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#### **TUSLA**

#### **Outcomes for Children National Data & Information Hub Project**

### **Background:**

With the government policy framework Better Outcomes Brighter Future and publication of TUSLA's strategic and corporate plan an Agency decision was made in Q4 2015 to:

- Consult with the DCYA to establish in principle and build upon the legacy and benefits from the CAWT project
- Host an open workshop to demonstrate the CYPSP Northern Ireland model and discuss the potential use of a similar model within TUSLA.



# Outcomes for Children National Data & Information Hub Project Scope

Following on in Q1, 2016 TUSLA and the DCYA agreed to the establishment of a new project 'Outcomes for Children National Data & Information Hub'.

The Project is funded by TUSLA under the Development and Mainstreaming Programme funded by Atlantic Philanthropies and the Quality and Capacity Building Initiative, DCYA - for a *pilot to include 11 CYPSCs in Year 1*.

The project offers a sustainable opportunity to provide a national standardised technical solution for mapping outcomes, indicators and services for children and young people.



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## Outcomes for Children National Data & Information Hub Project Aims / Objectives

The project scope was developed with a number of aims and objectives that include:

- Incrementally build a centralised data hub that will host a wide range of published data from various agencies.
- Agree a set of indicators referencing the recently developed national set of indicators (DCYA), framed against the five national Outcomes BOBF.
- Use the validated and quality assured datasets from the agencies to populate the agreed indicator set.
- Overlay the indicators with additional information as required for planning purposes e.g. child population overlaid with child health indicators and / or child health service location details.





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- Develop robust data trend analysis and information dissemination capacity at area, regional and national levels to effectively underpin integrated multi-agency children's services planning.
- Produce area specific Report Cards and / or Dashboards.
- Ensure the system supports the operational planning of TUSLA at area, regional and national levels.
- Train and support both TUSLA personnel and relevant CYPSC partners at national and local level in the use and application of the system to underpin and optimise children's services planning.
- Inform the enhancement of both quantitative and qualitative data collection to support TUSLA and DCYA research agendas and meet corporate objectives regarding capacity as a learning organisation.





## **Outcomes Based Planning**

has been agreed that the principles methodology of Outcomes Based Planning (Results Based Accountability-RBA) will underpin the format of the data within the hub.

As part of the project implementation a workshop in Q4 2017 will be delivered by Mark Friedman, international expert on RBA.

How much did we do?

Measure



How well did we do?



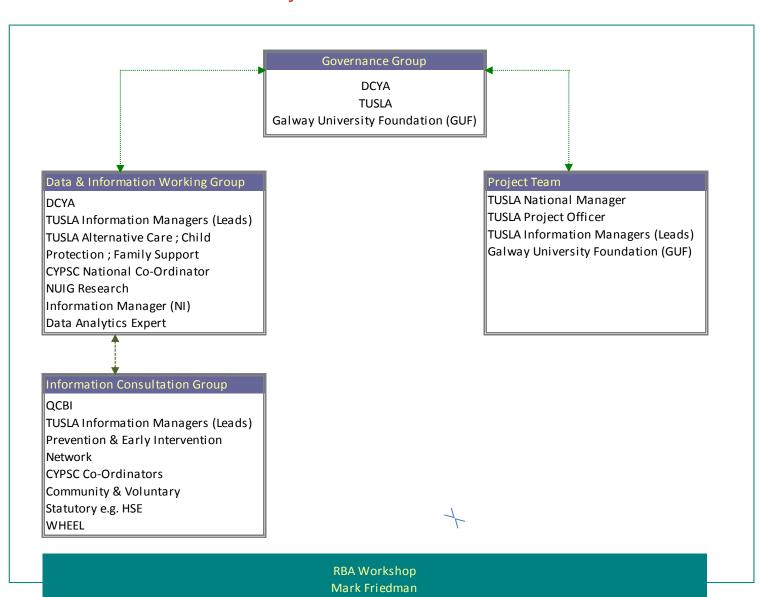
Is anyone better off?

**Trend** 

Analyse



#### **Project Structure Overview**





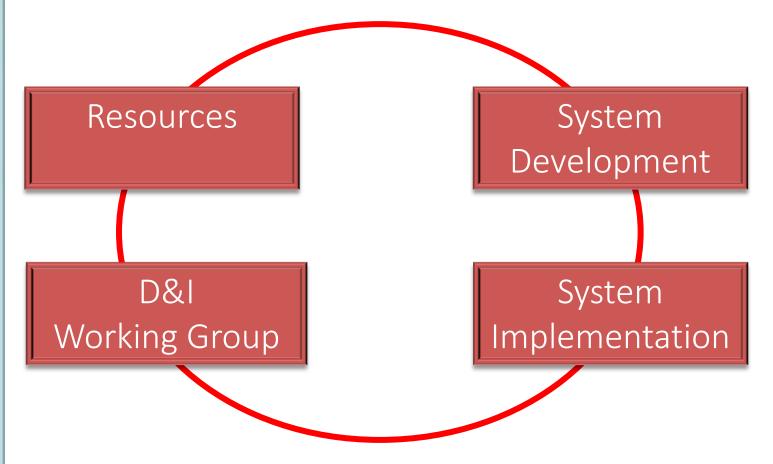
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### Project Status & Next Steps



