

Wexford CYPSC News and Resources Update

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For information on services and supports for children, young people and families see www.wexfordcypsc.ie.

For information on supports for parents, see **Wexford Parents Hub** at www.wexfordcypsc.ie/wexford-parents-hub and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wexfordparentshub/.

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Supports for People from Ukraine

Tusla Child & Family Agency : Child Protection Guidance





Tusla Briefing Document re: Child Protection;

Tusla has prepared a briefing document which is intended for anybody who is in contact with Ukrainian children and young people at community level (attached with this newsletter and available to view on the CYPSC website). Where a need for intervention or targeted support has been identified at community level, the document outlines Tusla's standard referral pathways.

To access the briefing document, please see the Resources section of Wexford CYPSC website here.

Tusla Website: Ukraine ResponseTusla - Child and Family Agency

Tusla has developed a website page that is available in English, Ukrainian and Russian. It outlines the following information;

- How to report a child protection / welfare concern
- How to make a report
- How to recognise child abuse
- What happens after a report is received by Tusla
- Information for Ukrainians arriving in Ireland Unaccompanied Minors.

To visit the Ukraine page on the Tusla website click here

Department of Social Protection supports for those arriving from Ukraine under the EU Temporary Protection Directive



The European Union has put in place a temporary protection Directive to allow Ukrainian citizens and others fleeing Ukraine access to a wide range of supports including social welfare income supports. The Department of Social Protection is providing support and services to assist people covered by this Directive who are fleeing Ukraine and who arrive in Ireland.

The DSP has developed a newsletter that outlines supports that are available for people from Ukraine who have been displaced as a result of the conflict.

The newsletter is available to view here.

To access the DSP website, click <u>here</u>.

Output Ukraine Cultural Competency Guide: Points of Light

"Points of Light" have developed a Ukraine Cultural Competency Guide.



This guide is available to download on the Wexford CYPSC website here.

To access the "Points of Light" website, click here.

o Family Carers Ireland: Rights and Entitlements Webinar for Ukrainians



Family Carers Ireland are hosting a family carers' rights and entitlements information session in Ukrainian via Zoom on **12**th **May at 7pm**. It is free and open to anyone arriving from Ukraine who is caring for someone due to illness, disability or frailty.

The link to register is

https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/rights-and-entitlements-for-family-carers-in-ukrainian-tickets-324594860967

A poster in Ukrainian is available for the event, click here.

WEBINARS & TRAINING

"Design Your Future" Training Course

Broader Horizons, through **Wexford Local development** *leader funding* are delighted to share with you a fully funded personal development summer programme for young adults living in the county of Wexford.

The programme 'Design Your Future' will support young people aged between 18 - 25 years, who are socially excluded or at risk of social exclusion to actively engage in planning and taking first steps towards a more socially inclusive future.

This two week programme will be run twice: -

Group 1- for young people living in Wexford town, Rosslare, New Ross & surrounding areas (south Wexford - July 11th to 21st)

Group 2 - for young people living in Enniscorthy, Gorey and surrounding areas (north Wexford - July 25th to Aug 5th)

This summer programme runs for 8 days per group & is completely free to participants. Transport provided to venues from selected locations.

The activities we have planned are: team building, outdoor activities, cooking, fashion & beauty, car maintenance, day trips, making videos, etc and aims to support young people in strengthening their personal development and confidence in their own abilities.

For further Information: The programme outline is available to view here. An information sheet is available to view here. We are now recruiting interested young people through a link on the information leaflet. Numbers are limited.

We would like to hear from anyone who may have young adults interested in this programme. Please email, text or WhatsApp Deirdre at 087 9536586 for more details and to set up a brief meeting. Alternatively any young person may complete the form themselves.

We would be grateful for your support in spreading the word to other youth and community workers in Wexford and supporting the participation of young people in this initiative.

Yours sincerely

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O Local Mental Health Forums Training



YOUNG PEOPLE

o "Inspire" Online Mentoring Programme



Innovate Communities a Ballymun based NFP (www.innovatecommunities.ie) launched INSPIRE Mentoring in partnership with LinkedIn Ireland. INSPIRE Mentoring supports marginalised young people aged 18-25 through educational transitions such as moving from education to employment. INSPIRE Mentoring is a holistic intervention that provides academic, social and community support via powerful formal online mentoring. Since launching in 2020 we have seen mentees improve their confidence and self-belief and access employment and skills opportunities. INSPIRE Mentoring facilitates weekly 1:2:1 mentoring support with an experienced professional with a similar background.

