

**Special Purpose Board Meeting**  
**11.30am Friday, 11 November 2022**  
**Tusla Offices, Ballybofey Road, Co. Donegal**

Name	Title	Attendance
<b>Board Members</b>		
Pat Rabbitte	Chairperson	Present
Anne O’Gara	Deputy Chairperson	Apologies received
Paul White*	Ordinary Board Member	Present
Patricia Doherty	Ordinary Board Member	In Part
Charles Watchorn*	Ordinary Board Member	Present
Liam Irwin	Ordinary Board Member	Present
Avril McDermott	Ordinary Board Member	Present
Sean Holland	Ordinary Board Member	Present
Sean Quigley	Ordinary Board Member	Present
Susan Bowman	Ordinary Board Member	Present
Teresa McDonnell	Ordinary Board Member	Present
<b>Board Office:</b>		
Kay Keilthy	Board Secretary	Present
Emma Dodrill*	Board Administrator	In Part
<b>In Attendance:</b>		
Gerry Hone	Regional Chief Officer West North West	Present
Maria Crawley	Area Manager	Present
Eimear O’Connor and	Foróige Project Leader	In Part
Susan McLoughlin	Foróige Project Leader	In Part
Lorraine Thompson	Regional Director	In Part
Sinead Murray	Youth Worker	In Part
Claire O’Kane	Project Manager, Donegal Parenting & Family Support	In Part
Chloe McGinty	Parent Support Team Leader, Parenting Pathways and Springboard	In Part
Sally Mooney	Family Support and Development Worker, Finn Valley Resource Centre	In Part

\*Joined via Teams

Signed:



Chairperson

Date: 3 February 2023

## **1. Opening Remarks**

- 1.1 The Board agreed the agenda and running order of the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed the Regional Chief Officer, G. Hone and the Area Manager, M Crawley to the meeting.

## **2.0 Donegal Service Developments**

- 2.1 The RCO and Area Manager presented an overview of the services in Donegal and the key service developments including the Structure Reform Programme, Youth Sector Review and Family Support Review.
- 2.2 Q & A session followed the presentation. The Board welcomed the informative overview provided in relation to the Donegal services and the ambitious plans for restructuring services and resources to provide a single unified Donegal Integrated Family Support Service with multiple referral pathways resulting in a targeted services for children and families with optimal integration of the efforts of Tusla and the commissioned partners in service delivery. The Board thanked the RCO and Area Manager for their informative presentation.

## **3.- Foróige**

- 3.1 Foróige Project leaders, Eimear O'Connor and Susan McLoughlin presented on the work of Foróige and its integration with Tusla in the region.

## **4. Donegal Youth Service**

- 4.1 Lorraine Thompson, Regional Director and Sinead Murray, Youth Worker provided the Board with an overview of Donegal Youth Services and their work in relation to Tusla's Creative Community Alternatives Initiative which aims to provide alternative responses to children and young people who are either on the edge of alternative care, or currently in alternative care.

## **5. Donegal Parenting & Family**

- 5.1 Claire O'Kane, Project Manager, Donegal Parenting & Family Support, Chloe McGinty, Parent Support Team Leader, Parenting Pathways and Springboard and Sally Mooney, Family Support and Development Worker, Finn Valley Resource Centre provided an overview of the services provided and their integration with Tusla.
- 6. The Board thanked the commissioned services for their informative presentations, professionalism and their commitment to high quality service delivery.
- 7. The Board thanked the RCO and the Area Manager for facilitating its visit to Donegal and providing the Board with a greater understanding of the services provided by Tusla and its commissioned services.
- 8. Meeting closed.