



**Volume 1 issue 9**

Welcome to our weekly bulletin.

These are the deadlines, important dates, and announcements and new resources for the week 4- 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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## Note from FCCC

The FCCC team will be visiting P&T groups, Libraries and Shopping centres in the Fingal area to provide information, advice and support to Parents and Childminders in relation to all areas of childcare. Keep an eye on our FB page for upcoming dates.

We are in Millfield Shopping Centre, Naul Road, Balbriggan Dublin K32 H773 on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30am-12.00pm**

&

Swords Library, Rathbeale Road, Commons West, Swords, Co Dublin on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am-12.00pm**



**Parent & Toddler Group**

Calling all Parent & Toddler Groups in the Fingal Area  
Fingal County Childcare Committee is here for you

**FCCC Provides:**

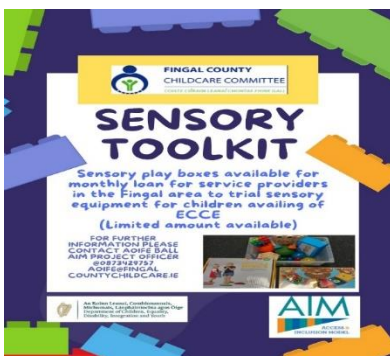
- ✓ Information
- ✓ Support & Advice
- ✓ Support to access Grants

Scan the QR code to get in touch



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**SENSORY TOOLKIT**

Sensory play boxes available for monthly loan for service providers in the Fingal area to trial sensory equipment for children availing of ECCE  
(Limited amount available)

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**AIM**  
INTEGRATED ADULTS IN MIND

## FCCC Training

Please see below a flyer in relation to STEAM in ECEC Workshop which FCCC are rolling out on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 10am to 4pm at Digital Office Centre, Balheary Road, Swords, Co Dublin K67E5AO.

To Book a place at this event please use the below link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/steam-in-ecec-workshop-tickets-858723815047>

The criteria for this workshop is:

- Maximum of **1 place** per service
- Attendees must have a minimum of a QQI Level 5 in childcare qualification
- The workshop is open to educators who are working with children from 0-6 years in an ECEC setting
- Bookings are on a first come first serviced basis with a maximum of 25 places

# STEAM in ECEC Workshop

Take part in this engaging and **free** CPD workshop hosted by Fingal County Childcare Committee. Learn about why and how to incorporate science, technology, engineering, the arts and maths (STEAM) in your ECEC practice.

Workshop facilitator: Paula Walshe, DkIT  
**Date : Tuesday 9th April 2024**  
**Time: 10am - 4pm**  
**Location: Fingal County Childcare Committee, Swords**



**WHAT WILL THIS WORKSHOP COVER?**

What is STEAM and why is it important to ECEC practice?  
 Strategies to incorporate STEAM using resources you already have.  
 Unplugged technology in the ECEC environment.  
 Hands-on interactive STEAM activities.  
 Incorporating STEAM into the Aistear curriculum framework.  
 STEAM in an emergent and inquiry, play based curriculum.  
 All participants will receive a training pack.

This workshop is free of charge as it forms part of an ongoing PhD research project. Participants will be required to complete a short survey before and after the workshop.

Participants may be asked to take part in a focus group approximately 1 month after taking part, however, participants are not obliged to be a focus group participant to attend the workshop.



**BOOK YOUR PLACE!**

To book a place on this workshop please email  
**info@fingalcountychildcare.ie**  
 or call 01 4851727

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Forbairt Cáilíocht  
Luathbhlianta Náisiúnta  
National Early Years  
Quality Development

FCCC are delighted to invite you to an online information session on The Quality Development Service. The session will be delivered by an EYS from the Better Start Quality Service team.



[Click here to book for place](#)

DATE; 14.03.24

TIME: 2.00-3.00 pm

The Quality Development Service provides mentoring and coaching to Early Learning and Care settings, based on the Siolta and Aistear frameworks and Tusla's Quality and Regulatory Framework (QRF), so that those settings are of high quality and deliver positive outcomes for children.

You might be interested in looking at promoting play, how to get the most out of your indoor or outdoor learning environment, seeking advice on partnership with parents, transitions or other pillars of practice

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PH: 087 4705806



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Community of Professional Practice (aka)  
**Fingal CCC & provider's/managers  
network group**

### **Fingal CCC have set up a network group ( community of professionals)**

We had our first face to face meeting in the Fingal office and it went very well.

