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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.**

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

## MORE INFORMATION

Freephone: 1800 333 355

Email: [parent.advocacy@barnardos.ie](mailto:parent.advocacy@barnardos.ie)

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## 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 in attendance at meetings with Tusla and legal professionals.
- Preparation for and accompaniment at court hearings.
- Helping parents understand their rights and responsibilities.
- Signposting or supporting parents to access therapeutic and other specialist services as required.
- Empowering parents to participate, be heard, and be seen.

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## 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 & Communication Service should you need help filling out the form.

## How can I access information & advice?

The Information Provision & 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](mailto:parent.advocacy@barnardos.ie)