

Press Release

YAP Ireland Launches the 2022 Annual Report and 2023-26 Strategic Plan

YAP Ireland is delighted to launch the YAP Ireland Annual Report for 2022. YAP Ireland is launching its Annual Report for 2022 online via a Webinar entitled “Building Strengths Together”. We are also launching our Strategic Plan for 2023-2026 on Tuesday 18th April.

The theme of YAP Ireland’s 2022 Annual Report Webinar Launch is “Building Strengths Together”. YAP Ireland works in partnership with Tusla in delivering services to young people and families and with other services such as Child and Adolescent Mental Health, schools and community and voluntary organisations; and most importantly, with the young people and families referred to the service.

Speaking in advance of the launch, Reidin Dunne, Chair of the YAP Ireland Board stated: *“YAP Works! That is the message that I as Chairperson have heard over and over again throughout my time on the board of YAP. I have heard it directly from young people through the participation structures, from parents through their feedback, from staff through my precious interaction with them and from stakeholders. This is clearly evident in the growth in demand for YAP services and through the diversification of the spaces in which YAP now operate.”*

Also speaking in advance of the Annual Report launch, Siobhán O’Dwyer, CEO YAP Ireland said: *“In 2002, YAP Ireland began the pilot programme in Galway and Dublin North and in 2022 we celebrated the continued success of the YAP model in supporting young people and families to achieve their goals using our strengths-based model. The children, young people and families that we have the privilege to work with deserve our greatest thanks for their embrace of the YAP Ireland model and for taking the steps needed to improve their own lives and the wider community. We look forward to 2023 with renewed optimism under our theme of building strong, sustainable relationships, families and communities.”*

YAP Ireland also have a suite of evidence-based tools available for 2022 which show an ongoing improvement in the range of outcomes measured with young people, families, referrers and staff across the country. These outcomes include improvements in self-esteem and confidence, attendance at school and home environment. 91% of those who were at home remained at home at the end of the programme. See www.yapireland.ie for full details.

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For further information and/ or to set up an interview with Siobhan O'Dwyer , CEO YAP Ireland, please contact Graham Wade Communications Officer on 087 2312111 or via email on gwade@yapireland.ie.

Editor's notes

- YAP Ireland was founded in 2002 and today is operating in 22 counties across Ireland. YAP Ireland employs 40 permanent staff and approximately 150 advocates. In 2022, young people and their families participated on the YAP programmes.

- YAP Ireland is a leading provider of intensive support programmes for young people and families. It uses a strengths-based, family focused approach delivering intensive support over 6 months to young people with complex needs helping them to achieve their goals. For more information, please visit www.yapireland.ie

- YAP Ireland also provide Independent Advocacy Services to all child and adolescent inpatient units and many community CAMHs teams.

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