The goal of this network is to offer support to each other and share ideas. It will be the role of Fingal CCC to facilitate this group in the beginning. The vision is down the line to hand it over to the network group.

To begin with we hope to be meeting once a month or as the group requests. These meetings can be online, face to face or in each others services.

You all have a wealth of knowledge when it comes to ELC and SAC but it can often be isolating or lonely if you are on your own. This group creates a support network for all who join it.

The topics will vary and will be driven by what the group want to discuss or would like more knowledge on.

We have set up a whatsapp group and plan to meet again in March.

We have planted the seed and would love your help in making this grow



For more information please email: [karen@fingalcountychildcare.ie](mailto:karen@fingalcountychildcare.ie) or call : 0874705806





## AIM – Access and Inclusion Model

**A reminder to providers and parents that level 4 and level 6 are available to children accessing AIM supports. Below outlines the support available from Better Start Early Years Specialists and the link outlining all supports available both Universal and Targeted supports.**

Level 4: The EYSS also provides coaching and mentoring to the pre-school staff on supporting children in the ECCE programme. This includes the creation of an Access and Inclusion Plan for children, which can help identify additional support and resources required to meet the needs of the child in the pre-school room. The EYSS can also act as a liaison with the National Council for Special Education to support transitions to primary school.

Level 6: When an application for AIM level 6 support is submitted, a Better Start Early Years Specialist is put in touch with the appropriate HSE contact, who will advise on the best support for the child. If a child is already known to the HSE, the Early Years Specialist will make contact with relevant supports. They will then review healthcare strategies already in place for that child so that they can reinforce these strategies with the pre-school and ensure there is no conflict of information for the child or pre-school.

If a child is not known to the HSE, the Early Years Specialist will send the completed Access and Inclusion Profile to the agreed HSE contact. The HSE will be required to respond within 5 weeks of the request for support so the child can optimally participate in the ECCE programme.

[Targeted Supports -  
Access and Inclusion  
Model \(aim.gov.ie\)](#)



## DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

National Sólta Aistear Initiative: Aistear and Play 2024 - Better Start course application deadline

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Playing Outside Grant Verification Checks

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

Financial reporting deadline for Core Funding

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024**

Building Blocks Expansion Grant 2024

## For your information

### **Playing Outside Grants 2021**

Pobal will be performing **verification checks** on all Playing Outside Grants 2021. From 21 February 2024, services are being asked via a targeted HIVE notification to submit returns for the Playing Outside Grant 2021. This notification is to advise that your service is subject to a verification check. Relevant documentation (such as supporting invoices and bank statements) are required to be submitted on the Hive return portal which will be open from 21/02/24 to 21/03/24 for completion by your registered PAU.

Please note that the checks will be performed remotely and no visit to your facility will be required.

In advance of uploading any information to the Hive return portal, please consult the relevant documents in the [Hive Resources Section](#):

1. Refer to the Verification Check System Use Guidance and note the specific verification requirements (pages 2-3).
2. Refer to the Application Guidelines noting the examples of eligible and ineligible expenses for the Playing Outside Grant 2021 (pages 6-8).

The services will have until **21/03/24** to submit returns.



## National Síolta Aistear Initiative - Aistear and Play CPD Expression of Interest

### Hive Announcement - Aistear and Play 2024

The purpose of the NSAI is to support the implementation of the two National Frameworks-*Síolta*, the *National Quality Framework for Early Childhood and Education* and *Aistear*, *The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework*.

Aistear and Play is delivered by Better Start Early Years Specialists. This continuous professional development (CPD) can be a part of your Core Funding Quality Action Plan.

The training will take place over five, 2.5 hour in-person sessions. The course includes two on-site mentoring visits by a Better Start Early Years Specialist, one after session three and another after session five.

If your setting is interested in taking part in Aistear and Play, [CLICK HERE](#) and complete your expression of interest. For further information you can visit the Better Start website [National Síolta Aistear Initiative: Aistear and Play - Better Start](#)

### Building Blocks Expansion Grant

The Department of Children, Equality, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) circulated a [press release](#) (Thursday 22 February 2024), in relation to Building Blocks – Expansion Grant Scheme. Applications are now available on the Early Years Hive by navigating to [Programmes – Building Blocks Application](#). **Applications will close on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.**

Detailed information regarding Building Blocks - Expansion Grant, is available in the [Application Guidelines](#). Applicants can contact the Early Years Provider Centre (EYPC) with any queries by raising a service request on the Early Years Hive under the programme: 'Building Blocks - Expansion Grant' and selecting the relevant sub-category.



