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Supporting parents  
& families & the  
ELC and SAC sector



All updates and our weekly newsletter/bulletin from us to your service will now come from our [info@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:info@roscommonchildcare.ie) address. Your assigned development officer will also keep in regular contact with your service for any support needs.



Visit our website at <https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/> Roscommon CCC has uploaded a variety of useful resources for services and parents on our resource page on our website.



<https://www.facebook.com/roscommonchildcare/> where we will continue to post relevant information for our sector as the central local information hub for the ECCE sector in County Roscommon.



Jobs Board

#### [JOB OPPORTUNITIES ON ROSCOMMON CCC WEBSITE](#)

Roscommon CCC Jobs board is updated regularly check it out here:  
<https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/jobs-board/>



[From our County Childcare Coordinator/Manager](#)

Dear Provider and Early Years Teams

On behalf of our team here at Roscommon County Childcare Committee, I want to wish you all the very best as you continue to deliver the national childcare schemes in County Roscommon to children and families during the upcoming autumn period. We know that you have all been busy with your core funding applications and want to assure you and your service of our team's ongoing support at local county level. Our phone system will change in the coming days so that when you call our office landline number a member of our team will answer and can then transfer you if required to your assigned development officer and/or any other member of our team you may wish to talk with. Please note however that at times all our lines may be busy, this means that our team are probably supporting other services but will return your call once they become free to do so. Our office opening hours are 9.30am - 5.00pm. Lunch break for staff is from 1.00pm to 1.30pm so we ask that you keep this in mind where possible. Services can also choose to book in to a 1:1 support clinic onsite in our office premises and a date/time will be allocated that suits you, this has proved very popular over the past few weeks. You can contact us on 0949622540 or email us at [info@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:info@roscommonchildcare.ie) *All the best, Irene & Team*





**Roscommon CCC Upcoming Tusla Always Children First Training - A FEW PLACES LEFT**

Has your Tusla Always Children First Certificate expired? Are you new to your role?

We have another date in the calendar for Tusla Always Children First Foundation Level Training (Child Safeguarding one day programme). Places will be prioritised for services Designated Liaison Persons (DLP) or Deputy Designated Liaison Persons (DLP) however if places are available other staff working directly with children in ELC/SAC services in County Roscommon will be accommodated where possible and/or placed on our waiting list for next programme.

You must have completed the Tusla eLearning Programme to attend the one-day foundation certificate programme and email proof of your eLearning cert to us in Roscommon CCC. <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-e-learning-programme/>

Please register your interest with [aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie) or [irene.cafferky@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:irene.cafferky@roscommonchildcare.ie)

Please outline whether you are an assigned DLP/Deputy DLP within your service. Roscommon CC will then confirm places through attendees' email only.

| Roscommon CCC CF Foundation Training Q4 2022 Delivery Dates |               |  |
|---|---------------|--|
| Date  | Time          | Venue                                  |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2022                        | 2.00pm-8.30pm | RCCC Offices, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon |



**Deadlines / Important Dates & Information for services w/e 02/09/2022**

**DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September \*\*\* Deadline Extension Core Funding**

The deadline for applying for the Interim Funding and Core Funding has been extended to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.



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**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Learner Fund Applications**

If you are a graduate of a recognised Early Childhood Education and Care degree programme with a major award placed at level 7/8/9 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and achieved in the academic years 2015 to 2022 inclusive, please check the eligibility criteria on the application form to establish your eligibility to apply.

Contact [martina.towey@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:martina.towey@roscommonchildcare.ie) for application or click here for further information on [Early Years Practitioner Learner Fund Bursary - Deadline 30th September - Roscommon Childcare Committee](#)

Contact [aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie) in relation to **Childminder queries** or support in applying for this fund [Learner Fund Bursary for Childminders - Deadline 30th September 2022 - Roscommon Childcare Committee](#)



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Core Funding-Advance Interim Funding**

The DCEDIY have advised Providers can accept the funding agreements any time up to close of business on Friday 9th September and still receive backdated funding in respect of the 1st of September onwards. Please note that if the status of your application is submitted you will need to accept the Core Funding and Interim Funding Partner Service funding agreements in order to begin to receive funding. Accepting the funding agreements will change your application status to 'Contracted'.

Providers can accept the funding agreements after 9th of September and receive payment from that point onwards but please note that payments for funding agreements accepted after 9th September will not be backdated.

Please see Hive for full notification.

