

# ISP Celbridge Plan Executive Summary 2016-2020



**KILDARE INTEGRATED  
SERVICES PROGRAMME**  
— CELBRIDGE —

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## Executive Summary

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The development of the Celbridge Integrated Services Programme (ISP) Plan (2016-2020) is a truly collaborative and inclusive process. Kildare County Development Board, initiated the ISP in 2010, and Kildare LCDC is continuing commitment to this successful programme.

The ISP since its' establishment in 2010, has proven to be very effective. Celbridge is the third ISP town, in this unique Kildare based programme. I am very optimistic that the positive results yielded in other ISP towns, through local community, business, voluntary sector, state and elected representatives working together will be as highly successful in Celbridge as other ISP towns to date.

The priorities outlined for Celbridge are based on evidence through an extensive research and planning process. Over 700 people have been involved in the process to date. I am delighted that all stakeholders have engaged so positively with the ISP Co-ordinator for Celbridge Honor Griffin and are now actively working to implement the actions agreed. I would like to sincerely thank all involved in Celbridge ISP for their time, energy, commitment and expertise. In particular thanks to all the volunteer community representatives who are supporting this initiative in their town.

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The Integrated Services Programme (ISP) is an innovative initiative that was established by Kildare County Development Board (CDB) in 2010. It is now under the remit of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) upon its establishment in 2014. The ISP is unique to Kildare in bringing together state and voluntary sector bodies, local community, business representatives and elected members to agree priorities based on factual research. These priorities are progressed by working together collaboratively.

The rationale for the delivery of the ISP in Celbridge included the rapid population increase and the lack of services to match this increased population demand. This executive summary presents the goals and objectives for Celbridge based on detailed local research relating to infrastructure, services and an extensive consultation process with the community of Celbridge. The plan was developed over one and a half years and involved extensive stakeholder involvement. Over 700 people took part in the planning process.

The vision of the plan is to support Celbridge through collaborative working to become a sustainable and socially cohesive community which meets the needs of all residents.

The goals and objectives cover eight thematic areas:

1. Children and young people
2. Health
3. Education and training
4. Community facilities and amenities
5. Safety
6. Tourism
7. Enterprise and employment
8. Infrastructure and transport

Based on consideration of the issues emerging from the research, a goal and a supporting set of objectives for each of these eight areas has been formulated. These objectives are then further expanded into an action plan to show the initial activities required, together with definition of the outcomes desired and identification of the agencies responsible.

The ISP Celbridge will establish an Implementation Team (IT) structure to work collaboratively to progress the achievement of objectives. The structure will be established in two groupings of priorities:

### 1. Children, Young people and Health IT

### 2. Tourism Development IT

Both will be comprised of representatives of stakeholder statutory and non-statutory agencies, local community and businesses. Community participation is central to the IT structure.

An ISP Coordinator will play a key role in supporting the ongoing development and progression of ISP in Celbridge. In order to increase stakeholder participation and ensure that relevant expertise is available, subgroups may involve people who are not IT members.

An overview of the research, goals and objectives under each of the eight areas is presented in the sub-sections to follow. The detail of the research is shown in the relevant sections in the full ISP Celbridge Research 2016-2020. Copies of the ISP Celbridge Research 2016-2020 are available from Honor Griffin, ISP Coordinator North Kildare.

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# 1. Children and Young People

## The research highlighted:

- Deficits in social work services targeting vulnerable young people and children including substantial waiting lists, increasing case loads and staff shortages
- The lack of a developed family, community and voluntary sector to support delivery of supports to families and children services
- Issues with the cost and flexibility of childcare
- Concern regarding alcohol and drug misuse by young people as young as 11 years of age
- Mental health issues and substantial challenges in accessing relevant supports
- Limited play and recreation areas for children and young people
- Demand for increased provision of youth services, particularly for older teenagers
- Many young people from Celbridge identifying with Dublin rather than with Kildare
- Young people experiencing difficulties managing social media and bullying
- Lack of engagement by young people not involved in sports, scouts or youth clubs in personal social development opportunities.

**The ISP goal 2016-2020 relating to children and young people is to increase the range of service and supports available to children and young people in Celbridge to enable them to reach their full potential.**

The objectives to support achievement of this goal are to:

1. Reduce waiting lists and increase Tusla supports to vulnerable children and young people
2. Increase awareness, services and supports to young people and their families affected by drug/alcohol misuse
3. Extend youth provision through the expansion of services and recreation facilities for young people in Celbridge for teenagers to develop
4. Increase mental health supports and additional services for children and young people.

## 2. Health

### The research highlighted:

- The need for a fully functioning primary care centre and services
- Increasing concerns about mental health and access to supports
- Transport access to hospitals and availability of out of hours services
- An Increase in alcohol and drug misuse
- The need to support independent living for people currently living in St. John of Gods St. Raphael's campus.

### The ISP goal 2016-2020 relating to health is to promote 'healthy Celbridge' by increasing the provision and access to health services and supports within the community.

