

## CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEES

### NATIONAL ROLL OUT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEES

Since 2007, 21 CYPSCs have been established in the following locations: Carlow/Kilkenny, Cavan/Monaghan, Cork, Donegal, Dublin City North, Dublin City South, Fingal, Galway, Kerry, Kildare, Limerick, Longford/Westmeath, Louth, Meath, Roscommon, Sligo/Leitrim, South Dublin, South Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford and Wicklow. All are at differing stages of development and operation.

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Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) are the key structure identified by Government to plan and co-ordinate services for children and young people in every county in Ireland. The Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) provides the policy lead for CYPSCs.

Children and Young People's Services Committees promote, support and deliver national and local interagency working across services that work with and for children and young people in Ireland.

### NATIONAL POLICY

Children and Young People's Services Committees are underpinned by a number of major Government policies including:

- Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014-2020
- Programme for Government 2011
- 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 – Our Children – Their Lives (2000)

*Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures 2014 – 2020* underscores the necessity of interagency working and tasks Children and Young People's Services Committees with a key role in this regard.

### PURPOSE OF A CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

Children and Young People's Services Committees are a structure to unite a diverse group of agencies in **joint planning and co-ordination of services for the children and young people of a county area.**

These committees are **responsible for improving the lives of children, young people and families at local and community level through co-ordinating, planning and service delivery.**

They also ensure that professionals and agencies work together to ensure that children, young people and their families receive improved and accessible services. The overall purpose of CYPSCs is to secure better outcomes for children and young people.

### FIVE NATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Children and Young People's Services Committees work towards the five national outcomes for children and young people. These are that children and young people

1. **Are active and healthy, with positive physical and mental well being.**
2. **Are achieving their full potential in all areas of learning and development.**
3. **Are safe and protected from harm.**
4. **Have economic security and opportunity.**
5. **Are connected, respected and contributing to their world.**

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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

Source: Internal Communications Plan 2010–2012

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

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### NATIONAL GOVERNANCE

The **Children and Young People's Policy Consortium** was established as part of the implementation structures outlined in *Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014 – 2020*. The Consortium is chaired by the Secretary General of DCYA and comprises of senior officials from Government departments and agencies and representatives from advisory and local operational fora. The Consortium has oversight of and drives cross-Government implementation of *Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures* and its supporting strategies, and reports annually to Government on progress achieved.

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 is currently being reconstituted 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 CYPSCs.

### OPERATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEES

Each CYPSC is required to develop a **Children and Young People's Plan**. The plan is a systematic and comprehensive plan for services for children and young people in each county. Each plan includes a

- socio demographic profile,
- audit of services,
- needs analysis
- and action plan.

CYPSC members include **senior managers from the major statutory, community and voluntary providers** of services to children, young people and families in their area so that issues and needs that arise throughout the development and implementation of their Children and Young People's Plan can be addressed.

Members Include:

Tusla, Child and Family Agency
<b>Health Services Executive</b> e.g. Senior Area Medical Officer, Director of Public Health Nursing, Director of Primary Care
Local authorities
<b>National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals</b>
An Garda Síochána
<b>Social inclusion partners</b> e.g. Local Development Companies
City and County Childcare Committees
<b>Probation Services</b>
<b>Community and voluntary organisations that provide services to children and young people in the area</b>
<b>Educational Welfare Services</b>
Irish Primary Principals Network
<b>Education and Training Boards</b>

### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEES CO-ORDINATORS

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

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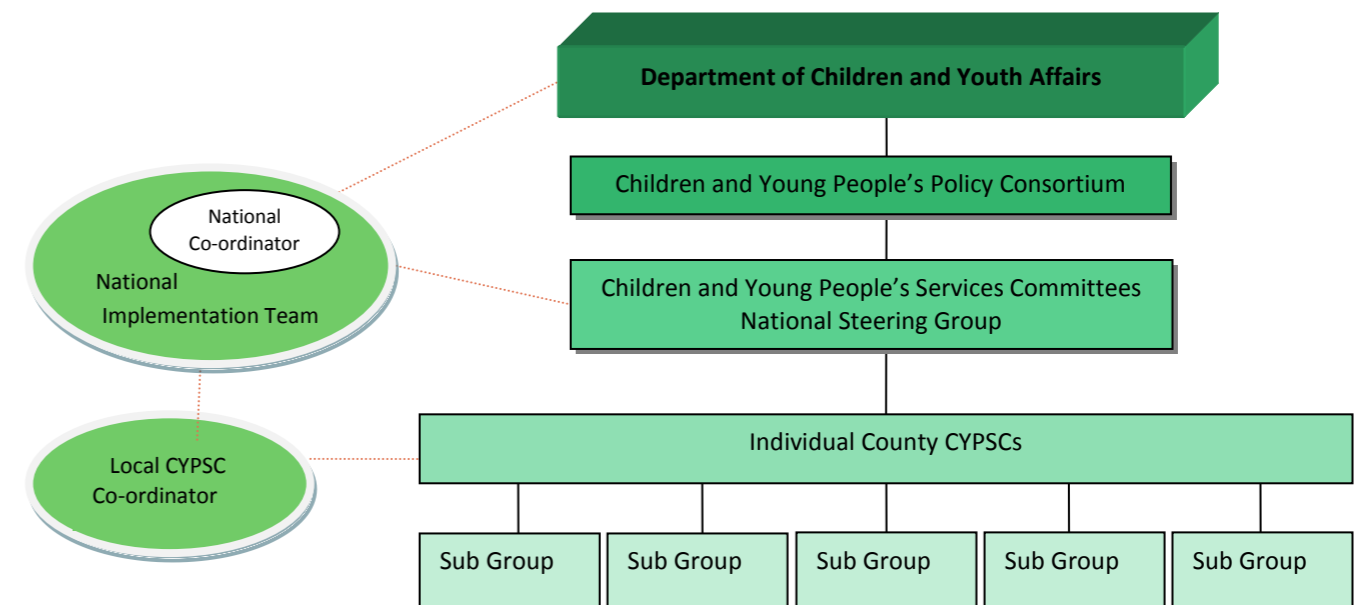
### NATIONAL CO-ORDINATOR FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEES

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

### HEARING THE VOICE 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 Services Committees and their Children and Young People's Plans. This is manifested through cooperative work with Comhairle na nÓg and additional activities undertaken by a CYPSC and its members.

### REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEES



### EXAMPLES OF CYPSC WORK INCLUDED IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLANS (CYPP)

Many of the CYPSCs are doing the following kind of work:

1. County-wide Directory of Services for children, young people and families.
2. Research reports on the needs of children and young people in the county.
3. Consultations with local children and young people and Comhairle na nÓg (child and youth councils) to inform county plans.
4. Parent support programme co-ordination and scheduling across the county.
5. Targeted projects to meet local needs such as literacy development or promotion of youth mental health.
6. Interagency and Children First training for all practitioners locally working with children, young people and families.