

Welcome to



BALBRIGGAN FAMILY FORUM

20/03/2024

Family Forum - Terms of Reference

1. To **involve families** in the development of children's disability services in their local Children's Disability Network through:
 - The expression of ideas for future service development and improve existing services
 - Identification of issues and ideas for service development and/or enhancement
2. To **elect two Family representatives** who will meet the Children's Disability Network Manager (CDNM) regarding network issues and ideas raised by the Family Forum and will join the Family Representative Group at area level.
3. To **share information** on:
 - Service provision, governance and access
 - Community supports
 - Rights of the child and the family
 - Other relevant topics of interest
4. To **facilitate networking** and sharing knowledge and experiences amongst families.

House Keeping

Confidentiality:

Turn off phones (or silent)

No photographs or recording

If anyone has any queries on an individual child please email cdntbalbriggan@crc.ie

We take notes for minutes only, non identifiable

Please note fire exit



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Agenda

MEETING – 1.5 HOURS

Introductions

Brief recap on the Family Forum – Agreement, Structure

Update from the Family Representative Group

Information session on Aster Family Support Services

Q & A

Managed Group discussion – ideas, suggestions

Conclusion



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Why have a Family Forum?

A DEDICATED SPACE TO HEAR PARENTS VIEWS AND IDEAS

Bringing the view from the family perspective on all issues discussed

Bringing a focus at all times on the needs of children and their families

Bringing a wide range of competencies and experience

Bringing lived experience and themes expressed via Family Forums



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Structure of Family Forum

Identify issues, share knowledge, discuss experiences

Family Forum



Family Representative Group



Governance Group



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How we will work together

All parents of children attached to the Balbriggan team are invited

We provide a safe space for parents to express their views, ideas and suggestions. We will listen with respect, openness and honesty

We will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all in attendance - taking notes for minutes only, non identifiable



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Update on the CDNT Service provided in newsletter,

Questions ?

Balbriggan Family Representatives

Kristen Roche

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Family Representative Group

A voice for the Balbriggan families

A voice for a broad range of family experiences

Able to represent views that are not your own



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Family Representatives Role

1. Meet the Childrens Disability Network Manager and discuss issues, ideas for resolution raised at the Family Forum
2. Represent Balbriggan Family Forum (one year term) at the Family Representative Group with the other eleven areas (4 meetings per year). Discuss issues and ideas for improvements based on general themes from the Family Forum
3. Attend all Family Forums (around 3-4 meetings per year)
4. Ensure there is feedback to the Balbriggan Forum about items raised, suggestions and resulting actions



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Family Representatives Group - summary

1. Attend with Reps from 11 other Networks
2. Representatives from this group will attend Operational Management Group and Governance Group
3. To raise issues for discussion and resolution at appropriate levels of the governance structure
4. Feedback to the Family Forums.



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Group Discussion - Questions

Priority areas to be brought forward to Family Representative Group

Agreement on what actions the CDNT will work on now and then update at the next Family Forum.

Topics of interest - community resources, specialist areas - for the next Family Forum?

Aster Support Services overview



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Thank you



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