INSPIRE Mentoring is a transformative digital innovation that supports marginalised young people. It empowers the young person to take responsibility for their future and participate fully in community, environment, and society. To, in time achieve economic security and opportunities and to themselves act as role model for the generation behind them.

What problem does INSPIRE Mentoring address?

INSPIRE Mentoring exists to address a significant gap. That young people from specific socioeconomic backgrounds have less access to role models, job opportunities and networks that are necessary to ensure they reach their full potential in education and employment.

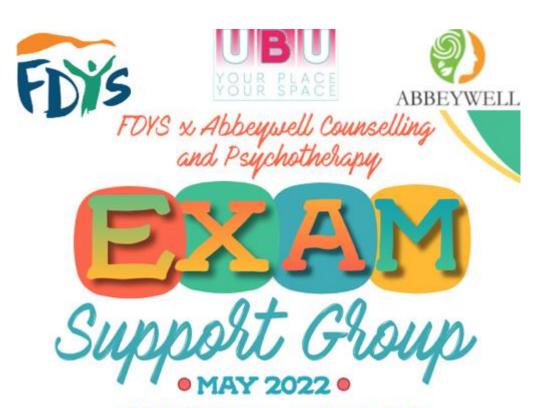
INSPIRE Mentoring aims to reduce this gap for this generation and future generations. It has a quite simple concept. To use the power of skilled mentoring to support young people reach their full potential. It is a customised research based online mentoring programme using mentors that are relatable and motivating with direct relevant workplace experience.

For further information on Inspire, please see the briefing document <u>here</u>.

To view the poster, please see here.

For further information please email the programme manager: elaine@innovatecommunities.ie

Exam Support Group : FDYS



OPEN TO 3RD + 6TH YEARS

COURTOWN TUESDAY'S 4.30-6PM GOREY FRIDAY'S 4.30-6PM



O Report On Children Whose Parents Use Drugs: Pompidou Group



I am pleased to inform you that the PG publication based on the work carried out in 2021 "Children whose parents use drugs: promising practices and recommendations" is now ready.

This publication sheds light on an invisible population: children and adolescents living in families where at least one parent uses drugs. It looks at children growing up in families affected by drug and alcohol dependence, as well as the services, programmes and practices that help protect childhood and ensure children's needs are met, while at the same time addressing the needs of parents.

It intends to contribute to increasing knowledge and interest in the topic and serve as a practical reference for the identification of promising practices and international partners to address it.

It is a first step in an ongoing joint effort to give visibility to children of parents who use drugs and a tool to foster cooperation and dialogue between governmental and non-governmental actors.

Please find:

- The link to our PG website: Children whose parents use drugs (coe.int)
- The teaser/video on publication on "Children whose parents use drugs" appearing on the following:
 - o Twitter
 - o Facebook
 - o <u>LinkedIN</u>

Please, do not hesitate to disseminate information on the publication along the teaser/video.

Kind regards,

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FUNDING

What Works 'Sharing Knowledge' Fund



Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O'Gorman, is pleased to announce a €200,000 'Sharing Knowledge' Fund, which will be rolled out as part of the *What Works* initiative and funded through Dormant Accounts Funding.

The 'Sharing Knowledge' Fund builds on the 2021 *What Works* 'Learning Together' Fund to support learning, share knowledge, open peer discussions and develop strong professional relationships.

The aim of the Fund is to support professionals working in children, youth, and family services with their learning requirements, peer interaction, project collaborations and knowledge dissemination. Projects to be considered will focus on organising or accessing relevant learning/training sessions, while putting a strong emphasis on future collaborations between peers and disseminating learning to larger audiences, including networks. All applications must have a focus on prevention and early intervention.

The fund is open to practitioners and service providers working in not-for-profit organisations, multi-disciplinary networks, Children and Young People's Services Committees, Child and Family Support Networks and communities of practice working with children, young people and their families and who have a strong emphasis on prevention and early intervention.

Applications: Organisations can apply for a minimum grant of €5,000 and a maximum grant of €20,000. The closing date for applications is 27th May, 2022.

More information on the scheme is available on the What Works website.

