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National Outcome 1 Active and Healthy, Physical and Mental Wellbeing						
CYPSC Priority	Objective	Indicator over 3-year CYPP period	Action(s)	Please select relevant Healthy Ireland goal if applicable.	Please select relevant Healthy Ireland Outcomes Framework Indicator Set if applicable	Is this action being evaluated?
1.1 Alcohol and Drugs Support — Hidden Harm	Raise awareness and increase support for hidden harm associated with substance abuse	Number of awareness programmes delivered Number of participants	Deliver awareness programme to increase understanding of hidden harm associated with substance abuse Expand targeted programme for families affected by hidden harm to include vaping	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities	Wellbeing Factors: Freedom from harm and negative experiences	No
1.2 Access to Mental Health Services	Improve access, reduce gaps and improve awareness of mental health services in the community	1 directory / information guide of Youth Mental Health Services available 1 Information Resource provided to families accessing services	Identify gaps in service provision in the county to meet the needs of children and young people Develop information leaflet and health seminar on referral pathways Deliver 2 Health Fairs focused on self care and parental supports	Goal 1: Increase the proportion of people who are healthy at all stages of life Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities	Mental Health and Wellbeing: Positive mental health Wellbeing Factors: Freedom from harm	No
1.3 Healthy Ireland Plan	Implement Healthy Ireland Strategy and utilise Healthy Ireland funding to implement CYPP priorities	Annual funding call for proposals under Healthy Ireland Fund 10–15 projects supported in the county 3 projects evaluated during lifetime of plan	Deliver and support local responses to identified needs with Healthy Ireland Fund 2025 funded: CARP Killinarden (€6,120); Daughters of Charity Jobstown (€8,400); Quarryvale FRC (€7,550); St Kevin's FRC (€18,925); Barnardos Bawnlea (€3,250) 2025 spend: €44,245 of €59,000	Goal 1: Increase the proportion of people who are healthy Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities Goal 4: Create an environment where every individual can play their part	Multiple HI Outcomes Framework indicators	Yes — 3 projects to be evaluated over lifetime of plan
1.4 Autism Supports	Increase awareness of autism and provide increased supports for parents while on the waiting list and thereafter	Number of local programmes for families while awaiting assessment Number of parents participating in programmes	Training, information seminars and programmes delivered Support local groups providing autism-friendly services Disseminate HSE information on autism services Parent Home Visiting Programmes (e.g. PCP, Home Visiting Programmes)	Goal 1: Increase the proportion of people who are healthy	Wellbeing Factors: Being loved, safe and cared for	No
1.5 Screen Time Awareness Campaign	Increase baseline safety and digital awareness including emotional health and wellbeing Reduce children's screen time	Reduce baseline of 45% of children spending 3+ hours per day on devices (primary research 2023)	Source training, programmes and leaflets on screen time and its impact on wellbeing Develop a parent awareness campaign on the impact of screen time Circulate information for services including linkages to Dublin CYPSC Directory of Services	Goal 1: Increase the proportion of people who are healthy	Mental Health and Wellbeing: Positive mental health	No


						
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1.6 Increase Involvement of Young People in Voluntary/Group Activity	Increase sense of belonging among children and young people in the South Dublin community	25 young people under 25 to volunteer through the Volunteer Centre	Develop awareness of the connection between volunteering and mental health and wellbeing Circulate information for services including linkages to Dublin CYPSC Directory of Services	Goal 4: Create an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part	Wellbeing Factors: Having friends and positive relationships	No