Building blocks application demonstration [Training video](#)





### Notice for services located in schools - closure day due to referendums (8 March)

Early Learning and Care/School Age Childcare Providers located **within a school premises or on the school grounds**, and where the school is used as a **polling station** for elections/referendums on a day which the ELC/SAC service is scheduled to be open **are not required:**

- to amend their calendars

or

- apply for force majeure.

Services providing the ECCE programme are **not** required to make up that day for the purposes of meeting the 182-day rule in the programme year.

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2024 is running from the 1-17 March. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Irish language. The Seachtain na Gaeilge website has resources that may be used to promote and increase the use of Irish <https://snag.ie/en/games/>

Some useful links are also available on the Aistear/Síolta Practice Guide

- For Irish medium settings in the [Interactions/ resources for sharing section you'll find useful tip-sheets](#)

For English medium settings [Introducing Irish to preschool children in English medium settings](#)



The February Review & Confirm window is now open and will close on Monday 12th February 2024. Prior to completing the Review & Confirm, you must ensure that all data on the Service Profile is up to date. Secondly, the Core Funding Application Module must be at status 'Approved'. If the Application Module is at a 'Referred Back' status, the issue must

be rectified prior to completing the Review & Confirm. Support documents can be located on HIVE>Resources>Help & Support>Core Funding>Core Funding Application.



**Note** – You should have received an email for the DCEDIY yesterday **(07/03/24)** with Guidance Note for Core Funding Financial Reporting Requirements

### **Core Funding Reporting Requirement Year 1**

The DCEDIY have agreed a transitional arrangement for financial reporting to cover year 1 and year 2 of the Core Funding scheme. Financial reporting requirements in this transitional phase have been significantly simplified and streamlined and the material now available on the Early Years Hive reflects those changes.

It should be noted that the Financial Management Tool is optional. The financial reporting deadline for Core Funding is 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024. The revised reporting requirement during the transitional phase will consist of a sector specific Income and Expenditure Report. This Income and Expenditure Report will significantly reduce the reporting requirement on partner services.

Relevant documents can be located on Hive> Resources>Programme Documents>Core Funding documents> Core Funding Reporting Requirement Year 1 (2022/23)

### **FCCC Core funding support**

If you have any question or need support please contact: Karen Comiskey, Development Officer – Core Funding: Mobile: 0874705806 | Email: [karen@fingalcountychildcare.ie](mailto:karen@fingalcountychildcare.ie)

### **Measles outbreak**

In recent months there has been a rise in cases of measles in parts of the UK and Europe. On 7th February the HSE reported the death of an adult with confirmed measles. This is the first confirmed measles case notified in Ireland in 2024. The HSE is writing to ask for your support in raising awareness among parents, guardians and staff about:

- Watching out for the symptoms of measles
- The importance of the MMR vaccine in protecting children.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/healthwellbeing/our-priority-programmes/child-health-and-wellbeing/hse-measles-a4-poster.pdf>



### **Access to Better Start training through Continuous Professional Development**

Each member of staff must have their own active directory account to take part in training. When staff self-enrol for training through the LMS365 course catalogue they must self-enrol using their own accounts.

Enrolling under a different account may result in certificates of completion issued under a different username and the course not being recorded on the individual's learning transcript.

To access the support guides, please see Help & Support > Better Start L&D Guides.

For further support with any queries, please contact:

[Professionaldevelopment@betterstart.ie](mailto:Professionaldevelopment@betterstart.ie)

### **Barnardos – new publication**

Guidance on how early years educators can help children learn how to manage and express their feelings and help them learn how to behave in situations of stress and conflict.

<https://knowledge.barnardos.ie/.../99bf80c8-4037.../content>



## Training Events

### Spring 2024



#### Introduction to Reflective Practice in Early Learning and Care

Date: 13th February 2024

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Cost: €15

The aim of this webinar is to assist participants to begin or continue to reflect on their own practice as they engage with clients and colleagues. Participants will have the opportunity to look at some examples of reflective tools and exercises where they can identify some of the characteristics of different types of reflection.

