



To: Senior Leadership Team

From: Tusla Crisis Management Team

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Guidance Regarding Wearing of Surgical Masks in Social Care Setting

Dear Colleagues,

Following queries regarding the wearing of surgical masks in social care settings, the Crisis Management Team wish to clarify Tusla's position as follows;

The HSPC guidance and NPHEt decision regarding the wearing of masks relates to settings in which healthcare is delivered. The settings in which Tusla provides services are not healthcare settings but rather social work or social care settings, therefore constant wearing of masks is not a requirement of Tusla staff at present.

This clarification is provided based on advice from Dr Martin Cormican HSPC to the Tusla CEO.

Please risk assess individual cases as per Health and Safety Guidance for Tusla and continue to following guidance as per Tusla.ie <https://www.tusla.ie/staff/covid-19-information-and-advice-for-tusla-staff/>

Information will be updated as received from HSPC and NPHEt

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