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National Outcome 2 Achieving Full Potential in all Areas of Learning and Development						
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2.1 School Transitions (incl. Traveller Families)	Promote early years education to Traveller families Increase the number of Traveller children attending and progressing through school	% reduction in absenteeism amongst Travellers at early years, primary and post-primary % increase in proportion of Traveller children transitioning from preschool to primary school	Provision of support programmes targeting Traveller families not accessing preschool services 2 Literacy support programmes to be delivered Provision of support programme e.g. Next Steps programme, Transition programmes for Traveller children and families School Completion Programme provision	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities	Learning, Development and Education: Attendance, participation and completion	No
2.2 Early School Leaving	Raise awareness of the reasons for Early School Leaving Reduce school avoidance in South Dublin from baseline of 45.5% (primary, 2022)	% reduction in the number of early school leavers — EU target less than 9% by 2030 % increase in attendance levels in schools Targeting Traveller, Roma, young carers and those seeking International Protection	Circulate key evidence and research reports amongst CYPSC members Develop 1 Guide for Early School Leaving to support access to alternative education pathways Expand the iScoil programme within South Dublin Support young people's attendance at jobs fairs ESL Subgroup meeting regularly — 26/03/26 meeting held	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities	Learning, Development and Education: Attendance, participation and completion	No
2.3 Alternative Learning Programmes / Support to Return to Education	Address gaps in alternatives to mainstream school Provide support for young people returning to education	1 resource guide developed on ESL resources and supports 1 annual education, training and employment fair Number of iScoil places and sites within South Dublin	Scope the services and supports available to children and young people in vulnerable groups and identify gaps Develop a county-wide information resource guide CYPSC member organisations to participate in various jobs fairs Expand the iScoil programme within South Dublin, providing a personalised learning programme	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities	Learning, Development and Education: Attendance, participation and completion	No
2.4 Family Learning / Parental Supports	Identify and develop programmes for potential replication Develop the potential of Family Learning Models and family/intergenerational learning	Number of programmes identified and delivered Annual Calendar of parenting programmes published Number of parents to participate in the programmes	Develop new or expand existing programmes within South Dublin County 3 calendars published of parenting programmes Develop a support group for parents in the South Dublin area 2025: 'You Matter' programme (Barnardos Lorien/JADD) — 15 parents across 5-week programme — Parenting Support Awareness Fund €3,000 fully spent	Goal 1: Increase the proportion of people who are healthy Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities	Learning, Development and Education: Early childhood care and education	Yes — Parenting Support Awareness Fund annual reporting


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National Outcome 3 Safe and Protected from Harm						
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3.1 Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence Services	Increase awareness of the toxic trio of DSGBV, addiction (hidden harm) and mental health, and how to prevent and mitigate its effects	2 TLC Kidz programmes operating in the county 1 end-of-year report monitoring number of mothers and children participating 1 service network established to support referrals and access to community supports	Delivery of TLC Kidz Programme across South Dublin County Develop links with the new State Agency CUAN Provision of a programme to focus on relationships, consent etc. D24 DV Network formally adopted as subgroup — Natalie Cox Chair — 12 organisations — TOR agreed D22 DV group integration being explored Next D24 meeting January 2026	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities Goal 3: Protect the public from threats to health and wellbeing	Safety and Protection: Safe from harm, abuse and neglect	No
3.2 Parenting Supports	Identify and coordinate parenting programmes and family learning opportunities for those referred through the Safe & Protected pathway	Number of new programmes delivered in the county or expanded with support of CYPSC 1 shared calendar of parenting programmes published Delivery of 2 Help at Home Programmes	Provide information and support to parents to access evidence-based parenting programmes Development of shared calendar with parenting programmes Increase the number of agencies participating in the Parenting Network Delivery of the National Model of Parenting Support Services and the Help at Home Programme Parenting Forum: 12 services are members, quarterly updates circulated	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities	Safety and Protection: Being loved, safe and cared for	No
3.3 Youth Offending and Youth Diversion	Enhance support and interventions for young people in the South Dublin CYPSC area involved in or at risk of involvement in the youth justice system	1 Youth Diversion sub-group established 1 county-wide survey to be undertaken	Identify gaps in and increase awareness of early intervention provision in the South Dublin CYPSC area Enhance current programmes to meet emerging gaps Strengthen linkages between CYPSC, Probation Service and An Garda Síochána Enhance links with interagency Child and Family Support Networks (CFSNs) First meeting of re-activated YDP subgroup: 25/03/26	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities Goal 3: Protect the public from threats to health and wellbeing	Safety and Protection: Safe from harm, abuse and neglect	No


