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Children First Inter-Departmental Implementation Group

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1. Introduction

The Children First Inter-Departmental Implementation Group was established under Part 4 of the Children First Act 2015. The relevant provision, section 20, was commenced in May 2016 and the first meeting of the Group took place in November of that year.

The Children First Inter-Departmental Implementation Group is required, under section 26(1) of the Children First Act 2015, to prepare and submit to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth an annual report on the performance of its functions and activities in the preceding calendar year. This report must be submitted to the Minister no later than 30 June of the year following the calendar year to which it relates. On receipt of the annual report, the Minister is required to lay a copy of the report before each House of the Oireachtas.

2. Content and Structure of the Report

The Annual Report is required to address the functions and activities of the Implementation Group for the period in question. In addition, this Report will outline the main provisions of the Children First Act 2015, and implementation of same.

The contents of the report are as follows:

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3. Children First Act 2015

3.1 Enactment

The Children First Act 2015, which was signed into law on 19 November 2015, placed some of the key elements of *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children* on a statutory footing. The enactment of the legislation reflected the commitment of a number of successive Governments to strengthen protection for children. The Act is part of a suite of child protection legislation, which includes the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012-2016 and the Criminal Justice (Withholding of Information on Offences Against Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012.

3.2 Key provisions

The Children First Act 2015 provides for, *inter alia*:

- Mandatory reporting of child abuse by key professionals;
- Mandated assisting;
- Comprehensive risk assessment and preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements by providers of relevant services to children;
- The establishment of the Children First Inter-Departmental Implementation Group on a statutory basis; and
- The removal of the common law defence of reasonable chastisement in relation to corporal punishment of children by parents or those acting in loco parentis.

3.3 Commencement

- (i) Sections 1 to 5 (Part I) and section 28 (Part 5) of the Act were commenced on 11 December 2015. Sections 1 to 5 are standard provisions in relation to title, citation, regulations, definitions etc. Section 28 removes the common law defence of reasonable chastisement in relation to corporal punishment by parents or those acting in loco parentis.
- (ii) Section 18 (Part 3) and sections 20-26 (Part 4) were commenced on 1 May 2016. Section 18 of the Act is a technical amendment to ensure that the Child and Family Agency is a specified body for the purposes of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012-2016. Sections 20-26 deal with establishing the Children First Inter-Departmental Implementation Group on a statutory basis and expanding the Group to include all Government Departments.

- (iii) All remaining provisions of the Children First Act 2015 were commenced on Monday 11 December 2017. These included the provisions in relation to:
- Section 14 - mandated reporting of child abuse by defined categories of persons; and
 - Section 11 - obligations on organisations providing relevant services to children to keep children safe from harm, to carry out risk assessments and to prepare and publish Child Safeguarding Statements.

4. Children First Inter-Departmental Implementation Group

4.1 Membership of the Implementation Group

As indicated above, Part 4, sections 20-26 inclusive, of the Children First Act 2015 were commenced on 1 May 2016. These sections of the Act provide for the establishment of the Children First Inter-Departmental Implementation Group on a statutory footing.

Membership of the Group includes representatives from every Government Department, the Health Service Executive (HSE), An Garda Síochána and the Child and Family Agency, Tusla.

The members of the Implementation Group are appointed by the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, on the nomination of their respective Minister, CEO or Commissioner, as appropriate. The membership of the Implementation Group in the period covered by this Annual Report, i.e. 1 January to 31 December 2020, is set out in *Appendix 1*.

The legislation (section 21 (2)) also requires the appointment by the Minister of an officer of the Minister to be the Chairperson of the Implementation Group. Mr Conor Rowley, was appointed Chair of the Implementation Group by the then Minister for Children and Youth Affairs on 24 February 2020. This appointment was made following the retirement of Ms Éimear Fisher from the Department in January 2020.

