

## Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025.

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### DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

#### 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

LINC+ CPD Programme for LINC Graduates closes @ 4pm **\*TODAY\*** – see below for further details

#### 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

- Deadline for Core Funding Income and Expenditure Template Year 2
- ‘Transfer of Ownership’ process for AIM Level 5 opens (see below for further information)

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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### LINC+ CPD Programme for LINC Graduates



Registration for the LINC+ CPD Programme for LINC Graduates is now open

and will close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 at 4 pm. To register please use the following link: [LINC Programme CPD](#)

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#### Reporting Requirement for Core Funding Year 2

The deadline for submitting the completed Income and Expenditure for Year 2 is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025.



The CFCRRS portal is now open for submissions. Guidance is available on the [Early Years Hive](#) >‘Core Funding Reporting Requirement Year 2 (2023/2024)’. If you have any further queries or requests, please email [support@cfcrrs.ie](mailto:support@cfcrrs.ie).

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#### AIM Level 5 Equipment - Transfer of Ownership

The ‘Transfer of Ownership’ process for AIM Level 5 equipment will open on 28<sup>th</sup> February on the Hive. The Transfer of Ownership of relevant AIM equipment,



from Pobal and DCEDIY to the relevant party, occurs at the end of the child’s participation in the

ECCE programme. Equipment provided under AIM Level 5 should not be removed from the pre-school until the transfer of ownership process is completed. Guides and training videos are available on the Early Years Hive -> Help & Support -> Better Start/AIM -> AIM Level 5

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## New Garda Vetting Procedures

Tusla will now provide the Garda Vetting Application Service for Registered Providers of Early Years & School Age Childcare Services, Childminders, and those applying for registration.



Garda Vetting Applications for Registered Providers of Early Years & School Age Childcare Services, Childminders, and those applying for registration must be submitted via the new [Tusla Garda Vetting Portal](#). To support Registered Providers and Childminders Tusla has created a dedicated Garda Vetting section on [their website](#).

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## Kerry CCC Critical Incident Information Session

This information session is now fully booked. If you would be interested in attending a future session please email [info@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:info@kerrycountychildcare.com) to be placed on our waiting list.

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## Early Years Sectoral e Bulletin February 2025

The [Early Years Sectoral e Bulletin](#) was sent out earlier this month. It includes updates from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, the Department of Education's Early Years Inspectorate, Pobal and Tusla. All e Bulletins can also be found on our [website](#).



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## Childminding Development Grant 2025

The Childminding Development Grant of up to €1,000 is open to all childminders, including those who are planning to open a childminding business in 2025. The grant aims to support childminders to enhance quality and safety in their service as well as IT equipment to assist in engaging with training and registration processes later in the year.

Applications for the Childminding Development Grant are made to Cork County Childcare Committee. The grant application window is from 4th February 2025 to 4th April 2025.

For further information about the Childminding Development Grant or the National Action Plan for Childminding, visit [www.gov.ie/childminding](http://www.gov.ie/childminding) or contact Cork County Childcare Committee at [info@corkchildcare.ie](mailto:info@corkchildcare.ie) / (022) 23880.

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## Childminding Pre-Registration Training Course

Kerry County Childcare Committee are running Pre-Registration Training Courses for existing and potential childminders. If you are interested in attending the Pre-Registration Training Course on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 in Killarney from 9am – 5pm, please email contact Amy on 087 788 5114 / [amy@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:amy@kerrycountychildcare.com) to book your place

Pre-Registration training is a mandatory training programme for childminders who wish to register with Tusla. This training will support participants to understand the new childminding regulations and will provide all the information required to register with Tusla. This is a FREE course and takes approximately 7 hours to complete. There is no assessment, and participants will receive a Certificate of Completion. There is no expiry date on this certificate.

For further information contact Amy Pryal, Childminding Development Officer on 087 7885114 / [amy@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:amy@kerrycountychildcare.com)



**PRE-REGISTRATION TRAINING FOR CHILDMINDERS**

**Childcare Committee**  
County Kerry  
Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chiarraí Teo

**Information on:**

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

**TRAINING DATE**

**DATE: SATURDAY 22ND OF MARCH 2025**

**VENUE: THE BREHON HOTEL KILLARNEY**

**TIME: 9:30AM - 5PM**

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

**For Bookings contact:**

**Amy on 0877885114**  
[amy@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:amy@kerrycountychildcare.com)

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## Kerry County Childcare Committee Website and Facebook Page



[Website Jobs Board](#) – Local Jobs Board for Kerry

If you would like to place an advert on our Jobs Board please email  
kathryn@kerrycountychildcare.com.

We invite you to visit our website [here](#) and like and follow our Facebook page [here](#) for lots of updates and relevant information.

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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](#) & [Pre\\_School\\_ManagementInfectiousDisease.pdf](#)

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 CCC / Dr. Mary O' Kane ' Promoting Positive Behaviour'

#### Webinar

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's webinar. We hope you found it informative and gained useful strategies to use in your settings.



**Kind Regards,**

**Kerry County Childcare Committee**