

Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 21st – 25th April 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 21st – 25th April 2025.

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

1st May 2025

Nurturing Skills Learner Fund application process closes

14th May 2025

May Core Funding Review and Confirm open from 2nd May-14th May 2025

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Nurturing Skills Learner Fund 2025/ 2026

The Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF) is open to applicants for the academic year 2025/2026. NSLF will cover 90% of the course fees for successful applicants. Information on the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund can be found [here](#). Applicants must contact NSLF@pobal.ie to request a link to register on the NSLF Student Portal, upload their employment details and complete the new application process. The application process closes on **1st May 2025**.

May Core Funding Review and Confirm

Prior to completing the Review and confirm task on please ensure the following:

- Your service profile is up to date
- Your Core Funding application is at 'approved' status
- Any update due dates are completed

The Review and Confirm task can then be completed

- R&C with changes
- R&C without changes



Partner Services with an approved May Review and Confirm record can auto-populate their Application Module for the 2025/2026 Programme Year. This will help reduce administration. More information to follow.

Mandatory questions added to service profile

From May 2nd additional questions will be added to the service profile:

Facility Details section:

- Two new mandatory questions about wheelchair accessibility will be added. These questions were previously part of the Annual Early Years Sector Profile.

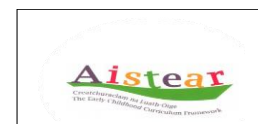
Staff Information:

- New mandatory questions are added for each staff type.
- Two job titles will be removed from the 'Out of Ratio' staff type: AIM Level 7 (Assigned to specific children) and Equal Start Resource Allocation. Existing 'Out of Ratio' staff with these job titles will be updated to 'In Ratio Staff.' These need to be reviewed, and all mandatory fields updated.

All new questions are mandatory, existing staff information needs to be review and updated.

Updated Aistear – Information Sessions for ELC Services

Kerry County Childcare Committee will be holding a series of information sessions on the new Aistear framework this coming May. Dates and times are below.



Monday 12th May 2025	Kerry CCC Office, Tralee	19.30 pm
Wednesday 14th May 2025	Killarney Venue TBA	15.30 pm
Wednesday 21st May 2025	Buds FRC, Ballyduff	19.30 pm

You will also be able to collect a hard copy of the updated Aistear for your service on the day. Places are limited to two per service so early booking is advised. If demand is high we will run further sessions at a later date.

To reserve your place please email: Eilish@kerrycountychilcare.com



2025 UPDATED AISTEAR

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR ELC SERVICES

EXPLORE THE UPDATED AISTEAR FRAMEWORK AND COLLECT A HARD COPY FOR YOUR SERVICE

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WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2025	Killarney @ 15.30 Venue TBA
WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2025	Buds FRC, Ballyduff @ 19.30

 Childcare Committee
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Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chiarraí

Bookings:
eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com
066 71 81582

Spaces are limited.
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** Places limited to two per service**

Transitions research - Ukraine Families experience

Donegal Childcare Committee received funding at the end of 2024 to carry out research on the experience of Ukrainian families with the transition process.

ATU Donegal has agreed to carry out this research which aims to identify the challenges faced by families, preschool providers and primary schools, as well as examples of good practice; highlighting initiatives that worked well.

We are now seeking expressions of interested from primary schools and preschools who are interested in participating in a focus group. Please see the information sheet below for potential participants and the link below for an online consent form which must be completed prior to participation in the research.

Consent form link here [Participant Consent Form](#)



Participant
Information Letter.p

Pre- Registration Training for Childminders

Kerry County Childcare Committee are offering an online Pre-Registration Training for Childminders. (see details below)

This is a mandatory training programme for childminders who wish to register with Tusla. This training will support you to understand the new childminding regulations and will provide you with all the information required to register with Tusla. This is a FREE training course and takes approx. 7 hours to complete. There is no assessment, and you will be issued a certificate upon completion. There is no expiry date for this training certificate.

To register please contact Amy on amy@kerrycountychildcare.com



PRE-REGISTRATION TRAINING FOR CHILDMINDERS

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Online

TRAINING DATES

TUESDAY JUNE 10TH 2025
7PM TO 9PM

SATURDAY JUNE 14TH 2025
9AM TO 1:30PM

Information on:

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

THIS TRAINING IS A REQUIREMENT FOR TUSLA REGISTRATION

For Bookings contact:
Amy on 0877885114
amy@kerrycountychildcare.com

Childminders Network Event

Kerry CCC are hosting a Childminding Network meeting on the 14/05/2025. There will be a Guest speaker from Kerry Local Enterprise Office who will provide information on Mentoring and Training and Financial Planning Supports available to Childminders. For bookings please contact amy@kerrycountychildcare.com



Childminding Network Event

Meet other childminders and obtain information on Financial Planning and Mentoring and Training

Kerry Local Enterprise Office will be here on the night to give information on business supports available and training for Childminders

Mentoring & Training **Financial Planning**

📅 Wednesday 14th May 2025 ⌚ Time: 7.30pm

RSVP - AMY 087 7885114

📍 Location
Kerry County Childcare Committee Office, Tralee

➡ Opportunity to meet other childminders, share information and get ideas.

Local Enterprise Office

Kerry County Childcare Committee Website and Facebook Page

Have you visited our [Providers Information section](#)? Updates and information posted regularly. We invite you to visit our website [here](#) and like and follow our Facebook page [here](#) for lots of updates and relevant information.



Covid Case Advice

Please see below links to relevant information: [Preventing the spread of covid 19 in school or childcare - HSE](#) & [Pre School Management Infectious Disease.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](#)

Kind regards

Kerry County Childcare Committee