

## Press Release

### **Wexford Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) launches new website**

~ A resource for children, young people, families and professionals in Wexford to find the help they need ~

**Wexford, 14 October 2016.** Wexford Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) today launched its new website in the Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy. The new website, [www.wexfordcypsc.ie](http://www.wexfordcypsc.ie), brings together information on a range of services available for children, young people and families in Wexford, including mental health support for children and young people; health services for children, young people and families; education and training opportunities; and help and support for families.

The new website also features an interactive map of services in County Wexford to help children, young people and their families find out how and where they can access the help and support they need.

Speaking at the launch, **Dr John Sharry**, social worker, child and family psychotherapist and columnist with The Irish Times, said "Frequently, parents and young people who are dealing with challenges do not know how to access support and often cannot find a service suitable for them in their local area. This new Wexford website is a great local resource to point families in the direction of quality services and supports in Wexford."

Today's launch was attended by professionals who work with children, young people and families in Wexford as well as representatives from organisations involved in Wexford CYPSC.

The website was launched by **Ms Colma Nic Lughadha**, National Co-ordinator for Children and Young People's Services Committees, who said: "I am delighted to launch this new Wexford CYPSC website today. It is a very welcome resource and one-stop shop for the children, young people and families of County Wexford to find the help, support and services they need. The overall purpose of Children and Young People's Services Committees is to ensure better outcomes for children and young people around the country through enhanced co-ordination of local services and organisations. This new website is an example of this co-ordination in action and is an important step towards improving service provision for the benefit of children, young people and families in County Wexford."

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#### **About Wexford CYPSC**

Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) are responsible for securing better outcomes for children and young people (aged 0-24 years) in their areas through more effective co-ordination of existing services and interventions. The overall purpose of the Children and Young People's Services Committees is to ensure better outcomes for children and young people in line with the Government's 'Better Outcomes Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014-2020'.

Wexford CYPSC includes representatives of all the main statutory, community and voluntary agencies and organisations working locally on behalf of and with children and young people in Co. Wexford. The Committee is responsible for improving the lives of children, young people and families in Co. Wexford through local and community co-ordination, planning and service delivery. Wexford CYPSC also ensures that professionals and organisations work together to ensure that children, young people and their families receive improved and accessible services.

For more information on CYPSC nationally, visit [www.cypsc.ie](http://www.cypsc.ie). For more information on Wexford CYPSC, visit [www.wexfordcypsc.ie](http://www.wexfordcypsc.ie).

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#### **Wexford CYPSC member organisations**

Wexford CYPSC brings together all the main statutory, community and voluntary agencies and organisations working locally on behalf of and with children and young people in Co. Wexford including:

Tusla – Child and Family Agency, HSE, An Garda Síochána, Wexford County Council, Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board, Wexford County Childcare Committee, Barnardos, Educational Welfare Service, Probation and Welfare Service, Family Resource Centres, Ferns Diocesan Youth Service (FDYS), Irish Primary Principals' Network (IPPN), Roma Community Project, Wexford Local Development, Wexford Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Service, Wexford Women's Refuge and Youth New Ross.