4.2 Functions of the Implementation Group

The Children First Act 2015 (section 22) sets out the functions of the Group which are to –

- a) Promote compliance by Departments of State with their obligations under the Act;
- b) Monitor the implementation by Departments of State of the guidelines issued by the Minister under section 6;
- c) Provide support to Departments of State in respect of the preparation and publication of sectoral implementation plans;
- d) Promote a consistent approach by Departments of State in respect of the preparation and publication of sectoral implementation plans;
- e) Report to the Minister, when requested, on the implementation of this Act and of the guidelines issued by the Minister under section 6; and
- f) Provide information or advice, or make proposals, to the Minister on matters relating to the functions of the Implementation Group referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e).

The Act also makes provision for the following:

- Minister issuing directions to the Implementation Group (section 23);
- Conditions and cessation of membership (section 24);
- Meetings and procedures for the Group (section 25);
- The preparation and submission to the Minister of reports, including an annual report on the functions and activities of the Implementation Group (section 26); and
- The preparation by each Department of State of a Sectoral Implementation Plan (section 27).

5. Activities of the Children First Inter-Departmental Implementation Group in 2020

5.1 Meetings of the Implementation Group

The Implementation Group met twice in the period 1 January to 31 December 2020. The meetings took place on 5 March and 22 October. Due to the Covid-19 situation, the October meeting took place online. The agendas for these meetings can be found in *Appendix 2*.

5.2 2020 Work Programme of the Implementation Group

The statutory functions of the Implementation Group under section 22 of the Act are set out in paragraph 4.2 above. The activities of the Implementation Group in 2020 concentrated on subsections (a) to (d) inclusive, with a particular focus on monitoring implementation of the Act and any issues arising. The Covid-19 situation influenced the discussions and workings of the CFIDIG throughout the year.

5.2.1 Compliance with Children First Obligations

In line with the core functions of the Group of promoting compliance, monitoring implementation and providing support in the preparation of Sectoral Implementation Plans (SIPs), the Group considered the status of Departments' SIPs and Child Safeguarding Statements (CSSs) in light of upcoming statutory deadlines for their review (March meeting) and the changes that had been made to a number of Departments' functions on the formation of a new Government (October meeting).

At the March meeting updates were received from members on the status of their Departments' SIPs and CSSs. The Group was reminded that the onus is on each Department to inform any bodies under their aegis of their statutory requirements under Children First, and the onus is on those bodies to put these requirements in place.

At the October meeting, following the formation of the new Government in June 2020 and the subsequent change of functions for some Departments, the Group was requested to review their Departments' SIPs and CSSs to ensure full coverage of all relevant services and funded bodies.

5.2.2 Response to Covid-19

Throughout the year, the Group was kept informed of the ongoing efforts in supporting vulnerable children and young people in the context of Covid-19. In early April 2020, following the announcement by Government of further restrictive measures to curb Covid-19, CFIDIG members were reminded of the responsibility on all Government Departments to ensure that children and young people are kept safe while accessing services provided or funded by each Department. In this regard, the Group was requested to encourage departmental and agency staff, as well as staff in any new services being developed in response to Covid-19, to complete the 'Introduction to Children First' eLearning Programme, available on the Tusla website <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-e-learning-programme/>

At the October meeting, CFIDIG members were given a short presentation about the 'Supporting Children' (gov.ie/supportingchildren) information and media campaign aimed at raising awareness of services and supports for vulnerable children, young people and their families. The campaign was initially launched by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) in June 2020 in the context of the public health emergency. For the first time, information relating to the services, supports and structures that protect, safeguard and support children, young people and their families was brought together in one accessible format. Information provided covered a range of topics including parenting and family support, youth services as well as messaging around keeping children safe and reporting child protection concerns to Tusla.

Also at the October meeting, Tusla gave the Group a presentation on the impact of Covid-19 on the Agency and members were given an opportunity to update the Group on responses in their own sectors. The Group was informed that Tusla had prioritised frontline child protection services, services supporting children in care and services responding to DSGBV (domestic, sexual and gender-based violence). Information had been disseminated to other frontline services (A&E hospital departments, on-call doctors and the Gardaí) to confirm that the Tusla Out-of-Hours Social Work Service continued to operate during the pandemic. It was noted that while initially there was a drop in the number of child protection and welfare referrals to Tusla in the mid-March to mid-April period, the rate of referrals subsequently recovered to a level close to pre-Covid-19 levels.