**AIM Rules 2022/2023**

The DCECIY have published the AIM Rules 2022/2023 on the AIM website. The link is as follows: <https://aim.gov.ie/aim-rules-for-2022-2023-programme-year-published/>



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### **Building Blocks Funding**

DCEDIY have circulated a [press release](#) in relation to Building Blocks Improvement Grant which will provide funding of up to €75,000 for upgrading, renovating or refurbishing Early Learning and Childcare settings to improve the quality of learning environments for children as well as energy efficiency of the settings. There are two strands, Green Energy and Retrofit.

Applications from eligible services will be accepted in Q4 and successful applicants will be notified in early 2023. All services who are in contract for NCS or ECCE 2022/2023 with at least one child registered are eligible to apply. Successful applicants must be in contract with Core Funding before any funding is released. Grants will range from €35,000 to €75,000

Detailed information regarding Building Blocks - Improvement Grant, is available in the Application Guidelines [here](#)

If you require support regarding an application your service wishes to make or would like support on any other aspect of your service, you can contact your assigned development officer and/or any member of our team here at Roscommon CCC

### **Covid case advice**

ELC and SAC providers and Childminders that have positive cases and require support can contact the HSE ELC/SAC dedicated helpline on 01 511 9777. For general Covid-19 queries you can contact HSE live on 1800 700 700 or 01 240 8787 or visit the First 5 website ([www.first5.gov.ie](http://www.first5.gov.ie)) for the most up to date information and guidance.

### **Tusla Always Children First Programme –**

Roscommon CCC will be delivering the next Foundation Level one day Programme as follows:

Date: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Time: 2.00pm - 8.00pm Venue: Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG Offices

Eircode: F45P959.

**Please register your interest along with a completed booking form which we have attached to this letter to: [aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie)**

**Places will be confirmed by Roscommon CCC by return email to the participants email address.**



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NB: Places will be prioritised for services Designated Liaison Persons (DLP) or Deputy Designated Liaison Persons (DLP) however we will also be taking names for all other staff that may need this training and depending on demand may arrange additional dates later in the year so please fill out the booking form for your service and return to Roscommon CCC.

It is a requirement that all participants complete the Tusla Introduction to Children First eLearning Programme prior to attending the foundation level training. The eLearning Programme must be completed within one year of attendance at the foundation level programme as the face-to-face training builds on the learning from this eLearning.

Further to this, the national Always Children First Programme recommend that all staff in all ELC/SAC services complete the Tusla Introduction to Children First eLearning Programme yearly as the content will enable practitioners to keep children safe from harm. The Tusla Introduction to Children First eLearning Programme can be accessed here: <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-e-learning-programme/>

As this is a requirement of both the National Child Safeguarding Programme and Tusla, participants without evidence of completion of the Tusla Introduction to Children First eLearning Programme within one year, cannot attend the Always Children First Foundation level programme.



**Don't forget to order your Beep Beep Day pack**

Beep Beep Day packs will be available to order from 7 September this year.

<https://beepbeepday.rsaleadinglights.ie/>

Packs include Beep Beep Day vests, posters, and guides.



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Stocks are limited but we will do our best for you- [https://www.rsa.ie/road-safety/education/pre-primary?fbclid=IwAR0JYjZR6emkREHJnMaA1ncwkFM8j\\_TZpPPNIm8jhG6ampDjo0wxQekTOJ4](https://www.rsa.ie/road-safety/education/pre-primary?fbclid=IwAR0JYjZR6emkREHJnMaA1ncwkFM8j_TZpPPNIm8jhG6ampDjo0wxQekTOJ4)

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### Core Funding-Advance Interim Funding Payments –

#### Supports available to providers

CCCs and the EYPC remain available to assist with the process.

Providers may also be interested to know that a number of Core Funding training videos are now available on the Early Years Hive:

- Core Funding Service Profile and Application Module – ECCE-Only Service
- 3 Minute Troubleshooting Video – One Room and Session Type with two staff assigned at different times
- 3 Minute Troubleshooting Video – One Room with four Session Types
- 5 Minute Troubleshooting Video – Stacking Session Types based on Staffed Capacity
- 10 Minute Troubleshooting Video – Overlapping Session Types
- Comparison between the Ready Reckoner versus the Core Funding Application Module

You can find these videos under the ‘Core Funding Training Videos’ heading on the [Core Funding Documents](#) page. Further Core Funding training videos will be added soon.