#### Understanding Young Children's Behaviour in Early Learning and Care

Date: 20th February 2024

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Cost: €15

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

#### Supervision in Early Learning and Care

Date: 27th February 2024

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Cost: €25

The aim of this workshop is to give guidance on the development and implementation of a supervision structure in an Early Learning and Care setting. This training will be helpful for early learning and care providers, putting in place processes to meet regulatory requirements on staff supervision.

#### Promoting the Social & Emotional Well Being of Babies Toddlers and Young Children – An Infant Mental Health Approach

Date: 5th March 2024

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Cost: €15

The aim of this workshop is to introduce participants to the concepts of infant mental health and to consider ways to support children's social and emotional wellbeing using a relational framework.

#### Dealing with Difficult Calls

Date: 12th March 2024

Time: 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Cost: €50

This training seeks to provide participants with a space to explore a range of caller presentations; the factors that shape an individual's reaction to stress and effective strategies to use when taking difficult calls.

#### Sharing Developmental Concerns with Parents

Date: 19th March 2024

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Cost: €15

This workshop is suitable for those working in Early Learning and Care and School Age Childcare in supporting their role in communicating developmental concerns with parents about their child.

#### Trauma Awareness in early Learning and Care

Date: 26th March 2024

Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm

Cost: €90

The aim of this 1 day training is to build expertise and confidence among the Early Years professionals supporting children in Early Learning and Care settings who have experiences of trauma.

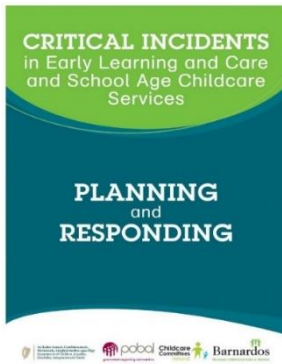


Scan the QR for more information and to book your place

Or Contact us: [training@barnardos.ie](mailto:training@barnardos.ie)

  
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**Critical Incidents in Early Learning and Care and School Age Childcare Services: Planning and Responding**



All Early Learning and Care (ELC) and school Age Childcare (SAC) services are required to have a service level Critical Incident Plan as outlined in the Tusla Quality and Regulatory Framework (QRF) and the National Quality Guidelines for School Age Childcare Services. A guide has been developed from previous guidance on critical incidents planning, including the Critical Incident Plan Toolkit and the extensive work of the National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS), to support ELC and SAC services to think about and plan for critical incidents and to have practical supports in place should it be necessary to respond to a critical incident. Please see guidance below.



### First5 Little Library

Below you will find a copy of the First5 Little Library at your Local Library eBulletin. It includes information on the supports available from the local library to ELC & SAC services as well as details on the Little Library Evaluation.



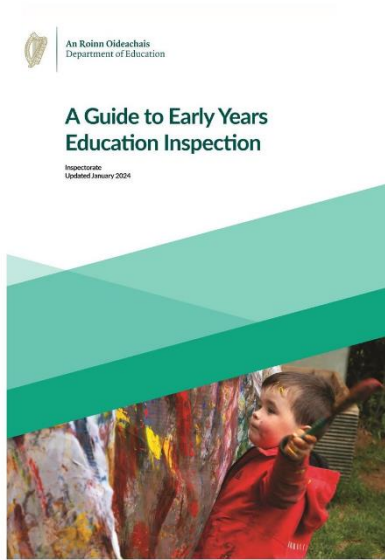
### Little Book at Bedtime:

A free bedtime storybook and library card wallet is available at the library for all children of 4 years and under, to pick up and keep. This exciting initiative aims to engage all parents of young children to read stories with them at bedtime. Parents and their children can pop into their local library to pick up their free bedtime story book and join the library. Bedtime story books are available in English and Irish.





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Updated January 2024 - how the Department of Education Inspectorate conducts an early years education inspection.

