

**List of contacts for Clare County Council's
Relevant Person, Named Persons,
Designated and Deputy Liaison Persons,
Mandated Persons under the Policy and
Procedures for the Protection and
Safeguarding Children**



Relevant Person

The Relevant Person is the first point of contact, appointed by the relevant service Clare County Council, in relation to the Child Safeguarding Statement of Clare County Council.

In respect of Clare County Council the relevant person is Jason Murphy, Director of Social Development.

Named Person/s

In the context of Clare County Council there will be in place a Named Persons group, composed of members of the senior team, representative of the directorates. This group will be responsible for implementing and maintaining compliance with Children First both from the perspective of the Children First Act 2015 and Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017. This group will also take a lead in ensuring the review of the Clare County Council Policy and Procedures for the Protection and Safeguarding of Children within the agreed timeframe.

The membership of the Named Persons Group is as follows:

Adrian Kelly/ Physical Directorate

Trina Rynne / Support Services

Helen Walsh / Rural, Community, Corporate and Library Service

Deirdre O'Shea / Tourism Directorate

Padraic McElwee / Economic Development Directorate

Padraig MacCormaic / Social Development Directorate

Designated and Deputy Designated Liaison Persons

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) liaises with the relevant statutory agencies responsible for child protection and welfare and is the resource person to staff members or volunteers who have child protection and welfare concerns. This person has the responsibility to ensure that the reporting procedure within Clare County Council is followed so that suspected cases of child abuse or neglect, where reasonable grounds for concern exist, are referred promptly to Tusla or, in an emergency and the unavailability of Tusla, to An Garda Síochána.

In the event that the Designated Liaison Person is unavailable Deputy Designated Liaison Persons with delegated responsibility have been appointed by Clare County Council.

The list of Clare County Council Designated Liaison Persons (DLPs) for Children First is as follows :

DLP Julie Brosnan / Social Development Directorate

Deputy DLPs :

- Finbar Tuohy / Economic Development Directorate
- Angela Naughton / Physical Development Directorate
- Niamh O'Donovan / Libraries
- Theresa Hughes Lennon / Tourism
- Tim Forde / Sports and Recreation
- Kennas Fitzsimons / Corporate Services
- Siobhan O'Reilly – Rural / Community
- Annette Donnellan / Support Services
- Anne Rynne/ Social Development Directorate
- Laura O'Brien / Social Development Directorate
- Suzanne Clifford / Shannon MD
- Brian McCarthy / Killaloe MD
- Niamh O'Connor / Ennis MD
- Ger Kett / West Clare MD

Mandated Persons

The Children Act 2015 contains a list of classes of mandated persons Under this Act, mandated persons have a statutory obligation to report concerns which meet or exceed a particular threshold and to cooperate with Tusla in the assessment of such mandated reports, where requested to do so.

Clare County Council maintains a list of such persons as required by the Act.

The current list of Mandated for Children First is as follows:

- Julie Brosnan / Social Development Directorate
- Laura O'Brien / Social Development Directorate