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3.4 Aftercare Supports for Children Leaving Care	Ensure young people leaving care are appropriately supported and increase the number of young people accessing support and services	Number of young people accessing support and services Young people leaving care appropriately supported	Strengthen the CYPSC role in aftercare support Create better awareness of existing supports and linkages across agencies Deliver the Give & Take Employability Programme in Dublin South West Healthy relationships/sexual health intervention for care-experienced young people — Saoirse workshops for up to 30 participants Accommodation pressures for care leavers ageing out of placements noted	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities	Safety and Protection: Being loved, safe and cared for	No
3.5 Child and Family Support Networks (CFSN / Meitheal)	Enhance links with local CFSNs and increase the number of Meitheal processes conducted and training places locally	No. of Meitheal processes supporting families with additional needs No. of participants at Meitheal or related trainings % change in the number of referrals across the CFSN Network areas	Review ongoing Meitheal statistics and analyse further to understand local presenting needs Promote Meitheal as an early intervention response Link with HSE Disability re: complex needs cases not meeting thresholds — joint Tusla/HSE protocol identified as formal mechanism Identify training need for responding to children's behaviour with or without diagnosis Threshold gap issue raised at CYPSC committee 27/03/26	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities	Safety and Protection: Being loved, safe and cared for	No
3.6 Children with Additional Needs	Strengthen linkages between CDNT, primary care teams and local community services	Information resources to help parents navigate pathways % change in the number of children and wait time	Information and guidance for parents on referral pathways Supports to local community supports and other peer supports within the community Address training need: Circle of Security (COS), NVR, Parents Plus — flagged by members	Goal 1: Increase the proportion of people who are healthy	Safety and Protection: Being loved, safe and cared for	No
3.7 Trauma-Informed Practice	Deliver a county-wide event and increase awareness and training for staff on trauma-informed practice	1 county-wide event organised on trauma-informed practice No. of participants 1 county-wide survey undertaken	Trauma-Informed survey analysis completed — summary to be distributed to Outcome 3 subgroup Consider reconvening Trauma-Informed Practice subgroup County-wide learning network for managers proposed as sustainable model Plan county-wide trauma-informed training event 2025: Critical Incident Art Therapy funded (€8,800)	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities	Mental Health and Wellbeing: Positive mental health	No

						
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3.8 IPAS Subgroup	Support families, children and young people living in IPAS accommodation to integrate with the local community	Number of interagency groups established to co-ordinate supports Funding resources levered by South Dublin CYPSC Number of programmes funded for IPAS families	Develop summer programmes and interagency supports Maximise resources and co-ordinate local response Collaborate with local services 2025: Cairdeas/Serve the City — Parenting in Ireland course in 9 IPAS centres (€48,000) 2025: CDI Stay & Play monthly excursions (€6,869) 2025: CDI Parent Carer Facilitator salary (€32,824) 2025: Archways parent-child home visitor IBIS Hotel (€13,479) Total IP Fund 2025: €101,172 fully spent	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities Goal 4: Create an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part	Safety and Protection: Safe from harm, abuse and neglect	No

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National Outcome 4 Economic Security and Opportunity						
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4.1 Housing Needs and Homelessness	Provide local interagency support and programmes for families who are homeless in South Dublin County	Number of supports and programmes delivered to families in emergency accommodation 1 South Dublin CYPSC homeless sub-group operating 4 family hubs in the county	Advocate and implement a child focus for families who are homeless Promotion of local facilities Focus on school holidays/summer activities for children Focus on mental health for parents Link with Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) 2025: 379 families in emergency accommodation in South Dublin (2nd highest in Dublin) 2025: Quarryvale FRC Christmas programme — North Clondalkin and Balgaddy (€6,000)	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities Goal 4: Create an environment where every individual can play their part	Economic Security and Opportunity: Having enough money	No
4.2 Future Housing Needs in South Dublin CYPSC Area	Increase long-term strategic planning and role of CYPSC to meet the future needs of children and young people in new housing developments	Formal briefing meeting between SDCC Planning Unit and South Dublin CYPSC Annual planning meeting with South Dublin County Council	Develop stronger links with LCDC and develop relationships with local Council planners Advocate and influence policy when future centres and services are planned Annual meeting with SDCC Planning Unit 2025: SDCC Planning presentation to CYPSC received — community facilities pipeline includes Kilcarbery, Ballyroan, Citywest, Newcastle, Killinarden, Clonburris, Whitechurch, Ballycullen	Goal 4: Create an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part	Economic Security and Opportunity: Living in a safe and clean environment	No
4.3 Address Child Poverty	Support families experiencing child poverty in the South Dublin area	Funding targeted to families experiencing child poverty Number of children and young people to avail of programmes 1 child poverty action plan developed within the county	Fund summer programmes, Christmas events and activities for children Secure funding to support the implementation of the Child Poverty Action Plan Develop a child poverty action plan for the county — to progress with LCDC CYPSC and South Dublin LCDC to establish a joint working group 2025: Critical Incident Art Therapy funded (€8,800) 2025: Bereavement Workshop — Irish Childhood Bereavement Network (€338) Programme Fund 2025: €21,318.71 of €40,000 spent	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities	Economic Security and Opportunity: Having enough money	No

