

Dear Early Childhood Care and Educator/Service Provider,

Please see below our bulletin for the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) sector in County Roscommon with relevant information for you regarding deadlines, training and updates.

As always, we welcome any feedback on our communication with you and if you need to have something clarified or discussed in more detail, then please contact a member of our staff team through email or on our main number at 094 9622540.

Please keep updated through our new website [www.roscommonchildcare.ie](http://www.roscommonchildcare.ie) and on our face book page at <https://www.facebook.com/roscommonchildcare/> where we will continue to post relevant information for our sector as the central local information hub for the ECCE sector in County Roscommon.

***We aim to as wide an audience as possible and would be grateful if you could distribute this to each member of your staff teams and place on your bulletin/information board for sharing of information. We hope you enjoy this bulletin and find it informative and beneficial.***

Kind Regards,

Irene Cafferky, Manager and Roscommon CCC Staff Team Carmel, Majella, Martina & Louise Roscommon County Childcare Committee

Every effort has being made to ensure that the information contained in this Bulletin is accurate and up to date. Roscommon County Childcare Committee take no responsibility for, and will not be liable for, any errors or omissions that may/may not be contained in this bulletin. RCCC does not promote one company/product over another and the decision to engage a product/company rests with each individual ECCE service. © Copyright rests with Roscommon County Childcare Committee. Users please acknowledge copyright.

### Deadlines - Page 3

- 11th December 2017, Deadline Extended for Early Years Capital and School Age Childcare 2017

### Continuing Professional Development Training/Workshops – pages 4

- Chevron Training – Online BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies

### Updates – Pages 5-7

- ECCE Payments - Christmas Period
- The Children First Act and Mandated Reporting
- Compliance Visits / Compliance Checklists
- Overage Exemptions No Longer Accepted ECCE Programme from 2018/19
- 7th Statement of the Health and Safety Authority

Roscommon CCC Bulletin, Edition 40. 1/12/2017. The information contained in this Bulletin is for information purposes only. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this Bulletin is accurate and up to date. Roscommon County Childcare Committee take no responsibility for, and will not be liable for, any errors or omissions that may/may not be contained in this bulletin.

RCCC does not promote one company/product over another and the decision to engage a product/company rests with each individual ECCE service. © **Copyright rests with Roscommon County Childcare Committee. Users please acknowledge copyright.**



## UPCOMING DEADLINES OF IMPORTANCE

### 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017, Deadline Extended for Early Years Capital and School Age Childcare 2017

The deadline for final reporting on Capital 2017 has been extended to close of business on Monday 11th December 2017. Please submit as soon as possible or payment cannot be guaranteed before Christmas. If you have any queries please contact online support [onlinesupport@pobal.ie](mailto:onlinesupport@pobal.ie)

Roscommon CCC Bulletin, Edition 40. 1/12/2017. The information contained in this Bulletin is for information purposes only. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this Bulletin is accurate and up to date. Roscommon County Childcare Committee take no responsibility for, and will not be liable for, any errors or omissions that may/may not be contained in this bulletin.

RCCC does not promote one company/product over another and the decision to engage a product/company rests with each individual ECCE service. © **Copyright rests with Roscommon County Childcare Committee. Users please acknowledge copyright.**



## Continuing Professional Development Training/Workshops

### Chevron Training – Online BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies

Chevron Training are running an online BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies programme starting in January.

#### The programme is:

- Recognised under the DCYA approved training programmes for higher capitation grant
- All online, no exams, no evening or weekend workshops
- Complete programme in 2 years
- Claim back 20% in tax relief from Revenue

#### Course structure:

- Term 1: January (2018) – June (2018) 2 modules
- Term 2: September (2018) - June (2019) 4 modules

**Please note the deadline for enrolment is the 15<sup>th</sup> of December**

Roscommon CCC Bulletin, Edition 40. 1/12/2017. The information contained in this Bulletin is for information purposes only. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this Bulletin is accurate and up to date. Roscommon County Childcare Committee take no responsibility for, and will not be liable for, any errors or omissions that may/may not be contained in this bulletin.

