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| Professional headshot of man |  | **Education** Loretto College Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, 2008 - 2013 Leaving Certificate, 465 points. Trinity College Dublin, 2013 - 2017, 2:1 Honours degree in Bachelors of Social Work**.** **Work experience****Child Protection Social Work Team Leader** | TUSLA Child and Family Agency - St Vincent's Health Centre, Athlone, County Westmeath.  *03/2023 - Current* * As a Child Protection Team Leader, I manage a team of four social workers and one social care worker.
* I am directly responsible for the supervision and management of each staff member, assisting them in times of emergency, while also providing day-to-day support and direction on cases.
* Currently responsible for the child protection assessments and safety of over 100 children.
* Risk assessing each new case, prioritising, and allocating to a social worker on my team.
* Liaising on a daily basis with TUSLA's legal team regarding court orders which need to be obtained in relation to the children and families we work with.
* Responsible for seeking orders pertaining to sections 13, 17 & 18 of the Child Care Act, and various other relevant court orders. Some of these orders are sought ex-parte, given the high risk to children.
* Attend each court hearing, which, at times, can require weekly court attendance.
* Review and sign off on all court reports.
* Providing evidence in court and undergoing extensive cross examination from various legal teams.
* Working collaboratively with allocated Guardian Ad Litem's and other professionals involved with each case.

**Child Protection Social Worker** | TUSLA Child and Family Agency - Primary Care Centre, Tullamore, County Offaly.  *11/2021 - 03/2023* * I returned to work as a social worker after a period of travelling.

*My role involved:** Managing a caseload of over 35 children.
* Carrying out extensive Child Protection assessments on families, including complex risk assessments.
* Co-ordinating with professionals and implementing the necessary interventions needed to keep children safe at home.
* Providing supportive counselling, emotional and practical support, and information to children and their families.
* Attending, organising, and facilitating a number of professional meetings.
* Preparing reports and chairing child protection case conferences and other child protection meetings.
* Following a Child Protection Assessment or, at times of emergency or crisis, making the decision to seek a care order under the Child Care Act in respect of a particular child. These included emergency care orders, interim care orders, and supervision orders.
* Preparing the court report, gathering evidence and critically assessing the safety and concerns around the case.
* Giving evidence and undergoing cross examination.

**Social Worker** | TUSLA Child and Family Agency - Park House, North Circular Road, Dublin.  *03/2018 - 08/2019**My role involved:* * Working as part of an extremely busy child protection team
* Responding to a demanding and busy work environment.
* Responsible for over 50 children who were at risk of significant harm while in their home environment.
* Initiating court proceedings on behalf of a number of these children.
* Following up on cases under section 12 applications of the Child Care Act, preceding full care order hearings.
* Preparing court reports and liaising with TUSLA’s legal team.
* Working directly with the allocated Guardian Ad Litem's and other professionals.
* Providing evidence in court and undergoing extensive cross examination.

**Achievements and hobbies**Captain of the Westmeath County camogie senior ladies team in 2018 & 2019. Caption of St Loman's senior ladies Gaelic Football team in 2017.Competitive runner with Mullingar Harriers running team. A member of Trinity's SUAS charity society. During this time, I spent a summer volunteering in Zambia. Five fe1 exams passed.  |
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