



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Kildare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
And
Kildare Children & Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC)

Introduction

This is a locally-developed Memorandum of Understanding which outlines the shared understanding of the relationship, engagement and communication between Kildare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and Kildare Children & Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC).

This MOU has been developed in the context of the positive, collaborative and valued working relationship that already exists between the two structures.

Each Committee will continue to work collaboratively to identify and inform a shared agenda with respect to the 0-24 year's cohort in Co. Kildare.

The work and planning of both Committees in respect of children and young people is framed by *Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People, 2014-2020*, which has the backing of all Government departments.

LCDC and CYPSC will be guided by the following key principles, which underpin *Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures*:

- **Children's rights:** The rights of children as outlined by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) are recognised and child-centred-approaches are adopted.
- **Family-orientated:** The family is recognised as the fundamental group of society and the natural -environment for the growth and well-being of children and young people.
- **Equality:** The diversity of children and young people's experiences, abilities, identities and cultures is acknowledged, and reducing inequalities is promoted as a means of improving outcomes and achieving greater social inclusion.
- **Evidence-informed and outcomes-focused:** To be effective, policies and services must be supported by evidence and focused on the achievement of agreed outcomes.
- **Accountability and resource efficiency:** Clear implementation, monitoring and accountability mechanisms and lines of responsibility for delivery are in place to drive timely and effective policy implementation.

Planning: Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) & Children & Young People’s Plan (CYPP)

- Two-way data sharing and consultation will be central tenets of the planning process for both LCDC and CYPSC.
- The key priorities for children, young people (0-24) and their families in the LECP will be informed by the priorities identified in the CYPP.
- These key priorities will contribute to the overarching objectives of the LECP.
- Kildare CYPSC aims to respond to emerging issues when they arise and these can be incorporated into the LECP and CYPP as appropriate and subject to agreement of both structures.

Engagement & Communication

- Communication between LCDC and CYPSC will take place via Committee meetings. There will be a standing item on both Committee Agendas for feedback and update from respective Committees. The LCDC Coordinator and CYPSC Coordinator will communicate content for update in advance of the meeting.
- There are a number of individuals representing their organisations on both structures e.g. Tusla & South Western Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force. The Chief Officer of LCDC is Vice Chair of CYPSC. This shared membership will facilitate meaningful discussion, information-sharing and two-way communication between the Committees.
- There will be ongoing engagement outside of meetings on areas of mutual interest as need arises via contact between Chief Officer/Coordinator of LCDC and CYPSC Chair/Coordinator.

Review of Memorandum

- This Memorandum will be reviewed periodically by both parties (every 3 years).

Signatures

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Ms. Sonya Kavanagh
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