

Dear Early Childhood Care and Educator,

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 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. We hope you enjoy this bulletin and find it informative and beneficial.

Kind Regards,

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UPCOMING DEADLINES OF IMPORTANCE

11 August 2017 – Contracting

Deadline for re-contracting **11th August 2017** (to receive preliminary payment (if applicable)).

21 August 2017 – Calendars and Fees Lists Submitted

All service calendars and fees list must be submitted by **21 August 2017**. This deadline can be found in the appendix of each contract.

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***IMPORTANT* September Readiness 2017/2018**

Below is the key information you will need in relation to registrations, deadline dates, how to guides and payment schedules for the coming weeks. Further information will be available in the coming weeks.

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

All DCYA Funded Programmes	Key Information	Key Dates
Contracting	Once the PAU has been validated you can complete the re-contracting steps on the PIP Portal. How-To Guide	Deadline for re-contracting 11th August 2017 (to receive preliminary payment (if applicable)).
Service Calendars & Fees Lists	The Service Calendar & Fees List should preferably be completed before registration submission. How-To Guide	To be completed by 21st August 2017.

Please Note:

- New services or those who have changed address, legal status or ownership are not guaranteed first payment unless the contracting process has been completed by **11th August 2017.**
- Please check with your local City or County Childcare Committee to determine the progress of your application.

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Payment Notes:

Please be advised that, in order for Pobal to process payments, Early Years Services must have:

- Completed the contracting process through the PIP Portal.
- **Submitted the Service Calendar & Fees List prior to 21st August 2017.**
- Supplied a valid TCAN to pipdocuments@pobal.ie and be tax compliant.

Pobal will process payments to **the existing bank account** associated with the service on PIP - for any changes please notify the Early Years & Young Peoples Directorate via pipdocuments@pobal.ie

Updated Programme rules

The programmes rules document has been completely revised. This document clearly sets out the rules for each of the current DCYA funding programmes. CCCs have been working really hard with the DCYA and Pobal to make sure that it is both comprehensive but also easy to understand. The document will be updated, and the date of update will always be on the front page. You can find a copy of the new rules [here](#).

ECCE 2016/2017 Programme Closure

The 2016/2017 ECCE Programme which officially ran from the 28th of August 2016 to the 30th of June 2017 will close at 6pm on Friday 11th August 2017. Please ensure that all ECCE 2016/2017 registrations are submitted before this date. A notice is available on PIP.

Fees Lists Optional Extras Guide

The DCYA has issued a guide to Childcare Funding Programme Optional Extras, which will help you in completing your fees lists. You can access the guide [here](#).

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School Age Childcare Funding

Last week, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Dr Katherine Zappone announced that government funding of €4m is being provided to increase the number of School Age Childcare (SAC) places in 2017. Strands A and B of this funding were announced this week, and Strand C will be announced in the coming weeks. Minister Zappone's statement and the full list of successful applicants under Strands A and B can be found [here](#).

The Board, Manager and staff of Roscommon CCC would like to congratulate the following childcare services in Roscommon on their successful applications.

Strand A

Service	Funding Awarded
ABC Childcare	€20,000.00
Lisacul Childcare	€19,475.00

Strand B

Service	Funding Awarded
Frenchpark and District Childcare Ltd	€9,557.00
Right Start Montessori	€9,991.00

Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Charter and Guidelines for Early Childhood Care and Education

Roscommon County Childcare Committee are hosting another training course on the implementation of the Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Charter and Guidelines for early childhood care and education. By completing this training it will support the Inclusion Officer appointed within your service or if a one of your staff is participating on the LINC programme. Support will be given by RCCC to ensure your Inclusion policy is in line with the Early Childhood Care

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and Education Charter and Preschool Regulations 2016 to meet the individual needs of your service when the training is completed. **This training is free of charge**

All session must be attended to receive your certificate of attendance.

Dates for your Diary –Second Session - Venue: Athlone

- **Tuesday the 22nd of August 10am – 4.30pm**
- **Tuesday the 29th of August 6.30pm – 9.30pm**
- **Tuesday the 5th of September 6.30pm – 9.30pm**
- **Tuesday the 12th of September 6.30pm – 9.30pm**

To book your place please contact Majella in the office on 0949622520 or email on majella.mcgovern@roscommonchildcare.ie

National Early Years Child Protection & Welfare Training

RCCC have set dates for the autumn schedule of **Always Children First Refresher and Foundation Modules** for Early Years Services. This training is the **only** standard Child Protection training relevant to early year's services and as such, has been tailored to the issues and needs of the sector.

The Always Children First Refresher Training (approx. 3.5 hrs duration) will be held on the following dates:

Date: Thursday 28th September 2017

Time: 2.00pm – 5.30pm.

Venue: Roscommon CCC Offices, Castlerea

Cost: €10 per participant

Date: Friday 29th September 2017

Time: 2.00pm – 5.30pm.

Venue: Athlone Town

Cost: €10 per participant

Always Children First Child Welfare and Protection Foundation Level - 1 day Training

Full Day Foundation Level Child Protection (for those who have not previously completed the Child Protection Foundation Level training).

Date: Thursday 5th October 2017

Time: 10am – 5.00pm.

Venue: Athlone or Castlerea – Venue to be confirmed

Cost: €10 per participant

Please contact RCCC as soon as possible if you wish to book a place on one of the above courses.

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