

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

Dear Colleagues

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

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

31st July 2025 QIPP Report Template recommended completion date

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

QIPP Report Template 2024/2025



Recommended completion date for the QIPP end of year report is

Thursday, 31 July 2025. Please submit the report to www.cfcrrs.ie. A guidance video is available [here](#). For QIPP queries and support please contact Rachel 066 7181582 / rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com

AIM Level 1



Applications for existing graduates for AIM Level 1 is now open. Guidelines on submitting an application can be accessed [here](#). Applications received by 5pm on Thursday 23 October 2025 will be awarded the additional capitation from the Inclusion Co-Ordinator's employment start date relevant to the 2025/2026 programme. Applications received after this date will not be backdated.

New graduates (i.e. graduating in October 2025) can apply when final exam results have been notified by Mary Immaculate College (expected September 2025).

AIM Level Plus and Non-term applications



Please note, additional information is now required when submitting an AIM Level 7

Plus and/or Non-term application for the 2025/2026 programme call. New questions have been added under the 'Session ratio questions' section. See the [AIM Hive Guides](#) for support.

For additional support please contact Pamela 066 7181582 / pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com

NCS 2025/26 Funding Agreement

The new National Childcare Scheme (NCS) year begins on 18 August 2025.



You must activate the NCS 2025/2026 funding agreement before the current agreement ends to ensure ongoing participation, as claims on NCS CHICKs will be registered across both programme years. Funding cannot be backdated, so please submit this application promptly. For further guidelines, visit [Early Years Hive](#). For support please contact Pamela 066 7181582 / pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com

Updated Garda Vetting

There is a new Garda Vetting process in place for ELC/SAC services since 1st February 2025, and it can take over 2 months to complete. The following now applies:

- TUSLA manage Garda Vetting services for registered providers, including childminders, as well as Chairpersons of Boards of Management (where they are the registered provider) and board members who have access to children. Further information is available [here](#).
- Early Childhood Ireland (ECI) manage Garda Vetting services for all employees in ELC and SAC services. For more information, go to the [ECI website](#).
- Barnardos no longer provide vetting services.

Any questions or queries? Please contact Kathryn 066 7181582 kathryn@kerrycountychildcare.com or Rachel 066 7181582 rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com



Tusla Registration Renewal

All Early Years Services are required to renew registration every three years.

The registration date can be found on the current Tusla certificate or checked on the [Early Years Register](#) or the [School Age Register](#). Please note the following key points:

- Applications must be submitted no later than 2 months before your current certification expires.
- Reregistration can be completed up to 6 months in advance of your expiry date.
- The process requires submission of in-date Garda Vetting for the Registered Provider and the Person in Charge (if different). Current timelines for vetting should be considered.

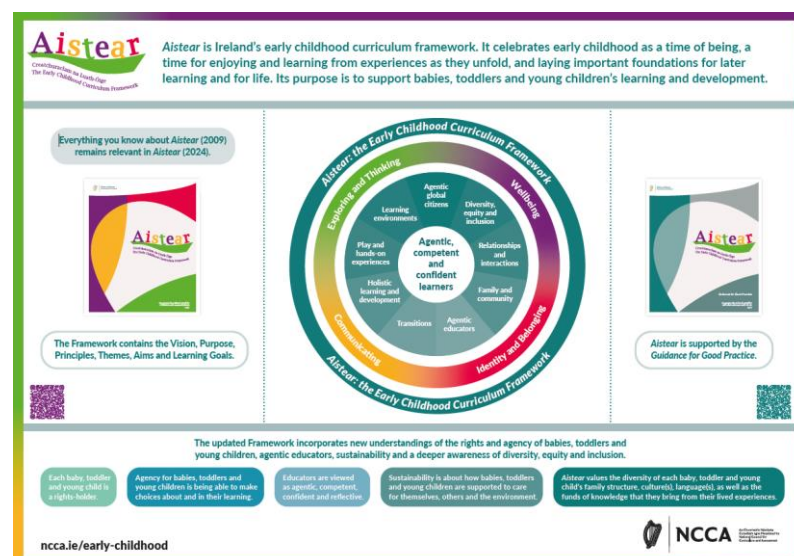
Failure to reregister in time will result in your removal from the register, and it is an offence to operate an unregistered service. Additional information on re-registration can be found [here](#).

Please contact Rachel 066 7181582 rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com or Kathryn 066 7181582 kathryn@kerrycountychildcare.com for support.

New Aistear Poster for Early Learning & Care Settings!

We're excited to announce a new poster designed especially for Early Learning & Care settings on *Aistear: the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework*. The poster is available for collection in our office in Tralee.

Please contact Eilish on 066 7181582 to organise a pick up time.



All of the original graphics featured in the Framework and the *Guidance for Good Practice* are now available as individual posters! These can be downloaded and printed to support your setting's learning environment. You can access the posters [here](#).

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 online on the 11th and 13th August, please email contact Amy on 087 788 5114 / 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 on 087 7885114 / amy@kerrycountychildcare.com or complete the Expression of Interests form [here](#).



**PRE-REGISTRATION TRAINING
FOR CHILDMINDERS**

Information on:

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



Online

TRAINING DATES

MONDAY AUGUST 11TH 2025
6.30PM TO 9.30PM
&
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13TH
2025
6.30PM TO 9.30PM
BOTH SESSIONS MUST BE ATTENDED TO
COMPLETE COURSE

THIS TRAINING IS A REQUIREMENT FOR TUSLA REGISTRATION



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

Childhood Domestic Violence and Abuse (CDVA) and the TLC KIDZ program Training

This training will spans 1.5 days, and you can attend either one or both sessions. Below is an overview of the training, which will take place on the 2nd and 3rd of September 2025.

Day 1: Full-Day Training – Childhood Domestic Violence and Abuse

- Date: Tuesday, 2nd September 2025
- Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm

- Venue: KCYS Killarney
- Facilitator: Áine Costello, Barnardos

This full-day workshop will focus on children's experiences of domestic violence and abuse, covering:

- Understanding and responding to CDVA – Are we all on the same page?
- The impact of coercive control on children
- Spotlight on 0–5-year-olds – Bridging research and lived experience
- Embracing a shared responsibility approach

Day 2: Half-Day Training – TLC KIDZ Facilitator Introduction

- Date: Wednesday, 3rd September 2025
- Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm
- Venue: *To Be Confirmed*
- Facilitator: Áine Costello, Barnardos

This half-day session will introduce the TLC KIDZ program in Kerry and cover:

- An overview of the TLC KIDZ project and its community model
- How the program will operate locally: referral pathways, criteria, and assessment
- Introduction to the program's session structure and the role of facilitators

The training is designed to promote a shared responsibility approach in responding to and supporting children who have experienced domestic abuse. The second day will also give you practical tools and insights into the TLC KIDZ program, which has shown positive outcomes across Ireland.

Email: Denise.OSullivan@kerryrefuge.com for bookings and to check availability.

Kerry County Childcare Committee Website and Facebook Page

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



Kind Regards,

Kerry County Childcare Committee