

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 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

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UPCOMING DEADLINES OF IMPORTANCE

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If parents have queries they can contact any member of our staff team also on 0949622540

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Continuing Professional Development Training/Workshops

Child Protection Policy Workshop

A Child Protection Policy workshop will take place in RCCC Offices on the Knock Road, Castlereah.

Date: Tuesday 7th September

Time: 2pm – 4pm.

Venue: Roscommon CCC Offices, Castlereah, Co. Roscommon

To book your place please contact majella.mcGovern@roscommonchildcare.ie or phone 094

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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, Castlereah

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 Castlereah – Venue to be confirmed

Cost: €10 per participant

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Please contact Irene or any staff member at Roscommon CCC or email info@roscommonchildcare.ie as soon as possible if you wish to book a place on one of the above courses.



Information Updates

Registrations

Registration start/end dates

Even though your service may start and end their programme year mid-week, PIP will only allow registrations to start on a Monday and end on a Friday. For example if you start back on Thursday 31 August and finish on Wednesday 27 June, you will have to register children as starting on Monday 28 August and finishing on Friday 29 June. This will not affect your payments as these are calculated from your calendars.

ID Numbers

Using registration ID numbers from 2016/17

If you have children who are continuing their ECCE programme with you from last year, you cannot use their 2016/17 registration ID instead of their PPSN, the system won't recognise it. You will have to get the parents to fill out the child's PPSN details on the pre-registration forms which you will find on PIP.

Fees Lists and Calendars

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These should now be submitted so that you can register children. If you have been informed that your fees lists and calendars have to be checked by us, as long as you have submitted a list you can register children, even if we haven't approved them.

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Higher Capitation

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The process for applying for the higher capitation is now open. The guidelines and forms are on the DCYA website click [here](#).

Exemptions

Minimum enrolment exemptions

The guidelines regarding minimum enrolments are in the appendix of your ECCE contract, point 9. We have attached the guide to this email. If you need an exemption, please contact a member of the Roscommon CCC team who will send you a form. Don't forget if you have more than one ECCE room, and one has less than 8 children, you need an exemption for the second room. Check the guidelines (attached to email sent out to services by us) to see if this is relevant to you.

LINC Capitation Payments

LINC applications

It is our understanding that applications for the additional capitation available for those who have undertaken the LINC course will be available towards the end of September/early October, with the payments beginning at the end of October.

Resource Exchange

Free resource exchange

We were contacted by SMILE Resource Exchange to see if it would be of benefit to childcare services. SMILE allows businesses, including childcare businesses, to request or offer reusable materials, surplus stock or anything else for use by other services. It is FREE and might be a useful resource to pick up or pass on classroom equipment, furniture or other supplies. You can find out more at www.smileexchange.ie

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The service is available to businesses in the Republic of Ireland. Registration is free and can be done here <http://www.smileexchange.ie/members/sign-up>

HSA - First aid

From the 1st of September 2017 it will only recognise the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) First Aid Response Education & Training Standard (FAR) as meeting the needs of Occupational First Aid (OFA) in all workplaces as and from 1st September 2017.

Refresher certificates issued by recognised training providers up to 31 August 2017 will also be recognised by the HSA for a 2 year period. Thereafter existing occupational first aiders can have their qualifications transferred to PHECC FAR system by completing the 2 day refresher course.

The HSA issued a Statement on the 31st August stating that the date has been extended to the 31st December 2017.

A Children Focused Service Provider Workshop

A Children Focused Service Provider Workshop will take place on Thursday 21st September where the issue of service provision for children who experience domestic violence will be explored. The workshop will be facilitated by the consultant for the Needs Analysis Project, Ms Kathy Walsh. The workshop will take place from 10.00am to 12.30pm in the Radisson Blue Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

If you wish to attend the workshop please confirm by email to valerie.everard@tusla.ie by Monday 18th September.

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