental Health Groups. We have representation from these groups on the CYPSC Youth Mental Health Subgroup and have given financial support to the Gr82Yng Campaign which targets up to 200 TY students from the secondary schools in Wicklow Town.

Whilst the suicide rate in Wicklow of 9.2 is below the national rate of 9.6 there are significant rates of reported self-harm in both males and females. The Samaritans 'Suicide Statistics Report' December 2019 acknowledges the decreasing rate of death by suicide in Ireland particularly the decreasing rate for young people since 2011. However, it notes that in the Republic of Ireland deaths of undetermined intent are not included in the national definition, which means that suicide is potentially underreported. The report also highlights concerns about increasing rates of self-harm. 'The increase is concerning because it might lead to: • self-harm becoming further normalised as a way to cope with emotional distress • self-harm becoming a long-term response to emotional distress • an increase in future suicides' (Samaritans 2019:9)

Previous consultations with young people in Wicklow highlighted mental health as the most important issue and that stress levels and poor self-esteem are still major issues for young people. It is hoped that the opening of a Jigsaw service in Co. Wicklow will address some of the needs in this area. We look forward to working with our Jigsaw partners in the roll out of training opportunities throughout the county. Co. Wicklow CYPSC acknowledges the work of the Bray Area Partnership Youth Mental Health Subgroup whose contribution to securing a Jigsaw Project was paramount.

Please follow the link to view a video around the work involved in securing this service for Co. Wicklow. <https://www.bravareapartnership.ie/node/199>

Adolescence and early adulthood is the peak time for the onset of mental health difficulties. It has been reported that 75% of all mental health disorders that persist into adulthood emerge before 25 years (Kessler et al 2007) (My World Survey 2, National Study of Youth Mental health in Ireland, 2019)

It is important to highlight issues which continue to dominate 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 challenges are referenced:

Access to CAMHS, referral criteria and waiting lists for appropriate services: Ongoing concerns are expressed by a range of agencies in relation 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 by them e.g. play therapy. We will continue to have 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 have no primary care psychological services. Some vacancies are as a result of unfilled posts during maternity leaves.

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

Drugs and Alcohol: During the lifetime of our previous plan a YODA model² of service for under 18s was initiated in the county. Currently this service is provided by a Clinical Nurse Specialist and more recently a Family Therapist (May 2020) who delivers the service in CHO6 on an outreach basis using premises provided free of charge by a range of agencies. Co. Wicklow CYPSC recognises and acknowledges this worthwhile development and investment by our HSE colleagues and urges significant further investment to expand the staffing of the service during the lifetime of this plan.

Particular concerns have been raised during consultations in relation to the drug use and its relationship with mental health issues. We hope to work with, between and across a number of CYPSC subgroups to look at this issue in collaboration with young people.

Wicklow Comhairle na n'Óg identified drugs as a major issue for young people at their 2018 AGM and are currently undertaking a 'Youth Attitudes to Drugs' Survey. The findings from this survey will be included in any discussions on this topic and members of Comhairle will be invited to contribute.

Active and healthy

The issue of physical activity, physical health and nutrition 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. We have continued to make significant progress in relation to improving play and recreation infrastructure in Co. Wicklow. 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 by the local needs identified in the Healthy Wicklow Strategy such as:

- Reduce barriers to engagement in health and wellbeing activities for all age groups
 - Action: Beginners classes for health, sports, play and recreation to encourage uptake of new activities or try free 'taster' sessions.
- Inclusive County for all citizens and communities
 - Deliver training programmes for all front-line services to better identify early intervention mental health measures so that preventative care can be offered to reduce any escalation or need for additional care e.g. CAMHS.
 - Promote social inclusion of all people including youth, older persons, people with disabilities, Travellers and New Communities to actively participate in health and wellbeing.
 - Offer an introductory course designed to provide community/ voluntary groups with skills and ideas on how to adapt sport, physical activity or physical education sessions to make accessible and inclusive for people with disabilities.
 - Inclusive fitness training to increase the confidence and awareness of fitness managers, fitness professionals and all front line staff to work with people with disabilities in the fitness sector.

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.

Researchers at Dublin City University have carried out an all-Ireland study of over two thousand primary school children on the island of Ireland, and have found that one in four cannot run

² YODA: Youth Drug and Alcohol Service

properly; one in two cannot kick a ball properly; and less than one in every five can throw a ball. The findings also noted that the skills development of children with regards to running, jumping, catching and kicking (movements that are categorised as fundamental movement skills (FMS), plateau and stop progressing at the age of ten. The recent Children's Sport Participation and Physical Activity (CSPPA, 2018) study found that just 17% of Irish primary children engage in the recommended 1 hour per day of moderate to vigorous activity. (Accessed from [Download Here](#))

Physical Activity/Health and Nutrition: We hope to build on the work that has been done using Healthy Ireland funding in Rounds 1 and 2 to deliver targeted initiatives across these priority areas and to avail of any future funding available. We will be working closely with our LCDC colleagues and the new HIF Coordinator in relation to Round 3 of Healthy Ireland. Further progress was made during the lifetime of the previous plan in building our play infrastructure in the county and the upgrading of some facilities is now a priority for this plan. We have also included a focus on measures to promote the use of community spaces for outdoor and unstructured play. We will be working with Wicklow Sports and Recreation partnership to increase affordable and local opportunities to become physically active and providing diverse training for local leaders in the area of youth physical activity.

New Communities: In recognition of the children and young people who are newly arrived in Wicklow we aim to ensure that they have the opportunity to participate in local clubs and summer activities. Of particular concern here would be young people living in International Protection Accommodation Centres. We will be mindful of the recommendations in the White Paper to end Direct Provision (Feb 21) and the report of the OMC Safety and Welfare of Children in Direct Provision (April 21).

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 MMR 1 and HPV vaccine where an interagency approach will be vital in delivering improved uptake. We will also work with the Child Health and Development Officers in both HSE areas in order to promote issues of concern including breastfeeding, vaccination, access to information and awareness of Post Natal Depression.

Nutrition: We will build on our success in working closely with our Wicklow Community Food Initiative Partners to deliver targeted supports on the issue of nutrition/healthy eating/cooking.

Disability: According to Census 2016, 6.2% of persons aged 0-14 have a disability marginally higher than the State average however of those aged 15 to 24 years 11.1% (1,791) have a disability which is considerably higher than the State average of 9.3%. We make a special recognition of children/young people with disability in the county by advocating with relevant stakeholders to address service inadequacies. We will offer training for frontline workers to ensure inclusive practice and we will endeavour to ensure that there is provision of inclusive activities /events in the county. We will work with community groups and sports clubs to provide inclusive physical activity training opportunities through the Sports Inclusion Disability officer in Wicklow Sports Partnership

Smoking Prevention: The DPEI Foroige project in Kildare/West Wicklow have committed to the delivery of an Xhale programme in Dunlavin, West Wicklow and will receive support from partner agencies.

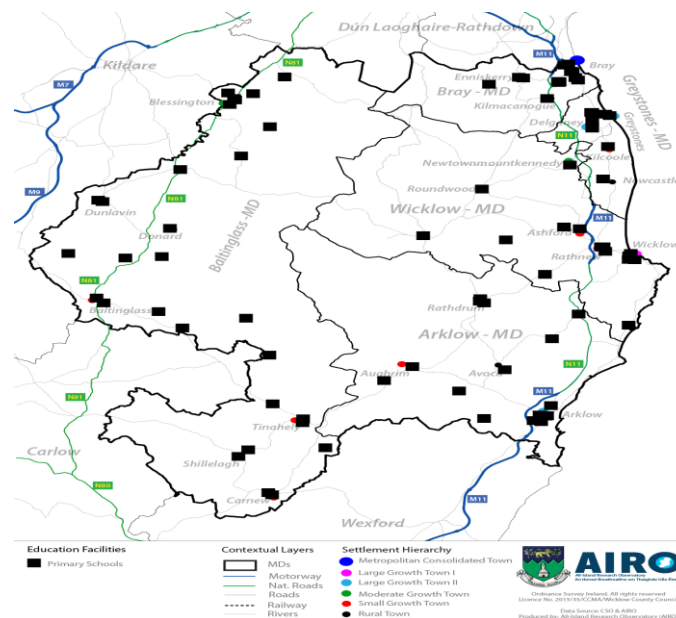
Outcome 2: Achieving full potential in learning and development

Key points of note in relation to learning and development in Co. Wicklow:

- Spatial variation in education attainment
- 81 mainstream Primary – only 7 DEIS
- 23 Post Primary – only 4 DEIS
- 7th lowest DEIS schools per population
- 4th highest rate of primary students in large class sizes of more than 30
- School Attendance generally good but mean rate of 20-day absence at post-primary higher than State
- Good Retention Rates however this picture is very different for Traveller population

Concerns were also highlighted in the profile in relation to our high numbers of pre-school and primary school children. Increased housing development in the North and East of the county is contributing to these numbers and this is also contributing to a lack of preschool and childcare places in this area. Particularly worryingly is our 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.

Primary Schools in Co. Wicklow



Literacy and numeracy: Literacy and Numeracy is a national priority issue and was a feature of the previous two plans. Three actions are included here; two of these are being led by the Wicklow Library Services – the roll out of a ‘First Library Card’ initiative to 0-3 year olds and the promotion of the TTRS and Alexia services available to all children in Co. Wicklow. These services could be invaluable to young people from new communities as well as those with identified needs. We would

also like to extend the learning from the vocabulary programme implemented successfully under the SPECS project countywide and will be having discussion with HSE Speech and Language Therapy in this regard.

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. This is building on work done in the last plan. 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 SPECS Transition Tool which is due to be revised. We are aware that the National Parents Council (NPC) are also involved in a transition programme providing support and information for parents regarding this transition from preschool to primary school. In June 2020 the DCYA launched a national approach to transition and this will be promoted through Wicklow CYPSC and will inform any further work in this area.

We will also explore the models available in the primary to post-primary area such as the 'Mind the Gap' Tool circulated to all primary and post primary schools in Wicklow during the last plan. In undertaking this work Co. Wicklow CYPSC will review transition material already produced by other CYPSC, ABC sites, NEYAI and materials from NCSE and SESS. An action is also included to continue to deliver the Transition Programme for ASD young people in West Wicklow which was adapted as part of a QCBI funded project in 2018/19.