<https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/233708/a923cf1c-6565-48d8-a96b-2b1330e70b14.pdf>



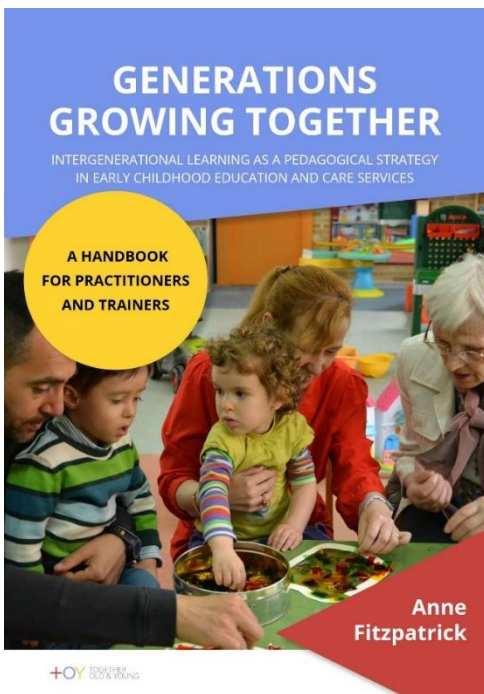
All LINC graduates can register for LINC's online CPD programme. You do not need to be the Inclusion Coordinator in your setting to participate.

This CPD can be included in Quality Action Plans under option 5.

● FAQs and how to apply: <https://lincprogramme.ie/cpd-for-incos>



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New from TU Dublin: Together Old and Young (TOY) handbook.

Intergenerational learning focuses on bringing older adults and young children together to share knowledge, skills and values.

<http://www.toyproject.net/.../Generations-growing...>



### First 5 Implementation Plan

The DCEDIY published the implementation plan for 'First 5', the ten-year whole of government strategy for babies, young children and their families which describes the ambitious steps that will be taken over the period 2023 to 2025 to ensure children get the best start in life.

Click on the below link for full press release.

[http://westmeathchildcare.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/24.11-PRESS-RELEASE\\_New-First-5-implementation-plan.pdf](http://westmeathchildcare.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/24.11-PRESS-RELEASE_New-First-5-implementation-plan.pdf)



Environmental labels are signs used to identify learning and play areas, equipment and resources in an early year setting. They support children to effectively use and learn about their preschool environment and to identify the different play and learning areas available for them to explore and play in.

See Better Start's tip sheet: [Environmental labels](#)



Betterstart is delighted to launch the new AIM information video. This video was designed to tell the story about the role of the Early Years Specialist when delivering Expert Educational Advice and Support. It provides details about how to access AIM supports as well as what can be expected from the mentoring journey. Have a look here

<https://www.betterstart.ie/access-and-inclusion-model/>



### **Viral Infections: HSE Guidance for the ELC Sector**

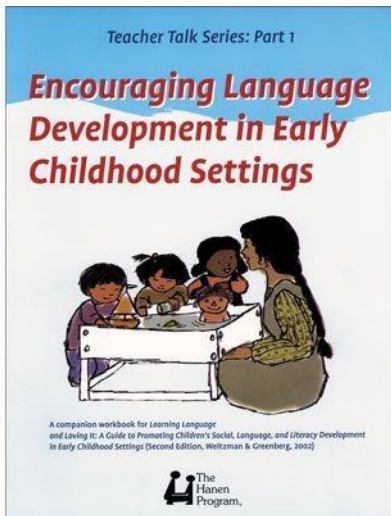
Dear provider,

We are writing to you today (17/11/23) with a memo from the HSE and supporting poster which provide advice for ELC settings on Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).

Regards,

Early Years Division, DCEDIY

Guidance



Better Start's Hanen Teacher Talk training - practical, interactive strategies for early years educators to help children interact and communicate. New dates added for February and March: <https://www.betterstart.ie/.../hanen-teacher-talk.../>



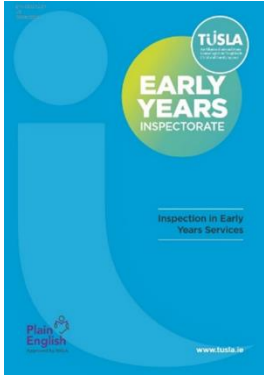
As advised at the end of January, the current inspection Disputed Findings process has been extensively reviewed and enhanced. The process is now called Inspection Findings Review (IFR) process and will be implemented for inspections which are carried out on or after 12th February 2024. The process for Inspection Findings Review and for Factual Accuracy have been separated into two distinct clear processes. The Inspection Findings Review provides a clear and robust process for when a registered provider disagrees with inspection findings in the inspection report.

