

## Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 28<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 28<sup>th</sup> July - 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

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### DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

<b>31<sup>st</sup> July 2025</b>	QIPP Report Template suggested deadline
<b>01<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025</b>	Core Funding Review & Confirm
<b>11<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b>	CCSP programme commences

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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### QIPP Report Template 2024/2025



The suggested deadline for completing the QIPP end of year report was Thursday, 31 July 2025. Services who have not yet submitted their report can so do so via [www.cfcrrs.ie](http://www.cfcrrs.ie).

A guidance video is available [here](#). For further support please contact Rachel 066 71 81582 / [rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com).

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#### Core Funding Review & Confirm



Partner Services who have submitted their original 2025/2026 Core Funding Application Module on or before 31 August must complete the August Review and Confirm to allow Core Funding payments to commence. For further support please contact Pamela 066 71 81582 / [pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com).

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#### CCSP

The programme commences 11 August 2025 and runs until 7 August 2026. Please note the pre-registration form must be retained for the 2025/26 programme year for compliance. You can find further information on [CCSP here](#). Contact Pamela 066 7181582 / [pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com) with any questions / queries.

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#### ECCE

Reminder ECCE preregistration forms need to be completed and retained for the 2025/26 programme year for compliance.



Please see Pamela's email dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and detailed below:

“For compliance purposes you must retain a copy of this form for each ECCE child, see ECCE Programme Rules, section 1.4.1 Pre-Registration Form – *“The Pre-Registration Form must be given to all Parents/Guardians whose child/children will be in attendance in the ELC or childminding service. The information is used by the ECCE Approved Provider to register the details on the EY HIVE and the Parent/Guardian signs this form to give consent to the DCDE, the Scheme Administrator, the Department of Social Protection and the DEY, to use this information to verify that the child/children are eligible, to calculate funding, and for statistical purposes. The Pre-Registration Form must be retained for the 2025/2026 programme year for compliance purposes.”*

As with all personal information collected you should store these forms securely, and the forms should be destroyed at the end of the 2025/2026 programme year.

ECCE 2025 / Programme rules can be accessed on the [Hive](#)”

If you have any queries, please contact Pamela on 066 7181 582 / [pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com)

## Preliminary Payment Dates

Please see preliminary payment dates for CCSP, ECCE & Aim programmes available now through announcements on the HIVE.

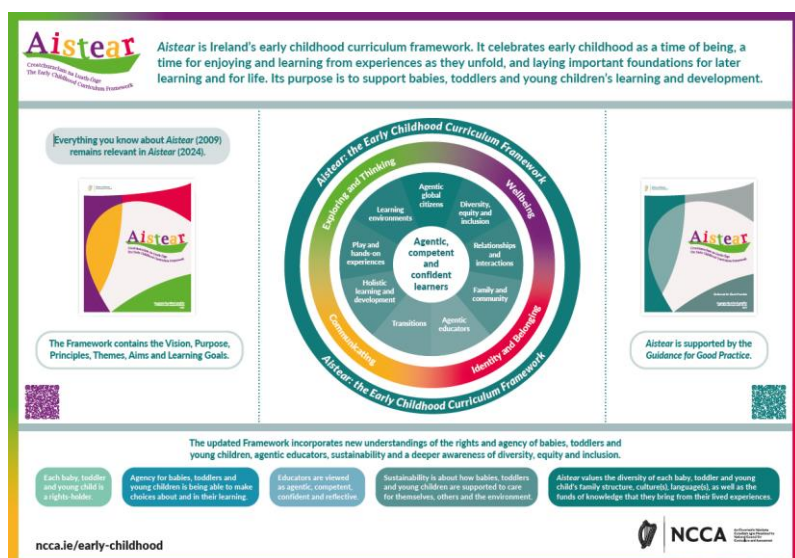


## New Aistear Poster for Early Learning & Care Settings!

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](#).

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## 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<sup>rd</sup> 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).



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## 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, or contact Pamela with any queries on 066 7181582 / [pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com).



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## 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](#) or contact Pamela with any queries on 066 7181582 / [pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com).



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## Updated Garda Vetting

There is a new Garda Vetting process in place for ELC/SAC services since 1<sup>st</sup> 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.




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## 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](#).

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## Survey - Exploring Experiences in Supporting Ukrainian Families Displaced by Conflict – Parents Survey

Ukrainian parents of children in (ELC) services across Ireland are asked to take part in a short survey exploring their experiences of the support received by Ukrainian families displaced by conflict. Please can you share the survey link below with relevant parents. Thank you for your support with this valuable research.

<https://scanner.topsec.com/?d=296&r=show&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.research.net%2F%2Fparents2025&t=5eb8657f047f1789202bf162620b03ca9f99ea29>

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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 online on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August, 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 on 087 7885114 / [amy@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:amy@kerrycountychildcare.com) or complete the Expression of Interests form [here](#).



**PRE-REGISTRATION TRAINING  
FOR CHILDMINDERS**

**Online**

**Information on:**

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

**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](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 between 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 please email [eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:eilish@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.

Kind Regards,

Kerry County Childcare Committee