

WHAT IS MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK ALL ABOUT?

Most of us at some time may need hospital treatment or may be involved with a close relative, friend, child or partner who needs medical treatment. We can usually manage with the help of family, friends and neighbours.

However, there may be times when your illness or your relatives illness gives rise to concerns, problems or worries for you and your family.

The Social Worker who works with your medical team is there to meet with you or your family members to provide support, advice or counselling on these matters.

WHAT DOES THE SERVICE OFFER?

- Counselling for individuals and families who are coping with personal and / or family issues.
- As part of the team of professionals involved in your care, we will provide support to you and your family to consider all options related to you and your discharge.
- Counselling for individuals and families who are experiencing trauma, abuse or other crisis.
- Provision of counselling for patients, families and carers to cope with loss, lack of independence and long term care issues.
- Advice on practical and financial matters.
- Knowledge of a wide range of support organisations, both locally and nationally.

HOW TO CONTACT THE MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

You can speak to any member of the medical team and request a referral to the Medical Social Work Department.

The Medical Social Work Department is located near the Dermatology Department. Take the exit by the lifts on the ground floor and the Medical Social Work Department is on your right.

OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday
8.30am – 4pm

Drop in Times

Everyday between the hours

11am – 12pm
2pm – 3pm

SOME USEFUL CONTACTS

- Information Services, Department of Social and Family Affairs.
- Child and Family Agency.
- Queries relating to housing, contact your local authority.
- Women's Aid Helpline.
- Citizen Information Bureau – 1890 777121.
- www.hse.ie
- Childline.
- Information can be downloaded from www.welfare.ie
- www.comhairle.ie

MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