The objectives to support achievement of this goal are to:

1. Increase the Primary Care provision in Celbridge
2. Increase the availability of mental health services and support in Celbridge
3. Increase the number of Health promoting programmes
4. Increase awareness, services and supports to people affected by alcohol and drug misuse
5. Support St. John of Gods St. Raphael's to carry out their work in community based settings
6. Increase affordable transport options to hospital.

## 3. Education and Training

### The research highlighted:

- Celbridge is at maximum capacity in terms of school places.
- There are no schools on the Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools (DEIS) programme
- There is an increase in demand for training vocational and further education
- Maynooth University is on the communities door step, it could be utilised more
- The reduction in educational supports is having an impact.

### The ISP goal 2016-2020 relating to education and training is to support access to high quality education at all life stage.

The objectives to support achievement of this goal are to:

1. Highlight educational disadvantage in Celbridge and the need to designate DEIS status to schools with a cohort of disadvantaged students
2. Improve planning for new schools as population growth continues
3. Support local primary and secondary schools to continue to provide high quality education, to access required supports to respond to emerging educational and social needs of children and families
4. Improve access to out of school education opportunities
5. Increase links between local schools and with Maynooth University
6. Increase access to Youthreach, Community Training Centres and other youth education services

## 4. Community Facilities and Amenities

### The research highlighted:

- The high demand for participation in recreational groups, with a number of groups and clubs unable to accept new members
- Accessibility to some centres
- Challenges in sustaining and maintaining facilities
- The limited size and scope of existing playgrounds
- The absence of an outdoor play/recreation facility for preteen and teens
- The lack of a suitable venue to stage arts performances

The ISP goal 2016-2020 relating to community facilities and amenities is to support the ongoing use and development of facilities and amenities in Celbridge for use by the local community.

The objectives to support the achievement of this goal are to:

1. Maximise the full potential and support the sustainability of existing community facilities especially The Mill and ACRE project.
2. Develop existing and new play space targeting preteens/teens
3. Consider community facilities and amenities as a central component of town planning
4. Develop the existing library services
5. Support the development of Arts based initiatives for Celbridge.

## 5. Safety

### The research revealed:

- While reductions in Garda numbers declined nationally, Kildare and Celbridge have particularly low levels of Gardaí
- There are no Community Gardaí posts in Celbridge
- Increasing concerns about anti-social behaviour in Celbridge
- High levels of crime and drug related activity in North Kildare in general and Celbridge in particular

### The ISP goal 2016-2020 relating to policing and safety is to highlight the need for additional Gardaí and resources in Celbridge.

The objectives to support the achievement of this goal are to:

1. Increase Garda presence and response to safety issues in Celbridge
2. Raise awareness for the need for specialist Garda posts including community Gardaí
3. Maintain and develop collaborative relationships with An Garda Síochána and the community
4. Raise awareness in relation personal safety

## 6. Tourism and Heritage

### The research highlighted:

- Opportunity to develop and maintain links with Castletown House
- The need to continue to develop town maintenance and links to the businesses
- Opportunity to promote key cultural and tourism interests within Celbridge
- Scope to strengthen walking and cycling infrastructure to support tourism development

### The ISP goal 2016-2020 relating to tourism is to promote and support Celbridge as a key tourist destination within Kildare.

The objectives to support the achievement of this goal are to:

1. Support the development and implementation of a Celbridge Heritage Tourism Strategy
2. Support the development of key tourist sites, Castletown House, The Abbey, Arthur Guinness trail
3. Promote local festivals and community events as a way of promoting tourism within Celbridge
4. Link with regional and national tourism opportunities to promote Celbridge as a tourist destination.

## 7. Enterprise and Employment

### The research identified:

- Many supports for small business enterprises are centrally located in Naas
- There has been a decline in local business and there have been numerous business closures across all North Kildare towns
- Access to unemployment services is limited
- Many local people shop in Dublin instead of locally in Celbridge.

The ISP goal 2016-2020 relating to enterprise and employment is to provide local supports to enable small businesses to establish and develop and for people to obtain the skills and training to secure employment.

The objectives to support achievement of this goal are to:

1. Provide a range of skills development opportunities for smaller businesses to develop and grow in Celbridge
2. Support the development of the Celbridge Business Association
3. Increase employment training, re-skilling and adult education opportunities
4. Increase youth employment training opportunities.

## 8. Infrastructure and Transport

### The research highlighted that:

- Dependence on cars as the main mode of transport
- Traffic congestion in the town and at schools
- Pay parking requirements in the town
- Lack of awareness of bus times to Hazelhatch train station
- No public transport to key towns within Kildare such as Leixlip and Naas
- Gaps in cycle routes connecting estates to amenities
- Areas in Celbridge can be prone to flooding

The ISP goal 2016-2020 is to plan, develop and maintain Celbridge to have the infrastructure and transport to enable it to be a dynamic sustainable town.

The objectives to support achievement of this goal are to:

1. Link with and inform the development of all relevant planning processes e.g. local area plan
2. Increase access to and reduce the cost of public transport to and from main towns and Dublin Metropolitan area
3. Promote the development of high quality cycle lanes and walking opportunities
4. Work to address issues that exists in relation to parking, pathways and lighting
5. Support initiatives to keep Celbridge town clean and tidy.

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