

# South Dublin

**Children & Young People's Services Committee**

— *CYPSC* —

**Welcome Pack for New Members**

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## South Dublin Children & Young People's Services Committee

*Improving the lives of Children and Young People across South Dublin*

Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) operate in every county in Ireland as part of the Government's commitment to achieving the best possible outcomes for children and young people from birth to 24 years of age.

CYPSCs bring together statutory, community, and voluntary agencies that provide services to children and young people. Their purpose is to **co-operate, plan, and work in a coordinated way** so that services are more effective and accessible.

South Dublin CYPSC has a **countywide structure** that supports joint planning and coordination across all of South Dublin. This ensures that children, young people, and their families receive **improved, integrated services**.

This collaborative approach supports children and young people in achieving the **National Outcomes** set out in *Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014–2020*.

### National Outcomes for Children and Young People

#### → Active and Healthy

Children and young people are active and healthy, with physical and mental well-being.

#### → Achieving Full Potential in Learning and Development

Children and young people achieve their full potential in all areas of learning and development.

#### → Safe and Protected from Harm

Children and young people are safe, secure, and protected from harm.

#### → Economic Security and Opportunity

Children and young people have economic security and access to opportunity.

#### → Connected, Respected, and Contributing to Their World

Children and young people are connected to their community, respected, and actively contributing to their world.

## What is a Children and Young People's Services Committee?

***Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) are a structure for bringing together a diverse group of agencies in local county areas to engage in joint planning and co-ordination of services for children and young people.***

***The overall purpose of CYPSC is to secure better outcomes for children and young people.***

Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) are a key structure identified by Government to plan and co-ordinate services for children and young people in every county in Ireland. CYPSCs promote, support, and deliver national and local interagency working across services that work with and for children and young people in Ireland.

***Children and Young People's Services Committees secure better outcomes for children and young people by:***

- Coordinating the implementation of national and regional policies and strategies that relate to children, young people, and families.***
- Planning and coordinating services for children and young people in the area covered by the CYPSC.***
- Eliminating fragmentation and duplication of services by ensuring more effective collaboration between children, young people, and family services within the area.***
- Influencing the allocation of resources.***
- Strengthening the decision-making capacity at local level.***

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) provides funding, and strategic and policy direction for CYPSC. Four original sites were chosen to pilot this interagency work in 2007 (Dublin City, South Dublin, Donegal, and Limerick City). Since then, a national roll-out has seen CYPSCs established in all counties.

CYPSCs have led and supported inspiring and positive programmes and activities in the fields of Literacy Development, Parenting Support, Early Childhood Development, Transitions to school, Youth Mental Health, and much more.

**A copy of the Terms of Reference for South Dublin Children and Young People's Services Committee is presented in Appendix 1**

# CYPSC Website

The national CYPSC website [www.cypsc.ie](http://www.cypsc.ie) provides a focal point for national and local information relating to CYPSC. Information on CYPSC news and events is listed and key CYPSC documents are available for download.

[www.cypsc.ie](http://www.cypsc.ie) > [South Dublin](#)

Each individual CYPSC has its own space within the national CYPSC website. The South Dublin CYPSC page hosts the following:

- Priority Areas identified during the planning process for the South Dublin Children and Young People’s Plan
- Current Membership
- Active Working Groups (Subgroups)
- Materials & Resources developed
- Links to local CYPSC related websites
- Download the current Children and Young People’s Plan
- Local Contact Details

The screenshot shows the South Dublin CYPSC website page. On the left, a grey box contains callout text with arrows pointing to specific website sections:

- Priority Areas identified during the planning process for the Dublin South Children and Young People’s Plan** points to the 'SOUTH DUBLIN' menu.
- Current Membership** points to the 'Membership' link.
- Active Working Groups** points to the 'Sub-Groups' link.
- Materials & Resources developed** points to the 'Local Resources' link.
- Links to local CYPSC related websites** points to the 'Local Links' link.
- Download the current Children and Young People’s Plan** points to the 'CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE’S PLAN' button.
- Local Contact details** points to the 'CONTACT US' box.

