



An Ghníomhaireacht um
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency

19th September 2023

Invitation to participate in Children First: Implementation Workshop Pilot

The Children First Act 2015 requires a provider of a relevant service to ensure, as far as practicable, that each child availing of the service is safe from harm while availing of that service. This includes the development of a Child Safeguarding Statement (CSS) and associated procedures.

To support organisations in the implementation of the CSS and procedures, the Tusla Children First Information and Advice Service, in conjunction with the National Child Safeguarding Programme are interested in piloting an Implementation Workshop.

At the end of the workshop, we will be running a short focus group to help us better understand and identify what is working well in the workshop and what may need to be changed for future roll outs in the ELC/SAC sector.

This programme is specifically for the **Provider of a Relevant Service** and the **Relevant Person** in ELC/SAC services.

A Provider of a Relevant Service – as per the Children First Act 2015, is someone who employs, contracts with or permits one, or more than one other person, to undertake any work or activity that constitutes a relevant service.

A relevant person – as defined in the Children First Act 2015, ‘means a person who is appointed by a provider of a relevant service to be the first point of contact in respect of the provider’s Child Safeguarding Statement’.

We would like to invite those in the following roles in ELC/SAC services to participate in this pilot on the **16th October 2023 in the Sheraton Hotel, Athlone.**

Please forward an expression of Interest to kmurray@westmeathchildcare.ie by COB by Friday 29th September 2023

Registration/Tea & coffee: 10.45 a.m.

Course Time: 11-3pm (light lunch provided)

Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Athlone

Implementation Workshop Pilot Outline

10:45 Arrival and registration

11.00-1pm Implementation Workshop

1pm-1.30pm Break

1.30pm -3pm Implementation Workshop (cont.)

3pm -3.30pm Pilot Focus Group