

# This Week in Childcare Weekly Bulletin



**Issue 2:2026 Week: 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Dear Colleagues

These are the announcements for the week 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Critical Incident Plan – Kerry CCC Workshop

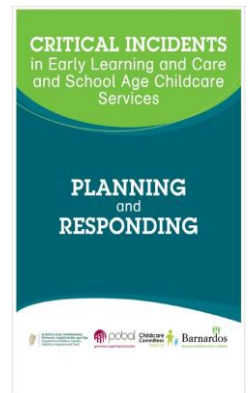
All Early Learning and School Aged Care and Education services are required to have a service level Critical Incident Plan.

We are running a workshop to support providers and managers to develop this.

The workshop will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February between 6.30pm – 8.30pm in the Kerry County Childcare Office (V92 Y8C5).

If you would like to book a place on this workshop, please contact

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



### Core Funding Year 4 (2025/26) Financial Management Tool

The Financial Management Tool Year 4 (2025/2026) is now available on the Hive under Resources - Core Funding Documents and can be found [here](#)



### Tusla Dedicated Contact Points

The Dedicated Contact Points (DCP) have changed to reflect new structures

and networks within Tusla. Some old DCP numbers may remain in use until all changes have been finalised. The DCP for North Cork - Kerry is: 064-6678065

The full contact details for DCP's at county level can be found [here](#).



### Aim Level 1 2025

It is still possible for services with new and existing Graduates of LINC to submit

your AIM Level 1 application. As AIM Level 1 is an annual application, all services who currently

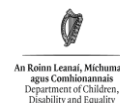
have a qualified LINC Graduate as an Inclusion Coordinator and have not submitted an AIM Level 1



2025 application are encouraged to apply for the 2025/2026 programme call. AIM level 1 funding will commence from the Monday following approval of your application. Applications must be submitted via the Early Years HIVE portal. Applicant guidelines can be found [here](#).

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## **New Action Plans for the Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare Sector**



Two new action plans for the early learning and care and school-age childcare sector have been published by Minister Foley. The '[Shaping the Future: Early Years Action Plan](#)' commits to actions in 2026 to make services more affordable, accessible and improve quality. The '[Simplify and Support: Action Plan for Simplification](#)' will streamline administration and regulation, helping providers, educators, practitioners and parents navigate the system more easily.

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## **My Future Funds Pension Scheme**

Auto-enrolment for the My Future Funds pension scheme commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026. A recording of the EY My Future Funds webinar for the ELC and SAC sector is available [here](#).

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## **Tusla Update - Policy Guidance Documents**

Tusla have updated Policy Guidance Documents for the Early Years Sector on their website. The documents can be access from [Early Years Provider Resources](#) page or directly on the new [Policy Guidance Documents for the Early Years Sector](#) page. There is an updated and revised [A Practical Guide to Developing Policies, Procedures and Statements in Early Years Services](#)



## **Childminders Network Meeting**



The next meeting of the Kerry Childminders Network will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 @ 19.30 in the Kerry County Childcare Committee office (V92 DA22). The meeting is open to all childminders. To book your place please contact Amy: [amy@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:amy@kerrycountychildcare.com) / 087 7885114

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## **Content and Language Integrated Learning in Early Learning and Care Settings**



Better Start have organised an online webinar for Early Years Educators who are interested in introducing Irish as part of their daily routine with children.

Further details and registration for the webinar can be accessed [here](#)



**Content and Language Integrated Learning in Early Learning and Care Settings (CLIL)**

Are you interested in introducing Irish as part of your daily routine with children?

Join us to learn more about the Content and Language Integrated Learning programme in Early Learning and Care settings.

 Online: MS Teams

 Tuesday 20th January

 7 - 8 pm

This webinar will be presented by Dr Máire Mhic Mhathúna and Gráinne Mulligan (Better Start).

 An Roinn Leanaí, Míchumais agus Comhionannais  
Department of Children, Disability and Equality

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## Kerry County Childcare Committee Website and Facebook Page

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**Kind Regards,**

**Kerry County Childcare Committee**