5.2.3 Other issues

Work commenced on rolling out a Children First Awareness Week in 2020, including the drafting by Tusla of a communications plan to which the CFIDIG Information Campaign Subgroup contributed. Unfortunately, due to the deteriorating Covid-19 situation, it was necessary to postpone awareness week twice (i.e. both the original date of April and the new date of November 2020). It was also felt that messaging around Children First obligations and Child Safeguarding Statements would not be effective at a time when many providers of services to children and young people had to close. It is intended to go ahead with Children First Awareness Week in 2021, when Covid restrictions ease.

At the March meeting, the Group was updated on the ongoing consultation between DCEDIY and Tusla regarding the need for clarity in relation to the mandated status or otherwise of the role of the Designated Liaison Person (DLP). The Group was advised that following extensive engagement between DCEDIY and Tusla on the issue, it was the intention to provide clarity around the description of the position as part of an update of the Children First National Guidance, which was planned for 2021. In the interim, legal advices regarding the role have been shared with all CFIDIG members for their information and consideration in their sectors. The Group also noted that all reasonable child protection concerns should be reported to Tusla, regardless of the mandated status of the person with the concern.

In addition to the presentations noted above, the following informative presentations were given to the Group during 2020:

- Tusla Portal (Tusla, March 2020)

The Tusla Portal <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/web-portal/> allows any person with a child protection concern to report it to Tusla online. To use the Portal, you first need to create a user account. About half of all child protection and welfare referrals received by Tusla annually are submitted via the Portal and half via traditional means, including paper forms.

- Child Safeguarding Statement Implementation Support Strategy 2018-2023 (Tusla, October 2020)

The Children First Act 2015 (sections 12 and 13) makes provision for Tusla to establish and maintain a register of non-compliance for providers of relevant services who fail to provide a copy of their Child Safeguarding Statement (CSS) to Tusla when requested to do so. Tusla established a Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit (CSSCU) in March 2018. The Unit receives and processes unsolicited information (UI) from the public, referrals from partner organisations as well as voluntarily supplied CSSs from relevant services. The Unit has adopted a supportive compliance approach for the initial years using targeted engagement, information sharing and partnership building to help organisations meet their statutory obligations.

6. Actions taken by Departments and Agencies in 2020 in support of Children First and child protection including relevant initiatives in response to the Covid-19 pandemic

The following examples provide an insight into some of the initiatives or actions undertaken by individual Departments and Agencies throughout the year to promote Children First and child protection and welfare in their sectors.

- **Department of Education**

As part of the Department's oversight measures of the implementation of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017, the Department's Inspectorate checks on compliance with the key aspects of the 2017 Procedures during all school inspections.

The level of checks on compliance depends on the inspection being conducted.

Level one checks are undertaken in the course of incidental inspections, curriculum evaluations, subject inspections, programme evaluations, evaluations of provision for pupils with special educational needs, supporting the safe provision of schooling visits and follow-through inspections.

Level two checks are undertaken in the course of whole-school evaluations (WSE), Whole School Evaluation Management, Leadership and Learning (WSE-MLLs), Evaluation of Action Planning for Improvement in DEIS Schools, Evaluation of Centres for Education (Youthreach) and Evaluation of Schools at Special Care Units and Child Detention Centres.

Level Three checks are a stand-alone inspection model entitled Child Protection and Safeguarding Inspections (CPSI). This model is a focused inspection of the implementation of the 2017 Procedures. These procedures provide direction and guidance to school authorities and to school personnel in relation to meeting their statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015. They also provide direction and guidance in relation to the continued implementation of the best practice, non-statutory guidance set out in Children First National Guidance 2017.

