NATIONAL FEDERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES

Providing Services to People with Intellectual Disability

Children First: How can we put children who have a disability first?

Tuesday 10th March, 2015
The Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise

(10.00am - 4.00pm—registration at 9.15 am)

There have been significant policy and legislative developments in relation to children in Ireland in recent times and the Children First Bill, 2014 is expected to be enacted shortly. This event will provide an opportunity for all those working in the disability sector - CEO's, decision makers and frontline staff working in the area of children's disability services, child protection & welfare to network, share information and hear from a range of experts on the following topics:

- Overview of key legislation implications and legal responsibilities facing organisations;
- Tusla overview of the Child & Family Agency & its engagement with the disability sector;
- Issues arising for service providers in putting children who have a disability first & dealing with child protection / welfare concerns.
- An Garda Siochana the obligations on organisations in reporting child protection concerns.
- Overview of the HSE's Children First Implementation Plan.

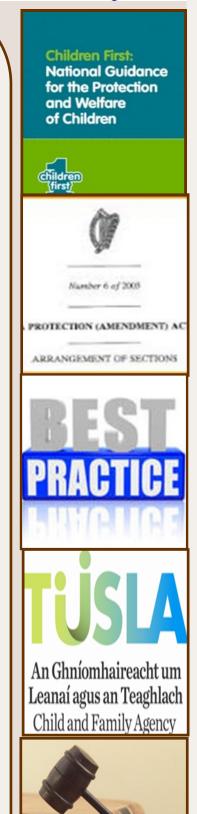
The event will provide delegates with the opportunity to hear from leading experts in this area, to network and discuss issues and concerns relating to child protection/welfare in their practice.

Primary Target Groups:

CEOs, Designated Liaison Persons, Managers of Children's Services, all disciplines working in Children's Services both in the voluntary and statutory sectors, personnel from Tusla, HSE and staff working within Progressing Disability Services for Children and Young People.

Cost: €55.00 with a rate of €30 for people with a disability and their family member.

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	EVENT PROGRAMME				
9.15am—10.00am	Registration & Tea/Coffee				
Chair: Mr. John H Bodies	annigan, Chairperson, National Federation of Voluntary				
10.00am—10.10am	Welcome Mr. John Hannigan, Chairperson, National Federation of Voluntary Bodies				
10.10am – 11.00am	Mandatory Reporting of Child Protection Concerns: Helping You Understand Your Obligations Ms. Jenny Bulbulia, Barrister at Law				
11.00am – 11.30am	An Garda Síochána & protection of vulnerable persons. Detective Sergeant Jennifer Molony, An Garda Síochána				
11.30am—11.40am	Questions & Answers Session				
11.40am – 12.00	Coffee break				
12.00-12.15pm	Ombudsman for Children's Office - 10 Years putting Children First Dr. Niall Muldoon, Ombudsman for Children, Office of the Ombudsman for Children				
12.15 pm—12.45pm	Children First Implementation Plan for Health Service Executive Ms. Marie Faughey, Children First Lead, HSE				
12.45pm – 1.15pm	Roundtable Discussions				
1.15pm – 2.15pm	Lunch				
Chair: Ms. Maria Corrigan, Principal Clinical Psychologist					
2.15pm – 3.00pm	Working together to protect and promote the welfare of childs with a disability Dr Aisling Gillen, National Policy Manager Family Support, Tusla Ms Colette McLoughlin, Area Manager Tusla Child & Family services, for Dublin South/Dublin South East/Wicklow Area				
3.00pm – 3.30pm	30pm Why an explicit Action Plan is needed to protect Children with Disabilities Ms. Colette Daly, Head of Social Work & Family Support, Ability West				
3.30pm-3.50pm	Questions & Answers Session				

Closing Comments

3.50pm-4.00pm