

How is the service being evaluated?

- The project is a 5-year pilot project, undergoing continuous monitoring and evaluation.
- The evaluation is being completed by Cardiff University, undertaking the research component of the project.
- The monitoring and evaluation service will capture trends and best practice throughout the duration of the project.

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PARENTAL ADVOCACY & INFORMATION SERVICE

The Parental Advocacy & Information Service delivered by Barnardos is available to **parents of children subject to care proceedings.**

The service is available in **Dublin North City, Waterford, and Wexford.** There is also a national helpline to provide parents with information and advice.

How does the service work?

The Parental Advocacy & Information Service works by:

- Providing the information that parents need to understand what is happening (in legal or child protection contexts) and what it means for them and their child.
- Helping parents to understand their family's situation and the next steps available to them.
- Preparation for and support at meetings with Tusla and legal professionals.
- Preparation for and accompaniment at court hearings.
- Helping parents understand their rights and responsibilities.
- Supporting parents to access therapeutic and other specialist services.
- Empowering parents to participate, be heard, and be seen.

How can I access the advocacy service?

Self Referral:

If you are a parent of a child subject to care proceedings and you live in one of the following catchment areas – **Dublin North City, Wexford, or Waterford** – you can fill out our self-referral form.

Third Party Referral:

If you know of a parent who may benefit from our service, and they live in one of the following catchment areas – Dublin North City, Wexford, or Waterford – you can fill out our third party referral form.

You can get in touch with our Information Provision and Communication Service should you need help filling out the form.



How can I access information and advice?

The Information Provision and Communication Service is available nationwide.

This can be accessed via our Freephone number – 1800 333 355 – available Monday-Friday from 10am to 1pm.

You can also reach out via our monitored email at parent.advocacy@barnardos.ie

We regularly update our website with new information on childcare and recorded webinars on relevant topics.

