

This Week in Childcare Weekly Bulletin



Issue 31: 3rd – 7th August 2026

Dear Colleagues

These are the announcements for the 3rd – 7th July 2026



DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES

- 10th August 2026** CCSP Saver Programme 2026-2027 commences
- 14th August 2026** Closing date for AIM non-term application for 2025/26
- 1st – 31st August 2026** Core Funding August Review and Confirm Window

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Having Fun with Irish Rhymes – No Irish required!



Kerry CCC are excited to host this interactive workshop with Áine Ní Shúilleabháin author of Bróga Nua.

Would you like to improve your confidence using Irish, and introduce more Irish into your setting? We invite early years and school aged educators, and Childminders to join us to discover simple tips and practical examples of having fun with Irish.

Remember no Irish is required to participate in this workshop!

Workshop details

- Date:** 10th September 2026
- Time:** 18.30pm - 20.00pm
- Location:** Kerry County Childcare Committee Office V92 DA22

Bookings limited to 2 per service.

However, you have the option to request additional staff to be placed on a waiting list, and we will allocate extra spaces if they become available. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Each service will receive a resource pack upon completion of the workshop.

Bookings: Email: info@kerrycountychildcare.com or contact Eilish on 066 7181582

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No Irish required!

Thursday 10th September 2026

6.30pm – 8.00pm.

Kerry County Childcare Office

Free to all ELC and SAC Educators and Childminders

Booking essential, limited spaces available

Bookings: info@kerrycountychildcare.com 066 71 81 582

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 2026. Further information is available in the Announcement section of HIVE.



Core Funding August Review and Confirm Window

The August Review and Confirm window is open from 1 August to 31 August 2026. Please see the [Review and Confirm how to video](#) for more information.



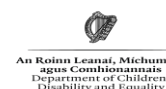
Application changes for year 4 Core Funding 2025-2026

A gentle reminder to all Partner Services that Core Funding Programme Year 4 (2025/2026) closes on the 31st August 2026. **Partner Services will have until 4pm 30th September 2026** to submit Application Changes as required to ensure their application information is correct. Please see these helpful videos on the Hive for further information on how to apply application changes and update due dates. [Helpful Videos](#)



Fee Increase Assessment/Sustainability Review 2026

The Department has announced a new Fee Increase Assessment (FIA) process, known as the Sustainability Review 2026/2027. We will be contacting Eligible Partner Services next week. Eligible Partner Services charging very low fees may apply for approval to increase up to an approved level once we have contacted them. Further information will be available shortly.



CCSP Saver Programme 2026/2027

Registrations for the CCSP Saver Programme 2026/2027 are now open.

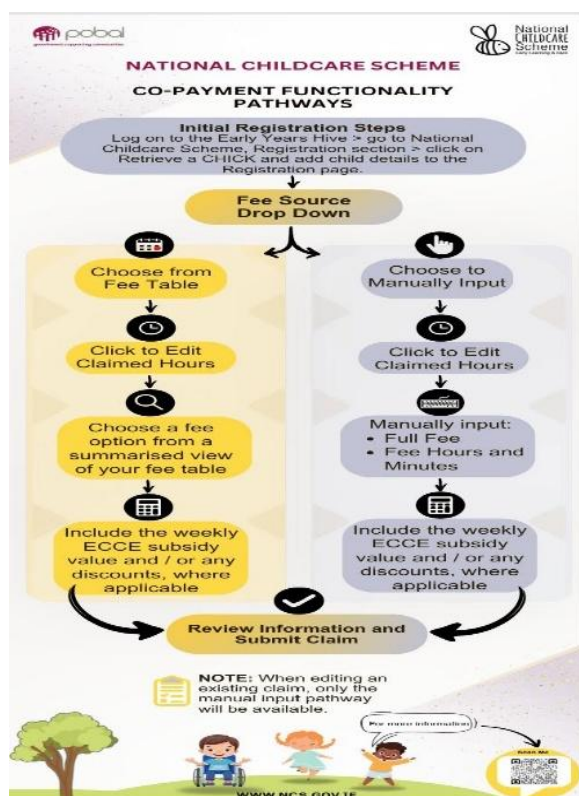
The CCSP Saver Programme 2026/2027 will commence on Monday 10 August 2026.

You can find guidance on how to register a child on CCSP on the [CCSP child registration](#) page under Resources on the Early Years Hive.

New NCS Co-payment Functionality

The new NCS co-payment functionality is now operational. The recording and slides of the training webinar held on 23 July are available [here](#). Resources to support providers when submitting NCS claims using this new co-payment functionality can be found [Here](#). The infographic below provides an overview of the process.





Increase of NCS Thresholds and Multi Child Discount

NCS income assessed applicants received notification this week that their award has now been recalculated using the new Multi Child Discount (MCD) rates and NCS Thresholds. The increase means that families who did not previously qualify for an income assessed award may be eligible going forward. All income assessed claims have now been automatically updated with the new rate.

There will be no need for parents to confirm these claims again, however, if parents have not yet confirmed their claims, they will still be required to do so. In addition, service providers can identify all affected claims in a specially dedicated page on the [Early Years Hive](https://www.earlyyearshive.ie).



Preliminary Payments for ECCE and CCSP Saver Programme

To support your planning for the 2026/2027 programme year, please review the information below on preliminary payments, payment schedules and key dates for the CCSP Saver Programme and ECCE.

Preliminary Payment CCSP: 7th & 14th August 2026

Preliminary Payment ECCE: 21st, 28th August & 4th September 2026

If you activate your funding agreement after these dates, you can still receive a preliminary payment. It will be included in a later payment run. Please ensure that your service calendar is up to date and correct in advance of the programme call start dates. Service calendars cannot be retrospectively amended on the Early Years Hive. Services will not receive more than one preliminary payment. Payments will be made to the existing bank account associated with the service/programme on the Early Years Hive.

Aistear in Practice

Aistear in Practice is a series of online mentoring sessions developed by Better Start to support reflection on practice linked to Aistear, with a focus on quality inclusive experiences for all children. Further information and link to register can be found [here](#).



Free Vacancy Advertising - Kerry CCC – Jobsboard

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

E-mail Kathryn (kathryn@kerrycountychildcare.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.



Childminders Network Meeting – 9th September 2026

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

CHILDMINDING NETWORK

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 CHILDMINDING AS A CAREER AND EXISTING CHILDMINDERS
- GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED
- LATEST CHILDMINDING INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT
- DISCOVER HOW KERRY COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE CAN SUPPORT YOU.

EVERYONE WELCOME

RSVP
Amy - 087 7885115
amy@kerrycountychildcare.com

For further information or an informal chat about what is involved please contact Amy on 087 7885115

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: aofe.roche@clarechildcare.ie

HOW TO BOOK:

- BOOK VIA EVENTBRITE

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Let's talk childminding, make your voice heard!

Childminders play an important role in the lives of children and families across Ireland. New regulations introduced in 2024 are designed to reflect the home setting in which childminders work, while supporting quality and safeguarding children. The regulations are now being reviewed to get an understanding of how they are working in practice. Your voice matters.

Find out more about the review here <https://www.letstalkchildminding.ie/> and share your views by taking part in our survey here [Have your say](#)



**National Action Plan
for Childminding
2021-2028**

Kerry County Childcare Committee

We invite you to follow our Instagram page [here](#), visit our website [here](#) and like and follow our [Facebook](#) page for updates and relevant content.



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Kind regards,

Kerry County Childcare Committee