The CPSI inspection process consists of two inspections: an Initial Child Protection and Safeguarding Inspection and a Final Child Protection and Safeguarding Inspection. The two inspections are typically carried out in a school within a relatively short timeframe and result in published reports. The Guide to Child Protection and Safeguarding Inspections was published in January 2019 and CPSIs commenced in February 2019. The model was reviewed in July 2020 and an updated Guide to Child Protection and Safeguarding Inspections was published in October 2020. In 2020, the Inspectorate conducted 19 Initial CPSIs and 5 Final CPSIs in primary schools and 15 Initial CPSIs and 7 Final CPSIs in post-primary schools.

The Inspectorate also

- Reports on compliance with aspects of child protection procedures in all published inspection reports.

- Continues to engage with schools that are not compliant with aspects of the 2017 Procedures until the school becomes compliant.

- **Department of Social Protection**

The School Meals Programme provides funding towards the provision of food to over 1,550 schools and organisations benefitting 227,000 children. The objective of the scheme is to provide regular, nutritious food to children who are unable, due to lack of good quality food, to take full advantage of the education provided to them. The programme is an important component of policies to encourage school attendance and extra educational achievement.

Following the announcement of the closure of schools due to the Covid-19 pandemic on 12 March 2020, schools and organisations participating in the School Meals Programme expressed concern about the impact of school closures on pupils who avail of school meals, and that the unavailability of school meals impacts in particular on the most disadvantaged in our society.

Funding to schools continued, to enable schools to provide food until the end of the 2019/2020 academic year, in line with the parameters of the school meals scheme, including the 2 week Easter holiday period. This funding was further extended to allow schools who chose to continue to provide food during the summer period until the start of the new academic year 2020/2021.

- **Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media**

Sport Ireland continues to promote awareness of compliance requirements with regard to Children First and in 2020 issued an advisory note to the over 60 National Governing Bodies of Sport with whom they engage. Through the Local Sports Partnerships, over 4,500 participants attended Sport Ireland approved safeguarding workshops in 2020. Many participants also attended Sport Ireland approved workshops delivered by their National Governing Bodies. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Sport Ireland also facilitated the adaptation of face-to-face safeguarding workshops for delivery on an online platform. Working with the Tusla Children First Information and Advice Service, Sport Ireland facilitated two information sessions in 2020 to upskill its network of Safeguarding tutors on Children First. Over 150 tutors were in attendance across both sessions.

- **Department of Rural and Community Development**

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-22 provides funding to tackle poverty and social exclusion at local level and works with both individuals and communities. SICAP target groups include disadvantaged children and families. Compliance with Children First is part of the contract conditions in the Funding Agreement with SICAP delivery bodies, which are primarily Local Development Companies (LDCs).

As one example, through the SICAP Programme, Cavan County Local Development responded to the needs of communities during the Covid-19 crisis through a range of supports such as a Food Initiative, which included coordinating a county-wide Food Hub initiative and a county-wide Meals on Wheels service.

The Food Initiative came about when a school principal contacted Cavan County Local Development for support. Normally the school, through its access to FoodCloud, provided school meals to disadvantaged students during the school term but as the school was now closed, there was no way to reach the students remotely. This initiative was quickly extended throughout the county to households in need. By early April 2020, food hubs were established throughout the county to coordinate the delivery of food parcels to 600 households, on a weekly basis, over a 12-week period.

- **Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY)**

In each Local Authority, Comhairle na nÓg members responded innovatively to the challenges presented by Covid-19, reinforcing public health messages, participating in surveys and helping others in their community to feel less isolated. The Participation Team for Comhairle na nÓg demonstrated innovative ways of working to ensure the voice of children and young people in decision-making. Good practice youth participation methodologies were adapted to facilitate online consultations, network meetings, training and events e.g. using the Zoom video conferencing platform and the Padlet online notebook tool. The Foróige child safeguarding procedures were adapted to provide the necessary safeguards to work online and the Foróige Child Safeguarding Statement (CSS) was shared online at the beginning of each consultation.

A Covid-19 specific national consultation with young people, run by DCEDIY in collaboration with the Department of Health and the youth sector, called [How's Your Head – Young Voices During Covid 19](#) was carried out in summer 2020. The report of the consultation was published in October and featured the responses of over 2,100 young people to questions about the impact of Covid-19 on their lives, any positives from this time, their feelings about the future and about the supports they need.