Providers are also encouraged to check the [announcement page](#) of the Early Years Hive on a regular basis. You can find guidance on how to use the Hive announcement page [here](#). All important dates are also added to the Hive’s [announcement calendar page](#) for your benefit. The number beside the Announcement menu item will increase by one each time a new announcement is posted on the Early Years Hive, in a similar way to when you receive a new portal notification. Please monitor this menu item when you are logged into your portal to ensure you are not missing any key information.

#### Clarification in respect of applications requiring appraisals

For Core Funding applications which require manual appraisal, either in respect of qualifications or in respect of Tusla information, appraisals will take place over the coming months. When Core Funding initially comes into effect it will be paid on the basis of un-appraised applications – that is the information provided will be accepted to be accurate. If, on appraisal, the information provided is deemed to be inaccurate or insufficient, this may result in a recoupment of previous funding. However providers will not have to wait for the appraisal process to be complete in order to receive funding in respect of the appraised aspects of their application. We hope this is helpful to providers.



**Please use the Early Years Hive for announcements as Pobal will no longer be posting announcement on the PIP Portal**

The CCSP Saver Programme has now moved onto the Early Years Hive. This marks the final programme in the transition process and from the 2022 programme call going forward, all early learning and care programmes can be conveniently managed from the Hive. As the transition to Hive is now complete, **Pobal will no longer be posting announcement on the PIP Portal**. All announcements are, and will continue to be, posted on the announcement page of the Early Years Hive. All important dates are also added to the Hive's announcement calendar page for your benefit.



**Increase in NCS Universal Eligibility**

From Monday 29 August the upper age eligibility for the NCS Universal Award will increase from 3 years to 15 years. From this date all children aged from 24 weeks up to 15 years will be eligible for the Universal Award. Where the income for an Income assessed Application was assessed as *over the threshold* and received an award or segment of award with zero subsidy, these awards have now been recalculated with a Universal rate from 29th August. Where the income for an Income Assessed Application was assessed as *under the threshold* awards for children included within the new age range may be recalculated and an increased rate may be awarded. Claims will be automatically updated with the new rate for these applicants. All claims must be confirmed by the parent before payments can flow to the provider however claims that have already been confirmed do not need to be confirmed again. **Please note that where rates change parent co-payment and Parental Agreements must be updated.** To allow service providers time to make these changes, a 2-month window (up to end of October) will apply where service providers will not be found non-compliant in the event that Parental Agreements have not yet been updated. **Claims for children who turn three in 2022 or are already three or older require your attention.** You can check claims in your service that are affected by comparing the allocation lists for the week ending 28 August 2022 with the allocation lists for the week ending 5 September 2022 and checking for changes.

If you need support, please raise a Service Request on the Hive. Parents seeking further advice or support should be directed to the Applicant Portal or the Parents Support Team on 01 906 8530.



### Revised NCS Policy Guidelines now available on Hive



The NCS Policy Guidelines have been updated and the revised guidelines are now available on this Portal on the [NCS Documents](#) page.

There have been a number of changes to the NCS since the scheme launched in 2019. The revised Policy Guidelines have been updated to take account of the many changes since launch, including the most recent changes which were the removal of 'wraparound hours' in April 2022 and the extension of Universal for children up to age 15 years which takes effect from 29 August 2022. As the programme evolves and further changes are announced, continued updates the guidelines will be made accordingly.



### Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) Capitation Increase

Capitation for AIM Level 7 is set to increase from €210 to €240 from September coinciding with Core Funding. The additional capitation will be paid to ECCE providers approved for AIM additional assistance support from September 2022. Full press release can be accessed here

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/9efd9-minister-ogorman-allocates-additional-funding-to-support-children-with-disabilities-access-state-funded-pre-school/>

### AIM Information session for Early Learning and Care Service Providers

Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG in collaboration with Better Start will hold an online information session for ELC Providers on Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> from 7pm. To register your free place on this online session please click here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/access-and-inclusion-model-information-session-for-elc-providers-tickets-409813712847>



### Are you a Leadership for INclusion in the Early Years graduate??

Have you completed packages from the LINC+ programme?

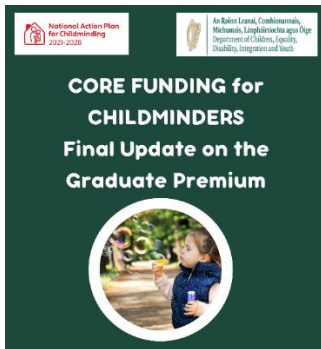
See details in the link: <https://lincprogramme.ie/apply-now-linc-plus>

### Childminders:





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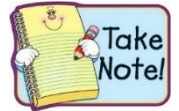
### Roscommon CCC – Core Funding for Childminders.

