Barnardos Parental Advocacy Referral Form



Barnardos Parental Advocacy Service is a service which can give advice and support to Parents who are engaged in child welfare, child protection or legal proceedings for their children. For information and advice any parent can ring the **Barnardos Parental Advocacy Helpline**: **1800 333 355**. This is an independent, confidential and non-judgmental service.

This service also provides face to face advocacy support for parents in Dublin North City, Wexford and Waterford.

A parent can self-refer using this form and an advocate will be in contact for an initial meeting. The advocate can support in the following ways:

- Helping to understand any information given to the parent
- Parental rights within Child protection system
- Understand the roles of Child and Family Agency (Tusla) and the Courts role
- Empower parents to participate in all meetings, proceedings, and all relevant childcare proceedings
- Empower parents' voice

More information on this service is available in our information leaflet. Please feel free to speak to our advocates if there are any questions in relation to the service.

For more information on our record keeping policy, comments and complaints procedures and child protection procedures please see **Our Guide to Working with Barnardos**.

This is a voluntary service and we provide a consent form in order to commence the work.

We look forward to working with you and welcome any feedback or observations you may have when working with us and please feel free at any time to **Have your Say** on our Service in the following way

- Tell to your advocate or anyone on the team
- Through email parent.advocacy@barnardos.ie
- Send us a text
- Any of our comments/complaints forms
- To the manager Niamh McCarthy niamh.mccarthy@barnardos.ie
- Freephone number: 1800 333 355

Thank you

The Parental Advocacy Team 🥻



Is the person award	e of the referral?								
Has the person given permission for you to share this information?									
you to share this if	iioiiiiatioii:								
Name:									
Address: (if applicable)									
Location:	Dublin No	orth City 🗆		Wexford \square	Wexford □				
Phone number:		Email:							
Date of Birth:		Gender:							
Ethnicity – please of	choose from the below	list:							
African		Black - Carib	bean \square	Other White origin		White - Welsh			
Any other Asian backgro	ound \square	Caribbean		Pakistani		White and Asian			
Any other Black background		Chinese		White – British		White and Black African			
Any other ethnic grou	р	Gypsy/Roma		White - Irish		White and Black Caribbean			
Any other mixed backgr	round \square	Indian		White - Northern Irish		Not Known			
Arab		Irish Travelle	er 🗆	White – Polish		Prefer not to answer			
Bangladeshi		Other Africa	n \square	White - Scottish					
Reason for Referral:									
Please give details of the advocacy issue and the supports that may be of benefit to the person.									
Are there any addi	Are there any additional supports the parent may need when connecting with an advocate? E.g. Interpreter, AAC?								



Is there a social work team involved with t	this parent?							
If yes, where are they based?								
Is there an allocated social worker?	Yes 🗆	No □						
If yes, please provide their name and contact details:								
Are there other professionals/service linked with this parent? If yes, please give details:								

Family Composition										
Family member	Relationship (eg. husband, partner, child, sibling)	Age - ifapplicable (child)	Living at home (Yes or No)	Care placement (eg. foster, relative, residential, special, private arrangement)	Length of time in care	Length of time in placement	Current location	Care arrangement (e.g. voluntary, supervision, interim, full, special)	Child protection process stage (please refer to the table on page 2)	Social worker involvement if different



Child Protection Process Stage – Please insert the appropriate number in the Family Composition table					
1. Social Work Initial Assessment	5. Child Protection Social Worker has been assigned				
2. A referral has been made to social work	6. Family Welfare Conference				
3. A child protection case conference has been arranged or has occurred	7. Subject to care order				
4. Meitheal	8. I don't know				
4. Methiedi	9. Other				

Referrer De	etails					
Name:						
Role/Relation						
to the perso	on:					
Phone num	ber:		Email:			
Location:	Dι	ublin North City 🗆	\	Wexford □	Waterford \square	Other 🗆
Address:						