Creative Learning and Development: In 2019 CYPSC were invited to give an expression of interest for the delivery of 'I Am Baba' theatre/arts for very young children in their areas. Wicklow CYPSC recognising the importance of Early Intervention and Prevention chose performances focussed on parents and children under 12 months. Unfortunately COVID 19 led to the cancellation of planned workshops in three locations in 2020 however we are hoping that it will be possible for some workshops to go ahead in 2021 – subject to securing of funding and with due regard to public health advice at that time.

School Refusal: This priority arose as a result of concerns from services and parents in relation to school refusal/non-attendance and our high mean rate of 20-day absence at post-primary level. A task group was formed in 2019 to look at an adaptation of the guidance developed by colleagues in Roscommon. A number of meetings have taken place and a designer has been engaged to develop the document with the assistance of the Task Group. The pack was launched electronically in May 2020 as it was felt that it would be an aid to some during the COVID crisis. We will work to promote the pack widely within schools in Co. Wicklow.

Progression Pathways: Concerns were expressed in previous plans regarding the exclusion of some young people from mainstream education and we aim to develop our knowledge in this area and to draw together information about alternative educational provision.

Outcome 3: Safe and protected from harm

The Outcome 3 Safe and Protected from Harm Subgroup acts as the Prevention, Partnership and Family Support Steering [PPFS] Committee for the East Coast and oversees the implementation of Meitheal in the area through the three 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 needs of children and young people in Co. Wicklow. It is informed significantly by the Tusla Commissioning process for the area. The commissioning priorities are based on an analysis of internal Tusla data, external demographic data relating to children and families in the area and qualitative data gathered by survey/questionnaires and focus

groups of Tusla staff, services, parents, children and young people. The following are the commissioning priority themes identified through this process:

1. **Early Intervention**

- *Focus 0-5 age group, early childhood development, early learning opportunities promoting positive relationships between parent and child, bonding and attachment and child development. Incorporating evidence based programmes e.g. PEEP programme³.*
- *Focus on the 6-12 age group; to support children with additional needs to build resilience and empowering parents to support their children's development.*
- *Parenting Programmes addressing factors impacting parenting capacity as identified in the various data gathered for this plan*
- *Early identification of and response to adverse childhood experiences*
- *Commitment to the principle of Progressive Universalism*

2. **Family Support**

- *Accessible and flexible in respect of timing, setting and changing needs of children and families*
- *Direct work with children, parents and whole family*
- *Focus on improving accessibility to Family Support Services in rural areas and high need urban areas.*
- *Strengths based and needs led and tailored to the individual needs of families*
- *ACE research shows the need for a Whole Family Approach with Intensive Family Support involved only as long as necessary*
- *Time limited interventions may not be effective for families with multiple needs*
- *PPFS staff will collaborate with funded partners to develop a best practice family support model across the spectrum of need for the area*

3. **Youth at Risk**

- *Focus on 12 -18 age group, Children living in the Community, Children living in Care*
- *Focus on young people in crisis/at high risk of poor outcomes e.g. due to disability and mental health and care placement breakdowns.*
- *Focus on improving young people's engagement with support services*
- *Intensive wrap around family support interventions to prevent reception into care/ placement breakdowns e.g. Extern's Intensive Home Support Service*

4. **Building Collaboration**

Focus on building collaboration between Tusla and our Statutory, Voluntary and Community partners, particularly Health and Education, to maximise integrated responses for children aged 0-18 years who:

- *Are living in poverty*
- *Have additional developmental/disability needs*
- *Have low to medium mental health needs*

Extract from Area Commissioning Plan (pg.8).

The actions included in the CYPP under Outcome 3 are as follows:

PPFS, CFSNs and Meitheal: An active committee which meets regularly and has membership across the statutory, voluntary and community sector and the process of working with children, young people and families across the county through Child and Family Support Networks

PPFS Public Awareness: raising awareness of the PPFS structures/supports available to children, young people and parents in the county.

³ PEEP sessions aim to support families with their children's early learning in a simple and enjoyable way.

Commissioning: Following completion of the Commissioning Area Plan we move to delivery of the commissioning implementation plan.

Hidden Harm: To support the implementation of the Hidden Harm strategy through the Meitheal framework of family support

Training: providing a co-ordinated and interagency approach to the delivery of training e.g. Transgender Awareness Training and Intercultural Competency Training were delivered under the last plan.

Parenting Support, Parental Participation and Parenting Support Champions (PSCs): 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 worked with Kildare CYPSC to ensure that a Wicklow presence on the website www.parentingsupport.ie.

Parenting Support – NVR/SPACE: Supporting the development of the Non-Violent Resistance Model in the county which has been used to great effect to assist where there are issues such as anxiety, ASD, School Refusal and Drug and Alcohol Misuse.

Domestic Violence: Whilst we have seen positive developments in terms of additional resources into the county (2 outreach workers and 1 Traveller specific post) unfortunately the Sonas Transitional Housing in Wicklow Town closed in 2019. We are conscious also of the significant increase in referrals to Tusla during the COVID crisis and we will work closely with our colleagues in An Garda Síochána.

Early Intervention and Prevention – The SPECS (ABC Project) in Bray has been the lead agency for the establishment of an Infant Mental Health Network in Wicklow. We will continue to support this initiative in order to ensure best practice in the area of Infant Mental Health.

Housing/Homelessness: An ongoing priority area which poses huge challenges. *'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'*. We will continue to gather information to share with Wicklow County Council and to see where we can offer appropriate supports through our Parenting Support Champions.

Online Safety: We will continue to build on the work in previous plans e.g. delivery of workshops to Primary Schools and Parents and hosting of events such as Safer Internet Day.

New Communities: As indicated previously there has been an increase in the population of our new communities as a result of the opening of International Protection Accommodation Centres in the county. The subgroup hopes to assess/address emergent family support needs within new communities. We will look to the recommendations of the White Paper on ending Direct Provision (Feb 21) and report by the OMC Safety and Welfare of Children in Direct Provision (April 21).

Drug (Cannabis) Use: This is a cross subgroup action and the Outcome 3 [PPFS] subgroup wish to explore with relevant partners how we could respond to the issues arising. All subgroups looking at this issue will be facilitated to engage with one another and to ensure that the voice of young people is represented.

As a consequence of the COVID-19 national emergency which commenced in March 2020 all our plans and actions will have be reviewed as the situation progresses. We will endeavour to implement actions as originally envisioned but some will look very different with social distancing measures required e.g. on line webinars instead of face to face training. Some plans will have to be changed entirely but there may also be new opportunities e.g. increased focus on issues such as domestic violence and direct provision during COVID-19 may create increased momentum to develop responses.

Outcome 4: Economic security and opportunity

Key facts relating to Wicklow

- 3,306 Lone Parent Families with children under 15 in Wicklow i.e. 19.1% of all families with children under 15 (2016)
 - 1,144 people in receipt of one-parent family support payments
 - Mothers' Educational Attainment - Lower secondary and upper secondary attainment rates are lower than the State average
 - Childcare Costs – 5th highest in the State at €200.21
 - 1,468 Recipients of FIS and 4,250 Back to school clothing and footwear
 - 494 (0-24 years) on Live Register Jan 19 (reduction of 57% on 2016)
 - 35% of these Bray, 32% Arklow, 21% Wicklow and 32% Baltinglass
 - Unemployment rate for Travellers 77.2%
 - Unemployment rate for those with a disability was 23.8%
 - Medical Cards 35.7%
 - Deprivation: 49 Small Areas Disadvantaged and 13 Very Disadvantaged
- Children 0-17 most at risk of poverty 18.4%, deprivation 23% and consistent poverty 8.8% - applying to Wicklow 6,999 at risk and 3,347 consistent poverty

Source: CSO 2016

Findings from Growing Up in Ireland

- At 9 months, 3 years and 5 years, **mothers with lower levels of education** were the most likely to be 'looking after the home/family' and **the least likely to be employed** (2013).
- **Family income was strongly related to the mother's education.** Where the mother had left school with the Junior Certificate or less, 45% of the families were in the lowest income group and just 5% of these families were in the highest income group (2012).
- 25% of parents of 5-year-olds said they were making ends meet with 'great difficulty' or 'with difficulty'. This compares to their response of 12% in 2008/09 when their child was 9 months old (2013).
- 55% of one-parent families recorded difficulties in making ends meet at all three ages, compared to 29% of two-parent families (2013).

A CSO Monitoring Report launched on the 17th February 2020 highlighted regional variations in social progress. It is the first of a series of 17 monitoring reports looking at targets connected with the Sustainable Development Goals [SDGs]. Among the SDGs are that by 2030 there should be a planet with zero hunger, no poverty, clean water, gender equality, decent work and economic growth, clean energy and reduced inequality. This CSO report, titled Ireland's UN SDGs 2019: Report on Indicators for Goal 1 No Poverty, finds consistent poverty to be higher for females (6.2 per cent) than for males (5.1 per cent), and higher in rural (5.8 per cent) than in urban areas (5.5 per cent). Young people under 18 were four times more likely to be in consistent poverty (7.7 per cent) than older people over 65 years (1.7 per cent). The areas with the most consistent poverty are the southeast where the rate was 9.1 per cent in 2018, and the Border regions where it was 8.6 per cent.

Many CYPSC agencies are working to provide supports to children, young people and families under Outcome 4 such as the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection [DEASP], the Local Authority, the Local Partnership Companies and Kildare and Wicklow ETB. The economic outlook for the county is covered comprehensively within the Local Economic and Community Plan. 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. In late 2019 Co. Wicklow CYPSC secured representation from the DEASP.

Youth unemployment: Using a pilot interagency youth employment initiative from Kildare to inform the development of two similar projects in Co. Wicklow targeting young people who are not engaged in employment, education or training.

LECP: The LECP submission by Wicklow CYPSC will raise issues of concern that impact the economic security and opportunity of children, young people and their families in Co. Wicklow.

Disability Unemployment: to highlight awareness of pathways to education, training and employment for those with disabilities in the county who are impacted by low levels of employment.

Refugee Families in Arklow: appointing a contact person to build a relationship with the Somali families in Arklow in order to ensure that they can engage more effectively with the members of the Refugee Integration Subgroup and the wider supports available to them in terms of education, training, employment etc.

Disadvantaged Youth in West Wicklow: County Wicklow Partnership will work with the West Wicklow Youth project to target a number of initiatives with disadvantaged youth in West Wicklow.