Core funding is available to Tusla registered childminders. Roscommon County Childcare Committee are available to support you with your application.

For one-to-one support with this or any aspect of childminding in your home please email [aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie) to arrange a date and time that suits your childminding service.

**Network meeting for Childminders: A face to face network meeting will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022. More details to follow.**

### Tusla Re-Registration



**For services who last re-registered with Tusla in 2019 you are required to re-register again.**

All the information and documentation are available on the Tusla portal and Tusla website. There is also a recorded webinar for ELC and SAC Registration Renewal available on the Tusla website.

Roscommon CCC team are available to assist & support you with this process- Please contact your development officer for support [carmel.dunne@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:carmel.dunne@roscommonchildcare.ie) or [sinead.mcquaid@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:sinead.mcquaid@roscommonchildcare.ie)

**Press Release From: Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG  
Learner Fund Bursary 2022**

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) has now launched the Learner Fund Bursary for Graduates and Childminders in the Early Learning and Care sector who are registered with Tusla and hold a Level 7/8/9 (Graduates) or Level 5/6 (Childminders) award on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and achieved in the academic years 2015-2022. The bursary amount for eligible Childminders or Graduates is **€750**.

Please see Roscommon County Childcare Committee website and Facebook for further details including full eligibility criteria and application form: [www.roscommonchildcare.ie](http://www.roscommonchildcare.ie)

You can also contact a member of the team on 094 96 22540 or via emails below.

Completed applications should be sent to;  
Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG,  
Knock Road,  
Castlerea,  
Co. Roscommon

Or;

Graduate applications should be emailed to [martina.towey@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:martina.towey@roscommonchildcare.ie)

Childminding Applications should be emailed to [aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie)

Marked: **Learner Fund Bursary 2022**

**Closing date is 5 p.m. on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**



**Information for parents-**

The Team at Roscommon CCC welcome calls from parents & Guardians. If you are a parent and looking for childcare, we can talk & assist with the government-funded support programmes such as NCS and ECCE. If you have a query or concern regarding your child's experience of early learning or school age childcare, please get in touch. Call us on 094-9622540 or email: [info@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:info@roscommonchildcare.ie)



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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Національна Батьківська Рада<br/>Інформаційна довідкова лінія</b></p> <p>Ви український батько, який нещодавно приїхав до Ірландії?</p> <p>Ваша дитина дошкільного чи шкільного віку?</p> <p>Ми можемо допомогти вам з будь-якими питаннями, які можуть виникнути у зв'язку з навчанням вашої дитини в Ірландії, і у нас є співробітник гарячої лінії, який володіє українською та російською мовами.</p>  <p>Ви можете зв'язатися з нами телефоном або електронною поштою та поговорити з нашим українським спеціалістом гарячої лінії:</p>  <p>З понеділка по п'ятницю з 9:00 до 17:00<br/>Телефон: 01 887 4473<br/>Електронна пошта: <a href="mailto:helpline@npc.ie">helpline@npc.ie</a></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Национальный Родительский Совет<br/>Информационная линия помощи</b></p> <p>Вы украинский родитель, недавно приехавший в Ирландию?</p> <p>Ваш ребенок дошкольного или школьного возраста?</p> <p>Мы можем помочь вам с любыми вопросами, которые могут у вас возникнуть в связи с образованием вашего ребенка в Ирландии, и у нас есть сотрудник горячей линии, который говорит на украинском и русском языках.</p>  <p>Вы можете связаться с нами по телефону или электронной почте и поговорить с нашим украинским сотрудником горячей линии:</p>  <p>С понедельника по пятницу с 9:00 до 17:00<br/>Телефон: 01 887 4473<br/>Электронная почта: <a href="mailto:helpline@npc.ie">helpline@npc.ie</a></p> |
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**NPC Helpline**

The Helpline is open this week from 10am to 4pm, Tuesday to Friday and is contactable via phone, email and webchat.

This is a confidential service for parents of children in early years and primary school education.





01 887 4477



[helpline@npc.ie](mailto:helpline@npc.ie)



[www.npc.ie](http://www.npc.ie)

The National Parents council have developed this leaflet to support children's mental wellbeing.

Good mental health is essential for the well-being of all children. Children's well-being is connected to:

- Feeling good socially – This means having good relationships with family and friends which help children grow and develop and reach their potential.
- Feeling good emotionally – This means being able to understand, express and manage the way they feel.
- Feeling good physically – This means having a healthy body and being able to physically do all the things they want to do.

[Click here](#) to view this leaflet.

