

Baby Friendly Health Initiative in Ireland c/o Health Promotion, HSE Block 4, Central Business Park Clonminch, Tullamore, Co. Offaly contact@babyfriendly.ie www.babyfriendly.ie

## Role of Baby Friendly Health Initiative (BFHI) contact person in a health facility

- 1. Receive correspondence from national BFHI coordinator, approximately 6 times a year, distribute *BFHI Link* (newsletter 3-4 times a year) and other BFHI information within the health facility, and bring items in BFHI communication to the attention of relevant people in the health facility.
- 2. Ensure annual BFHI reports, plans, forms are completed and returned. Liaise with Action Plan leader(s) with regard to annual BFHI Action Project.
- 3. Deal with enquiries from other health facilities regarding BFHI project ideas and activities. Answer or channel to someone within the health facility who will answer them, as needed.
- 4. Be a member of the health facility BFHI/breastfeeding committee and be familiar with BFHI/breastfeeding related projects/activities in the health facility.
- 5. Ensure the BFHI project is submitted to Quality Initiatives and Health Promoting Hospital committees (where functioning) in the health facility for recognition and support.
- 6. Contact the National BFHI Coordinator with queries about participation in the BFHI.

This list is not exhaustive.

## **IMPORTANT:**

Inform the BFHI National Co-ordinator if the Contact Person changes.

Dr Genevieve Becker National Co-ordinator of BFHI in Ireland

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