You can access all the relevant documents, along with several guidance documents to support you with the process on the Tusla Inspection Tools and Templates webpage. <https://www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/early-years-providers/early-years-inspections-2/inspection-tools-and-templates-2/>

A webinar was held to outline the new process on 29th January 2024 which has been recorded and made available on the Tusla website. You can access the session, along with the presentations now, <https://www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/elearning-webinars-and-resources/webinars/>

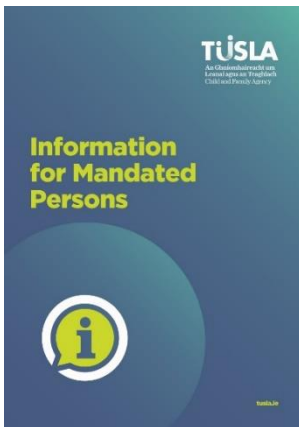
Following on from the Tusla Webinar - Inspection Findings Review and Multiple Provider Overview on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January for providers, if you didn't get the opportunity to attend, a recording is available on the Tusla website, <https://www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/elearning-webinars-and-resources/webinars/>

## Renewal of garda vetting



This new leaflet provides information for parents on the different types of inspections and other work carried out by Tusla and the Department of Education inspectorates. [Leaflet](#)

[Link to vetting booklet](#)



## **First Aid Responder (FAR) requirement**

Due to recent Tusla inspections outcome we would like to remind Providers that:

- At least one person trained in first aid (FAR) is available to the children while the service is in operation.
- At least one person trained in first aid (FAR) is available to the children when on outings.
- A list of people trained in first aid (FAR) is available.
- In-date certification for each trained FAR is available.

The number of people trained in first aid for children (FAR) and available for first aid response is based on the service's risk assessments, including the size of the service and the hazards identified.





## Guidance for the Early Learning and Care sector on sleep provision for children under 24 months



Tusla has introduced a new guidance document, which sets out the revised position of Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate on sleep provision for children under 24 months in early learning and care services.

There is also a webinar available for your convenience using the following link: <https://www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/elearning-webinars-and-resources/webinars/>



[What to do if worried about a child](#)

## For Childminders



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



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Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Oige  
Department of Children, Equality,  
Disability, Integration and Youth

### Consultations on the draft childminding regulations

**Have your say at  
Fingal CCC  
Focus Group**



### \*\*\*Attention All Childminders\*\*\*

#### Your Voice Counts....

Join one of FCCC focus group meetings either in person or online and learn more about the proposed draft childminding regulations and have the opportunity to provide invaluable feedback which will help shape the new regulations.

To book a place click the link or scan the QR codes from one of the 3 sessions that follow

### Details of focus group



**In person Focus group**  
**Wednesday 20th March**  
**7-9pm**

**Digital Office Centre**  
**Balheary Industrial Park**  
**Balheary Road, Swords**  
**Co Dublin K67E5AO**

To book a place click on  
the link in the post or  
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## Details of focus group



**Online Focus group  
Wednesday 27th March  
7-9pm**

To book a place click on  
the link in the post or  
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## Details of focus group



**In person Focus group  
Wednesday 10th April  
7-9pm**

**Tyrrelstown Community  
Centre  
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**Advice and Information for  
Parents and Childminders**

**For Parents**

- National Childcare Scheme
- ECCE
- AIM Model of Inclusion

**For Childminders**

- Becoming a childminder
- National Action plan for childminding



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

**AIM**  
ACTION INCLUSION MODEL

An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Léimhárachta agus Óige  
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**Are you childminding or thinking of becoming a childminder in Fingal?**

**OUR CHILDMINDING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER SARAH MCKENNA IS HERE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT ON:**

- ✓ Running a childminding business
- ✓ Accessing Grants/Funding
- ✓ Information sessions
- ✓ Networking with other childminders
- ✓ Training for childminders
- ✓ National Action Plan for Childminding