- **Adoption Authority Ireland (AAI)**

The AAI moved adoption hearings to Zoom to allow adoptions to proceed, despite the Covid-19 restrictions. The AAI has maintained a service throughout the pandemic, ensuring that social work staff are available to deal with any child protection issues arising and to report retrospective abuse cases to Tusla. All staff have completed the 'Introduction to Children First' eLearning Programme, available on the Tusla website.

- **Health Service Executive (HSE)**

HSE services were significantly disrupted due to the impact of Covid-19. With staff redeployments and lockdowns to support the fight against Covid, general service provision

was limited and/or altered. Communication issued to all HSE staff, via email broadcast, reminding them that the safety and welfare of children continues to be everyone's responsibility and that Tusla services continued to operate and receive reports of concern during 2020.

Progressing supports to enhance HSE services and staff competence in Children First, the HSE Children First National Office published a *Guidance for HSE Child Safeguarding Statements and Risk Assessment Workbook*. A one-day training module for Mandated Persons was also finalised and, as Covid-19 restrictions set in, the training module was converted into a 3-hour live interactive online workshop. The training module and 3-hour online workshop resource materials have been made available to HSE Funded and Contracted Services, on request, so that they can upskill and deliver training within their own organisations. A Train the Trainer programme is also currently under development.

The HSE Children First National Office has also progressed a Training and Resource Strategy, setting out the training and resource initiatives to support child safeguarding that will be delivered in the period up to 2023.

A consistent national reporting structure to monitor the progress of ongoing Children First implementation has also been put in place.

- **An Garda Síochána (AGS)**

An Garda Síochána have completed the establishment of the Divisional Protective Service Units (DPSUs) across all Garda Divisions. The DPSUs are of significant importance in the protection of children and the investigation of crimes against children. DPSUs are tasked with all sexual crimes against children including online child exploitation. This specialist resource is supported by the Garda National Protective Services Bureau, ensuring bespoke specialist services to the victims of child abuse.

- **Tusla**

Tusla staff have worked to ensure the continuity of supports and services, balancing the needs and best interests of children with public health advice to keep children, families and frontline staff as safe as possible during the pandemic. This included the enhanced use of technology to enable continued engagement with service users/families and to facilitate key interventions, which could not take place face-to-face. Other examples of innovation in service delivery and practice during 2020 include:

The Children First Information and Advice Service (CFIAS) supports the implementation of Children First legislation and guidance in Tusla and the wider external environment. The CFIAS adapted information and training resources for delivery in a virtual learning environment, thus allowing service delivery to funded and partner agencies to continue. These resources are helping to build understanding of Children First, support organisations to keep children safe and reduce inappropriate referrals.

The National Commissioning Office and the Children First Information and Advice Service (CFIAS) worked collaboratively to strengthen Children First governance with Tusla's section 56 funded organisations. This included drafting a self-assessment form through which funded organisations can identify areas of Children First governance on which they require assistance.

Tusla Education Support Service (TESS) staff liaised with families already known to them, particularly vulnerable families (e.g. families experiencing homelessness or living in refuges) following the closure of schools in March 2020. In addition to phone contact, food and children's books and games were provided. In September when schools reopened, TESS set up a Covid-19 School Returns Portal to identify any students not returned to school. These students and their families were offered support around returning to school and signposting to other relevant services where necessary.

The Tusla Portal remained available during Covid-19 and ensured that any person with a child protection concern had a mobile and secure way to report their concern directly to the designated contact points in Tusla. The availability of the Portal ensured that a relatively seamless service was able to continue despite significant upheaval in physical working arrangements for many staff.

The Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit (CSSCU) provided significant support to both the Early Years and School Age Childcare sectors through reviewing Child Safeguarding Statements (CSSs) provided by these service providers as part of their registration process.

