

This Week in Childcare Weekly Bulletin



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Dear Colleagues

These are the announcements for the 20th – 24th July 2026



DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES

27th July 2026	Close of Public Consultation on Review of Childminding Regulations
31st July 2026	QIPP end of year report
14th August 2026	Closing date for AIM non-term application for 2025/26

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

AIM Non-term Application for 2025/26

Services who have submitted an AIM L7 Standard Application for 25/26 and want to avail of non-term support for the summer period, are asked to submit any AIM non-term applications before Friday 14th August. Further information is available in the Announcement section of HIVE.



New NCS Co-payment Functionality Training Invite

Pobal are offering online training on the new NCS co-payment functionality which will be incorporated into the NCS claim process, the new functionality is due to be available on 31st July 2026. Online training is scheduled for Thursday 30th July 2026 from 2.30pm-3.30pm. A link to register your attendance at the training is available in the Announcement section of HIVE.



First 5, a whole of government strategy for babies, toddlers and their families- 2025 progress report

Minister Foley announced the publication of the 2025 progress report for First 5, the whole of government strategy for babies, young children and their families. You can access the press release [here](#)



QIPP End of Year Report

The deadline for submitting your QIPP end of year report is 31st July 2026.

The QIPP is completed and stored on the Core Funding Contractual Requirements

Reporting System: www.cfcrrs.ie

If you experience any technical issues, you can email support@cfcrrs.ie. or use the “contact us” tab at the top left of the home page.

If you need to reset the password, you can do this by accessing the home page, click on “Service Provider”, and a tab at the top left of the page will allow you to Reset Password, an email with instructions will be sent directly to the PAU email address.

For additional support please contact Rachel: rachel@kerrycountychildcare.com



Free Vacancy Advertising - Kerry CCC – Jobsboard

You can advertise your vacancies for free on our [Jobsboard](#).

E-mail Kathryn (kathryn@kerrycountychildccare.com) with the details and we will post the position for you. We can also design your advert if required.

We post regular links to the Jobsboard from our Facebook page (1.5K followers) and from our new Instagram account.



Folic Acid

The Department of Health are examining the potential benefits of the addition of folic acid to flour, to help reduce the number of babies who are born with neural tube defects.

The Department is carrying out a public consultation to get views on this proposal. The results of this consultation will help inform Government future policy decisions. If you wish to contribute to the consultation, please click on this [link](#).

Public Consultation on Review of Childminding Regulations

– Deadline Extended

The ‘Let’s Talk Childminding’ submissions deadline has been extended to Monday **27th July 2026**.

Submissions can be made by email to Qualitydevelopment@DCDE.gov.ie

The consultation seeks to

- Evaluate how the regulations are operating in practice
- Assess whether the regulatory model is appropriate and proportionate
- Examine the effectiveness of supports available to childminders
- Identify barriers to registration and compliance.

Further information on the consultations is available [here](#)



Childminders Network Meeting – 9th September 2026

Open to all existing Childminders and those considering Childminding as a career.

CHILD MINDING NETWORK



Childcare Committee
County Kerry
Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chiarraí Teo

Wednesday, 9th September 2026
7pm - 9pm
Killarney Heights Hotel, Cork Road, Killarney - V93 XKR4

- MEET OTHER CHILDMINDERS/SHARE EXPERIENCES AND SHARE INFORMATION.
- FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT CHILD MINDING AS A CAREER AND EXISTING CHILD MINDERS
- GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED
- LATEST CHILD MINDING INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT
- DISCOVER HOW KERRY COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE CAN SUPPORT YOU.

EVERYONE WELCOME



RSVP
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Childminders Online Webinar – Understanding Young Childrens Behaviour

FREE ONLINE WEBINAR

Understanding Young Children's Behaviour

The aim of this workshop is to support Childminders in understanding the factors that influence children's behaviour and to see behaviour as communication



WEBINAR DETAILS

Thursday 13th August 2026
18:30–20:30
Online
For more information:
aoife.rocche@clarechildcare.ie

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Kind regards,

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