

Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 16th– 20th June 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 16th – 20th June 2025.

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

25 June 2025: Closing date for the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF)

31 July 2025: QIPP Report Template recommended completion date

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

2025/2026 Programme Readiness

Programme readiness tasks for Core Funding, ECCE, NCS & CCSP

Saver are now available for completion on HIVE. All guidance and

support documents are available in the Resources section of HIVE. The Announcements issued on 6 June & 9 June also contain links directly to the specific support documents including programme checklists.



Updated Aistear Workshop ****2 Spaces Remaining****

Kerry CCC are holding workshops on the updated Aistear framework.

Attendance at both session 1 and session 2 is required to complete the training.

These information packed sessions will explore the updated language, concepts, principles, guidance for good practice and learning goals in Aistear The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework (2024).



Sessions will take place in the Kerry County Childcare Committee office on the following dates:

Session 1	Tuesday 1 st July 2025	2:30pm - 5:00pm	Part 1: Vision and Principles
Session 2	Thursday 3 rd July 2025	2:30pm -5:00pm	Part 2: Themes of Aistear

Please note: Attendance at both sessions is required.

Booking Criteria:

- This training is open to Managers/Room leaders & Tusla registered Childminders in ELC settings.
- Booking is on a first come, first served basis with a maximum of 18 spaces available.
- Booking is limited to one person per service

Bookings: eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com

Please ensure you can attend both sessions prior to booking.

Further sessions will be scheduled for the end of August and during the Autumn term.

QIPP Report Template 2024/2025

QIPP report template 2024/2025 is available for completion on www.cfcrs.ie.

Services are strongly encouraged to complete the end-of-year QIPP report by

Thursday 31 July 2025. The final deadline for completion is Tuesday 30 September 2025. A QIPP

Technical Guidance Video: How to Complete a QIPP Report is available [here](#)



Year 4 Core Funding Updates

Following the recent announcement by Minister Foley on the changes to Year 4

Core Funding (2025/2026), the 'What's new for Partner Services in Core Funding

Year 4 2025-26' document as well as other support documents are available on HIVE and through

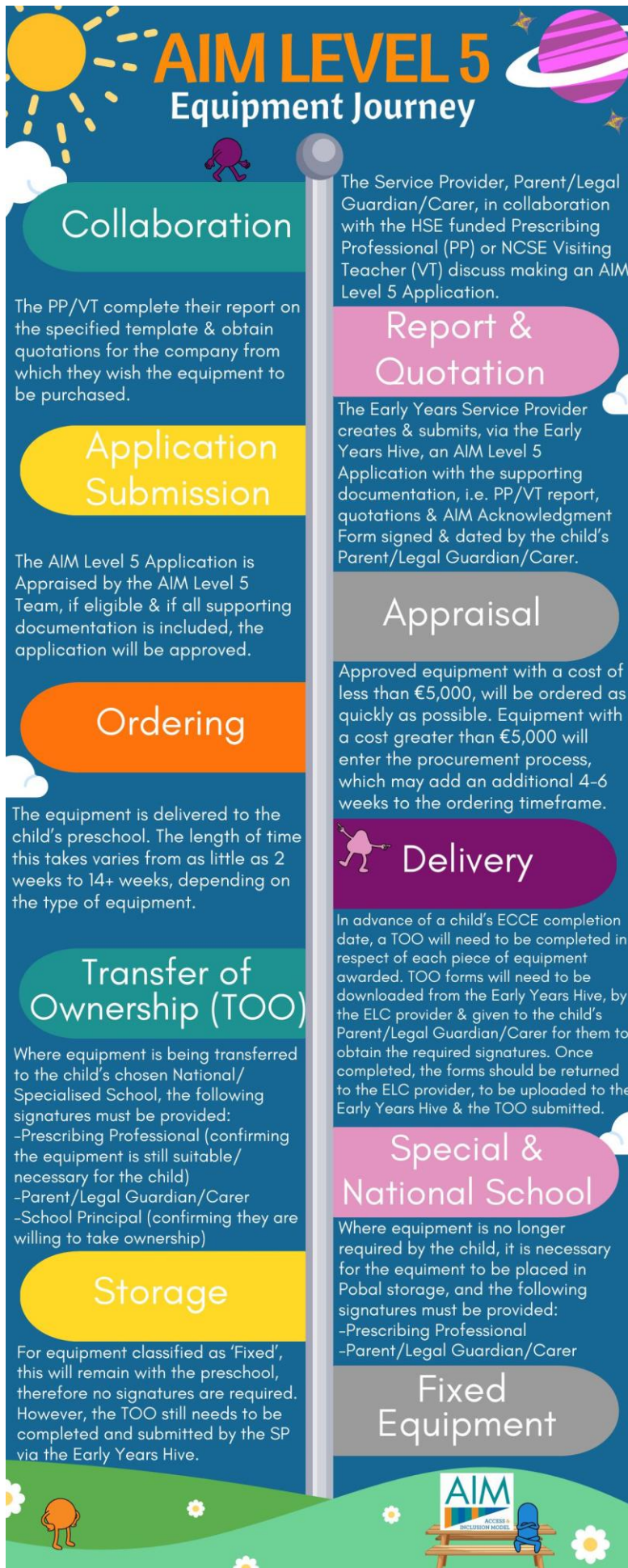
the following link; [Core Funding Q&A](#)



Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) Level 5 Equipment Journey Infographic



An [Access and Inclusion Model \(AIM\) Level 5 Equipment Journey Infographic](#) is now available under the Help & Support section on the Early Years Hive. The infographic provides a snapshot of the journey of AIM Level 5 Equipment.



Early Years Digital Portfolio Project

The [Early Years Digital Project](#) (EYDP) is a European Erasmus+ + project. It aims to give early years educators the tools to easily and effectively share information with parents about their children's progress in early years settings. It is based on Pedagogical Documentation developed in Emilia Reggio and has been adapted in many ways in different countries. However, it is little used in Ireland.

Project partners are based in Portugal, Italy, and Romania, and the project is informed by the differing practices in each country. In Ireland, ULS (Universal Learning Systems) is the project partner, with Steve Goode, Imelda Graham, and Alan Bruce conducting the research and development. Resources developed include:

1. Handbook on Pedagogical Documentation:

[Welcome to the “Early Years Digital Portfolio” EYDP project](#)

2. Online training course which provides lots of useful information and examples of how to introduce Pedagogical Documentation into the Early Years Sector:

[Welcome to the “Early Years Digital Portfolio” EYDP project](#)

3. The first iteration of the Digital platform is now available. They are starting to develop ways in which it can be used to develop Pedagogical Documentation: [EYdigifolio](#)

The Project Team are inviting early years educators to look at the online training programme that has been developed so that they can make any final adjustments and make it useful and beneficial to all early years educators. An evaluation form of the online training programme can be found at:

[Welcome to the “Early Years Digital Portfolio” EYDP project](#)

Universal Design Guidelines (UDG)



The UDG set out the key Universal Design (UD) considerations and guidance for Early Learning and Care settings in Ireland. The guidelines apply to both new and retrofit projects and provide a flexible UD framework to ensure settings are accessible for all children, staff, families and visitors.

The guidelines can be accessed here: <https://aim.gov.ie/aim-supports/universal-design-guidelines/>

and on our website here:

<https://www.kerrycountychildcare.com/childcare-providers-kerry/childcare-information/>

Contact Rachel for further information or support: rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com

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Kind Regards,

Kerry County Childcare Committee