7. CFIDIG Priorities for 2021

The priorities for 2021 will be as follows:

- Continue to review and monitor impact of implementation of Children First Act 2015;
- Address any cross Departmental/cross sectoral issues arising, including in relation to effective interagency working;
- Inform consideration of proposals for updates to Children First National Guidance;
- Roll out of Children First Awareness Week when Covid-19 restrictions ease, to reinforce the importance of supporting the protection and welfare of children;
- Continue to support awareness of and access to Children First online training through all relevant sectors;
- Continue to monitor the impact of Covid-19 on child protection and welfare across the different sectors and support mobilisation of responses to same;
- Provide information or advice, or make proposals to the Minister on matters relating to the functions of the Implementation Group under section 22 (f) of the Children First Act 2015; and
- Comply with any requests from the Minister for reports under the Children First Act 2015.

APPENDIX 1

MEMBERSHIP OF CHILDREN FIRST INTER-DEPARTMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION GROUP FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

Department	Member	Membership Dates 01/01/2020-31/12/2020 unless otherwise stated
Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth	Éimear Fisher {Chair}	01/01/20 – 24/02/20
	Conor Rowley {Chair}	24/02/20 – 31/12/20
	Gráinne Morrissey	
Education	Teresa McNeill	
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	Sean McLaughlin	
Justice	Gráinne Whelan	
	Amy Sheils*	
Social Protection	Marie O'Flynn	
Transport	Siobhán Nic Thighearnáin	
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	Karen Brophy	
Health	Rachel Kenna	
Finance	Feargal Ó Brolcháin	
	Scline Scott **	
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	Padraig McMahon	
Environment, Climate and Communications	Brendan O'Reilly	
Defence	Anne Behan	
Foreign Affairs	Fiona Flood	

Enterprise, Trade and Employment	Margaret Lawlor	01/01/20 - 16/03/20
	Gerald Harty	16/03/20 – 31/12/20
Public Expenditure and Reform	Kieran Sheedy	
Taoiseach	Teresa Doolan	01/01/20 – 16/03/20
	Stephanie Harris	16/03/20 – 31/12/20
Rural and Community Development	Clodagh McDonnell	
Agencies		
Tusla, Child and Family Agency	Jim Gibson	
	Linda Creamer ***	
	Kate Duggan ***	
An Garda Síochána	Detective Chief Superintendent Declan Daly	
Health Service Executive	John Hennessy	01/01/20 – 15/10/20
	Marion Martin ****	15/10/20 – 31/12/20

* The Department of Justice was represented by Amy Sheils at the 2020 meetings of the CFIDIG

** The Department of Finance was represented by Scilene Scott at the October 2020 meeting of the CFIDIG

*** Tusla was represented by Linda Creamer at the March 2020 meeting and by Kate Duggan at the October 2020 meeting

**** The HSE was represented by Marion Martin at the 2020 meetings of the CFIDIG

APPENDIX 2

AGENDAS OF THE 2020 MEETINGS OF THE CHILDREN FIRST INTER-DEPARTMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

Meeting of Thursday 5th March 2020

Venue: Department of Children and Youth Affairs, Miesian Plaza

Time: 11am

AGENDA

1. Introduction/Welcome
2. Minutes of meeting of 24th October 2019
 - Matters arising
3. Presentation by Tusla ICT on the Tusla Portal
4. Compliance with CF obligations
 - CSSs and SIPs
 - Annual report
5. Children First Information Campaign
6. DLP Role – Tusla proposal
7. Safeguarding Sub-Group follow-up
8. AOB
 - Outstanding paperwork for nominees to CFIDIG
 - Date for next meeting

Meeting of Thursday 22nd October 2020

Venue: Online using Skype for Business

Time: 11am

AGENDA

1. Introduction/Welcome
2. Minutes of meeting of 24th October 2019
 - Matters arising
3. Presentation by Tusla CSSCU on the CSS Implementation Support Strategy 2018-2023
4. Impact of Covid-19
 - Status of Children First Awareness Week
 - Update from Tusla
 - Update from other sectors
 - Supporting Children Information Campaign
5. AOB
 - Compliance with CF obligations
 - Outstanding paperwork for nominees to CFIDIG
 - Proposed Meeting Dates 2021

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