Food Poverty: This issue came to the fore during COVID 19 as Wicklow CYPSC conducted a survey which was brought to the attention of the Community Call Forum and later the Wicklow Food Expert Group. We will stay connected with this group during the lifetime of this plan to ensure that the issue of food poverty for families and its impact on children and young people is to the forefront of their work.

Outcome 5: Connected, Respected and Contributing to their world

The priorities identified under this outcome area are strongly influenced by national policy such as the National Youth Strategy 2015-2020, the National Strategy on Children and Young People's Participation in Decision Making 2015-2020 and the National LGBTi Strategy 2018-2020.

In November 2019 two youth representatives were appointed to Co. Wicklow CYPSC and we look forward to working with both to further strengthen the voice of children and young people in all aspects of our work. Both young people have had the opportunity to contribute to Wicklow CYPP 2020-2022.

Participation: A range of actions are included around the issue of active participation by children and young people in the work of Co. Wicklow CYPSC. The Tusla Child Participation project that was initiated in this area in 2016 culminated in the development of the child friendly Tusla website 'Changing Futures'. The Tusla Participation work is reflected once again in this plan.

Youth Services and Youth Work Committee: Gaps in youth services in the county are to be examined and we will ensure that young people are involved in the development of any services. We will continue to have representation on the KWETB Youth Work Services Committee. This priority acknowledges the work by CYPSC representatives to the committee which is currently being re-established by KWETB. Such a committee is 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 provide(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.

LGBTi: 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. 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). Any work will also be mindful of the CYPSC commitment under the National LGBTi Strategy 2018-2020 and the research conducted in 2018 to explore healthy and unhealthy relationships (detailed below).

Healthy Relationships: Healthy Ireland funding in 2018 enabled us to conduct a consultation on the issues being experienced by those working with young people in the county. This research was commissioned by Co Wicklow CYPSC, in order to explore the issue of healthy and unhealthy relationships among young people in Co Wicklow. The research findings will be examined to identify priority areas of work and it is hoped to involve young people in this process. This action links to the Healthy Ireland Framework and to the vision of the National Sexual Health Strategy, specifically in relation to Recommendations 3.5 ‘Professional training’ and 3.17 ‘Ensure that all campaigns and interventions targeting those most at risk of negative sexual outcomes will be inclusive with regards to the diversity of sexual experience and identity’.

Whilst the consultation focused on participants’ observations and experiences in relation to young people’s healthy and unhealthy relationship, participants identified a number of recommendations which are listed below.

Recommendations:

Participants came up with the following recommendations.

- **Sexual Health** - Campaign – emphasising the goodness of valuing young people e.g. “Because you are worth it” but not focusing on image. Give young people age appropriate information to include issues like sexting, and to know that because a young person has become sexually active “It’s not a treadmill – you can get off”. This would include exploring the area of attachment with children. Attachment issues from parents can have an impact on a young person’s relationship.
Services – there is a need to provide teen friendly Sexual Health Services. Supports also need to be provided for young people who are LGBT+.
- **Training** - both professionals and parents need more training and guidance to talk to young people about their ability to identify and address concerning issues and behaviours in relation to young people’s sexual health, particularly in the area of sexual health and social media.
- **Safety** - Greater education for young people in relation to phones and the use of social media to begin before they start accessing the various tools and platforms, i.e. earlier in primary school. Need for training and tools aimed at young people in terms of safety, perhaps similar to the “Ask for Angela”⁴ campaign for adults.

Refugee Integration Subgroup: This subgroup was formed in 2019 to look at the recommendations coming from *‘Learning from a Resettlement Project: Somali Families in Arklow: A Review of*

⁴ Ask for Angela is a nationwide campaign for people who feel unsafe on a date. The code word allows people to discreetly alert venue staff that they are in an uncomfortable situation and they will be offered appropriate support.

Resettlement, Reunification and Integration' 2018 . This research was jointly funded by Co. Wicklow CYPSC, Citizens Information Services and Wicklow County Council. The report examined the experiences of 6 Somali Families who came to Ireland under the 2013 Resettlement Programme who were subsequently joined by 14 young people and 6 adults (70% under 22).

Key recommendations from the report included:

- More direct and ongoing support while transitioning to life in Ireland – this process takes more time than anticipated and needs to take account of reunification
- More support with education, training and employment needs
- Co-ordinated interagency response required to ensure all needs are properly assessed and addressed involving the Somali Community
- Training and capacity building needed for service providers
- Capacity building amongst target group

A presentation of the findings was made to Minister David Stanton T.D. in March 2019 and the full report is available to view on www.wicklowcoco.ie

The Refugee Integration Subgroup have developed a workplan focussed on the recommendations of the report though challenges exist in engaging with the Somali families and it is hoped to re-engage with the families during the lifetime of the current plan. An action is also included under Outcome 4 to support their engagement. We will also look to the recommendations contained in the White Paper to End Direct Provision (Feb 21) and the Report by the Ombudsman for Children 'Safety and Welfare of Children in Direct Provision' (Apr 21).



In June 2018, the Vault brought 11 of the young Somalis to the President's Garden Party for Young People at Áras an Uachtaráin.

Garda Youth Awards: The Wicklow Garda Youth Awards continues to go from strength to strength and it is hoped to build on its success during the lifetime of this plan. The need to improve relationships between young people and the Gardaí was raised during consultations.

Cannabis Use: This is a cross Subgroup action with Outcome 1 Youth Mental Health and Outcome 3 Safe and Secure Subgroups both seeking to explore this issue which has arisen during consultations and was the focus of a Conference hosted by the Bray Drugs Awareness Forum in November 2019. This action will priorities the involvement of young people in any actions agreed across these subgroups.

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 and can provide a forum to assist other agencies in progressing work not easily addressed solely by those agencies and it can highlight issues such as access/availability of public transport, waiting lists, inadequate service provision.

The workplan of this subgroup also reflects a number of the recommendations from the Co. Wicklow CYPSC Evaluation Report commissioned in 2018 including continuing current structures, **aligning more deliberately, continuing to raise awareness of CYPSC, continue to communicate and network proactively, creating interconnections and use of data.**

The subgroup has also identified the following priorities for inclusion:

Participation: Building the capacity of CYPSC member agencies around the issues of youth participation.

Link with LCDC: Ensuring that the CYPSC is recognised as the committee with expertise in relation to priorities impacting children, young people and their families in Co. Wicklow and raising issues of concern.

Involvement with relevant Structures: Recognising the commitment of the CYPSC Co-ordinator and other CYPSC members to 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 online platform which sets out the full scope of services in Co. Wicklow across all outcome areas. This issue has been raised across all structures in the county including by young people and parents.

Critical Incident Protocol: Developed during the period of the last plan and to continue to ensure that it remains up to date.

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 the need for an immediate response to a particular group of young people who were out-of-school and engaging in drug and alcohol misuse. Since 2016 this group has been chaired by Tusla and is a subgroup of Co. Wicklow CYPSC. This group has overseen the establishment of the West Wicklow Youth Project which provides a wide range of youth work services from the hub in Blessington and through outreach to Dunlavin and Baltinglass. The project also provides counselling for which there is huge demand. The project has had a significantly positive impact in the lives of children and young people in the West Wicklow area. In 2017 the project through Kildare Youth Services acted as the lead agency in relation to a successful interagency application and delivery of a Quality Capacity Building Initiative focused on children/young people with ASD and their parents. The West Wicklow Interagency Subgroup have also contributed to the DSGBV Needs Analysis of Co. Wicklow and from this process additional resources were secured for a dedicated outreach DSGBV worker. The subgroup also worked with Tusla to ensure that parental participation funding was directed to the Dunlavin area where a parents' hub has been established to great success.

There are many challenges relating to the provision of services in the West Wicklow area primarily relating to rural isolation and lack of access/availability to public/private transport. Vulnerable and disadvantaged families often don't have transport to access services. However, there are examples of excellent practice to address these issues such as the outreach services of the West Wicklow Youth Project and the DSGBV. Other challenges exist for West Wicklow including lack of dedicated family support services, waiting lists for therapeutic services, lack of services for children/young people with ASD and their families, lack of community Gardaí.

'Somewhere to Go; Someone to Talk to' - A Report on the Outcome of a Consultation with Young People in West Wicklow (NUI Maynooth, 2017) outlined two sets of recommendations, the first that could be addressed by the West Wicklow Youth Project and the second set related to broader issues requiring input from organisations and agencies in the West Wicklow region. These recommendations have also been considered in developing the workplan for this subgroup and in the wider plan.

Recommendations for the development of Broader Services and Supports for Young People in West Wicklow:

- Sustain and build upon the investment in youth services in the West Wicklow region.
- Highlight, and work to improve, the deficiencies in the transport infrastructure, as well as the deficiencies in internet and mobile phone connectivity, across West Wicklow as a matter of urgency.
- Ensure that the built environment is safe for young people and the whole community e.g. that footpaths and walkways in towns/villages and at designated bus stops are well lit.
- Establish dedicated youth spaces across the whole region, such as youth café's and accessible green areas.
- Identify youth advocates in local communities to help foster respectful, open relationships with adults, including teachers and parents.
- All agencies and institutions working with and for young people should be underpinned by explicit values of democracy, participation and equality.
- Educational leaders in the region should facilitate discussions on the goals and purposes of education, incorporating the views of young people themselves; and find ways to offer young people more opportunities for meaningful participation in educational decision-making.
- Ensure young people have opportunities to present their perspective so that those working directly with them have an understanding of what life is like for rural young people in contemporary society, including an awareness of the strengths that young people possess and the challenges they face.
- Ensure that those agencies promoting the West Wicklow countryside as a resource, as an amenity for recreation, or as a tourist destination also consider the needs of local young people.
- Ensure that young people themselves and the agencies representing them in West Wicklow have strong representation on public fora, and work collaboratively with public representatives, and community members to address the social exclusion and isolation of young people.
- Harness interagency and interdisciplinary expertise locally, regionally, and nationally to advocate for targeted measures to support young people in developing positive and healthy sexual relationships.

The West Wicklow Interagency Subgroup has devised a workplan of actions for the period 2020 – 2022 that fits across the five outcome areas including: Physical Activity/Health and Nutrition (specific Healthy Ireland actions for West Wicklow including a Community Mental Health Action focussed on young people), Smoking Prevention, Post Natal Depression, Youth Mental Health, Transitions, Roll out of Meitheal in West Wicklow, Development of the Non-Violent Resistance Model of practice in the area, Supporting the Outreach DSGBV worker, Maintaining and building on the Parent Support Hub in Dunlavin, Maintaining and building on the ASD Parent Support Group, Delivery of a Young Person Support Programme, Raising awareness of online safety and Ensuring the participation of a young person 18-24 on the West Wicklow Interagency Subgroup.

