



Supporting parents
& families & the
ELC and SAC sector

Message from our County Childcare Coordinator Irene Cafferky

Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG would like to wish the best of luck and welcome back to children and staff returning to Early learning & Care and School Aged Childcare services in the next few days and weeks. We would like to remind all parents and services that we are available to support you with queries. You can contact a member of the team via email, calling their mobile or calling our office on the contact details below. 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.

We aim to reach 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 or indeed through your social media. We hope you enjoy this bulletin and find it informative and beneficial.

Kind Regards & Happy Reading,

Irene Cafferky, County Childcare Coordinator/Manager and Roscommon CCC Staff Team Carmel, Sinead, Aine & Martina



We ask that if you need to contact a member of our team that you now use the contact details as outlined below.

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All updates and our weekly newsletter/bulletin from us to your service will now come from our info@roscommonchildcare.ie address. Your assigned development officer will also keep in regular contact with your service for any support needs.



Visit our website at <https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/> Roscommon CCC has uploaded a variety of useful resources for services and parents on our resource page on our website.



<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.



[JOB OPPORTUNITIES ON ROSCOMMON CCC WEBSITE](#)

Roscommon CCC Jobsboard is updated regularly check it out here:
<https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/jobs-board/>



Q. Will my ECCE & NCS Fees List be Published on public platform

A. Yes, as you are aware, ECCE and NCS providers are contractually required to publish their fees lists:

- in an area accessible to parents
- on any online platform maintained by the Approved Provider for the purpose of advertising its service.

In addition, the contract permits the Department to make those fees lists available through its website.

The facility to provide for the publication of fees lists through scheme websites was not available in the first year of operation of the Early Years Hive portal but is now ready for release.



From Thursday 26 August 2021, your fees lists will be viewable to the public through the NCS parent website.

Ask The Team - Roscommon CCC Team answering queries as they arise for the sector.

Q: I am due to submit my services remaining documentation for the completion of the re-registration process what is the closing date?

Answer- All documentation must be submitted by close of business on Monday 1st November 2021 .This is the final deadline and it is **IMPORTANT** that you have the required documentation in order and submitted **well in advance of** this deadline to allow time for any corrections or changes.





The national Child safeguarding programme

In collaboration with Tusla and National Child Safeguarding Programme; Early Learning and Care, Roscommon CCC **we are now offering Tusla**

Briefing Sessions Mandated Person and Designated Liaison Person (DLP) open to all staff in our childcare services in County Roscommon. Places are limited and will therefore be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Mandated Person: Date: Tuesday 7th September Time: 6.00m – 7.30m Venue: Online

To book a place contact Irene, Roscommon CCC child safe guarding trainer at irene.cafferky@roscommonchildcare.ie who will then confirm places with you by return email and **will send out the link once booking is confirmed with her**

Online Briefing Session – Mandated Person (MP) :

This session is aimed at mandated persons in Early Learning and Care services. The session explains the roles and responsibilities of mandated persons under the Children First Act, 2015, including understanding legal obligations and making reports to Tusla. Priority on this session should be given to mandated persons who may be new to their role or who require a refresher on the roles and responsibilities of mandated persons.

PLEASE NOTE ALL PARTICIPANTS AT THESE BRIEFING SESSIONS MUST COMPLETE THE TUSLA ELAERNING PROGRAMME PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION

We may also **have a few places remaining on Designated Liaison Person (DLP) as this had to be rescheduled due to the HSE cyber-attack, emails have been issued to those previously booked in with Irene**

Designated Liaison Person (DLP): Date: Thursday 9th Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm Venue: Online

To book a place contact Irene, Roscommon CCC child safe guarding trainer at irene.cafferky@roscommonchildcare.ie who will then confirm places with you by return email and **will send out the link once booking is confirmed with her**

Online Briefing Session – Designated Liaison Person (DLP):

This session is aimed at those in the DLP or Deputy DLP roles in ELC and SAC services. This session will explore the roles and responsibilities of the DLP/DDLP. **THIS IS NOT DLP TRAINING. IT IS A BRIEFING SESSION ON THE RESPONSIBILITES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROLE OF DLP/DDLP.**

This session is particularly aimed at those who may be new to the DLP or DDLP role and have been unable to access training since their appointment.

