

## Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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### DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

#### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 5pm

AIM level 1 LINC Coordinator deadline for new graduates

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

QIPP template will become available

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

QIPP to be completed

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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### Quality & Inclusive Practice Plan (QIPP)



Following on from the notice advising of changes to the Core Funding

Quality Action Planning process for 2024/2025, the following are the updated documents which are available under the Quality and Inclusive Practice Plan (QIPP) heading on the [Core Funding documents](#) page [here](#).

If you require support with your Quality and Inclusive Practice Planning process, please contact the CCC.

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### ECCE, CCSP and AIM 1 and 7 Compliance Training

Pobal are facilitating training on ECCE, CCSP, AIM Levels 1&7 Compliance 2024/2025 on the following dates:

ECCE, CCSP, AIM Levels 1&7 Compliance 2024/2025 **Session 1: 21st October at 2.30pm**  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1275890228143025497>

ECCE, CCSP, AIM Levels 1&7 Compliance 2024/2025 **Session 2: 22nd October at 10am**  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/141938597650215001>

ECCE, CCSP, AIM Levels 1&7 Compliance 2024/2025 **Session 3: 22 October 6.30pm**  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7384903275903706460>

The webinars will cover the same material. A recording of the training will be available on the Early Years Hive along with the PowerPoint slides once the training has been completed.

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## October mid-term break updates on Hive

As mid-term approaches, please review your service calendar(s) to ensure closures are recorded accurately. Please see full announcement on hive re changes to children's NCS registrations or CCSP saver registrations if it applies. The announcement is dated **October 17<sup>th</sup>**.

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## Better Start Quality Development Service

Have you thought about enhancing quality in your Early Learning and Care setting but just aren't sure where to start? Better Start are hosting a webinar on October 22<sup>nd</sup> if you want to hear about the mentoring options available to you and your team. Session takes place online with an information event followed by a Q&A. Please contact [quality@betterstart.ie](mailto:quality@betterstart.ie) with any queries. Click to register:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/.../7e6f0c66-9722-4ed2...>

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## Early Years Sectoral eBulletin October 2024

The eBulletin from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Pobal and Tusla was sent out earlier this week. Here is the link: [October 2024 Early Years Sectoral E-Bulletin](#)



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## Guidelines Supporting Inclusion for Autistic Children in Early Learning, School & Childcare Settings

Roderic O' Gorman, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, published Introductory Guidelines to Support the Inclusion of Autistic Children in Early Learning and Care, School-Age Childcare and Childminding Settings earlier this week.

The Guidelines are for early years educators, school-age childcare practitioners and childminders who are currently working to support the meaningful inclusion of autistic children in early learning

and care, school-age childcare and childminding settings. Copy of the guidelines can be accessed here: <https://www.kerrycountychildcare.com/kccc-publications/>

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## Fee Increase Assessment and Approval Process

To submit an expression of interest or discuss the Fee Increase Assessment and Approval Process, please contact [pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com)

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## Pre-Registration Training for Childminders

This training will support participants to understand the new childminding regulations and will provide all the information required to register with Tusla (see leaflet attached). This is a FREE training course and takes approximately 7 hours to complete. For further information please contact 066 718 1582 or email [amy@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:amy@kerrycountychildcare.com)



**PRE-REGISTRATION TRAINING FOR CHILDMINDERS**

**Childcare Committee County Kerry**  
Cuideirí Clárúil I nGairneál Chiarraí

**Information on:**

- Being a childminder
- Understanding new childminding regulations
- Documents required for Tusla registration

**TRAINING DATES**

11TH OF NOVEMBER - ONLINE  
7-9PM (SESSION ONE)

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16TH OF NOVEMBER  
9.30AM - 3PM (SESSION TWO & THREE)  
VENUE - KERRY COUNTY CHILDCARE OFFICE

**THIS TRAINING IS FREE AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED**

Contact: Amy  
0877885114  
Email  
[amy@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:amy@kerrycountychildcare.com)

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## Be Winter Weather Ready

All Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) services should consult [winterready.ie](http://winterready.ie) to assist in preparing and responding to weather warnings and be winter weather ready. Everyone can keep up to date with current weather warnings which are carried on all national, local news bulletins and at [www.met.ie](http://www.met.ie) and to any change in the status warning for their area. Services should also ensure to

have the relevant contact details of the principal response agencies for their area including: An Garda Síochána, the Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service and Local Authority.

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## **Handwashing, The Rufus way!**

Learning about handwashing the Rufus way The Rufus handwashing programme has been developed with early years educators to teach children about good handwashing habits. Rufus our handwashing hero teaches children about good handwashing practice – especially how important it is to wash hands for 20 seconds and to dry them properly. Links below in four languages: Rufus story book in [English](#) , [Irish](#) , [Ukrainian](#) and [Polish](#)

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## **Covid Case Advice**

Please see below links to relevant information:

[Preventing the spread of covid 19 in school or childcare - HSE](#)

[Management of Infectious Disease in Childcare Facilities and Other Childcare Settings \(2012\)](#)

General Covid-19 queries: Contact HSE on 1800 700 700 between 8 am and 8 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am - 5 pm Saturday and Sunday / [HSE Covid 19](#)

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## **Kerry County Childcare Committee Website and Facebook Page**

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