

Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare 1st – 5th December 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 1st – 5th December 2025.

DEADLINES

12th December 2025 Aim Level 7 Review and Confirm

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Vacant Capacity Survey



A countywide vacant capacity survey is now taking place. The survey is designed to gain valuable information that will be used to inform Kerry County Councils Local Community and Economic Plan 2025 – 2030 and Kerry CYPSC's strategic plan. Thanks to those of you who have already completed the survey.

The survey, which should take approximately *2 minutes of your time (less if you have no vacancies)* aims to capture the following data:

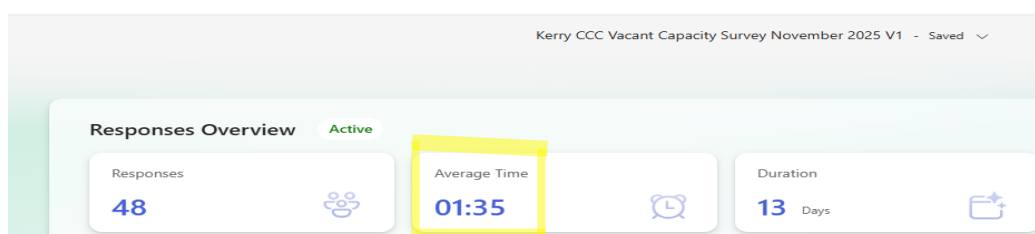
- The number of vacant places you have currently available. A vacant place means immediate availability (staffed) for five days per week.
- The age category of these vacancies.

We would be grateful if you could take the time to complete the survey, **even if you are operating at full capacity and have no vacancies, we would appreciate you making a return** as we are keen to provide an accurate reflection of childcare availability in Kerry.

We are asking if you can complete the online survey by the close of business on Monday 15th December.

This is the link to Microsoft forms template for you to complete: [Kerry CCC Vacant Capacity Survey November 2025 V1](#)

If you would prefer to complete the survey over the phone please call Eilish on 066 71 81582.



AIM Level 7 Review and Confirm

The closing date for submitting an AIM Level 7 Review and Confirm application for the 2025/2026 programme call is 12 December 2025. If a child at your service had an approved AIM Level 7 application during the 2024/2025 programme call, you must submit an AIM Level 7 Review and Confirm application by 12 December 2025. All applications must be submitted through Early Years Hive. You can find a guide for submitting an AIM Level 7 Review and Confirm application [here](#).



Auto Enrolment Scheme

The auto-enrolment pension scheme, MyFutureFund, is commencing on 1st January 2026. A recording of the webinar on auto-enrolment held for the ELC and SAC sector is available on <https://youtu.be/0y5oNbuPx14>

Responses to the FAQs raised at that webinar are attached to the bulletin.

Also attached please find the presentation slides and additional information provided at the information evening hosted by Kerry CCC, and delivered by Canavan Byrne.

Role of the Inclusion Coordinator (INCO) Posters

The most up to date versions of the Role of the Inclusion Coordinator posters can be accessed on the following links:



English Versions

Irish Versions

[English Poster – PDF](#)

[Irish Poster – PDF](#)

[English Poster – JPG](#)

[Irish Poster – JPG](#)

Tusla Update- Use of Marriage Cert during Garda Vetting Process

Marriage certificates for any non-matching names on Garda Vetting Applications are no longer accepted as proof of names by GNVB. This change came into effect from Tuesday 18th November. Updated Tusla FAQ documents can be found [here](#)



NCS Attendance Rules

For information on NCS rules on recording attendance including on absenteeism and under-attendance please click [here](#)



Compliance 2026/2026 training webinars

Pobal conducted compliance training recently.



The recordings of the training have been uploaded to the hive should you wish to review during this programme year. Click [here](#) to access.

Tusla Registration Renewal

All Early Years Services are required to renew registration every 3 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.
- 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](#).

OECD TALIS Starting Strong 2024 Survey

This week the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley, T.D, welcomed new findings from the OECD TALIS Starting Strong 2024 survey, which provides a comprehensive picture of Ireland's early learning and care (ELC) workforce, alongside other OECD jurisdictions. The survey collected data from early years educators and managers in centre-based early learning and care settings in Ireland, serving children from birth up to school age. The full report and country notes can be viewed [here](#)

Kerry County Childcare Committee Website and Facebook Page

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Kind regards

Kerry County Childcare Committee