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For bookings, we will need you to complete the booking form (attached) with participants name, the service you work in, **the email address you wish the training invitation to be sent to and state the training you are booking for (you can book for both sessions) and you must confirm that you have completed the Tusla Always Children First e learning programme.**

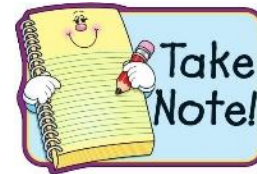


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DEADLINES/IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 10 September 2021

- Playing outside grant applications close
- Parent and Toddler Group Grant Applications close



Thursday 28 September 2021

- Augst FIRS due

Friday 1 October 2021

- Closing date for Learner Fund applications

Sunday 31 October 2021

- Final date for completion of subsidised FAR training course

Monday 1 November 2021

- Final date for re-registration of ELC services

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/INFORMATION SESSIONS:

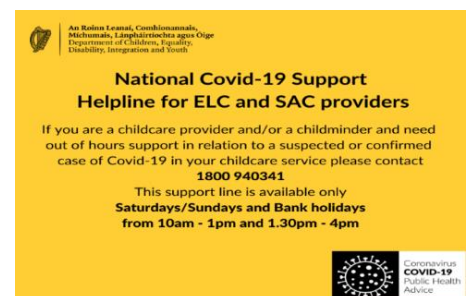
13 th September @7pm via MS Teams	Childminders Network meeting	Contact aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie to book your place.
7 th September Online	Mandated Person briefing session	Contact irene.cafferky@roscommonchildcare.ie with the booking form attached.
9 th September Online	Designated Liaison Person (DLP) briefing session	Contact irene.cafferky@roscommonchildcare.ie with the booking form attached.
16th of September online	BUSINESS ADVISORY CLINIC- REMOTE CLINIC 2021	<i>Please click on the link below to book your place:</i> https://www.localenterprise.ie/Roscommon/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/BUSINESS-ADVISORY-CLINIC-%E2%80%93-REMOTE-CLINIC-THURSDAY-SEPTEMBER-16th-2021.html

Covid Case Support Helplines

There are two helplines available to services who have a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19 in their service.

1. The HSE have a helpline to advise service providers if they have been informed of a Covid-19 case in a child or a staff member. The number is **01 511 9777** It is open Monday –Friday 8.30 –4.30 and 10 –4.30 Saturdays, Sundays, and Bank Holidays.

2. For those services who need support on engaging with the relevant authorities due to a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19, there is an out of hours helpline. The number is 1800 940 341. The service will be available Saturday, Sunday, and Bank Holidays from 10.00 –13.00 and 13.30 –16.00.



LEARNER FUND BURSARY 2021 - Closing date: October 1st 2021



Calling all graduates

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) has now launched the 2021 Learner Fund Graduate Bursary for learners who have achieved a Level 7/8/9 Award on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).

For more information and to apply please visit:
www.roscommonchildcare.ie or contact Martina:
martina.towey@roscommonchildcare.ie or
0949622540/0870629894

Closing date: 1st October 2021

Click here for more information in relation to
Learner Fund graduate bursary:
<https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/learner-fund-graduate-bursary-deadline-1st-october/>



Calling all childminders

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) have re-opened the Learner Fund Bursary to Tusla Registered Childminders who are new graduates of a recognised Early Childhood Education and Care Full Level 5 or 6 award. If you are a graduate of a recognised Early Childhood Education and Care programme with a major award placed at level 5/6 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and achieved in the academic years 2015 to 2021 inclusive you may be eligible for the bursary.

For more information and to apply please visit:
www.roscommonchildcare.ie or contact Aine:
aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie or
0949622540/0877744404

Closing date: 1st October 2021

Click here for more information in relation to the
Learner Fund Bursary for Childminders:
<https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/learner-fund-bursary-for-childminders-deadline-1st-october-2021/>



Calling all Childminders in County Roscommon

Are you a Childminder in County Roscommon?
Would you like to take part in a networking meeting with other childminders in the County?

FREE VIRTUAL EVENT
September 13th 2021 7pm-8pm
Contact:
aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie
for more information.

Roscommon County
Childcare
Committee CLG

Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG will hold a Childminders Network meeting on **September 13th 2021 from 7-8pm**. If you would like to attend please contact
aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



OUTDOOR ENHANCEMENT GRANT

Playing Outside Grant can now be used to buy a CO2 monitor

The Playing Outside Grant 2021, which is open for online applications **until 5pm Friday 10 September 2021**, can now be used to fund a CO2 monitor for your service.

CO2 monitors can provide a useful indicator that areas or rooms may not be adequately ventilated. They can be used to judge ventilation in a room, taking into account the impact of activities, outdoor weather and window openings.

If you have already applied for this grant, you can use the funding to purchase a CO2 monitor, or, if you have purchased a CO2 monitor in the eligible expenditure window (1 June- 30 November) this will now be counted as eligible expenditure under this grant.

You **do not** need to contact Pobal to communicate this change.

If you have not made an application under the Playing Outside Grant 2021 and intend to purchase a CO2 monitor with grant monies, please select **VENTILATION** from the list of eligible expenditure on the grant application.

Further information: For further information on the programme rules and how to apply for this grant please read the [Applicant Guidelines](#). For a step-by-step guide on how to complete the application on HIVE please read the [Technical Guidelines](#).