The website content includes:

- Navigation:** HOME, ABOUT US, YOUR COUNTY CYPSC, RESOURCES, NEWS & EVENTS, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE, CONTACT US.
- SOUTH DUBLIN Menu:** Priorities, Membership, Sub-Groups, Local Resources, Local Links, News and Events.
- CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE’S PLAN** button.
- CONTACT US:** Co-ordinator: Natalie Cox; Mobile: 087 091 8802; Email: [natalie.cox@south.ie](mailto:natalie.cox@south.ie); Address: Tusla- Child and Family Agency, Chamber House, Chamber Square, Tallaght, Dublin 24, Ireland.
- South Dublin Children & Young People’s Services Committee:** Includes a 'South Dublin CYPSC News & Information Hub Link' and a paragraph describing the committee's work since 2007.
- NEW 2022 Annual Report** can be accessed [here](#). This report provides an overview on work achieved and progress with the implementation of our three-year Children and Young People’s plan. South Dublin CYPSC has now commenced work on the development of its new three year plan 2024-2027, as work progresses, details will be published here.

## Role of CYPSC Members

Representatives from a wide range of organisations within the statutory, community and voluntary sectors contribute to local CYPSCs.

**Principally, the role of a CYPSC representative is to:**

- Represent their department, organisation, programme or sector.
- Input to the agenda of the CYPSC.
- Share professional observations, knowledge, and experience.
- Advocate on behalf of their service users.
- Advise on how the CYPSC can engage with children, young people, and families.
- Understand and appreciate the ways that the CYPSC and its structures work.

## A Children and Young People's Plan for South Dublin

Each CYPSC is required to develop and then deliver on a multi-year Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) for the county. The current South Dublin CYPP runs from 2024 to 2027. Each plan:

- Details how children and young people in the county are doing (a socio-demographic profile).
- Describes what services, supports and groups are currently available in the county for children and young people (an audit of services).
- Identifies gaps and provides direction as to what the county can do better to improve services and improve outcomes for children and young people (a needs analysis).
- Sets out what the CYPSC will do over the lifetime of the plan to improve outcomes under the five national outcomes for children and young people (an action plan).

With a comprehensive picture of the needs of children, young people, and families in the county, CYPSCs identify appropriate evidence-informed and/or evidence-based responses. CYPSC projects and initiatives have contributed to improving outcomes for children and young people under a range of themes including Literacy, Parenting Support, Youth Mental Health, Consultation with children and young people, and Identification and assessment of the needs of children and young people.

Consultation with children and young people has been an integral part of the development of Children and Young People's Plans.

## National Co-ordinator for Children and Young People's Services Committees

A National Co-ordinator for Children and Young People's Services Committees provides leadership for CYPSC at national level and supports local CYPSC through their CYPSC Chairperson and CYPSC Co-ordinator.

### National CYPSC Contact Details

**National Co-ordinator for CYPSC**  
**Anita Clarke Clancy**  
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### South Dublin CYPSC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Each CYPSC is chaired by the relevant Tusla Area Manager for Children and Families. South Dublin CYPSC is chaired by:

**Audrey Warren**  
**[Audrey.warren@tusla.ie](mailto:Audrey.warren@tusla.ie)**

CYPSC Vice Chairpersons are drawn from the relevant local authorities. The Vice Chairperson of South Dublin CYPSC is:

**Maria Nugent**  
**Senior Executive Officer, South Dublin County Council**  
**[mnugent@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:mnugent@sdblincoco.ie)**

### South Dublin CYPSC Co-ordinator

Each CYPSC has a Co-ordinator. The CYPSC Co-ordinator is responsible for communication, developing relationships, reporting, information provision, and the organisation and administration of meetings on behalf of their CYPSC.