RCCC does not promote one company/product over another and the decision to engage a product/company rests with each individual ECCE service. © **Copyright rests with Roscommon County Childcare Committee. Users please acknowledge copyright.**



## Information Updates

### ECCE Payments - Christmas Period

Please find details below of the ECCE Payments schedule and an update on registrations over Christmas:

Payment Dates:	Payable To:	Covering Maximum:
01 December 2017	19 January 2018	7 weeks
08 December 2017	19 January 2018	7 weeks
15 December 2017	19 January 2018	7 weeks
05 January 2018	19 January 2018	7 weeks
12 January 2018	19 January 2018	7 weeks
19 January 2018	23 February 2018	5 weeks

If Registrations Approved By Close Of Business On:	You Will Receive Payment On:
27 November 2017	01 December 2017
04 December 2017	08 December 2017
11 December 2017	15 December 2017
02 January 2018	05 January 2018
08 January 2018	12 January 2018
15 January 2018	19 January 2018

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- Payments made on a Friday will cover registrations, Higher Capitation, and AIM Level 1 (LINC) allocations approved by close of business on the previous Monday.
- Services will be paid in accordance with submitted service calendars therefore non-payable weeks should be taken into consideration.

Roscommon CCC Bulletin, Edition 40. 1/12/2017. The information contained in this Bulletin is for information purposes only. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this Bulletin is accurate and up to date. Roscommon County Childcare Committee take no responsibility for, and will not be liable for, any errors or omissions that may/may not be contained in this bulletin.

RCCC does not promote one company/product over another and the decision to engage a product/company rests with each individual ECCE service. © Copyright rests with Roscommon County Childcare Committee. Users please acknowledge copyright.

- Following discussions with the DCYA it has been agreed to allow early registration for the January intake, from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**.

If you have any queries please contact Pobal Online Support on 01-5117122, or Roscommon County Childcare Committee

### The Children First Act and Mandated Reporting



As was mentioned in a previous bulletin, the Minister announced the full enactment of the child protection and welfare legislation from 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017. This means that mandated reporting comes into force from that date. Services will have until March 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 to have their child safeguarding statement in place.

In the meantime the Early Years Child Protection Programme have produced a leaflet '[The five steps to prepare for the Children First Act, 2015](#)'. We would recommend that as a first step you encourage all staff, owners, Boards and Committees to complete the e-learning course. Details are on the leaflet. This does not replace the training that we have been running for the last 4 years. Our training will resume in March 2018.

### Compliance Visits / Compliance Checklists

#### Compliance Visits / Compliance Checklists

Further to last week's announcement, to help make sure you are ready for any unannounced visit, be prepared. Make sure your compliance file is ready and on site. Make sure that at least one person has access to the file at all times so that if a manager/owner is off-site when Pobal arrive, they can still do their checks.

There is a check list on PIP, which can be found [here](#) itemising everything that should be in the file/accessible to Pobal.

### Overage Exemptions No Longer Accepted ECCE Programme from 2018/19

Applications for overage exemptions **no longer** accepted for ECCE Programme from 2018/19 Programme Year. Please read [notice](#) for further details.

Roscommon CCC Bulletin, Edition 40. 1/12/2017. The information contained in this Bulletin is for information purposes only. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this Bulletin is accurate and up to date. Roscommon County Childcare Committee take no responsibility for, and will not be liable for, any errors or omissions that may/may not be contained in this bulletin.

RCCC does not promote one company/product over another and the decision to engage a product/company rests with each individual ECCE service. © **Copyright rests with Roscommon County Childcare Committee. Users please acknowledge copyright.**

7<sup>th</sup> Statement of the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) in relation to transition to Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) First Aid Response (FAR) Education and Training Standard

In the previous statement of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, the HSA announced its intention that as and from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, it would only recognise the PHECC FAR standard as meeting the needs of occupational first aid (OFA) in workplaces.

The HSA has determined in consultation with Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) and PHECC that dual recognition of QQI 5N1207 and PHECC FAR will continue until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018. Thereafter the HSA will only recognise PHECC FAR. This recent decision takes into account PHECC's current review of the FAR Education and Training Standard (2014). The review is addressing our mutual stakeholders concerns including:

- the instructor to student ratio;
- the duration of the course;
- the duration of the refresher training.

Recommendations for dealing with these concerns and other areas focusing on FAR content and delivery will be forthcoming with review conducted by PHECC Education and Standards Committee.

To date there are 33 PHECC Recognised Institutions approved for FAR provider courses and 14 RIs approved for FAR instructor courses. In addition there are other applications currently being processed by PHECC. Recent developments for the OFA to FAR transition involve PHECC creating an on-line electronic portal for RI and FAR course applications.

Updates about the FAR review and the transition work are provided on the PHECC website.

Roscommon CCC Bulletin, Edition 40. 1/12/2017. The information contained in this Bulletin is for information purposes only. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this Bulletin is accurate and up to date. Roscommon County Childcare Committee take no responsibility for, and will not be liable for, any errors or omissions that may/may not be contained in this bulletin.

RCCC does not promote one company/product over another and the decision to engage a product/company rests with each individual ECCE service. © **Copyright rests with Roscommon County Childcare Committee. Users please acknowledge copyright.**