



Supporting parents
& families & the
ELC and SAC sector

Message from our County Childcare Coordinator Irene Cafferky

Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG 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 Halloween,

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



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.



Jobs Board

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ON ROSCOMMON CCC WEBSITE

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





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



Ask The Team



Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG have sought a number of clarifications from Tusla on the following areas of EY Tusla Re-registration:

Most common error is the fire risk assessment not being carried out by a competent person. Please ensure that all risk assessments are being carried out by the following:

- (a) Architects that are on the register maintained by the RIAI under Part 3 of the Building Control Act 2007;
- (b) Building Surveyors that are on the register maintained by the SCSi under Part 5 of the Building Control Act 2007;
- (c) Chartered Engineers on the register maintained by Engineers Ireland under section 7 of the Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland (Charter Amendment) Act 1969.

- Services are asked to use their original application as some services are opening new applications each time leading to duplicates.
- The portal is now capable of two-way communications and this is the preferred method of communication with Tusla.
- Check spam and junk box for emails from Tusla.

DEADLINES/IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 29 October 2021 @ 5pm ***Today***

- Deadline for graduate LINC additional capitation applications with backdated payments

Sunday 31 October 2021

- **Final** date for completion of subsidised FAR training course (see below for details)

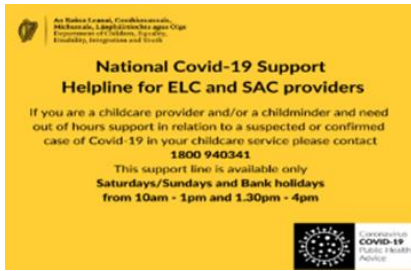
Monday 1 November 2021

- **Final** date for re-registration of ELC services

Friday 3 December 2021

- **Final** deadline for FAR reimbursement applications (see below for details)

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Covid Case Support Helpline

The HSE helpline to advise service providers if they have been informed of a Covid-19 case in a child or a staff member will remain active for a short, transition period, following the changes to contact tracing for children. The number is 01 511 9777.


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.

Notifications of incidents – Covid 19

It is a requirement that early years services advise the inspectorate of any notifiable incidents in their service which includes Covid-19. Confirmed cases are asked to be reported via email to: ey.registration@tusla.ie

Form is available here: <https://first5.gov.ie/userfiles/files/download/34aafd6eea430a67.pdf>

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS/INFORMATION SESSIONS:

 An Rialálaí Carthanais Charities Regulator Name of Workshop	Date & Time	Contact
Charities regulator reporting requirements for 2021 This information workshop sets out how registered charities will report on their compliance with the Charities Governance Code (“the Code”) to the Charities Regulator during 2021. For Voluntary Management Committee members and Managers of community Services	8th November online @ 7pm	carmel.dunne@roscommonchildcare.ie to book your place

*******Deadline approaching 1st November 2021*******

Tusla re-registration



Tusla re-registration Deadline approaching

Service providers please ensure you check your Tusla portal on a regular basis. If there are any amendments to be made to your registration you will be notified through the portal. The deadline for completed applications is fast approaching on 1st November 2021.



The final deadline for re-registration of services is **1st November**. We cannot stress strongly enough how important it is for you to complete your submission in advance of the deadline. If your submission is not completed by 1 November, you risk sanction or restrictions/conditions being attached to your registration.

Queries

If you have any queries relating to re-registration, please contact us on:



re.registration@tusla.ie



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LAST CALL: FAR training bursary

The regulatory requirement to have at least one person FAR trained available to children at all times in each service comes into force on 1 November 2021. Last call to services who have not yet claimed the First Aid Responder (FAR) Reimbursement. The FAR fund will close from 31st October. All certificates need to be dated before this date in order to qualify for the training grant. Claims must then be submitted to RCCC before 3rd December. New Tusla regulations come into effect from 1st November. Tusla have confirmed that the regulatory requirement to have at least one person FAR trained available to children at all times in each service has been extended to 1 November 2021. Please see link below for further Tusla communications on this regulatory extension.