COVID 19

OCOVID-19 Partner Pack Update

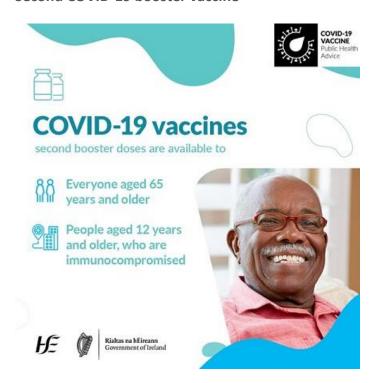


Dear Colleagues,

We hope this message finds you well.

Thank you for your continuing support in helping to share information about COVID-19 and important health service updates. Our highlight communications updates for you this week are:

Second COVID-19 booster vaccine



People aged 65 years and over are now eligible for their second COVID-19 booster vaccine. Those with a weak immune system aged 12 and over can also get their second booster, when it is due. Those who are due their second COVID-19 booster vaccine can:

- Book a booster appointment online at HSE vaccination centre.
- Participating GPs and Pharmacies will begin giving second boosters in the coming weeks
- Visit https://www.hse.ie/eng/ for more information

The HSE encourages everyone in these two groups who has already had their first booster to get their second booster dose when they become eligible. This second booster will give you the best protection from serious illness caused by COVID-19.

Dr Colm Henry, Chief Clinical Officer, HSE, said: "We are now offering a second booster vaccine to those aged 65 years and over and those who are immunocompromised, and I am urging everyone in these groups to get this second booster dose."

"People being recommended this second booster are those most at risk of severe illness from COVID-19. It is important you get your second booster to help maintain your protection from becoming seriously ill or needing hospital treatment if you catch the virus."

If you have a weak immune system

People aged 12 years and older who have a weak immune system previously had one additional dose of vaccine and were also offered a first booster dose earlier in 2022. Most people in this group are not yet due to have a second booster, and the HSE will issue SMS reminders to people in this group as their second boosters become due over the coming weeks. Clinicians will also be identifying people who have become immunocompromised recently to be added to this group.

Interval between first and second booster

If you are 65 or over, you should get your second booster at least 4 months (at least 120 days) after your first booster. You can check the date of your last booster on your digital COVID-19 certificate.

If you have had COVID-19 in the last 4 months

You should get your second booster dose at least 4 months after your positive test result or when your symptoms started

Going to the vaccination centre

Please bring a photo ID with you. Examples of ID include passport, driver's licence, Garda age card, student/school ID etc. but if your ID does not include your date of birth, please bring proof of your date of birth (e.g. your birth cert).

What vaccine will I get?

If you are 30 years or older you will be offered a single booster dose of the Moderna COVID 19 vaccine at the HSE vaccination centres and over the coming weeks from GPs and Pharmacies. If you are 29 years or younger, we will offer you a single dose of the Pfizer vaccine. These are mRNA vaccines. NIAC has recommended people are given a mRNA vaccine for this second booster dose, and it is safe to receive if you previously had a different vaccine.

If you have not had your first booster yet

Everyone aged 12 and over can still get their first booster and are invited to come forward and book an appointment at a HSE vaccination centre.

Video explaining second booster

You can <u>watch this video</u> with Dr Eimear Hayes, Senior Medical Officer from the HSE National Immunisation Office. In the video Dr Hayes answers questions about the second booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 12 and older who have a weak immune system and those aged 65 and older and explains their recommended COVID-19 vaccination course. Information about the recommended vaccine schedule for COVID-19 is available from the National Immunisation Office Website.

Stay safe

COVID-19 is still with us. These are important things that we can all keep doing to help reduce infection:

- isolate if you are symptomatic (even if you are fully vaccinated and boosted) or if you are diagnosed with COVID-19
- complete your <u>primary and booster programme of vaccination</u>
- continue to <u>manage risk</u> for yourself and others who are more vulnerable. You can
 do this by wearing masks, physical distancing and avoiding crowds as well as
 maintaining basic hand and respiratory hygiene



Treatment for people at the highest risk from COVID-19

Medicines are starting to become available to treat people with COVID-19 (coronavirus) who are at the highest risk of becoming seriously ill. You'll be told by your doctor or consultant if these medicines are for you and other COVID-19 medicines are expected to become available soon. It's a good idea to be aware if you are in a higher risk group for COVID-19.

