

# Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Dear Colleagues**

**These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025.**

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## **DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:**

**01<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August                      Core Funding Review & Confirm**

**30<sup>th</sup> September                      QIPP Report Final Deadline**

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## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **NCS Sponsor Claims**

NCS sponsor applications will be unable to be submitted from 5.30pm Friday 29 August until 9.30am Sunday 31 August 2025 due to Department of Social Protection essential maintenance.




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### **Core Funding August Review & Confirm**

To ensure your Core Funding payments can commence at the start of the programme year, you are required to submit the August Review & Confirm before August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Your base rate will be capped at the approved August Review & Confirm base rate value. It is vital that you review the grant values on the Summary Funding page and make sure all information is accurate before you submit the August Review & Confirm. More details are available in the Announcement section of HIVE or contact Pamela for further support on 066 71 81582 / [pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com)




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### **Staff Funding Additional Contribution**

This new funding allocation will be released if and when the new Employment Regulation Orders (ERO) are agreed or on 1 September 2025, whichever is later. In preparation for this, Partner Services are asked to have the application information up to date for the 2025/26 Core Funding programme year and ensure the most recent Core Funding application is at an 'Approved' Status. Further details will be released when the new EROs are agreed.

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## **Bia Blasta**

The Department for Children, Disability and Equality announced the launch of Bia Blasta (Delicious Food), the pre-school nutrition programme to provide daily lunches for pre-school children in disadvantaged areas. The full press release can be found [HERE](#). Bia Blasta is being provided to all Equal Start Tier 1 and Tier 2 designated services that provide ECCE, and to other ECCE sessional services with the highest concentrations of disadvantage, as identified by the Equal Start Identification Model. ECCE Programme services that have not been invited by email to participate in Bia Blasta, cannot apply to participate, at this time.

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## **National Beep Beep Day**

National Beep Beep Day will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025. In early September services will be able to order RSA Beep Beep Day packs through [www.rsa.ie](http://www.rsa.ie).

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## **Childhood Cancer Ireland**

More Precious Than Gold campaign running 22- 26 September, please see leaflet attached to register.

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## **QIPP Report Template 2024/2025**

The final deadline for completing the QIPP end of year report is Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Services who have not yet submitted their report can do so via [www.cfcrrs.ie](http://www.cfcrrs.ie). A guidance video is available [here](#) or contact Rachel for further support on 066 71 81582 / [rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com).



## **Updated Aistear Workshop**

Kerry CCC are holding a workshop on the updated Aistear framework.

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

This Session will take place in Kerry County Childcare offices on the following date: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm – 9.00pm.



***We appreciate that some people will be coming straight from work, refreshments will be provided on arrival.***

### **Booking Criteria:**

- This training is open to Managers/Room leaders/Educators & Tusla registered Childminders in ELC settings.
- Booking is on a first come, first served basis.

**Bookings:** [rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com) or [eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com)

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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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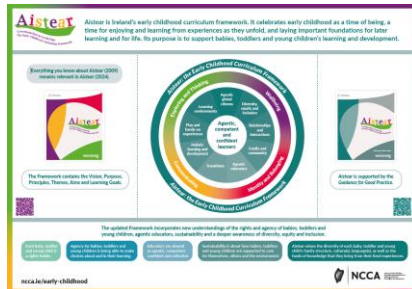
### **Updated Garda Vetting**

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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## 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 pickup time.




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## Upcoming Training

### Aistear Information Sessions

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm – 9.00pm, Kerry CCC Office

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 6.00pm – 8.30pm, Teach Anergin, Waterville

### Always Children First – Child Safeguarding Awareness for Childminders

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 6.30pm – 9.30 pm, Kerry CCC office

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm – 9.30pm, Kerry CCC office

***Both sessions must be attended to gain certification***

### Basic First Aid for Childminders

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am – 4.30pm, Torc Hotel Killarney

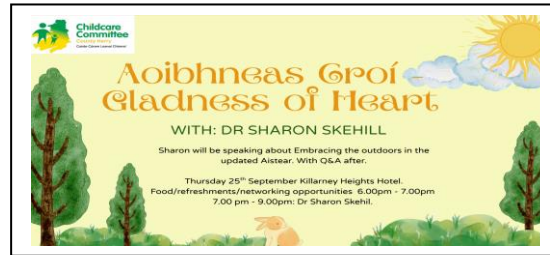
For bookings contact Eilish: [eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com)

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## Exciting CPD Opportunity

Dr Sharon Skehil will be joining Kerry CCC to deliver an exciting CPD opportunity to ELC & SAC Educators. Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September, Killarney Heights Hotel. Please see attached posters for further information. For bookings, please contact [rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com) or [eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com)

We are limiting bookings to 2 educators per service but will be operating a waiting list for additional participants.



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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  
[elish@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:elish@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**