<https://www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/early-years-pre-school-inspection-services/first-aid-training-in-early-years-services/>

Due to this extension, the DCEDIY have agreed to extend the FAR reimbursement scheme to 31st October. Please see the attached application form for full details of the scheme and payment dates. Please remember the following:

- **Only one payment can be made per service.**
- The training must have been completed by 31 October 2021. Training completed after that date is not eligible for a payment under the scheme.
- Completed FAR Reimbursement application form must be accompanied by a PHECC accredited FAR certificate and a copy of training payment receipt.



Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG acknowledges the Volunteerism within the Early Learning and Care Sector in County Roscommon as part of Charity Trustees Week.

Charity Trustees' Week takes place from 15-19 November 2021 and is hosted in partnership by the Charities Regulator, Boardmatch Ireland, Carmichael, The Wheel, Volunteer Ireland, Charities Institute Ireland, Pobal and Dóchas.

Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG (Roscommon CCC) have a mix of experienced and new trustees that make up their board membership and comply with the Charity Governance Code by submitting their annual report to the Charities Regulator. <https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/about-us/meet-the-board/>

Roscommon CCC are currently supporting Early Childhood Care and Education Charities within County Roscommon to meet the Charity Code of Governance by highlighting the importance of good governance of voluntary management boards, promoting the need for trustees to have a greater understanding of trustees' roles and responsibilities through our mentoring programme and by signposting to relevant resources.

Irene Cafferky County Childcare Coordinator/Manager with Roscommon CCC states 'Throughout County Roscommon there are many volunteers on the management committees of local Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School Age Childcare (SAC) services, who individually and collectively give of their time and expertise to run these companies/charities that deliver services to children and families whilst creating and sustaining employment. The range of tasks that are now required of community based ELC/SAC voluntary management committees is complex and diverse. The levels of voluntary activity of this sector have been difficult to quantify and as a result a corresponding economic contribution figure has been difficult to calculate. In a study I carried out a few years ago it






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appears that a rationale exists to treat this activity in community based not-for-profit ELC/SAC services on a par with any other type of economic activity’.

Charity trustees have specific duties under the Charities Act 2009 and must make sure that their charity complies with the requirements of other relevant legislation.

Other relevant legislation includes:

-  data protection legislation
-  employment legislation and
-  health and safety legislation

Where a charity is a company, a charity trustee who is also a director of the company has additional duties under company law and common law in their capacity as company directors. See ‘Guidance for Charity Trustees’ - available from: <https://www.charitiesregulator.ie/media/1078/guidance-for-charity-trustees-july-2017.pdf>

For further information on events for charity trustee’s week you can go to

<https://www.charitiesregulator.ie/en/information-for-charities/charity-trustees-week-2021>

If you are company/charity involved in the Early Learning and Care sector in County Roscommon and would like more information or support from Roscommon County Childcare Committee you can contact us on info@roscommonchildcare.ie or Tel: 0949622540 #TrusteesWeekIrl

The National Child Safeguarding Programme invites you to the launch of the ‘*Child Safeguarding Resource Document - Child Safeguarding Statement, Policy and Procedures; Guidance for Early Learning and Care and School Aged Childcare Services in Ireland*’ Please see the invitation attached or register using the link:

<https://event.webinarjam.com/register/45/kogkoc2l>



The Department of Education Inspectorate will hold an online seminar on **11 November at 3pm** to provide briefing on the development of a revised early years education inspection model to accommodate evaluation of early years education provision and pedagogy for children aged birth to six years.

The event will also launch the consultation phase of the development process.

Speakers at the event will include:

- Minister for Education Norma Foley TD
- Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth Roderic O'Gorman TD
- Chief Inspector, Department of Education, Harold Hislop
- Deputy Chief Inspector, Department of Education, Yvonne Keating



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- Fiona McDonnell, Tusla, National Service Director – Children Services Regulation
- Toby Wolfe, Principal Officer, Early Years Quality Unit, Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

If you would like to participate in this event please register on eventbrite at the link below.

A link to the event will be provided in advance.

Thursday, 11 November 2021 15:00

Launch of Consultation on Revised Early Years Education Inspection

Model

Register



National
Parents

Council (NPC) are running more FREE online information sessions for parents of children in early years' education around the topic of "**Supporting your child's positive mental health in the early years**".

