



Primary Care

Children's Services Referral Form

Who should use this form?

Referral can be made by the child's parents or legal guardian, health and social care professionals or education professionals either to a Children's Disability Network Team or to Primary Care Services. The completed Children's Services Referral Form should be sent with the Additional Information Form for the child's age group, completed by the child's parents.

Date of Referral Referrer

Please also attach any health or other reports you have on your child.

Services you wish to refer to

Children's Disability Services

Children with complex needs should be referred to their local Children's Disability Network Team. A child has complex needs if they have a range of significant difficulties that require the services and support of a disability team.

To find your local Children's Disability Network Team please see the list [here](#).

Children's Disability Network Team

Primary Care Services

Children with non-complex needs should be referred to Primary Care services.

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| Dietetics <input type="checkbox"/> | Physiotherapy <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Speech & Language Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> | Occupational Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Social Work <input type="checkbox"/> | Psychology <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Community Medicine Service <input type="checkbox"/> | Nursing <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other (specify)

Child's personal details

Surname

First Name

Gender

Date of Birth

Child's Age

Years

Months

Address

Parent/Guardian
1 Name

Relationship
to child

Telephone

Mobile

Email

Address
(If different from
the child's)

Parent/Guardian
2 Name

Relationship
to child

Telephone

Mobile

Email

Address
(If different from
the child's)

Country of Birth

First Language

Other languages spoken at home

Interpreter required Yes No

Number of siblings, their ages and details of any services they are attending.

Reasons for referral

What are the main concerns and priorities for the child and their family?

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General practitioner details

GP Name/Practice

GP Telephone

Email

GP Address

Other community healthcare services

List all other services currently involved or waitlisted.

Children's Disability Network Team

Primary Care

Speech and language therapy

Occupational therapy

Physiotherapy

Psychology

Other

(please give details)

Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service

Tusla

Other

(please give details)

Creche, pre-school or school details

(Attach any Preschool or School Reports)

Creche

Preschool

Address

Manager/Contact
Person

Telephone

Email

School

Child's Class

Address

Principal's Name

Telephone

Email

Medical history

(Attach any relevant Medical Reports)

Relevant Medical History & Birth History.

Any diagnosis e.g. medical condition, learning disability, developmental disorder, hearing impairment. There may be more than one. Who made the diagnosis and date?

If the child is currently in hospital what date is he/she expected to be discharged?

Current medications.

Allergies/Adverse medication events.

Current investigations e.g. blood tests, scans, hearing tests.

Social circumstances

Relevant family and social history

For example family health or housing difficulties, financial or employment problems, bereavement or other stresses.

Any other relevant information

Please indicate whether referrer should be contacted prior to the initial appointment

Yes

No

Are there any relevant risk factors in relation to this referral?

Consent

Referrals without signed consent of parent(s) / guardian(s) will not be accepted.

It is required by law that at least one of the child's legal guardians consents to the referral and signs this form. It is advisable that both parents/legal guardians are aware of this referral.

Definition of a Legal Guardian

All mothers, whether they are married or unmarried, have automatic guardianship status in relation to their children, unless they give the child up for adoption. A father who is married to the mother of his child also has automatic guardianship rights in relation to that child. This applies even if the couple married after the birth of the child.

A father who is not married to the mother of his child does not have automatic guardianship rights in relation to that child. If the mother agrees for him to be legally appointed guardian, they must sign a joint statutory declaration. However an unmarried father is automatically a guardian if he has lived with the child's mother for 12 consecutive months after 18/1/2016, including at least 3 months with the mother and child following the child's birth.

Children in Care

For children in voluntary care or on an interim order, the parents must sign the consent. For children on a care order the consent is signed by a Tusla Child and Family Agency social worker.

Child's Name

Date of Birth

I give permission for my child to be referred to Primary Care Services / Children's Disability Services.

Yes

No

I give permission for information about my child to be held by Primary Care Services/Children's Disability Services in accordance with obligations under the Data Protection Acts 1988, 2003 and 2018.

Yes

No

I give permission that in the event that this referral is not appropriate it may be shared with other relevant services to facilitate an onward referral. I will be contacted in advance of this information being forwarded on to another service.

Yes

No

I give permission to Primary Care Services/ Children's Disability Services to contact and obtain relevant information in order to understand and address my child's needs from the professionals and services listed below, such as a hospital consultant, psychologist, speech & language therapist, teacher etc. Only those listed overleaf will be contacted.

Yes

No

Professionals and services your child has attended

| Name (if available) | Service | Contact Details |
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Name of Parent 1/Guardian

Signature

Date

Name of Parent 2/Guardian

Signature

Date

Referrers details

Name

Role (Parent/
Legal guardian,
professional)

Date

Address

Telephone

Mobile

Email

Signature

Any other information you want to give us