

CHILD PROTECTION

If a child protection issue emerges during the current health crisis, contact should be made with the appropriate state agencies i.e. Tusla or An *Garda Síochána*.

The District Court has remained open to deal with a very limited number of applications but as of 18 May 2020 the District Court will deal with a wider range of “urgent” matters to include access applications, after care reviews, extensions of Care Orders and Interim Care Orders, emergency care orders and interim care orders and part heard care orders. Certain care orders may also be given priority.

The Court will continue to seek to limit the number of people attending and where there is consent to an order the court can be advised by email and the parties do not need to attend.

Where it is necessary to attend precautionary measures are in place to ensure social distancing. A number of limited matters can be dealt with remotely with the permission of all the parties.