Parent and Toddler Group Grant initiative 2021

Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG (Roscommon CCC) in collaboration with the Department of Children, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Youth (DCEDIY) are seeking applications for the Parent and Toddler Groups Initiative Grant 2021.

If you are interested in setting up a new or existing Parent and Toddler Group and would like to make an application for 2021 funding, the Parent & Toddler group guidelines and an application pack can be [downloaded here from the Roscommon CCC website](#) or alternatively contact aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie by email or phone our office on 0949622540. Closing date for receipt of applications has been extended to **September 10th 2021**.

TUSLA RE-REGISTRATION

If you are still in the process of re-registering your service, we must stress the benefit of working on it as soon as possible. We would highly recommend viewing recordings of their two webinars on the subject, one from March and one from just this week. The webinars very clearly set out what is required and how to ensure your re-registration goes as smoothly as possible. Although the deadline is not until 1 November, we cannot stress enough the importance of getting the process completed as soon as possible.

The webinar recordings can be found here:

<https://www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/elearning-webinars-and-resources/webinars/>



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First 5 CPD

There are a range of CPD resources for practitioners available on the First 5 website. To view the full range of courses available please click [here](#)

REMOTE BUSINESS ADVISORY CLINIC

Roscommon LEO - FOR COUNTY ROSCOMMON BUSINESSES ONLY

Date: Thursday, September 16th

Delivered remotely via Phone Call or Zoom

If you wish to have a short, ie 20/25 minute Introductory call, with our business advisor, please book your place online. Thereafter, a member of the LEO team will contact you to arrange suitable time slot.

IF USING ZOOM, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE GOOD WI-FI CONNECTION & BROADBAND SPEED.

[PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE](#)

[NOW: https://www.localenterprise.ie/Roscommon/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/BUSINESS-ADVISORY-CLINIC-%E2%80%93-REMOTE-CLINIC-THURSDAY-SEPTEMBER-16th-2021.html](https://www.localenterprise.ie/Roscommon/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/BUSINESS-ADVISORY-CLINIC-%E2%80%93-REMOTE-CLINIC-THURSDAY-SEPTEMBER-16th-2021.html)

Portal Announcement - COVID-19 Operating Support Payment (COSP) - Verification Checks

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) has provided supports to the Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School Age Care (SAC) sector in recognition of the particular challenges and difficulties facing providers. One such support was the COVID-19 Operating Support Payment (COSP). The purpose of this payment was to support Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School Age Childcare (SAC) services for the period 1 February to 28 March 2021. As with all funding, the Department is required to ensure that the funding claimed was used for the purposes intended. The Department and Pobal will soon be undertaking verification checks against the criteria of the COSP for a sample of services funded. These checks will verify participating services' compliance with the COSP and will be carried out remotely in line with public health advice. The verification desk checks are expected to commence shortly and you will be notified in advance if your service is selected. You are requested to review all of the materials carefully to ensure that you have met requirements of the COSP. The Department and Pobal would like to thank you for your ongoing work and cooperation during this challenging time.

Portal Announcement: AIM Level 7 Reviews on the Early Years Hive

The AIM Level 7 Post-Application Approvals and Reviews Guidelines have been uploaded to the Early Years Hive, and can be found [here](#).

In particular, we wish to draw your attention to the 'reviews' section. This explains how you can inform Pobal of changes in support by submitting a 'review request' on the Early Years Hive.

It is a requirement of AIM Level 7 funding that changes related to the attendance of a child who is in receipt of AIM Level 7 support, or changes to the implementation of support, are notified to Pobal immediately.

You can also find a number of new AIM Level 7 training videos [here](#).

Should you have any queries in relation to AIM Level 7 reviews, please raise a service request on the Early Years Hive and select the following categories:



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Request Type: Application

Request Type Detail: AIM Level 7 Review

Portal Announcement: Higher Capitation Application 2021/2022

The Higher Capitation application for 2021/2022 programme call is open on the Early Years Hive. You can find guidance on making a Higher Capitation application on the [Early Years Hive](#).

Portal Announcement: The CCSP Finance and Impact returns (FIRS) for August 2021 are available for completion on Pobal online

The Community Childcare Subvention Plus (CCSP) Finance and Impact returns (FIRS) for August 2021 returns are available for completion on Pobal Online. As advised previously, the DCEDIY would like to emphasise the importance for all community services to continue to complete and submit FIRs to Pobal. These returns provide essential information that allows DCEDIY and Pobal to identify and help services to resolve problems. They also act as an informative tool for services in the effective planning of their financial future and highlight the real effect of closure due to Covid-19 on community services. The deadline for submission for August 2021 returns is **5pm on Tuesday 28 September 2021**. If you require any assistance in completing the return please contact your Pobal Finance Support Officer (childcarereporting@pobal.ie)

