

# NETWORKING AND PARTNERS

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# PILOT PERIOD OF BARNAHUS TALLINN

- May 2016: Started with a cooperational decision; formed by the leading of Ministry of Social Affairs and supported by Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Internal Affairs.
- September 2016: Official agreement signed by Social Insurance Board as leading partner, joined by Ministry of Social Affairs, Police and Border Guard Board, State Prosecutor's Office and Forensic Institute.
- Ministry of Justice and Internal Affairs delegated their role to sub-organisations because of the lack of practical work.
- October 2016: Coordinator in Social Insurance Board joined the team with straight-offer of position (carefully chosen qualification and personality traits).
- October – December 2016: Renovation period in Children Mental Health Center (rented 3 rooms + public area)



# PILOT PERIOD OF BARNAHUS TALLINN II

- 02.01.2016-01.01.2017
- Tallinn and Harjumaa (population of 582 556 person)
- 3 rooms: Interviewing room; Health and Therapy room (2 in 1); Cooperation room; joined area (other clients of Mental Health Center).
- 1 worker – hard times
- Out-source: Victim Therapy System; Mental Health Center; other interested service providers
- Regular events of introducing the model and pilot : local governments; institutions; public (media etc)
- 138 children on Barnahus service



# PILOT PERIOD OF BARNAHUS TALLINN III

## Our expectations

- Test-period for staff/out-sourced therapists;
- Time to settle and test;
- Focusing on „grey“ cases only;
- Preliminary interviews of 192;
- Only cases from Child Protection Services and Police;
- Clear documentation (registration form)
- Only forensic doctors in team

## Reality

- Multiplex cooperation cases with large Network + time to solve them;
- Children with multiple risk and problems;
- Need for regular doctor/nurse and mentaal health evaluation
- High hopes from partners;
- Additional partners like schools etc;
- Children and others directly turning for the service;
- Children with sexually abnormal behaviour;
- ***Change of goals during the pilot!***



# RESULTS OF PILOT PERIOD ON 2018

- Happy children, happy partners, happy Ministries!
- Adequate statistics; versatile case examples to present;
- Obstacles of Network and active/non-active partners mapped;
- Budget well spent, pilot well organised!

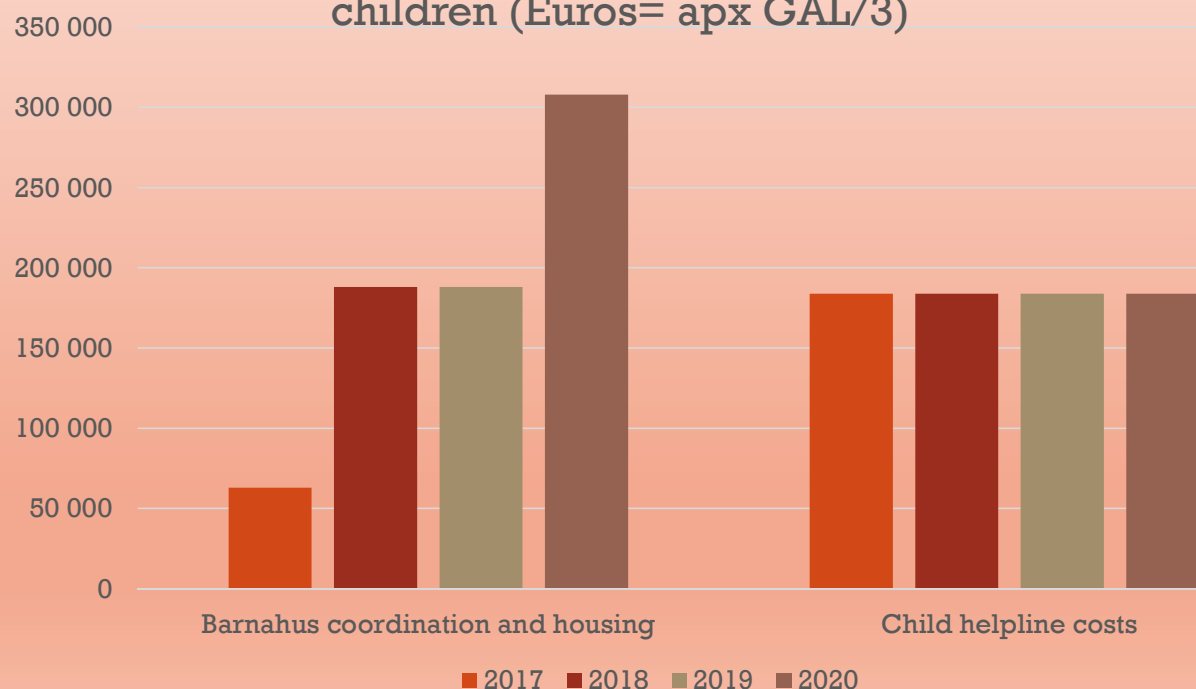
## Decision:

- Barnahus in Estonia stays and developes under Social Insurance Board;
- Stable finances from State – process of mark it a State Social Service with Service Manager and Service providing chief specialists in her guidance.



# BUDGET OF BARNAHUS ESTONIA 2017-2020

Budget of (some) State services for abused children (Euros= apx GAL/3)



Additionally:

**Victim support** budget per underage sexual abuse victim:

- without a criminal case – 584eur
- with a criminal case – endlessly until reaches 18y;
- family members – 584eur

- **Local municipality support** for mental health services:

Depends on Municipality budget but if needed for children – necessary!

