

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 Síochána - 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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for the Protection
and Welfare
of Children



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PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) ACT

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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PRACTICE**

TUSLA

An Ghníomhaireacht um
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency



Legislation

EVENT PROGRAMME

9.15am—10.00am *Registration & Tea/Coffee*

Chair: Mr. John Hannigan, Chairperson, National Federation of Voluntary Bodies

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 children 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 *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

3.50pm-4.00pm Closing Comments