Key Points:

• Prevention, Partnership and Family Support within the overall service delivery framework for Tusla

• The need for robust research and evaluation in making the case for Prevention, Partnership and Family Support – for Senior Management Team, Board of Tusla and DCYA

• The need for research and evaluation data / analysis in underpinning best practice
Prevention, Partnership and Family Support within the overall service delivery framework for Tusla
Legislative basis / organisational imperative of Prevention, Partnership and Family Support:

- Child and Family Agency Act (2013)


Tusla are working on a number of fronts to advance our Early Intervention and Prevention System: Translating Policy into Implementation...Guidance...Toolkits...National Training...Workforce Learning & Development.. Partnership Development.. More collaborative approaches with children, young people, families, communities and other stakeholders:

Prevention, Partnership and Family Support

Area Based Approach & the Meitheal National Practice Model

Early identification of need and help-provision to children and families across the continuum of care

Cover all of Tusla’s work

- Child and Youth Participation
- Parenting
- Hidden Harm
- Commissioning
- Public Awareness

Alternative Care Strategy
Response Pathways along the Continuum of Need

Needs are met

Low Prevention

Mediation

Medium to High Prevention

Child Welfare Intervention

High Prevention

Child Protection Intervention

Alternative Care

Universal Services

Child & Family Services (Area-Based Approach)

Focus on Needs & Strengths, Family Led, Voluntary

Family Support Networks

Lifestart & EI Programmes

Meitheal

Family Resource Centres (part funded by Tusla)

Child Welfare Intervention

Multi-Agency Response led by Tusla or funded partner and co-produced with child, family and network

Concerns about harm but willingness and capacity to change is evident

Child Protection Intervention

Multi-Agency Response concerns about serious harm and parents appear not willing/motivated. Tusla led and co-produced with family network.

Garda investigation

Alternative Care

Tusla as the Corporate Parent

Area Based Approach Strategy & PPFS

PPFS Parenting & Participation Strategy

Supporting Strategies

CP&W Strategy

Alt Care Strategy

PP&FS actioned through Tusla’s National Service Delivery Framework
Tusla’s Early Intervention and Prevention System:
Is it delivering better outcomes for children?

17 Areas: 17 Area Managers: 17 Senior Managers for PP&FS & new Senior Coordinator and Coordinator roles.

Steering Committees, linked to Children & Young People Services Committees (Multiple stakeholders)

Each of the 17 areas divided into local Child & Family Support Networks, with Coordinators (Multiple stakeholders)

New National Practice Model, Meitheal for early identification of need and help-provision at locality level: Team Around the Child and Lead Practitioner (Multiple stakeholders)
If the focus on prevention is to be sustained beyond the current Programme:

We need to:

- Scale up for future delivery and secure developmental funds for further investment in preventative programming across the continuum of care.
- Demonstrate that it has the potential to shift services and spend to more preventative approaches across the continuum of care.
If the focus on prevention is to be sustained beyond the current Programme:

We need:
Robust research and evaluation in making the case for Prevention, Partnership and Family Support – for Senior Management Team, Board of Tusla and DCYA
Research and Evaluation data support best practice

• Supporting formative change e.g. Participation Toolkit
• Supporting change and adaptations in implementation e.g. Meitheal Forms
• Advancing our focus on evidence-informed and evidence-based practice e.g. CCA/Commissioning Plans
• Informing our approaches to continuing professional development e.g. Parenting Champions Project