

Roscommon CCC Weekly Bulletin for the Early Learning & Care & School Age Childcare Sector in County Roscommon –

25/11/2022



Supporting
parents/guardians/
families & the ELC
and SAC sector



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

“Remember no query is too small for our team, we are here to support and assist you”





DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:



Building Blocks – Improvement Grant applications opened on the 28th October 2022.

The closing date for applications has been extended to **Friday 16th December 2022 at 5pm.**

There will be no further extension to this date, and it will not be possible to submit late applications.

When submitting your application, please ensure you have attached all required documents from the following checklist:

Checklist of Documents
Professional Report (Mandatory for Strand A)
Planning Permission, if required for Strand A only
Rental/Lease/licence agreement, if required
Owner's Permission template, if required
Indicative Quote Documentation
Evidence of Own Funding, if required
Additional Supporting Documentation

Please refer to the Applicant Guidelines and FAQ available on the [Capital – Documents page](#) of the Early Years Hive for support on completing the application for Building Blocks – Improvement Grant.

Submission of the Building Blocks application form should not be delayed by the e-tendering process, as only an indicative quote needs to be submitted.

The team at Roscommon CCC are available for support with applications also.

Increase to minimum NCS subsidy rate: Co-payment...

As previously communicated, from 2 January 2023, the minimum rate for NCS subsidies will increase from €0.50 to €1.40. The increase, which was introduced by Minister Roderic O'Gorman as part of Budget 2023 measures, means that if parents are in receipt of a subsidy which is less than the maximum, they will receive a higher subsidy towards their childcare fees.



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Awards will be recalculated with this new rate and updated accordingly. This will affect existing claims. Service providers do not need to modify the claim if the hours are remaining the same. However, service providers will have to recalculate co-payment and issue new parental agreements.

Identifying affected claims

To assist with identifying which NCS claims in your service have been impacted, a new page called '*Budget 2023 Claims affected*' will be available on the Early Years Hive from 25 November. This page will be under the Registration menu on Hive and will display the claims that will change during the uplift process. Please note that the uplift process may take up to 10 days from 25 November and not all of the claims will be available on this page from day one.

Please see the how-to guide [here](#) for more information on this new page.

Parental agreement

To assist with this additional administrative work, from 2 December, you will be able to print out Parental Agreements for NCS directly from the Hive. This new feature will be available on the '*Parental Agreement and Co-payment*' section of NCS claims on the [NCS registrations](#) page. Once you have calculated the co-payment for an NCS claim, the Parental Agreement will include all co-payment weekly amounts, the child's name, the claim to and from date etc. this will be available to download and print from this page. Further information on this new feature will be available later next week.

Please see the how-to guide [here](#) for more information on the Parental Agreement.

Wednesday 30th November 2022

Quality Action Plan Deadline

Invitation to submit and Expression of Interest to take part in Aistear and Play CPD IN 2023

Monday 2nd January 2023

Increase of NCS subsidies

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Invitation to submit and Expression of Interest to take part in Aistear and Play CPD IN 2023

What is Aistear & Play CPD?

Aistear & Play CPD is part of the National *Síolta Aistear* Initiative (NSAI) a collaboration between Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Inclusion and Youth (DCEDIY), Department of Education (DE), Better Start National Early Years Quality Development & the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA). The purpose of the NSAI is to support the



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implementation of our two National Frameworks-*Síolta* and *Aistear*. From spring 2019, the *Aistear* & Play has been delivered in partnership with the Better Start Quality Development Service (QDS).

This CPD is an eligible activity for your Core Funding Quality Action Plan. Settings are invited to complete an Expression of Interest to take part in the course in 2023.

To register your interest, click here <https://forms.office.com/r/JkXzHUie2A> and click on submit when the form is completed. The closing date to submit the form is 30th November



Core Funding Quality Action Plan

Roscommon CCC emailed providers Friday 28th October with a link to the Quality Action Plan. The QAP - In accordance with *Partnership for the Public Good*, (DCEDIY 2021) the new Core Funding model commits to drive high-quality service provision.

To support this, Core Funding requires all early learning and care (ELC), school-age childcare (SAC) and childminding services that benefit from Core Funding to complete a quality planning template, using tools provided here, to compile their Core Funding Quality Action Plan.

See Guidelines for Completing the Core Funding Quality Action Plan Template and the FAQ document- **ATTACHED**

When you have read through the supporting documentations and have chosen the quality actions you wish to take, click the link within the email to access the template:

[IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED EMAIL / LINK PLEASE CONTACT Roscommon CCC immediately](#)

Having submitted your response please remember to **PRINT** and **SAVE** your Quality Action Plan as a PDF before closing out of the template. **The closing date for submission is 30th November 2022**

Building Blocks-Improvement Grant



Detailed information regarding Building Blocks – Improvement Grant, is available in the Application Guidelines [here](#).

If you wish to view the recorded webinar the link is as follows: **Link:** <https://youtu.be/ob2nnu8OeMw>



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ATU Atlantic Technological University

Working in School Age Childcare?
Want to Upskill?

Registration Night

Diploma in School Age Childcare
Special Purpose Award Level 7

Wednesday 30th November &
Wednesday 7th December
6.00-7.30pm

Pre-booking essential please email
louise.kilbane@atu.ie

**Atlantic Technological
University Mayo**
Westport Road, Castlebar,
Co. Mayo F23X853
094-9043138



ATU are delighted to announce our School Age Childcare programme is starting in January 2023. This is a 60 credit Special Purpose Award at Level 7. The programme will run over 2 semesters January – May and September to December 2023. The programme is blended with students attending online classes and 5 Saturdays per Semester, we have included our programme brochure and information in relation to our registration nights.