Contact details for the South Dublin CYPSC Coordinator are:

**Natalie Cox**  
**South Dublin Children and Young People's Services Committee, Coordinator**  
**Tusla, Chamber House, Chamber Square, Tallaght, Dublin 24**  
✉ **[natalie.cox@tusla.ie](mailto:natalie.cox@tusla.ie)**  
☎ **087 091 8882**

## CYPSC Membership

Each CYPSC comprises senior managers at county level representing a range of agencies and services including:

<b>Tusla – Child and Family Agency</b>	<b>Local Authority (City/County Council)</b>	<b>Health Service Executive (HSE)</b>
<b>An Garda Síochána</b>	<b>Education and Training Board</b>	<b>National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals</b>
<b>Irish Primary Principals Network</b>	<b>City / County Childcare Committee</b>	<b>Social Inclusion Partners (e.g. Local Development Companies)</b>
<b>Community and voluntary organisations</b>	<b>Probation Services</b>	<b>Department of Social Protection</b>
<b>Third Level Institution</b>	<b>Young person 18 – 24</b>	

A list of the current membership of South Dublin CYPSC is available in **Appendix 2**.

## Five National Outcomes for Children and Young People

The Government launched Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014–2020 on 16th April 2014. It is the first overarching national policy framework for children and young people aged 0–24 years. It recognises that almost all policy has a direct or indirect effect on children and young people's lives, underscores the necessity of interagency working, and tasks Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) with a key role in this regard.

The work of Children and Young People's Services Committees is informed by the five national outcomes for children and young people as set out in Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures. The five national outcomes we want for all children and young people are:

- Active and Healthy, with physical and mental well-being.
- Achieving full potential in all areas of learning and development.
- Safe and protected from harm.
- Have economic security and opportunity.
- Connected, respected and contributing to their world.

*In South Dublin, each of the five national outcomes is supported by a dedicated subgroup that brings together members and partner organisations to drive the work forward. The Outcome 5 (Connected, Respected and Contributing) subgroup is currently being established with engagement underway with youth-focused partners including Foróige, Jigsaw and Crosscare.*

### Children and Young People's Services Committees National Steering Group

The Children and Young People's Services Committees National Steering Group (CYPSC SG) was established in 2012 to support the effective operation and practical implementation of Children and Young People's Services Committees at local level. It has reconfigured to align with the implementation structures in Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures. It has an independent chairperson.

The CYPSC SG chairperson is a member of the Children and Young People's Policy Consortium, representing and reporting on behalf of CYPSC.

## Interagency Working

The need for interagency work is well recognised. International literature tells us that where evidence of the impact of interagency working does exist, it is mostly positive, although it takes time to become embedded in practice. When implemented well, interagency work achieves changes in the way we and our organisations work. Effective interagency working acts to create the ‘permitting circumstances’ for better functioning of front-line services and front-line staff. It is a vitally important part of improving outcomes for children, young people, and their families, by means of its potential to improve all the front-line services that support them.

### The 3 key interagency messages of the CYPSC Initiative are:

When we work together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of our children and young people.

Working together in a sustained way is challenging, takes time, and requires continuous learning — but it’s worth it.

We are doing this through Children and Young People’s Services Committees.

## Policy Origins

Children and Young People’s Services Committees are underpinned by several major Government policies, including:

- Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014–2020.
- National Strategy for Research and Data on Children’s Lives 2011–2016.
- The Agenda for Children’s Services – A Policy Handbook.
- Towards 2016.
- National Children’s Strategy.

## Key Documents

There are several key resources that have been developed to support Children and Young People's Services Committees. These are available for download in the Resources section of the CYPSC website at [www.cypsc.ie](http://www.cypsc.ie).

### **CYPSC Information Leaflet**

A short information leaflet which gives an overview of CYPSC.

### **Effective Interagency Working by Children and Young People's Services Committees**

This document provides information on interagency working and the work of CYPSC.

### **Shared Vision, Next Steps (2019)**

Provides a succinct road map for the further development of the Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) initiative.

### **An introductory guide to the key terms and interagency initiatives in use in the Children's Services Committees in Ireland (2010)**

Contains explanations and definitions of the differing terms relating to interagency initiatives that have been in use in the CYPSC.

### **A review of International Evidence on Interagency Working, to Inform the Development of Children's Services Committees in Ireland (2011)**

This report focuses on specific aspects of interagency working that have already been adopted by existing CYPSC or are being considered, and within that on models of particular interest. The primary aim of this review is to contribute to the evidence base for developing CYPSC in Ireland.

### **Learning from Experience to Inform the Future – Findings Emerging from the Initial Phase of the Children's Services Committees in Ireland (2010)**

The report presents the findings from the early implementation of CYPSC in four pilot areas, with a view to informing the future development of CYPSC, both existing and new.