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	Physical Activity, Physical Health and Nutrition, Smoking Prevention, Participation and Disability. Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing, Social Prescribing, Maternal Mental Health, Infant Mental Health, Drugs and Alcohol
2. Achieving full potential in learning and development	Literacy and Numeracy, Transitions, School Refusal, Progression Pathways
3. Safe and protected from harm	PPFES, CFSN, Roll out of Meitheal in West Wicklow, Parenting Support, Training, Online Safety, Non-Violent Resistance
4. Economic security and opportunity	Youth Unemployment, Disability Unemployment
5. Connected, respected and contributing to their world	Participation, Tusla Participation, Gaps in Youth Services, Youth Work Services, LGBTi, Healthy Relationships, Refugee Integration Subgroup, Garda Youth Relationships, Drug Use (Cannabis)

Change Management	Local Priority Areas
Change management - CYPSC may also identify priority areas relating to change management and supports needed to enable interagency collaboration at local level, e.g. development of interagency protocols, development of information sharing protocols, interagency training.	Participation, Alignment of work, Awareness raising, Communication and Networking, Link with LCDC, Involvement with relevant structures, Website, Community Directory, Data Collection, Critical Incident Protocol

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)
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 Ensure disability friendly measure are implemented	2020-2022	Local Authority Partnerships Local Communities	National Physical Activity Plan National Sports Policy Healthy Wicklow Strategy	Outcome 3 Support Parents Listen to and involve children and young people
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 CoCo for the provision of open spaces and child friendly mobility measures. Promote the importance of 'free' and unstructured play to child development	2020-2022	Local Authority and KWETB SPU	National Physical Activity Plan National Sports Policy Healthy Wicklow Strategy	Outcomes 2 and 5 Support Parents Listen to and involve children and young people
Physical Activity/Physical Health and Nutrition	To increase physical activity, physical health and good nutrition amongst target groups through	HIF Task Group Meetings Number of actions completed Number of participants	5 meetings 5 actions Min. 5 participants per event Feedback from participants	Oversee the implementation of the HIF Round 3 funding by the Project Implementers	2020-2022	Local Authority, HIF Coordinator, LSP and Project Implementers	National Physical Activity Plan National Sports Policy Healthy Wicklow Strategy	Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord 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)
	the delivery of the Healthy Ireland Round 3 2019-2021 To support the HIF co-ordinator in the implementation of Healthy Wicklow	Feedback from all participants					Wicklow Sports and Recreation Partnership plan	Listen to and involve children and young people
New Communities	To ensure that young people from new communities have the opportunity to participate in local clubs and summer activities	Activities provided/ funded No. of young people from new communities engaging in activities	2 activities per annum Min 8 participants	Linking families from new communities with local clubs and seasonal activities	2020-2022	LSP and CYPSC Co-ordinator	Healthy Wicklow Strategy Wicklow Sports and Recreation Partnership plan White Paper (Feb 21) and OMC Report (April 21)	Outcomes 5 Support Parents Listen to and involve children and young people
Smoking Prevention	To deliver the Xhale programme in Dunlavin	Xhale programme delivered No. of Participants	1 programme 15 participants	Group identified and programme delivered and evaluated	2020-2022	DPEI Foroige Members of West Wicklow Interagency S/G	Healthy Wicklow Strategy	Listen to and involve children and young people
Physical Health	To promote vaccination uptake in Co. Wicklow	Maintain/improve current levels of vaccination uptake with a particular focus on MMR 1 and HPV	+95% uptake of MMR 1 +85% uptake of HPV	Use the CYPSC and its subgroups as a vehicle to promote vaccination Disseminate information	2020-2022	HSE/ Department of Education and Skills CYPSC member agencies	First 5 Healthy Wicklow Strategy	Support Parents
Physical Health	To promote the Nurture Programme by working with the	Interagency approach to the promotion of the Nurture	1 action per annum	Work with both officers to promote issues of concern e.g.	2021-2022	HSE/ Early education settings/	First 5 Healthy Wicklow Strategy	Support Parents

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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)
	Child Health Development Officers in CHO6 and CHO7	programme in Co. Wicklow and particular priority areas such as breastfeeding, vaccination and information on Post Natal Depression		breastfeeding, vaccination, post-natal depression				
Nutrition	Supporting the work of the Wicklow Community Food Initiative	No of WCF Group meetings No of courses and events p.a. No of participants Evaluation feedback	4 meetings per annum 3 courses/events per annum Min. 10 participants per course/event	Assist CWP in the planning, implementation and promotion of the Community Food Initiative in the county	2020-2022	Co. Wicklow Partnership WCFI partners including CYPSC	National Physical Activity Plan National Sports Policy Healthy Wicklow Strategy	Support Parents Listen to and involve children and young people
Disability	To gather information arising on the issue of disability services in Co. Wicklow through all CYPSC structures to raise with HSE colleagues	Annual review of issues arising Briefings developed and shared with relevant stakeholders	1 review per annum 1 briefing per annum	Collation of issues arising through CYPSC and PPFS structures Develop briefing document Disseminate	2020-2022	HSE/Tusla CYPSC DFI Officer	Healthy Wicklow Strategy DOH Transforming Lives	Support Parents
Disability	To train frontline workers and volunteers in inclusive practice	No of training opportunities No of participants No of inclusive events	4 training opportunities per annum and Min 10 participants	Training needs identified – target group identified and training delivered	2020-2022	Local Authority WSandRP SPU	Healthy Wicklow Strategy	Support Parents Listen to and involve children and young people

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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)
	To provide Inclusive Events To provide sibling Events	No of sibling events	5 Inclusive events (not in 2020 due to COVID) 2 Sibling events (1 in 2020 due to COVID)	Inclusive Activities /events identified and delivered Sibling activities/ events identified and delivered				
Youth Mental Health and Emotional Well being	To promote up to date information on all mental health and drug and alcohol services	County Wicklow community Directory Reminders to list/update	1 Community Directory Biannual reminders to list/update	Ensure that relevant services are listed and updated Standing item on subgroup agendas	2020-2022	YMH Subgroup	Connecting for Life 2015-20 Vision for Change	Support Parents, Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord.
Youth Mental Health and Emotional Well being	To maintain and promote a referral pathway tool for use by professionals in relation of U18s services in the county	A referral pathway tool for circulation to professionals which is reviewed bi-annually	1 referral pathway Biannual Reviews	Referral pathway reviewed regularly and recirculated as necessary	2020-2022	YMH Subgroup	Connecting for Life 2015-20 Vision for Change	Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord
Youth Mental Health and Emotional Well being	To support youth mental health promotion activities in the county and national campaigns	Gr82Byng Wicklow Arklow YMH Initiative Mind Monsters Little Things	Subject to COVID HandS Restrictions 1 event per annum in 2 locations No. of young people participating	Support the existing youth mental health initiatives and campaigns through promotion	2020-2022	Wicklow YMHI Arklow YMHI YMH Subgroup	Connecting for Life 2015-20 Vision for Change	Early Intervention and Prevention Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord

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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)
Youth Mental Health and Emotional Well being	To support the establishment and operation of a Jigsaw Project to provide accessible and flexible services to young people in the county.	Establishment of Jigsaw in the county. No. of young people accessing Jigsaw services No. of outreach locations	1 Jigsaw Project for Co. Wicklow No. of young people accessing Jigsaw services No of outreach locations	Support the establishment of the Jigsaw project for Co. Wicklow and in particular the development of the hub and outreach services	2020-2022	Jigsaw Youth Advisory Group YMHI – Wicklow and Arklow West Wicklow Youth Project	Connecting for Life 2015-20 Vision for Change Healthy Wicklow	Early Intervention and Prevention
Youth Mental Health and Emotional Well being	To explore the replication of the pilot project of Junior REACH currently being initiated in Dun Laoghaire in Wicklow	Meeting with SJOG and ETB to review outcomes of pilot project and agree next steps	1 meeting with SJOG and other partners	To meet with SJOG and ETB in late 2020/early 2021 to review progress on Junior REACH in DLRD To agree next steps and identify funding	2021-2022	SJOG KWETB	Connecting for Life 2015-20 Healthy Ireland SICAP	Outcome 3, 4 and 5 Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord
Youth Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing	To promote uptake of training focused on youth mental health related issues particularly by schools	Circulation of training information to relevant stakeholders including schools	Training information circulated twice per annum	To source and circulate information relating to YMH training opportunities across the county	2020-2022	HSE/Mental Health Ireland Jigsaw	Connecting for Life 2015-20 Jigsaw Wicklow	Outcome 3 Early Intervention and Prevention Support Parents
Youth Mental Health and Emotional Well being	To keep up to date with existing services for those with ASD in the	Identify current services Identify gaps	1 list of services No. of gaps identified	Collate information on current services	2020-2022	Child and Family Support Networks Multi-agency input	DOH Transforming Lives	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)
	county and advocating for services to address gaps			Identify gaps and advocate for services to meet gaps				
Youth Mental Health – West Wicklow	To explore a common approach to youth mental health across CHO 7 mindful of the development of Jigsaw Wicklow	No. of meetings No. of actions agreed	1 meeting p.a. 1 action p.a.	Attend meetings to develop an agreed approach for West Wicklow initiated in 2019	2020-2022	HSE and CHO7 Task Group Kildare CYPSC	Connecting for Life 2015-20	Early Intervention and Prevention Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord
Social Prescribing	To promote the Social Prescribing Services in the county	Circulation of leaflets/information through relevant networks	Biannual circulation of information	Ongoing promotion of the Social Prescribing Services available throughout the county	2020-2022	Bray Area Partnership and County Wicklow Partnership	Connecting for Life 2015-20 Healthy Wicklow SICAP Slaintecare	Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord
Perinatal Mental Health	To work with relevant stakeholders to raise awareness of the issue of Perinatal MH and available services/supports	Perinatal MH Awareness raising events	1 event per annum Min 10 participants	Work with relevant stakeholders in CHO6 and 7 areas to hold an annual event and to gather/promote information on services and supports	2020-2022	ROSP CHO 7 HSE Child Health Development Officers in CH East and CHO7	First 5	Outcome 3 Support Parents Early Intervention and Prevention
Community Mental Health	To deliver the CMHF actions included under	Project Implementer and 4 partners to work	Subject to COVID Healthy and Safety Restrictions	Regular meetings of HIF	2020-2021	CWP, Arklow Springboard, Crosscare,	Connecting for Life 2015-20	Outcome 3 and 5 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)
	CYPSC Heathy Ireland funding Round 3	together to deliver a series of CMHF actions	1 Project Implementers 4 targeted actions across the county including West Wicklow	Implementers and Partners Reporting on delivery of actions		Wicklow Child and Family Project, West Wicklow Youth Project		Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord
Drug and Alcohol	To promote an enhanced Barnardos service in the Bray townland Component of the HSE/Tusla Hidden Harm (HH) Project	Service intensification in Bray Interagency collaboration on Hidden Harm	Enhanced linkages between addiction services and child and family services in Bray	Provision of practice intervention in families where children have been impacted by the substance misuse of a parent/carer	2020-2022	DLR and Bray Local Drugs Task Forces	National Drugs Strategy Strategic Plans of Drug and Alcohol Task Forces Hidden Harm	Outcome 3 Early Intervention and Prevention Support Parents Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord
Drugs and Alcohol	To promote the YODA East service for U18s including family therapy service	Information disseminated on new YODA East multi-disciplinary service for young people and their families	Quarterly circulation of YODA information to enhance uptake and increase family supports for the young person	Regular and ongoing promotion of the YODA U18s service	2020-2022	ECRDATF, HSE and CYPSC members and Subgroup members	National Drugs Strategy Strategic Plans of Drug and Alcohol Task Forces	Outcome 3 Early Intervention and Prevention Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord
Drugs and Alcohol	To explore with young people appropriate resources/ methods for increasing awareness and understanding of drug related harms	No of focus groups held Youth working groups formed Resources and materials identified and developed.	5 focus groups 1 youth working group	Conduct focus groups with representative sample of young people. Establish a youth working group to identify and develop	2020-2022	Crosscare Comhairle	National Drugs Strategy Strategic Plans of Drug and Alcohol Task Forces	Outcome 3 Early Intervention and Prevention Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord