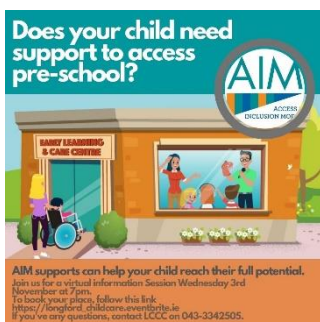
These sessions will be held online, via Zoom, next week on Wednesday the 3rd at 7.30pm, and Thursday the 4th at 10am and 8pm. The environment that a child grows up in and the relationships that a child has with their parents in the first five years of life is very important to the development of a child's long-term positive mental health. NPC has worked in partnership with St Patricks Mental Health Services to develop a programme to support parents to support their young child's positive mental health at home.

The key elements of this programme are

- Meeting your child's needs- how everyday life can impact positively on your child's mental health
- Coping when things don't go your way! Helping your child understand and manage their emotions, dealing with challenges
- Developing and nurturing your relationship with your child
- Resilience, how to support your child to build resilience
- Children's Rights - Giving your child the opportunity to live a mentally healthy life
- Five Ways to Wellbeing.

If you would be interested in attending (virtually) one of these webinars please register your details here -

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Early_Years_Mental_Health_Oct21



An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais,
Michumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Oige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth



Disclaimer: Please note the information in these bulletins is based on official communications from DCEDIY and Pobal as well as notices on PIP. However, information is subject to change from week to week so please check our most recent bulletin for the most up to date information. This bulletin should not replace checking PIP & HIVE- it is merely a reminder of important deadlines and information from Roscommon CCC.

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Longford CCC are facilitating an AIM Parent Virtual Information Session in collaboration with BetterStart AIM on the 3rd of November @ 7pm. See attached poster for more details.

Free Webinar to Focus on Understanding Mental Health Stigma

The LINC Programme team in conjunction with See Change and MIC will be hosting a free webinar for anyone who wishes to know more about the stigma that surrounds mental health difficulties in Ireland and how to challenge it. The webinar will feature speaker and See Change Ambassador Blessing Dada and will be introduced by Professor Emer Ring, Dean of Early Childhood and Teacher Education at MIC. It will be hosted on Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday the 3rd of November at 5:30pm**. The webinar will focus on the following topics:

- Brief overview of See Change
- Mental health awareness
- Understanding stigma as a topic
- Public & Self-stigma
- The language of mental health stigma
- Where stigma shows up in society
- How you can help challenge stigma
- Some tips on how to help – yourself & others

[Register Here](#)

Understanding Mental Health Stigma

With See Change Ambassador, Blessing Dada



Featuring an Introduction from Prof. Emer Ring, Dean of Education MIC

When: Wednesday the 3rd of November at 5:30pm

Where: Online/Webinar

#TimeToTalk #EndTheStigma



CPD Certificates of Attendance



Roscommon CCC have emailed out certificates of attendance to all those that attended the recent Tusla Mandated Person and Designated Liaison Person briefings. We will be in touch when other training is made available but in the meantime if you have any queries contact Irene here in our CCC.



Mid-term updates on the Hive

If you need to make changes to registrations or calendars because of the upcoming mid-term break, you are advised to make those changes as quickly as possible. Changes cannot be made to service calendars or registrations once the return for that week has been submitted. *NCS service calendar* – any closure during mid-term must be noted on your calendar. There is help on the Hive on adding a closure to your NCS calendar [here](#).

NCS non-term hours – any children requiring additional hours during the mid-term will need to have their registrations amended. We have attached the quick guide to this process to the email.



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CCSP – if the child’s hours are changing from part-time to full-time, you will need to input a CCSP leaver with the date of the change in service level. Then create a new registration with the up-dated levels of service for the correct period. Further details can be found on pages 14 and 15 of the attached CCSP registration guide.



AIM Level 1 LINC 2021

The application process for all qualified LINC Co-Ordinators is open on the Early Years Hive. All applicants are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible. Applications received by 5pm on Friday 29 October 2021 will be awarded the additional capitation from the Inclusion Co-ordinator’s start date for the programme year. Any applications received after this date will not be backdated to the start date for the programme year. Applications must be submitted electronically via the Early Years HIVE

portal.



Aistear consultation

Phase 1 of the consultation on [Aistear: the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework](#), is underway and there are a number of ways for you to get involved. Click on the link below

for more details: <https://ncca.ie/en/updates-and-events/latest-news/2021/october/updating-aistear/>

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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