# **Appendix 1 – South Dublin CYPSC Terms of Reference**

## **Terms of Reference for South Dublin Children and Young People’s Services Committee**

### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of South Dublin Children and Young People’s Services Committee (CYPSC) will be to provide strategic direction and leadership to ensure effective interagency co-ordination and collaboration to achieve the best outcomes for all children and young people in South Dublin.

### **2. South Dublin CYPSC Vision and Principles**

The vision of South Dublin CYPSC is that outcomes for Children and Young People are improved through inter-agency working.

The principles that underpin the work of South Dublin Children and Young People’s Services Committee are:

- That South Dublin CYPSC puts the best available evidence at the heart of planning and reporting processes.
- That South Dublin CYPSC planning is outcomes-based, i.e. its purpose is to achieve agreed outcomes.
- That South Dublin CYPSC members own and direct the work of the committee and hold themselves and others accountable to the common agenda as expressed in the plan.
- South Dublin CYPSC is committed to collecting and using data to make informed decisions. Alongside quantitative data, the committee recognises the value of qualitative research to understand the experiences, meaning, and views of children and young people and service providers.
- South Dublin CYPSC stakeholders are open to learning through reflection on how well the work has lived up to performance expectations.
- Regular and open communications will flow — bottom up, top down, and across the CYPSC initiative.
- The work of South Dublin CYPSC will be children-centred, and children and young people will participate in a structured and supported way.
- South Dublin CYPSC has a commitment to equality and human rights, and this will be reflected in its work.

### **3. Term**

These Terms of Reference will be effective for the period of implementation of the South Dublin Children and Young People’s Plan 2024–2027.

### **4. Membership**

South Dublin CYPSC will comprise representatives from the principal statutory, community and voluntary organisations providing services to children and young people in South Dublin.

Organisations may be invited to join the committee at the discretion of the Chairperson or by decision of the committee.

## 5. Roles and Responsibilities

### Chair of the CYPSC

The South Dublin CYPSC will be chaired by the Tusla Area Manager. The key responsibilities of the Chair include:

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

### Vice Chair of the CYPSC

The Local Authority representative from South Dublin County Council will act as Vice Chair of the CYPSC. The Vice Chair will support the Chairperson in carrying out his/her responsibilities and will deputise for the Chairperson when required.

### The CYPSC Co-ordinator

The key responsibilities of the Co-ordinator include:

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

### CYPSC Members

The responsibilities of CYPSC members include:

- Understanding the role of CYPSC and how its structures work.
- Inputting to the agenda of the CYPSC.
- Representing their department, organisation, programme or sector.
- Sharing professional observations, knowledge, and experience.
- Advocating on behalf of their service users.
- Feeding back to their department, organisation, programme or sector on the work of CYPSC.
- Ensuring their department, organisation, programme or sector is contributing to the delivery of relevant CYPSC projects through contributions to CYPSC Subgroups and Task Groups.
- Advising on how the CYPSC can engage with children, young people, and families.

## 6. Meetings

- All meetings will be chaired by the Tusla Area Manager for South Dublin.
- A meeting quorum will be 16 members of the CYPSC.
- Decisions will be made by consensus. Where consensus is not possible, the CYPSC Chairperson will make the final decision.
- Where a member is unable to attend, they may nominate a representative who has decision-making responsibilities.
- Meeting agendas and minutes will be provided by the CYPSC Coordinator.
- Meetings will be held 6 times per year and will last 2 hours.

- If required, task group meetings will be arranged outside of these times at a time convenient to members.

## **7. Amendment, Modification or Variation**

The Terms of Reference may be amended, modified, or varied in writing after consultation and agreement at a CYPSC meeting.