We are inviting you and your colleagues to attend our Open evenings on Wednesday the 30th of November and Wednesday the 7th of December from 6.00-7.30pm please be advised pre-booking is essential as our team will be on hand to answer any questions you may have and to register you to the programme. Funding maybe available to students through Skillnet please contact Louise for further details on how to apply for this funding.

To ensure your place at our Registration Night pre-booking required please Contact by email: louise.kilbane@atu.ie or by phone 094-9043138.

We would appreciate if you could display the attached poster and leaflet in your staff rooms.



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Final bookings are being taken for 'No Nappy No Bother' information session. please book your place by emailing aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie and outline which session you would like to attend.



VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION ON TOILET TRAINING



Speakers:

Mrs. Margaret Tiernan, Continence Adviser - Health Service Executive Roscommon
Mrs. Siobhan Oates, Clinical Nurse Specialist (Autism) - Roscommon Brothers of Charity
Mrs. Karen Hickey, Senior Psychologist - Roscommon Early Intervention Services

Date: Wednesday 30th November 2022

Time: 10.15 hrs - 12.15 hrs OR 15.00hrs - 17.00hrs

NOTE: To receive the link to this information session,
Please confirm your attendance before Monday 21st November to
aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie



AIM –

<https://aim.gov.ie/faqs/>

Do you have a question about the Access and Inclusion Model?? See the link below or contact a member of Roscommon Count Childcare Committee CLG team on 094 96 22540

CMAP-

Many useful resources for childminders are available on <https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/childcare.../childminders/>. You can also contact Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG via phone 094 96 22540 or email info@roscommonchildcare.ie for further support.

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**Stay & Play sessions conducted by
Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG**
Розважальний сеанс “Stay and Play -
Залишайся та Грай”

Date: 29/11/2022
Location: Cuisle Centre, Donamon, Co. Roscommon.
Time: 3-4pm followed by a National Childcare information session.

Mums and Dads are always in charge. Мама і Тато завжди відповідальні.





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Date: 29/11/2022
Location: South Roscommon Family Resource Centre, Roscommon Town
Time: 10-11am followed by a National Childcare information session.

This session will involve some craft activities

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Date: 29/11/2022
Location: Harvey Dale, Ballyleague, Co. Roscommon.
Time: 12.30- 1.30pm followed by a National Childcare information session.

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Support for Ukrainian families

Aine Mannion, development officer here on our team can offer support to services and Ukrainian families/Children with applying for the national childcare schemes and stay and play sessions. Roscommon CCC are grateful to the services who link in with us to ensure there is a coordinated approach in supporting Ukrainian refugee children to access ELS/SAC services within County

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Ukrainian Supports – Partner Packs

The Department of Education are focussing on making sure all families who arrived in recent weeks or who arrive from now on know how to and why they should access the education system in Ireland.

In addition, for families that are changing accommodation, the aim is to support them as they settle into a school in their new locality. You can view link here

https://www.cypsc.ie/fileupload/Documents/Resources/Donegal/Partner%20Pack%20%20Ukraine%20Supports%2027_09_2022.pdf



Childminding:

Many useful resources for childminders are available on
<https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/childcare.../childminders/>

You can also contact Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG via phone 094 96 22540 or email info@roscommonchildcare.ie for further support.

Some great ideas on risky play for children with their childminders! It's fun and has so many benefits for the children. Find out how to set up your play space indoors and outdoors to encourage risky play!! 😊

<https://www.aistearsiolta.ie/.../risky-play-birth-six...>

General information for providers & Staff Teams



Tusla Always Children First Programme & Training ideas.

if you have staff that require **Always Children First** training, please let any member of our Roscommon CCC team know and we will put them on our waiting list.

The following are some areas services and practitioners can review as part of their child safeguarding continuing professional development plans.

Irene in Roscommon CCC can advise and support services if you are unsure what CPD staff should undertake.



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- Encourage all staff in your service, who haven't completed the Tusla eLearning Programme to do so <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-e-learning-programme/>
- Encourage staff in your service to access the Children First Revision Webinar <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/early-learning-care-services/>
- Encourage staff in your service to access the Garda Vetting webinar <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/early-learning-care-services>
- Encourage staff in your service to review and refresh their knowledge by accessing Info Blasts on various topics <https://childsafeguardingelc.ie/category/english/>
- The Children First Act 2015 places a legal obligation on certain people, many of whom are professionals, to report child protection concerns at or above a defined threshold to Tusla - Child and Family Agency. These mandated persons must also assist Tusla, on request, in its assessment of child protection concerns about children who have been the subject of a mandated report. Watch below a short video on Mandated Persons: Agency If you need support in this area, please contact Irene who is our child safeguarding trainer on our Roscommon CCC team on 0949622523/0866039606.

Covid case advice

ELC and SAC providers and Childminders that have positive cases and require support can contact the HSE ELC/SAC dedicated helpline on 01 511 9777. For general Covid-19 queries you can contact HSE live on 1800 700 700 or 01 240 8787 or visit the First 5 website (www.first5.gov.ie) For the most up to date information and guidance.

Should you have any queries on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0949622540 or info@roscommonchildcare.ie or your assigned development officer within our team

