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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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