- **Child mental health centers:**

On Social Security – free of charge for children under 18y



# INTERAGENCY COOPERATION AGREEMENT

- COOPERATION AGREEMENT ON THE PROVISION OF CHILDREN'S HOUSE SERVICE 3.6-4.4 / 149;
- The partners in the Cooperation Agreement participate in the process of providing Children's House service for the Social Insurance Board with the aim of ensuring **better identification, child-friendly treatment and assistance** to children who have **been sexually abused or suspected to be**. The partners in the cooperation agreement will appoint a representative (s) who will participate in network meetings and development discussions.
- Signatories (Head of organisations):
  - Egon Veermäe Social Insurance Board (digitally signed)
  - Elmar Vaher Police and Border Guard Board (digitally signed)
  - Lavly Perling Public Prosecutor's Office (digitally signed)
  - Üllar Lanno Estonian Forensic Science Institute (digitally signed)





# PARTNER TASKS IN EE – SOCIAL INSURANCE BOARD

- 2.1. Co-ordinates general information sharing between the public and partners and manages the development of Children's House service among network members.
- 2.2. Provides Children's House service for children in need regardless of their place of residence.
- 2.3. If the child confirms the ill-treatment at the hearing, submits the relevant information or a crime report to the Police and Border Guard Board.
- 2.4. Presents available information to the Police and Border Guard Board on the child in an unaltered state - possibly on digital media with a hearing protocol.
- 2.5. Advises the child and the family on the service and provides information on the follow-up services.
- 2.6. Organizes specialist training and networking services for specialists representing partner organizations, if necessary.





# **PARTNER TASKS IN EE — POLICE AND BORDER GUARD BOARD**

- 3.1. Provides information to the Social Insurance Board on a child in need of assistance who has suspected sexual abuse at the police; even if the procedure is not initiated in the absence of initiated or completed evidence.
- 3.2. Informs the Social Insurance Board of the technical needs to be heard by the child.
- 3.3. If possible, conducts a child interview in a children's house if its technical solutions meet the established requirements.
- 3.4. If necessary, a physical examination of a child with suspected sexual abuse by a forensic expert and a physician will be carried out at a children's house.
- 3.5. Provides information to the Social Insurance Board on child-related procedural matters that are in the best interests of the child and which are important for assessing the child's situation and providing the service needed by the assisting specialist.



# PARTNER TASKS IN EE – PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

- 4.1. Provides information to the Social Insurance Board on legal presumptions and needs for use of childcare information in the best interests of the child in criminal proceedings.
- 4.2. Provides information to the Social Insurance Board on the circumstances of the child-related proceedings that are in the best interests of the child and which are essential to ensure the protection of the child's interests, to assess the child's and the family's need for assistance and to provide the family with services.
- 4.3. Ensures the practice of using the information received from the Estonian Children's House as evidence, also informing the Social Insurance Board of the relevant analyzes.



# PARTNER TASKS IN EE — INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE

- 5.1. Arrives for child's medical examination in children's house at the agreed time after police call.
- 5.2. Considers the child's wishes, ensuring, if necessary, a male or female forensic examiner.
- 5.3. Ensures the collection of all the necessary evidence, including a single medical examination, in cooperation with the doctor, analysis of sexually transmitted diseases. If the child needs additional treatment, the child and his / her parent or guardian will be informed.



# ADDITIONALLY — CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

- (1) The functions of a local government upon the organisation of child protection are:
  - 1) to follow the principles ensuring the rights and well-being of children in the local government development plan;
  - 2) to develop programmes and projects ensuring the rights and well-being of children and the application thereof in its administrative territory to prevent and **decrease the risks that endanger children**;
  - 3) **upon becoming aware of a child in need of assistance, to immediately assess the child's need for assistance and to provide measures for assisting the child**;
  - 4) to provide measures to a **child separated** from family and to his or her family;
  - 5) to organise supervisory control over the internal evaluation of child care institutions administered by the local government;
  - 6) to **collect necessary information** concerning the situation and needs of children and families in order to create an environment supporting the child's development and to improve the coping of children, families with children and persons raising children in its administrative territory;
  - 7) to exercise state supervision on the bases provided



# WHO IS A CHILD PROTECTION OFFICIAL?

- (1) **A child protection official** is an official of the Social Insurance Board, county government or local government who performs the functions provided for in this Act or other legislation upon **ensuring the rights and well-being of children**.
- (2) **A person working with children** is a person in **direct contact with children** in the course of his or her work or professional activities and also a person in direct contact with children in the course of **voluntary activities, serving in alternative service, participating in employment services or practicing as a trainee**.
- § 19. Requirements for **child protection officials**
  - (1) Child protection officials must have professional qualification and higher education.
  - (2) Child protection officials shall acquire the profession of a social worker with specialisation in child protection no later than within two years after starting service as a child protection official.

NB: **Restrictions** for working as child protection officials and persons working with children: several circumstances coming from Criminal Code!



# GROUP-WORK: INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT IN BARNAHUS GEORGIA

- Example of Interagency Agreement (IA) from Barnahus Standards
  - Teamwork of 5 people per group – 20 minutes – discussion 25 minutes.
- 1) Find what is interesting and new for you in this IA template – up to 5 most important findings;
  - 2) Take a lottery of professions and discuss what should be the role of this person in Barnahus Georgia;
  - 3) Imagine what is the organisation he/she works for;
  - 4) Describe the values and main tasks of this organisation;
  - 5) Choose up to 10 activities which this organisation should agree upon in IA to be a valuable partner in Barnahus.
  - 6) Group members presentation up to 5 minutes.



**YEY,  
MAYBE WE HAVE TIME FOR QUESTIONS  
AND DISCUSSION?!**

