Outcome 2: Learning and Development Subgroup



Wicklow School Refusal Pack



Work to develop the Wicklow School Refusal pack was undertaken by a multi-agency group supported by Wicklow CYPSC towards the end of the last plan. The resource was launched electronically during COVID. Our partners from NEPS delivered a pack to every school in the county and have been active partners in disseminating the resource and raising awareness. A great deal of work has taken place to promote use of the pack including the development of a Parent Leaflet which has been distributed to parents of all primary and secondary schools in the county. In addition, a list of services/supports was developed and is available. In 2024 we have hosted both in-person and online School Avoidance events for parents which have been very well attended. This has afforded us the opportunity to raise awareness of the school refusal pack and the resources it contains to support students and parents. A copy of the resource is available from the resources section of Wicklow CYPSC webpage.



Transitions and Admissions

The Outcome 2 Subgroup has done a range of work in relation to transitions over several plans. Currently there is a strong focus on the transition from primary to post-primary school. A task group is working on two helpful resources: Transition from Primary to Secondary School tool called Step by Step which was initially developed by Michelle Murphy of School Completion in Bray. Michelle has kindly agreed to adapt her tool for a county-wide audience incorporating a list of transition tools that has been collated by the TESS staff. It is hoped to circulate the adapted tool in January 2025 at the start of the new academic term encouraging non-DEIS schools to participate. We will conduct a short evaluation at the end of this academic year to assess the level of participation and capture any changes schools would like to see. In addition, we are developing a Directory of Schools for Co. Wicklow which will be circulated by the end of September to support the First Year intake for September 2025.





Progression Pathways

This guide was developed by Wicklow CYPSC and partners (Outcome 2 Subgroup and Outcome 4/Change Management) to bring together the range of information about pathways for young people aged 16+ who may not currently be in education, training or employment. This resource also considers the range of services available for young people with additional needs.

Information is presented from organisations who provide services to young people in this age group and who will be able to assist the young person on their journey back into education, training or employment.