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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)
				materials/ approach.				

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Outcome 2: Achieving full potential in all areas of 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 extend learning from SPECS Vocabulary programme	No. of programmes delivered No. of participants	1 programme per annum Min 8 participants per programme	Roll out of relevant programmes	2020-2022	SPECS and Wicklow CCC	Literacy and Numeracy for Learning and Life	Outcome 1 Support Parents
Literacy and Numeracy	To support the 'My First Library Card' Initiative for 0-3 year olds in the county	Nos. of My First Library Card issued	No. of cards issued per annum	Link Libraries with PHN in CHO6 and CHO7	2020-2022	Wicklow Libraries and Wicklow CCC	Literacy and Numeracy for Learning and Life	Outcome 1 Support Parents
Literacy and Numeracy	To promote the availability of TTRS and Alexia in the county and explore use with new communities	Promotion leaflets or information disseminated	Biannual dissemination of leaflets or information on programmes available through Libraries	Link with Libraries Explore value of these services for new communities	2020-2022	Wicklow Libraries and Wicklow CCC CYPSC structures	Literacy and Numeracy for Learning and Life	Outcome 1 Support Parents
Transitions Pre-school to Primary	To promote national transition programme from Preschool to Primary	1 transition tool agreed and disseminated to all pre-schools and primary schools in Co. Wicklow	1 transition tool sent to 180 pre-school settings and 80 primary schools	Disseminate DCYA approved transition tool and information Promote take up by Wicklow Services and Schools	2020-2021	Wicklow CCC IPPN	National Youth Strategy	Outcome 5 Strengthening 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 and Post – Primary Schools in Co. Wicklow	1 model sent to all Primary and post-primary Schools in Co. Wicklow	Consult with relevant stakeholders and compile guidance on good practice model for both	2021-2022	TESS - EWS, IPPN	National Youth Strategy	Outcome 5 Strengthening Transitions

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Outcome 2: Achieving full potential in all areas of 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				
Transitions for young people with ASD West Wicklow	To continue to offer the adapted transition programme for young people with ASD developed using QCBI funding	No. of Transitions programmes delivered No. of young people with ASD participating	1 programme per annum 3/5 young people with ASD	Delivery of the adapted 'Steps' programme for ASD young people moving to mainstream post-primary schools	2020-2022	West Wicklow Youth Project	National Youth Strategy	Outcome 5 Strengthening Transitions
Creative Learning and Development	Deliver I Am Baba Workshops in Co. Wicklow in 2021	I Am Baba Workshops delivered across Wicklow	15 workshops in total in 5 locations	Locations agreed Venues booked Workshops delivered	2021-2022	Wicklow CCC		Outcome 1 and 5 Support Parents Involve children and young people
School Refusal	To develop guidance document to support schools, parents and student around the issue of school refusal in the county	Guidance Document Developed and Disseminated	1 Guidance document for the county disseminated to all schools and relevant alternative education settings	Meetings of relevant stakeholders Consultations Printing/Publishing Launch	2020	TESS - EWS	SICAP plans	Outcome 4 Support Parents
Progression Pathways	To map progression pathways for those excluded from mainstream education	Improved information on alternative models available	List of options collated and disseminated to schools in Wicklow	Compile list Disseminate to all secondary schools	2021-2022	KWETB TESS – EWS and SCP Crosscare	SICAP plans	Outcome 4 Support Parents

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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, CFSNs and Meitheal	To maintain the existing PPFS Steering Committee to oversee the development of the CFSN's and implementation of Meitheal	No. of meetings per annum No of Meitheal Training Events Increase no. of Meitheal Lead Practitioners [LPs] Increase no. of Meitheals	1 PPFS Steering Committee x 6 meetings pa and 3 CFSNs x 9 meetings pa 1 Meitheal Training Event pa No. of Meitheal LPs No. of Meitheals	Regular meetings held Respond to issues raised by CFSN Managers encouraging their staff to engage in their local CFSN, attend Meitheal training and take on the role of LP	2020-2022	Tusla	Tusla PPFS Suite of Documents	Parent Support Early Intervention and Prevention Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord
PPFS, CFSNs and Meitheal – West Wicklow	Roll out of Meitheal in West Wicklow	Appointment of Co-ordinator Establishment of CFSN Meitheal Training No. of Meitheals	1 CFSN Co-ordinator 1 CFSN No. of Meitheal Training sessions No. of Meitheals	Subject to funding allocation the CFSN Co-ordinator to be appointed to oversee establishment of CFSN and implementation of Meitheal in West Wicklow	2021-2022	Tusla	Tusla PPFS Suite of Documents	Parent Support Early Intervention and Prevention Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord
PPFS Public Awareness	To plan and implement annual Public Awareness Events across Wicklow	Hold a Public Awareness Events in 2020 - 2022 Increased level of public awareness	No. of agencies participating No. of events	Hold events with the public to highlight Tusla's PPFS work streams Host Meitheal briefings in schools	2020-2022	Tusla and relevant PPFS Members	Tusla PPFS Suite of Documents	Parent Support Early Intervention and Prevention Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord
Commissioning	To implement Commissioning plan across the 2	Commissioning plan completed	1 Commissioning plan	Complete plan	2020-2021	Tusla, Tusla funded agencies	Tusla Commissioning Toolkit	Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord

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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)
	CYPSC areas in this ISA	Implementations plan completed	1 Implementation Plan	Develop implementation plan		and relevant PPFS Members		
Hidden Harm	To support implementation of the Hidden Harm strategy through the Meitheal framework of family support	Raise awareness of Hidden Harm Establish link between Hidden Harm and Meitheal framework	No. Hidden Harm Workshops No. of Meitheals initiated in response to Hidden Harm assessments of need	Raise awareness of Hidden Harm and Meitheal process with relevant organisations	2020-2022	Tusla PPFS staff, HSE Addiction services and relevant PPFS Members	Tusla PPFS Suite of Documents Hidden Harm Policy	Parent Support Early Intervention and Prevention Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord
Training	To identify and address training needs of PPFS and CFSN Network members	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 CFSN and PPFS members Training identified and delivered Monitored and evaluated	2020-2022	Tusla and PPFS Members	Tusla PPFS Suite of Documents	Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord
Parenting Support, Parental Participation and Parenting Support Champions (PSCs)	To co-ordinate and plan parenting supports, including the local Parental Participation Projects i.e. a parent led initiative	Co-ordinated approach to delivery of evidence based parenting supports PSCs to link between PPFS,	1 directory of trainers 1 directory of parenting courses No. of parenting courses delivered	Annual record of all parenting courses maintained/ shared Identify gaps in provision and consider how	2020-2022	PPFS Members, PSCs and CYPSC Co-ordinator	Tusla PPFS Suite of Documents and specifically Parenting Support materials and website	Parent Support Early Intervention and 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)
		CFSNs, local services and parents Parents participating in the planning, delivery and evaluation of services in their community.	4 PSCs for Wicklow and 1 Parent Learning Event per annum to be hosted by PSC's 2 Parental Participation Projects	these should be addressed PSC dissemination of Parenting24/7 messages and parental participation through PPFS, CFSNs, local services, projects and events.				
Parenting Support – West Wicklow	To continue to support the Parent Support Hub in Dunlavin and to explore how this initiative could be expanded to other parts of West Wicklow To maintain the ASD Parent Support Group and to explore if this can be expanded into Blessington	Parent Support Hubs in West Wicklow ASD Parent Support Groups in West Wicklow	2 Parents Hubs 2 ASD Support Groups	Delivery of this action will be subject to funding being made available.	2020-2022	Tusla	Tusla PPFS Suite of Documents	Parent Support Early Intervention and 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)
Parenting Support – NVR	To provide and co-ordinate supports to parents using the NVR approach and looking to the development of a similar network in West Wicklow To explore SPACE as a development of NVR	NVR network maintained NVR group programmes delivered NVR Learning events delivered SPACE Training delivered	1 NVR network for Wicklow 4 NVR group programmes delivered 2 NVR Learning events 15 professionals trained in SPACE	NVR network co-ordinated and maintained Need for NVR group programmes identified and addressed Learning events agreed and delivered SPACE training explored/ delivered	2020-2022	Tusla	Tusla PPFS Suite of Documents NVR and SPACE Materials	Parent Support Early Intervention and Prevention
Domestic Violence	To increase awareness raising and training on the issue of DV across Co. Wicklow including West Wicklow To explore continuation of joint Gardai/Tusla staff training on DV	DSGBV Outreach workers in post Workplan for county Training or Awareness Raising Events held Joint training recommenced	3 workers (1 Traveller specific) 1 work plan 1 event pa 1 Joint training event with Gardai and Tusla Staff	Workplan of the Outreach Workers to be agreed Events to be agreed/ organised and delivered with relevant participants Contact with Gardai about recommencement of DV joint training	2020-2022	Outreach Workers with Bray Women's Refuge and Saoirse and CEART	Tusla DSGBV Suite of documents	Parent Support Early Intervention and Prevention Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord
Young Person Support	To deliver a YPSP in West Wicklow	Group identified and YPSP delivered	1 programme 10 participants max	YP identified to participate from across WW	2021-2022	DPEI Foroige and West Wicklow Interagency	SWRDATF Strategy	Outcome 1 and 5 Listen to and involve Ch and Yp