## Appendix 2 – Membership of South Dublin Children and Young People's Services Committee

Member Organisation	Representative	Role
Tusla – Area Manager	Audrey Warren	<b>Chair</b>
South Dublin County Council	Maria Nugent	<b>Vice Chair</b>
An Garda Síochána	Insp. Pat Duggan	
Tusla (PPFS – Dublin Southwest)	Mags Keane	
Tusla (PPFS – Dublin South Central)	Maria Hayes	
Tusla	Patricia Finlay	
Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB	Claire Barkey / Gavin Chandler	
Clondalkin Drugs and Alcohol Task Force	Vacant	
HSE – Health & Wellbeing	Margaret McQuillan	
HSE – Primary Care	Justin Parkes	
HSE – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	Niamh Quinlivan	
HSE – Public Health Nursing	Niamh McShane	
HSE – Disability Services	Vacant	
Quarryvale Family Resource Centre	Karin Johnson	
South Dublin Childcare Committee	Fidelma Martin	
Foróige	Andy Leeson	
Irish Primary Principals Network	Maura O'Shea	
National Association of Principals & Deputy Principals	Pauline Duffy	
Jigsaw Tallaght	Danielle Cleary	
Tallaght Hospital	Vacant	
Archways	Sarah Thornberry	
Daughters of Charity (Jobstown)	Geraldine O'Hara	
South County Dublin Partnership	Simon Monds	
Tallaght West Childhood Development Initiative	Marion Quinn	
Education Welfare Service (TESS)	Amanda Cullen	

<b>Member Organisation</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Role</b>
Barnardos	Kerri Smith	
IT Tallaght / TU Dublin	Suzanne Duggan	
Crosscare	John Gregg	
Department of Social Protection	Adrienne Mooney	
Probation Services	Vacant	

*Membership is reviewed regularly and updated as needed. Please note that vacant seats are actively being progressed by the Coordinator.*

## Appendix 3 – Glossary of Initialisms and Acronyms

<b>ABC</b>	Area Based Childhood Programme
<b>ARM</b>	Alternative Response Model
<b>BOBF</b>	Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures National Policy Framework for Children and Young People
<b>C&amp;V</b>	Community and Voluntary
<b>CAF</b>	Common Assessment Framework
<b>CAMHS</b>	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
<b>CAWT</b>	Co-operation and Working Together
<b>CCC</b>	City and County Childcare Committees
<b>CES</b>	Centre for Effective Services
<b>CFSN</b>	Child and Family Support Network
<b>CVS</b>	Community and Voluntary Sector
<b>CYPP</b>	Children and Young People's Plan
<b>CYPSC</b>	Children and Young People's Services Committees
<b>CYPSC SG</b>	National Children and Young People's Services Committees Steering Group
<b>DCEDIY</b>	Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth
<b>DEIS</b>	Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools
<b>DOH</b>	Department of Health
<b>DRM</b>	Differential Response Model
<b>DSP</b>	Department of Social Protection
<b>DTF</b>	Drugs Task Force
<b>ECCE</b>	Early Childhood Care and Education
<b>ESL</b>	Early School Leaving
<b>ETB</b>	Education and Training Board
<b>EWS</b>	Educational Welfare Services
<b>FRC</b>	Family Resource Centre
<b>HEA</b>	Higher Education Authority
<b>HI</b>	Healthy Ireland
<b>HIQA</b>	Health Information and Quality Authority
<b>HSE</b>	Health Service Executive
<b>ILDN</b>	Irish Local Development Network
<b>IPPN</b>	Irish Primary Principals' Network

<b>IYJS</b>	Irish Youth Justice Service
<b>LA</b>	Local Authority
<b>LAP</b>	Local Area Pathway
<b>LCDC</b>	Local Community Development Committee
<b>LDC</b>	Local Development Company
<b>LDTF</b>	Local Drugs Task Force
<b>LECP</b>	Local Economic and Community Plan (compiled by LCDC)
<b>NAPD</b>	National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals
<b>NEPS</b>	National Educational Psychological Service
<b>NGO</b>	Non-Governmental Organisation
<b>PEI</b>	Prevention and Early Intervention
<b>PPFS</b>	Prevention Partnership and Family Support
<b>PPN</b>	Public Participation Network
<b>RDTF</b>	Regional Drugs Task Force
<b>SCO</b>	Sustainable Community Objective
<b>SCP</b>	School Completion Programme
<b>SEDO</b>	Sustainable Economic Development Objective
<b>SICAP</b>	Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme
<b>SPC</b>	Strategic Policy Committee
<b>Tusla CFA</b>	Tusla – the Child and Family Agency

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