### **Better Outcomes Brighter Futures**

**National Policy Framework for Children & Young People** 

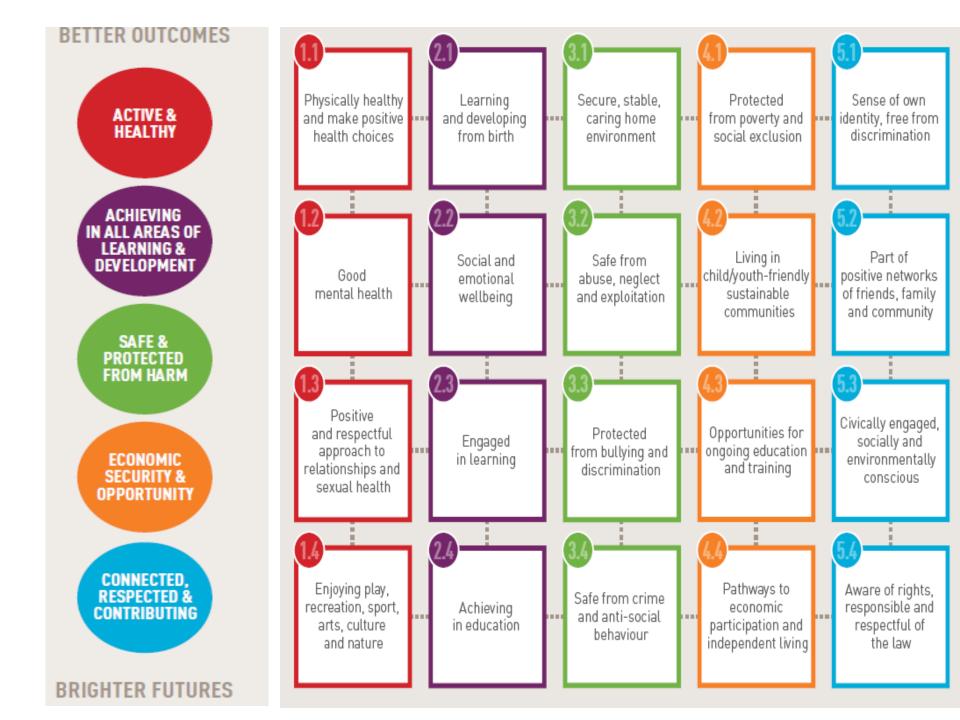
















## **TERMS OF REFERENCE - Data & Information Working Group**

#### Purpose:

- •The Data & Information Working Group is a strategic working group to the Project Governance Group of the Outcomes for Children National Data & Information Hub Project.
- •The group is an advisory and decision making body focused on building and improving the evidence base for policy, practice and planning based on the Five National Outcomes of the Better Outcomes Brighter Futures (BOBF) National Policy Framework.
- •It will provide focus so that information is managed as an asset across the system and the power and value of information is realised.





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## Role and Objectives: The Data & Information Working Group objectives are to:

- •Advise and recommend to the Project Governance Group the key set of indicators that should be mapped on the hub against the Five National Outcomes of BOBF.
- •Advise on the priority and sequencing of indicators to be incrementally mapped on the interactive information system.
- Take a system wide view understand the information landscapes and the key linkages / connections.
- Create a shared vision for multiagency information use.
- •Ensure that the dependencies that exist between information, technology, investment and service are well considered and integrated to deliver results.
- •Actively discuss and debate the barriers to and opportunities for improving how information is managed and used across the system.
- Understand collectively the dependencies that exist in the information space





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#### **Responsibilities:**

#### The group will have responsibilities to:

- •Review the cohort of identified indicators currently available and published from DCYA, TUSLA, HSE, CSO, CYPSC and other statutory agencies.
- •Agree the initial indicator set against the five national outcomes (BOBF) for the pilot phase of the project.
- •Liaise through the Information Consultation Forum, which will be established to review the agreed indicators, and make recommendations for other indicators for consideration by the overall Project Governance Group.
- Promote usage of Open Data through engagement with appropriate structure and sectors.
- •Identify and implement opportunities to progress system wide transformation in the utilisation of data.
- •Become advocates/champions for system level change in the use and interpretation of data outputs from the interactive information system.
- •Demonstrate how excellent management supports improve outcomes for children and young people within their respective agencies.