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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)
Programme – West Wicklow				Programme delivered		Committee Members		
Early Intervention and Prevention	To co-ordinate/maintain Infant Mental Health Network	IMH Network maintained No. of meetings No. of learning events	1 IMH Network 5 meetings/events per annum	To arrange learning network meetings and events to enhance IMH practice in the area	2020-2022	SPECS and PPFS Partner agencies	Tusla PPFS Suite of Documents	Early Intervention and Prevention Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord
Housing/ Homelessness	To monitor the impact of homelessness in Co. Wicklow on children	Annual review of homelessness situation by PPFS members Information shared with Local Authority Housing Section	1 review per annum 1 briefing/report to Housing per annum	PPFS to monitor homelessness in Co. Wicklow and its impact on children Collate housing records information at CFSNs Share information annually with Housing Section of Local Authority	2020-2022	PPFS/CFSN members LA Housing	Co. Wicklow Homeless Action Plan	Early Intervention and Prevention Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord
Online Safety	To promote online safety to parents and young people including the issue of cyberbullying across Co. Wicklow	No of events No of participants Evaluation	1 event per annum 20 Participants 1 Evaluation per event	To host Safer Internet Day	2020-2022	PPFS and Task Group	Garda Siochana Children and Youth Strategy	Outcome 1 and 5 Support Parents Early Intervention and Prevention
New Communities	To assess/address emergent family support needs	No of issues identified	1 issue per annum 1 intervention per annum	Work with existing structures to identify needs	2020-2022	Tusla, PPFS and CFSNs	Migrant integration Strategy	Outcome 5 Parent Support

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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)
	within new communities	No of interventions made		emerging and consider appropriate interventions			Resettlement/ Reunification Report 2018	Early Intervention and Prevention
Drug (Cannabis) Use: Cross Subgroup Action	To explore with relevant partners how we could respond to the issues arising	Meetings held Issues identified and responses Link with other subgroups	4 meetings held 1 targeted response Links with 2 other subgroups	Identify relevant partners Identify issues Identify appropriate actions Link with work under Outcome 1 and 5	2021-2022	Tusla Yoda/BCAT ECRDATAF An Garda Siochana	National Drugs Strategy and Strategic Plans of Drug and Alcohol Task Forces	Outcomes 1 and 5 Listen to and involve children and young people Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Coord

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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	Using pilot interagency youth employment initiative from Kildare to inform the delivery of two similar projects in Wicklow (1 in Arklow and 1 in Bray)	Effective interagency model of engaging young people impacted by unemployment	2 Pilot projects No. of young people engaged	Exploratory meeting with relevant partners Using learning from Kildare pilot	2020-2022	Partnership Companies, DEASP, Youth Services	Nat. Action Plan for Social Inclusion Pathways to Work PEIL SICAP Plans LECP	Outcome 2 and 5 Cross Government and Interagency Collab. And Coordination
Local Economic and Community Plan	To make a submission to the LCDC (LECP) relating to issues impacting children and young people in Co. Wicklow	Submission to LECP	1 LECP submission	Issues identified through CYPSC and its subgroups to be raised with LCDC through LECP submission	2021-2022	Local Authority And all CYPSC Subgroups	LECP	All Outcomes and TGs
Disability Progression	To promote pathways to education, training and employment for those with disabilities	Disability focussed events held Progression Pathway development	1 Disability Event 1 progression pathway	Work with PPN to hold a Disability Event where options for education, training and employment can be displayed	2020-2022	PPN, Disability Officer Wicklow CoCo, Partnership Companies	Nat. Action Plan for Social Inclusion Pathways to Work PEIL SICAP Plans LECP	Outcome 1 Support Parents
Engage Refugee families in Arklow	To provide a point of contact for the Somali families in Arklow to engage with the members of the Refugee	Contact person appointed Regular meetings with families	1 Contact Person Monthly meetings with families Ongoing links made with other RIS members	Link person appointed Regular contact established with families	2021-2022	Co. Wicklow Partnership Refugee Integration Subgroup Members	Nat. Action Plan for Social Inclusion CWP SICAP Plan	All outcomes and TGs

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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)
	Integration Subgroup in order to receive the benefit of wider supports	Links made with other RIS members Cultural event delivered Training delivered	1 Cultural event per annum 1 training event per annum	Cultural event held				
Disadvantaged Youth in West Wicklow	To support target young people in West Wicklow	Kickboxing Courses Summer Activities	2 Kickboxing courses (2020) 2 summer activities 10 min participants	Identify young people and deliver courses Identify young people and deliver summer activities	2020 2020-2022	County Wicklow Partnership and West Wicklow Youth Project	Nat. Action Plan for Social Inclusion CWP SICAP plan LECP	Outcome 5 Early Intervention and Prevention Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Co-ord
Food Poverty	To work with the Wicklow Expert Group to raise awareness of the issues of food poverty in Wicklow	Information on food poverty gathered and provided to Wicklow Expert Group	Survey results provided Meetings attended	Attend meetings of the WFEG and provide them with info gathered through CYPSC and PPFS structures	2020-2022	CYPSC Member Representatives	Wicklow Food Strategy LECP SICAP plans	All Outcomes and TGs

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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)
Participation of Young Person 18-24	Ensure the active participation of young people on CYPSC	Young person contributing to the work of the CYPSC	1 young person 18-24 appointed to CYPSC	Nomination form circulated through relevant structures	2020-2022	CYPSC Co-ordinator and Outcome 5 Subgroup	National Youth Strategy Participation Strategy and Guidance	Outcome 1 Listen to and Involve Ch and YP
Participation of young people 12-17 in CYPSC	To strengthen relationship with Comhairle na nÓg and other youth services in Co. Wicklow to enhance participation of children and young people in CYPSC 12-17 years	Formation of a CYPSC Youth Panel Number of meetings p.a. Number of participants Actions agreed	1 Youth Participation Event 1 CYPSC Youth Panel 2/3 meetings p.a. 10 participants minimum 1 action p.a.	1 st Youth Panel meeting 2021 Participants to be drawn from Comhairle and other agencies Agree dates for 2020 meetings Agree actions	2020-2022	CYPSC Co-ordinator and Outcome 5 Subgroup	National Youth Strategy Tusla Child and Youth Participation Strategy	Outcome 1 Listen to and Involve Ch and YP
Participation - Tusla	To support Tusla Children's Participation Project Roll out of Tusla Child and Youth Participation Training	No of Research Group Meetings/Consultations with young people No of participants Development of 6-9 year old page on Changingfutures.ie Other issues raised and/or addressed No. of Wicklow staff trained in CY Participation	10 Research Group Meetings/Consultations with young people 8-20 participants per event 1 6-9 year old child friendly webpage for Changingfutures.ie No of other issues raised and/or addressed	Research Group Meetings/Consultations organised 6-9 year old webpage developed for Changingfutures.ie Staff trained in Child and Youth Participation	2020-2022	Tusla	Tusla Child and Youth Participation Strategy	Outcome 1 Ensure Quality Services Listen to and Involve Ch and YP