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4.4 Coordination of Response to IPAS Communities	Support families, children and young people to integrate with the local community Coordinate local supports for those living in IPAS accommodation	Number of interagency groups established Funding resources levered by South Dublin CYPSC Number of programmes funded for IPAS families	Develop summer programmes and interagency supports for IPAS families Maximise resources and co-ordinate local response Collaborate with local services Trauma-Informed support for staff, families and children 2025: IP Fund: €101,172 fully spent across Archways, Cairdeas, CDI	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities Goal 4: Create an environment where every individual can play their part	Economic Security and Opportunity: Living in a safe and clean environment	No
4.5 Support for New Entrant Families	Support for new entrant families in the county	1 new welcome programme developed for families in the county Monitor the number of families to participate and engage in programmes	Trauma-Informed support for staff, families and children Development of health information days to showcase support available in the community Social care support for families in IPAS centres 2025: Cairdeas/Serve the City programme delivered in 9 IPAS centres	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities Goal 4: Create an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part	Economic Security and Opportunity: Living in a safe and clean environment	No
National Outcome 5 Connected, respected and contributing to their world						
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5.1 Access to Services and Facilities	Increased access to existing spaces and facilities for children and young people	Number of new facilities developed and increased opening hours Increased participation of children and young people in activities	Review opening hours/days of services commencing with playgrounds and parks/transport Support Comhairle na nÓg in their work regarding facilities and engagement in the planning process 2025: SDCC budget approved — increased funding in Emerging Talent, Street Worker Balgaddy, TUD grants, Active South Dublin disability programmes, youth services Adamstown	Goal 4: Create an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part	Wellbeing Factors: Having fun and enjoying recreation	No

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5.2 Barriers to Participation in Health and Wellbeing Activities	Address barriers preventing children and young people from participating in activities which improve their health and wellbeing	Increased participation of children and young people in activities Monitor and report on the number of children and young people to participate in activities	Advocate for resources Develop programmes which will support access through Healthy Ireland Funding Deliver South Dublin Healthy Ireland-funded projects 2025: HI Fund — 5 projects funded, €44,245 spent, €14,755 remaining — proposals being sought	Goal 1: Increase the proportion of people who are healthy Goal 4: Create an environment where every individual can play their part	Wellbeing Factors: Having fun and enjoying recreation	No
5.3 Integration of New Residents	Increase community involvement and participation through community neighbourhood events in new and emerging areas	Number of community events to support community links and increase in participation/volunteering 2 Community days to be organised	Community days organised in new emerging community areas 2025: SDCC Integration Officer in place	Goal 4: Create an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part	Wellbeing Factors: Having friends and positive relationships	No
5.4 Participation of Children and Young People	Increase participation of children and young people within South Dublin CYPSC	4 young people to participate in South Dublin CYPSC subgroups Views of children and young people included in CYPSC initiatives	Agreed nomination process in place for young person representative to South Dublin CYPSC Increase links with structures such as Comhairle na nÓg and An Gaisce Re-establish Comhairle na nÓg links across subgroups Outcome 5 subgroup to be established — lead to be agreed	Goal 4: Create an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part	Wellbeing Factors: Being respected and heard	No
5.5 Cultural Diversity and Awareness	Support and promote cultural diversity including International Migrants Days	Number of families and individuals attending information days 50 families and individuals participate	Information days held to showcase support available in the community International Migrants Days events 2025: SDCC Integration Team active in county	Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities Goal 4: Create an environment where every individual can play their part	Wellbeing Factors: Having friends and positive relationships	No
5.6 Campaign to Develop Pride in the Community	Strengths-based campaign to develop pride and diversity within local communities	1 campaign developed Number of communities and organisations to engage in campaign	Campaign to support and encourage pride within local neighbourhoods (e.g. Pride of Place competition) IPAS sub-group, South Dublin CYPSC members, SDCC Integration Team, SDCC Partnership, PPN	Goal 4: Create an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part	Wellbeing Factors: Having friends and positive relationships	No
Change Management						
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6.1 Critical Incident Protocol	Complete review of Critical Incident Protocol on an annual basis	1 review completed 1 Critical Incident Protocol in place/active	Critical Incident Group to meet and review protocol 2025: Critical Incident Art Therapy funded for academic year (€8,800)	N/A	N/A	No
6.2 Communication Co-ordination across CYPSC Members	Maintain an online searchable database of services and resources available to children, young people and families in Dublin	No. of services identified for directory No. of users/traffic through a website 1 communications group established % growth rate in service user numbers — 10% annually	Make publicly available searchable online websites for users Joint CYPSC campaigns on topics of interest to CYPSC Members Joint promotional activity to increase reach and impact Maintain Dublin CYPSC Directory of Services: www.dublincypscdirectory.ie	N/A	N/A	No