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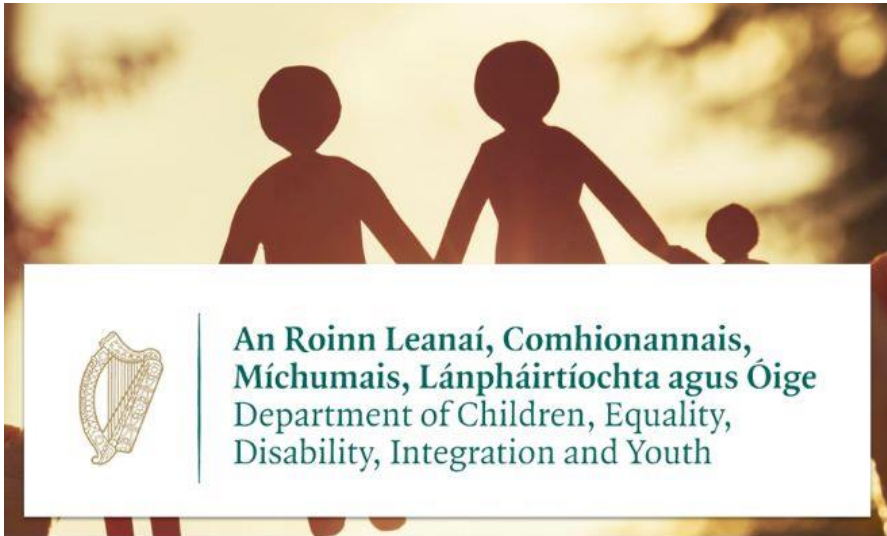


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## For Parents



### ECCE - Frequently Asked Questions for Parents

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## FCCC Jobs Board

Fingal CCC have updated their website to include an interactive Jobs Board. This Jobs Board will support early childcare providers to advertise their recruitment needs and to provide parents with the opportunity to advertise needs with the aim of linking, early years, childminders, and parents in the Fingal area. The new FCCC Jobs Board facilitates the recruitment of staff into the ELC Sector in Fingal. To advertise a job simply go to our website and click on the jobs board tab. Employers with job vacancies can post a job by clicking on the link above and fill in the required fields. The jobs posted will go live immediately and will be visible on the site for 30 days and will then be archived. **Note - you don't need to set up a log in, just complete the form and click submit.**

## Service Closures

We have been asked what the process is for services, if for whatever reason, you have decided not to reopen or closed within the current programme year. The steps are as follows:

- **Inform FCCC via email to [info@fingalcountychildcare.ie](mailto:info@fingalcountychildcare.ie)**
- **Complete the Cessation of Services form for Tusla – click on the link below.**  
[http://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Cessation\\_of\\_Service.pdf](http://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Cessation_of_Service.pdf)
- **Inform Pobal & make any necessary changes to registrations on the HIVE. - Service Closure** If an Approved Provider closes its ELC service, or ceases to provide a DCEDIY childcare programme, notice must be submitted in writing immediately to the local City/County Childcare Committee and the Data Management Team in the Scheme Administrator by raising a service request on the EY HIVE and selecting the Request Programme Type “User Account Management”, then selecting the Category “How to” and the Sub-Category “Closures. FCCC will link in with individual services once the notification has been received.

## Facebook

If you are a Facebook user, or would like to set up a Facebook account, we would be most grateful if you could please ‘Like’ our Fingal County Childcare Committee Facebook page, and please feel free to ‘Share’ it too.

We will post regular updates for ELC/ SAC services and Childminders.

Our Facebook page can be found at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/fingalcountychildcare/>

## Covid Case Advice

### Covid case advice \*new information\*

Please find below links to information from the HPSC in relation to Covid-19 and information from the HSE for ELC and SAC providers on preventing the spread of Covid-19 and children returning to ELC and SAC settings.

We would be grateful if you can share this information with parents, guardians, and staff.

<https://www.hpsc.ie/news/title-23357-en.html> (updated 11th August 2023)

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/preventing-the-spread/>

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/preventing-the-spread/child-returning-to-school-or-childcare/>

In addition, please find link below to the Management of Infectious Diseases in Childcare Facilities guidance resource.

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/lifestages/childcare/File,13444,en.pdf> Management of Infectious Disease in Childcare Facilities and Other Childcare Settings (2012)

For general Covid-19 queries you can contact HSE on 1800 700 700 between 8am and 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am – 5pm Saturday and Sunday or visit the HSE website <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/>

Should you have any queries on the above, our contact details are 01- 4851727 or [info@fingalcountychildcare.ie](mailto:info@fingalcountychildcare.ie)

Kind Regards, Fingal County Childcare Committee