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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)
			Increased no. of Wicklow staff trained in CY Participation					
Participation - Tusla	To increase children and young people's participation in the Meitheal process including identification of Strengths and Needs, Meitheal Meetings and Closure Forms	No. of Meitheal Training sessions No. of agencies participating No. of children and young people involved in Meitheal process	2 training sessions per annum 10 min agencies participating Increased numbers of children and young people participating in Meitheal and completing Closure Forms	Children and young people's participation included as a theme in Meitheal training Children and young people's participation included as a theme in CFSN's meetings Managers to encourage staff to include children and young people in the Meitheal process	2020-2022	Tusla	<i>Tusla Child and Youth Participation Strategy</i>	<i>Outcome 3 Listen to and Involve Ch and YP</i>
Gaps in youth services	To highlight gaps in youth support services in the county informed by KWETB profile and mapping 2019	Profile/Map of youth services in Wicklow No. of gaps identified	1 Profile and Map of youth services No. of gaps identified	Participation in consultation meetings in relation to the profile/map of youth services in Wicklow	2020-2022	KWETB	<i>National Youth Strategy LECP LEADER</i>	<i>Outcome 1 and 3 Ensure Quality Services</i>
Youth Work Services	To maintain formal link between Kildare and Wicklow Youth Work Committee through CYPSC	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	2020-2022	KWETB	<i>National Youth Strategy KWETB FET Strategy</i>	<i>Outcome 2 and 4 Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Co-ord</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)
	statutory nominees							
LGBTi	To improve awareness of LGBT issues through training and other events	No. of training/other events No. participating	1 event per annum Min. 10 participants	To work with relevant training organisation e.g. LGBT Ireland, TENI To provide awareness training or to hold events	2020-2022	CWP O5 Subgroup Members	<i>National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy</i>	<i>Outcome 1 and 3 Listen to and Involve Ch. and YP Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Co-ord</i>
Healthy Relationships	To review research undertaken to identify topics for further development	No of actions agreed for follow up per annum Participation of young people	1 action per annum 1 Youth Panel topic	Identify existing programmes/ resources available Devise resource that is age appropriate for use in a variety of settings including schools	2020-2022	Crosscare and O5 Subgroup Members	<i>Healthy Ireland Healthy Wicklow Strategy</i>	<i>Outcome 1 and 3 and Listen to and Involve Ch and YP</i>
Refugee Integration Subgroup	To build relationships with Somali families to enhance integration	Point of Contact established for Somali families Meetings/Events held	1 POC for Somali Families 2 meetings/events per annum	Point of Contact identified Regular contact established with families Events organised to build trust	2020-2022	County Wicklow Partnership	<i>Migrant Integration Strategy Wicklow Integration Strategy</i>	<i>All Outcomes and TGs</i>
Garda Youth Relationships	To build positive relationships between young people in Co. Wicklow and An Garda Siochana	GYA event No of Nominations submitted Community Gardai Engagement with Youth Services	1 event per annum Min 10 nominations in each category Youth Services reporting ongoing engagement	Circulate nomination forms through relevant CYPSC structures and promote this event Liaison with Gardai to ensure engagement	2020-2022	Gardai and all CYPSC agencies	<i>Garda Youth Strategy</i>	<i>Outcome 3 Listen to and Involve Ch. and YP Cross Government and Interagency Collab and Co-ord</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)
				with youth services across Wicklow				
Drug (Cannabis) Use Cross Subgroup Action	Establish link with Outcome 1 and 3 subgroups to ensure the engagement of young people on this issue	Link established with O1 Youth Mental Health S/G and Outcome 3 PPFS Young people engaged to assist	2 Links made Meetings held No. of young people engaged	To work with the Outcome 1 and 3 Subgroups on the issue of messaging the harms of drug (Cannabis) use to young people	2020-2022	Crosscare	<i>National Drugs Strategy and Strategic Plans of Drug and Alcohol Task Forces</i>	<i>Outcome 1 and Outcome 3 Listen to an involve Ch.and YP</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)
Participation	To explore participation training for CYPSC members	Training Event No. of CYPSC Members participating	1 event Min. 15 participants	Identify need and agencies Participation Training event organised and held	2021-2022	O4 and CM Subgroup and all CYPSC Subgroups	DCYA and Tusla Participation Policies	Outcome 5 Listen to and involve Ch. And YP.
Wicklow CYPSC Alignment of work	To align CYPSC work with partner agencies' plans and national policy	CYPSC consulted and mentioned in member agencies' plans	2 SICAP Plans 1 LECP 1 County Development Plan	Work with CYPSC Member agencies to ensure that CYPP is consulted and that CYPSC is referenced in relevant plans	2020-2022	O4 and CM Subgroup and all CYPSC Subgroups	SICAP Plans LECP Co. Dev. Plan	Cross-Government and Interagency Collab. and Co-ord.
Wicklow CYPSC awareness raising	Continue to raise awareness of the Wicklow CYPSC with target audiences	No. of events at which presentation/ display/ briefings/ press releases etc. provided	5 per annum	Co-ordinator and CYPSC Members to avail of opportunities to promote Wicklow CYPSC	2020-2022	O4 and CM Subgroup and all CYPSC Subgroups		All Outcomes and TGs
Communication and networking	To strengthen link between and across CYPSC subgroups and create ways to share information	Joint CYPSC/ Subgroup meeting to be held annually	1 meeting per annum	One annual meeting of the main CYPSC and all subgroups	2020-2022	O4 and CM Subgroup and all CYPSC Subgroups		All Outcomes and TGs
Communication	To raise with relevant structures/ agencies locally and nationally issues that may impact	No. of issues raised No. of submissions Feedback to relevant subgroup	1 issue raised 1 submission 1 feedback	Issues identified on an ongoing basis CYPSC agreement on issues to be raised Submissions made and feedback sought to share	2020-2022	CYPSC and Subgroups		All Outcomes and TGs

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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)
	negatively the lives of children and young people in Co. Wicklow e.g. transport, waiting lists, inadequate service provision etc.							
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 1 progress report per annum	Attend meetings of network and annual CYPSC event Provide progress reports	2020-2022	CYPSC Co-ordinator		All outcomes and TGs 4 and 6
Website and Social Media	To maintain an up to date Co. Wicklow CYPSC website and Facebook presence	Up to date Website and Facebook pages for Co. Wicklow CYPSC	1 website page 1 Facebook page Regular updates	Regular updates to Wicklow CYPSC webpage and Facebook Encourage engagement by CYPSC members	2020-2022	CYPSC Co-ordinator CYPSC Members	CYPSC Comms Plan	All outcomes and TGs
Community Directory	Support the maintenance and promotion of the Co. Wicklow Community directory site	Directory of services in Co. Wicklow Promotion of site	1 new directory 1 promotion event per annum	Avail of all opportunities to promote the site through CYPSC members and events Ensure site is linked on CYPSC Member's sites	2020-2022	Bray Area Partnership All CYPSC Members	Relevant to all CYPSC agency plans	All outcomes and TGs 1, 2, 4 and 6

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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)
Data Collection and usage	To promote use of the Tusla Data Hub and collaboration around the sharing of relevant data locally	Data Hub	1 Data Hub	Promote use of the data hub	2020-2022	Wicklow CYPSC members	Relevant to all CYPSC agency plans	All Outcomes TG 6
Critical Incident Protocol	To maintain a critical incident protocol for the county	Critical Incident Protocol for Co. Wicklow Annual review of CIP	1 CIP for Co. Wicklow 1 annual review of CIP	Finalise CIP for Co. Wicklow Form relevant structures to support CIP Annual Review	2020-2022	CYPSC Change Management Subgroup	Connecting for Life	Outcome 3 and TGs 2, 4 and 6

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 – not less than 6 times per annum.

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 Co. Wicklow CYPSC. In this way emerging issues/challenges will be identified and addressed by the committee.

Wicklow CYPSC will adhere to the CYPSC Planning and Reporting Framework (see Figure 1 below) which sets out the parameters within which CYPSC planning and reporting will be conducted. Wicklow CYPSC commits to completing and submitting reports as set out.

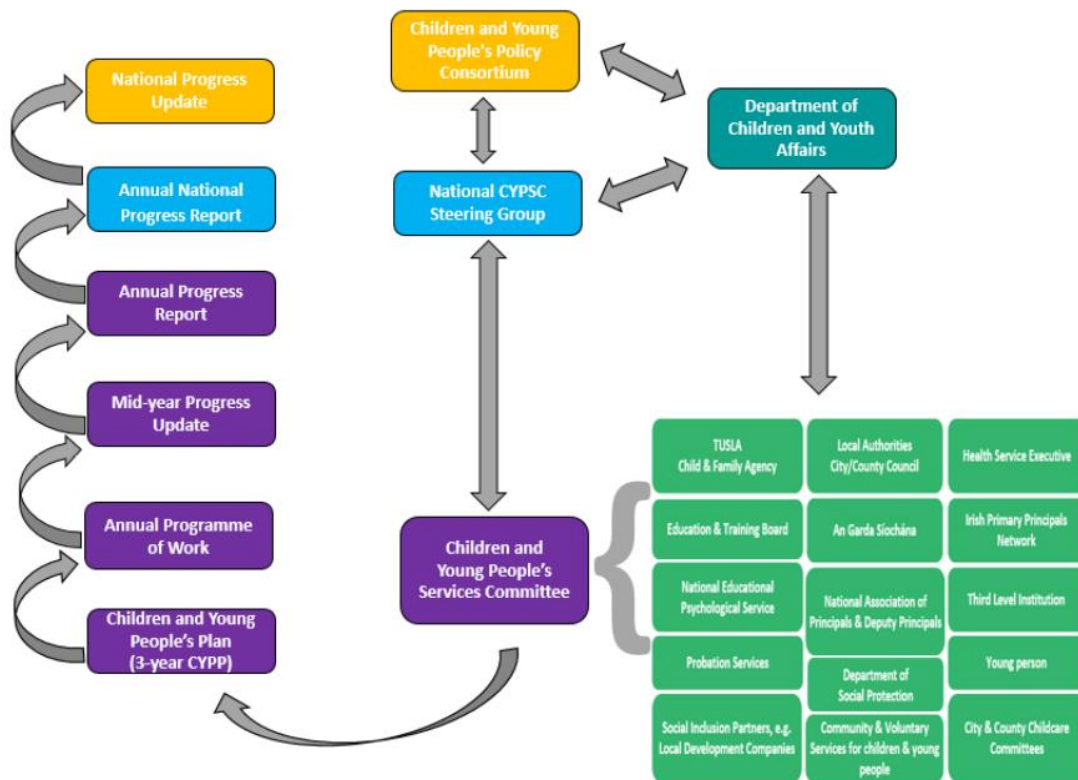


Figure 1: CYPSC Planning and Reporting Framework

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.

A review of the Wicklow CYPP 2020-2022 will be completed at the end of the three years to inform the delivery of our following plan.

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

Section 8: Appendices

Examples / suggestions:

- A. Glossary
- B. Bibliography
- C. Consultation with Parents
- D. Consultation with Children and Young people
- E. Consultation with Wicklow Comhairle na n'Óg

Appendix A: Glossary

CFSN	Child and Family Support Network
CYPSC	Children and Young People's Services Committee
HSE	Health Service Executive
CH East	Community Healthcare East
CHO	Community Health Organisation
HIF	Healthy Ireland Funding
PPFS	Prevention Partnership and Family Support
OMCYA	Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs
DCEDIY	Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth
LHO	Local Health Office
SONC	State of the Nations Children

