

## Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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## REPORTS & LAUNCHES

### ► National Child Health Public Health Annual Report 2024



This visual and concise report outlines:

- work in 2024 on core work streams:
  - the universal National Healthy Childhood Programme
  - integrated health
  - Government and stakeholder engagement
  - children's health and wellbeing programmes
- key numbers in 2024
- how this function integrates with health service colleagues and other stakeholders
- practitioner training and resources
- resources for parents such as mychild.ie
- team information

Together with colleagues across the health service, Child Health Public Health plays a key role in supporting children and their parents and in ensuring the voice of children is heard, by providing strong support and input into Government strategy development, implementation and evaluation and through focusing on HSE actions and advocacy that can lead to improvements in the overall health of children and young people, particularly aimed at reducing inequities

The [Child Health Public Health 2024 Annual Report](#) can be accessed here.

## ► Women's Aid: Annual Impact Report 2024



Record number of contacts with and disclosures of domestic abuse to Women's Aid in 2024

- In 2024, Women's Aid national and regional frontline services were contacted 32,144 times, an increase of 12% on 2023. These are the highest contact rates in the organisation's 50-year history.
- The 24-hour National Freephone Helpline alone received 24,396 contacts, a 17% increase on the previous year.
- Women's Aid's frontline teams heard a total of 46,765 disclosures of incidents of domestic violence and abuse including 41,432 disclosures against women and 5,333 disclosures of abuse against children. An overall increase of 17% on 2023.
- There were increased reports of all forms of abuse against women: physical (+22%), Sexual (+30%), Emotional (+15%) and Economic abuse (+5%).
- 33% of women in contact with Women's Aid services in 2024 were being subjected to domestic abuse from their ex-partner, confirming the harsh reality that for many victims of abuse, ending the relationship does not end the abuse.
- Serious challenges with the family justice system, post separation abuse and the housing crisis impacts on victim-survivors' abilities to access justice and safety, with greater challenges for those with disabilities and migrant backgrounds.
- Resourcing by Government and implementation of the Third National Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Strategy, through coherent cross government co-operation, remains crucial to effectively reduce the scale and impacts of violence against women and children in Ireland.

Access the [Annual Impact Executive Summary Report 2024](#) here

Access the [full report Part 1](#) here

Access the [full report Part 2](#) here

## ► soundOUT Safety Campaign Launch : 17 July



A new youth-informed campaign to promote safety across social settings will officially launch in Wexford on **Thursday 17th July**, led by the Wexford Community Based Drugs Initiative (CBDI), a project of FDYS.

**soundOUT, supported by** FDYS, Wexford Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC), Healthy Wexford, and **a host of community organisations, combines a creative media campaign** (led by integrated marketing communications agency Hopkins Communications), with **practical tools and targeted education workshops**.

The campaign is structured around three clear and relatable steps. Developed in direct response to concerns raised by young people, it champions a simple but powerful message: **"Start Sound. Be Sound. Stay Sound."**

- Start Sound – plan ahead before going out
- Be Sound – stay alert and make informed choices while socialising
- Stay Sound – get home safe and look after yourself and others afterwards

While nightlife safety is central, the campaign acknowledges that the vast majority of people who go out in Wexford have a great time. Reported incidents in Wexford are comparatively low, however, the campaign is seen as a vital investment for maintaining and enhancing Wexford's reputation as a safe and vibrant destination. The official campaign launch will take place on **Thursday 17th July at The Crown Bar, Wexford, from 7pm**.



## ► Creative Youth Plan 2023-2027 – Interim Report



We are now half way through the lifespan of the **Creative Youth Plan 2023 – 2027**. To mark the occasion, the Creative Ireland Programme has produced an interim report, highlighting many of the achievements to date. The government recently noted the positive impact of the Creative Youth Plan in embedding creativity in children and young peoples' lives.

The [Creative Youth Interim Report](#) can be accessed here.

The [Creative Youth Plan](#) can be accessed here

## ► Cruinniú na nÓg 2025



Access the [Cruinniú na nÓg](#) YouTube video here.

Cruinniú na nÓg took place on Saturday 7 June. Cruinniú na nÓg is Ireland's national day of free creativeivity for young people and this year, that creativeity was truly unleashed. With over 1,300 events offering everything from coding and circus to dance, drama and design. Young people across the island brought energy, imagination and talent to events.

## SURVEYS

### ► Barnardos “Back to School” 2025 Survey

## Back to School

For 21 years, Barnardos has highlighted the costs and pressures experienced by parents when preparing their children to go back to school each August/September.

This year’s survey is now open. Do you have children attending primary or secondary school for the 2025/2026 academic year?

Use your voice and have your say:

[Primary School Survey](#)  
[Secondary School Survey](#)

Access an [infographic for the 2024 survey](#) report here

### 2024 Survey Findings

- Half of primary (51%) and 70% of secondary school parents stated they are worried about meeting costs this year. Only 30% of secondary school parents said that costs were manageable.
- One quarter of secondary (25%) and almost one in five (18%) primary school parents said they have to use savings in order to meet back to school costs.
- More than one in five (21%) of secondary and one in ten (12%) of primary school parents said they had to take a loan out or borrow from friends to meet school costs.
- On average, primary school parents spent €119 on uniforms and secondary school parents spent €211 this year. 81% of parents said that their children’s school did not offer an affordable uniform option and 76% said their school could do more to reduce the cost of their child’s uniform.
- Two in five (39%) secondary school parents who have to purchase digital devices for their children stated they had to pay over €300 for those digital costs.
- 78% of primary and 80% of secondary parents said that their schools requested a voluntary contribution at the start of the school year. 62% primary school parents and 66% secondary school parents said that it did not feel voluntary.



## TENDERS

### ► Tender to Develop a Disability Pathways Resource for Children and Young People in Co. Wexford



The [Wexford CYPSC](#) Disability Pathways Task Group would like to create a resource that documents the pathways to services and supports for disabled children & young people across health, social services and education. The target group is 0-17 years. This resource will be primarily targeted at parents and caregivers.

Wexford CYPSC is seeking a suitable consultant to develop the resource. The tender has been advertised on Activelink. The [link for the tender](#) is available here.

**Time Frame :** Wexford CYPSC requests that the resource developer be available to start as soon as possible and requests that tenderers specify their start and projected completion dates. The project must be completed by the end of November 2025.

**Closing Date :** Tenders must be submitted by 5pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August to [sheila.barrett@tusla.ie](mailto:sheila.barrett@tusla.ie).

Full details are available on [Activelink here](#).

**Please share this link with your contacts as appropriate.**

## LIBRARY EVENTS

### ► Bunclody Library Events

July – no need to book. All are welcome.

- Mondays 2-5pm : Summer Stars Colouring Station
- Tuesdays 2-5pm: Creative Lego Free Play
- Wednesdays 11:15 – 11:35am : Rhymetime for 0-5 years
- Wednesdays 2-5pm : Kids Board games afternoon

**Summer Stars Creation Station**, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2-5pm : Family creative event. All welcome.

**Summer Stars Fighting Words** – Create your own book for ages 9-12 years. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2.30 -3.30pm. Booking essential.

**Summer Craft** for ages 9-12 years, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 11am-12pm. Booking essential.

**Creative Writing with Laura** for ages 9-12 years. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2.30-3.30pm. Booking essential.

**Summer Stars Crafternoon** for ages 3-7 years. Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup> from 3-4pm. Booking essential.

**Bedtime Storytime** – Teddy Bears Picnic for 3-5 years. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 7-8pm. All welcome.

**Booking** : To book a space for an event, please contact the library on 053 93 75466.