



12 September 2019

Circular CVSP 9/2019

PPN Toolkit for Development of Community Wellbeing Visions

Dear Resource Worker,

I refer to circular letter CVSP 01/2019 of 7 January 2019 which advised of the roll-out of the PPN Toolkit for the development of Community Wellbeing Vision initiative and the subsequent reminder of 19 June requesting those PPNs who were not part of the initial pilot process or had not made alternative arrangements to develop their own Visions for Community Wellbeing, to engage with the Wellbeing training programme.

The Department is concerned about the low level of engagement by PPNs with this initiative. A number of PPNs have yet to attend the training being rolled out by Dr. Harriet Emerson on behalf of Social Justice Ireland, while the vast majority of PPNs have yet to start their consultative processes on the matter. In addition, it is understood that in a number of cases, PPNs have registered to attend training sessions but failed to attend or convey their apologies.

As you are aware, the Department is providing the funding for this initiative. Despite competing demands from other Government Departments and indeed, within this Department, we have also succeeded in securing additional funding to fund a Support Worker in each PPN to assist with the roll-out of this initiative. Consequently, you will appreciate the importance of all relevant PPNs engaging with this process by making arrangements to attend the training programmes and starting their consultative processes. Furthermore, the Department cannot countenance a situation where PPNs fail to turn up to training sessions for which they have registered – this is a waste of the valuable resources secured to support this initiative.

The roll out of the Community Wellbeing training programme was specifically timed to tie-in with the establishment of the new local authority boards and committees following the local elections earlier this year. Accordingly, it is now imperative that PPNs engage with this process at the earliest possible date.



The Department will continue to monitor this position and may contact individual PPNs directly to discuss further.

Please bring the contents of this circular to all members of your Secretariat

Yours sincerely

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