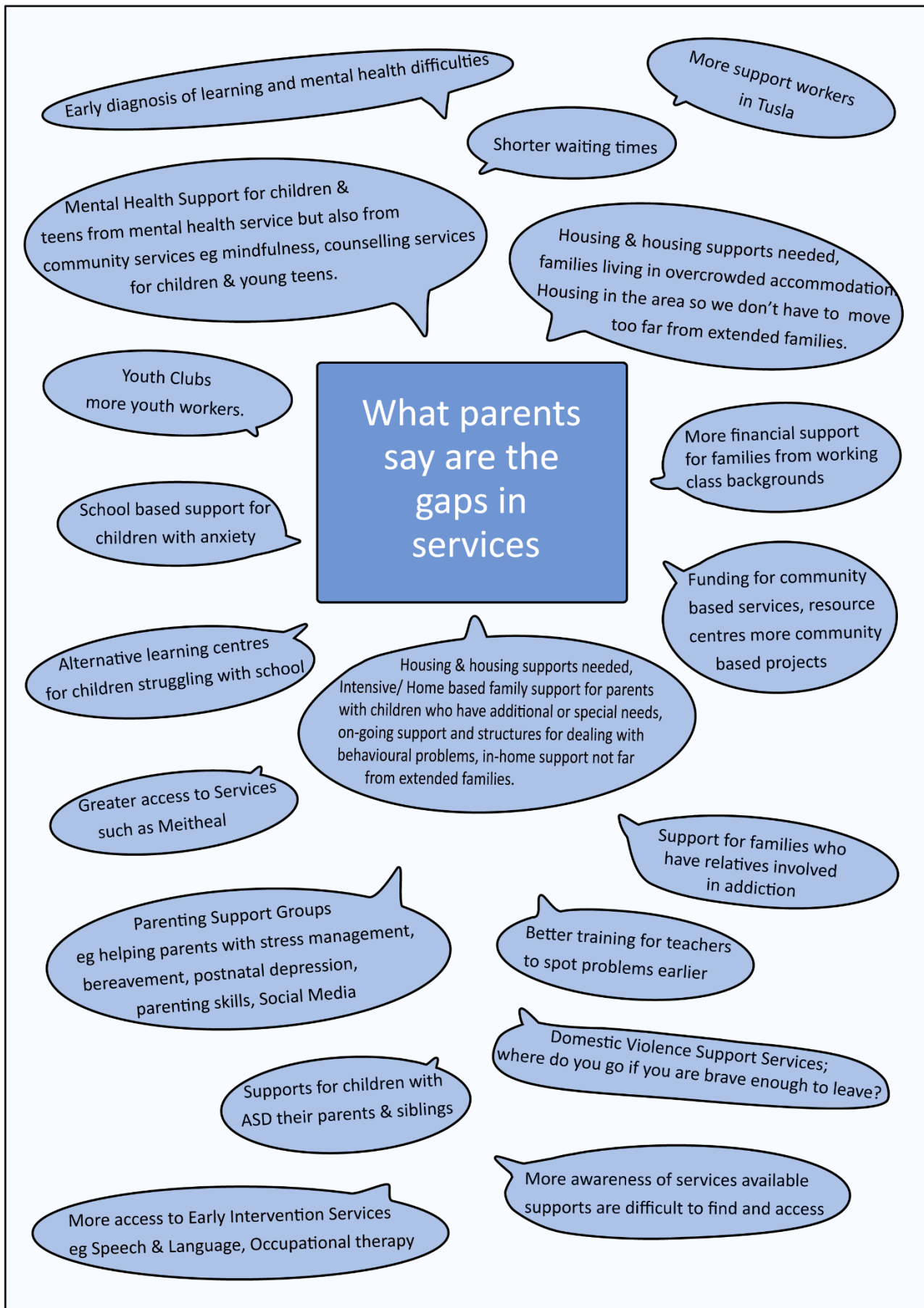
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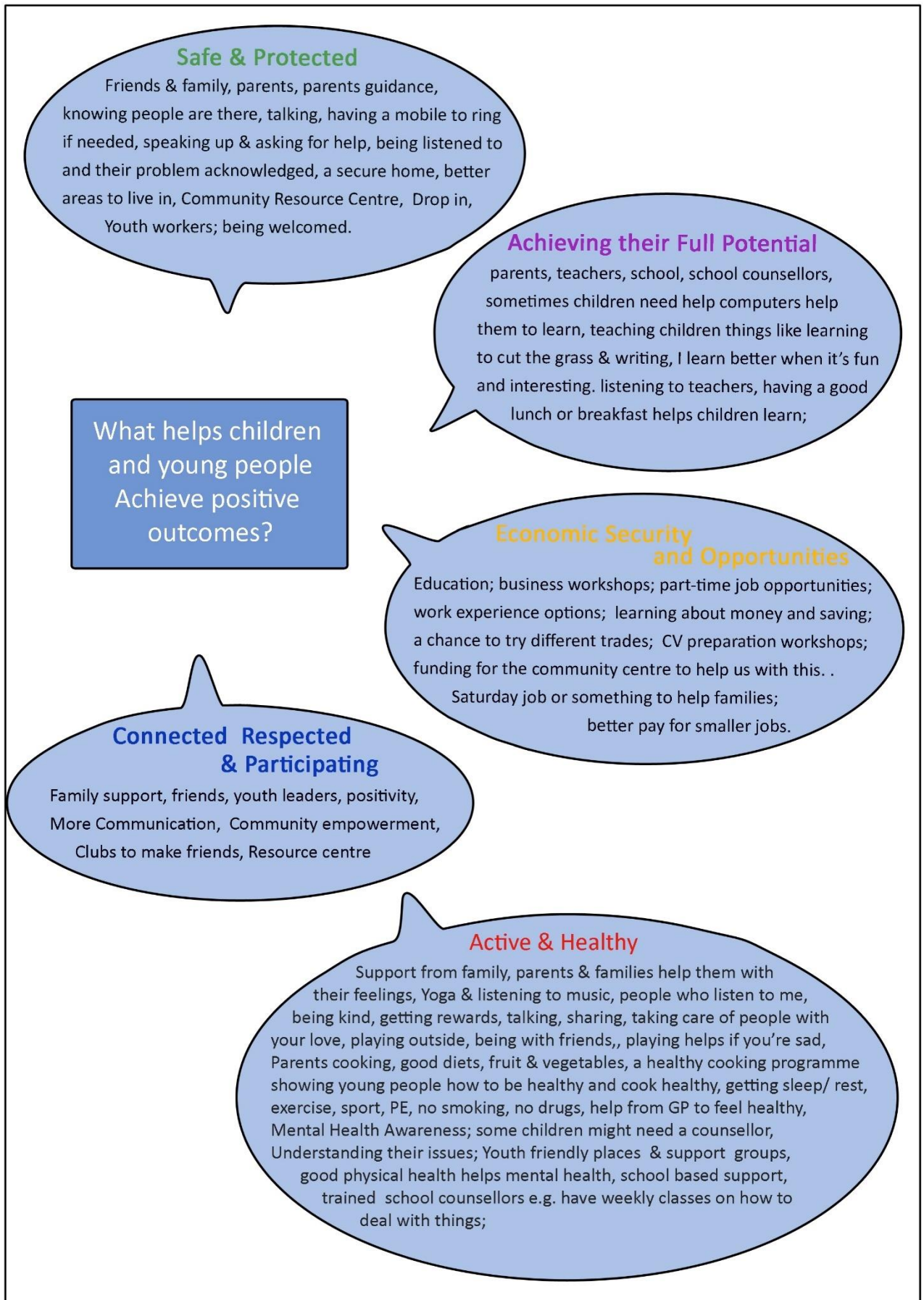
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Appendix C: Consultations with Parents




Appendix D: Consultations with Children and Young People



Appendix E: Consultation with Wicklow Comhairle na n'Óg (November 2019)



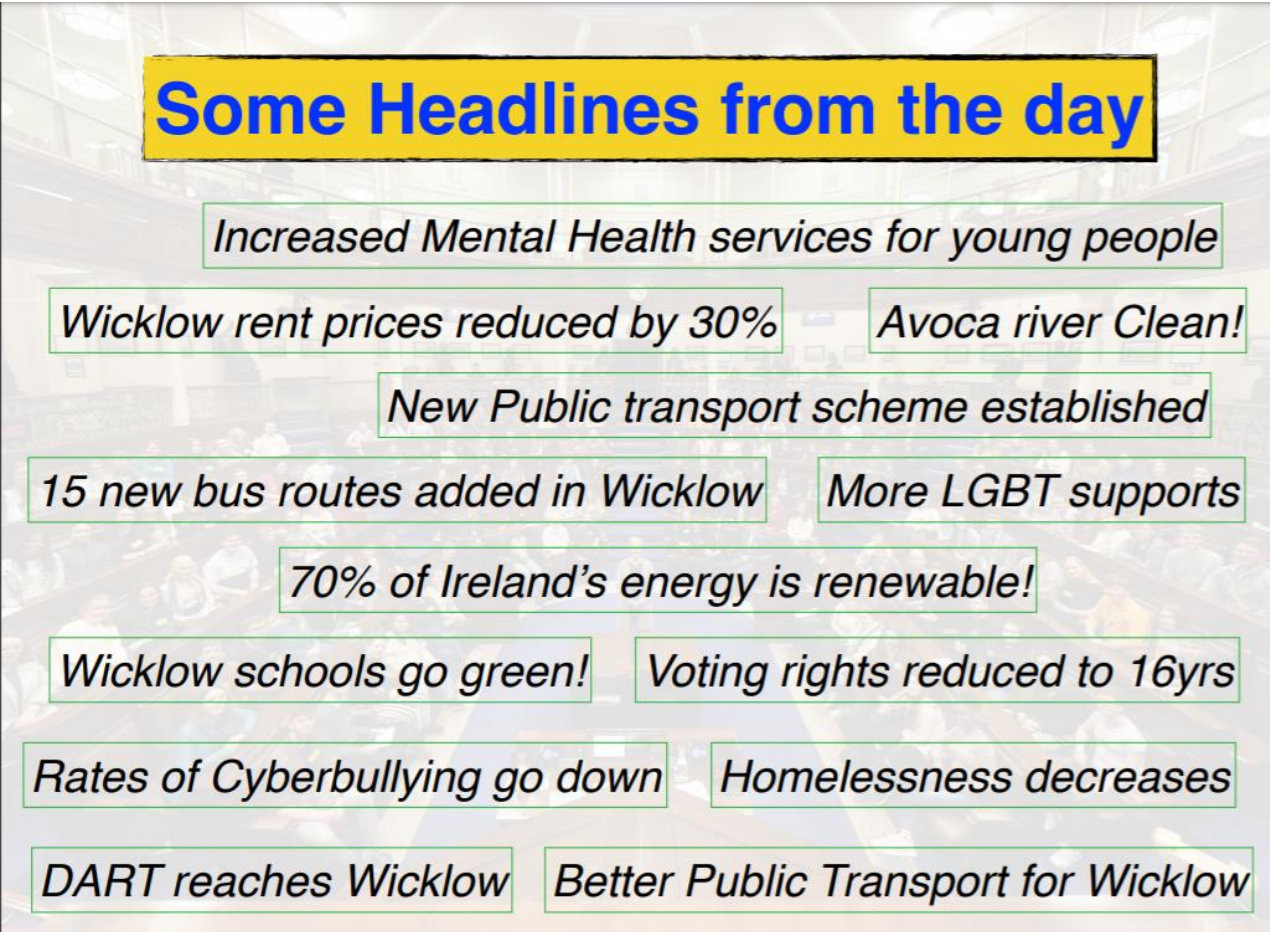
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Wicklow rent prices reduced by 30% *Avoca river Clean!*

New Public transport scheme established

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Wicklow schools go green! *Voting rights reduced to 16yrs*

Rates of Cyberbullying go down *Homelessness decreases*

DART reaches Wicklow *Better Public Transport for Wicklow*