You can find more information about treatments and higher risk groups here.

Public Health Measures

You can find information on public health measures here.

COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 5 to 11 years

If your child is aged 5 to 11 you can book their COVID-19 vaccine appointment <u>online</u> at a time and date that suits you. The vaccine will help to protect them and the rest of the family too. The World Health Organization has advised that the COVID-19 vaccine is safe for children of this age. Visit <u>hse.ie</u> for information or to book an appointment.

COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

You can find the latest information on vaccines administered here.

COVID-19 Testing

Full details of how to get tested are available here.

COVID-19 information in other languages

Visit https://example.com/hee-12 for a range of COVID-19 vaccine information videos and resources that have been produced in other languages, including information on COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy.

Information videos on COVID-19 vaccination for parents of children aged 5-11 are available <u>here</u>.

Animated videos for children about COVID-19 vaccination

Animated videos for children are now available in English, Irish, Irish Sign Language and 11 other languages. The videos are intended as resources for parents, guardians or care workers to use to talk about the child's COVID-19 vaccine and the process of being vaccinated with them.

The videos are also available in Arabic, Czech, Dari, French, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Urdu, and Yoruba and you can see all of the videos here.

Where to find COVID-19 Vaccination Information

We encourage everyone to read about the COVID-19 vaccine and to get their information from a factual, trusted source – here are the links to the pages with information on the vaccine:

- Check <u>here</u> for information about the vaccine, information on this page is updated regularly
- Find the vaccine information materials at https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/covid-19- resources-and-translations/covid-19-vaccine-materials/
- Details on COVID-19 vaccines administered are available here
- Read the full COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Strategy
- Read the <u>National Immunisation Advisory Committee Chapter about COVID-19</u>
 vaccine
- COVID-19 vaccine information for health professionals
- Information in Irish Sign Language: information resources on the COVID-19 vaccines
 in Irish Sign Language are available here
- COVID-19 vaccines easy read and accessible information formats are available here
- Translated resources are available here

Online training – understanding trauma and supporting the needs of people fleeing war and / or persecution

This training will provide you with an awareness and basic understanding of war trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder, psychosocial needs of people who have fled war, understanding the barriers to accessing supports and the importance of minding your own psychological wellbeing when helping others. This training is available to watch online until 6th May 2022: Watch training here.

Information on healthcare services for Ukrainian nationals: Ukrainian and Russian language resources available

<u>COVID-19 information for Ukrainian nationals</u> arriving in Ireland is now available to read in both Ukrainian and Russian languages on <u>www.hse.ie/Ukraine</u>. Other recent updates include how to apply for a medical card and links to bi-lingual medical card forms. We will continue to update information in English, Ukrainian and Russian languages.

Bowel cancer awareness month

April is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month and BowelScreen is encouraging people aged 60 to 69 to register for their free BowelScreen test at <u>bowelscreen.ie</u> or to Freephone 1800 45 45 55.

Recent research found that a fear of finding something wrong is the most common reason that people do not participate in bowel screening. But for the majority of people (around 95%), the home test is the only test needed; only around 5% will be referred for a colonoscopy.

Bowel screening can help prevent cancer developing and detect it before symptoms begin. This often means treatment is easier and more effective than if diagnosed later. The test kit is posted out to you so that you can do it in the privacy of your bathroom.

National Patient Representative Panel

The HSE is looking for volunteers to join our National Patient Representative Panel. We want to make sure that the views and experiences of people who have used health services in the past are at the heart of our design, planning and delivery of health services. We are looking for volunteers to share their patient experiences to help us improve our health services. The time you give really depends on the time you have available.

For full information please see the attached leaflet and our webpage

Public Health Information

For updated information and advice on Coronavirus, please go
to: https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/ and https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/. Clinical and professional guidance relating to COVID-19 is available on https://www.hpsc.ie/ where you'll find up to date guidance for healthcare settings and non-clinical settings.

Please check <u>here</u> for the most up to date partner resources for COVID-19.

You can find translated resources here.

You can find the <u>COVID-19 A-Z information here</u> from the HSE's Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC).

Please also check the Healthy Ireland site <u>here</u> with further resources and information on the Keep Well campaign.

You can view the latest information on how Ireland is responding to cases of COVID-19 here. Ireland's COVID-19 Data Hub is available here.

Many thanks and best wishes,

