

Tusla Cork Update

Tusla continues to process child protection referrals at this time, and recognises that the current conditions pose particular risks for vulnerable children and families



Continued Implementation of Meitheal during the Covid 19 Restrictions

The 4 Senior CFSN Coordinators and the PPFs team are continuing to work with the 220+ families currently being supported through active Meitheals in Cork City and County. The focus of this work is phone support, practical support e.g. food packages, activity packs and equipment; and linking families to supports available in their local community. It involves direct work with families as well as support work with Meitheal Lead Practitioners and other partners who are supporting children, young people and families engaging with the Meitheal process.

Some Meitheal meetings are taking place using conference call facilities to ensure that emerging needs of young people continue to be identified and met despite the Covid-19 restrictions. In other Meitheals Cork PPFs are working in collaboration with partners in the Community, Voluntary and Statutory sector to support the needs of families.

Child and Family Support Networks (CFSNs)

Child and Family Support Network meetings are being held to aid the coordination of local services, identify needs as they emerge and offer peer support across the agencies working to support families in these challenging times. The Senior Coordinators are emailing out information support packs as well as information on funding opportunities and collating and disseminating service updates to all of 12 CFSNs.

Inter-agency work

PPFS is liaising with the Local Authority Covid 19 Support Hubs throughout Cork City and County and are the Tusla point of contact on many of these hubs.

PPFS is also participating in the CYPSC subgroups on Child and Youth Participation and the Supporting Parents subgroup and has identified and documented needs emerging for families as a result of Covid 19 .

Your local Senior Child and Family Support Network Co-Ordinators details can be contacted at:

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The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action has issued it's

Technical Note: Protection of Children During The Coronavirus Pandemic, Version 2.

This document looks at child protection in the context of Covid-19 and outlines protective responses during and beyond the Pandemic as we transition into the recovery phase.

TUSLA CORK DATA ACTIVITY 11TH TO 18TH MAY 2020

The table below presents the findings from a Data Activity Template circulated externally to Tusla funded organisations and internally to Tusla community based projects Mayfield NYP, which includes the PPFS Team and Springboard.

The response below is a representative sample accounting for 25% of the Tusla funded organisations and Mayfield NYP. Further analysis and time is required to complete it for the total Cork area.

The findings represent a small snapshot of some activities over this particular week in Cork.

It is recognised that this data does not capture the amount of time spent each week on activities such as contact with other agencies through teleconferences and phone, virtual CFSN meetings, work done with the community hubs, attendance at remote professional meetings etc.

The quantitative, rather than qualitative nature of this survey means that the quality and length of time of a contact is not measured, e.g. lengthy supportive phone-calls to vulnerable parents and multiple contacts with particularly vulnerable families. However it gives some sense of the breadth and depth of community work currently supported by Tusla Cork.

