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FCCC Training

NCS Compliance Workshops

FCCC is offering the following support sessions via Microsoft Teams to support providers in the event of a compliance visit:

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Tuesday 21 st September	5.00-7.00pm	Dublin 15 and surrounding areas with your development officer Nicola McKernan. Please click the Eventbrite link below to book your place on the workshop. https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/fccc-ncs-compliance-workshop-dublin-15-tickets-169122204065
Wednesday 22 nd September	5.00-7.00pm	Balbriggan and surrounding areas with your development officer for this area - Jacinta Cooke. Please click the Eventbrite link below to book your place on the workshop. https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/fccc-ncs-compliance-workshop-balbriggan-tickets-169123758715
Thursday 23 rd September	5.00-7.00pm	Swords and surrounding areas with your development officer Mairéad Tucker. Please click the Eventbrite link below to book your place on the workshop. https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/fccc-ncs-compliance-workshop-swords-tickets-169125104741

Positive Behaviour Management' for Early Years Providers in Fingal.

FCCC are delighted to announce that Dr Mary O'Kane will facilitate the following online Webinar on 'Positive Behaviour Management' for Early Years Providers in Fingal.

- Positive Behaviour Management EY Provider Webinar with Dr Mary O'Kane on **Monday 27th September from 3-5pm**. Please click on the following link to book your place on this event <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/positive-behaviour-management-for-early-years-providers-with-dr-mary-okane-tickets-169157987093>
- Positive Behaviour Management EY Provider Webinar with Dr Mary O'Kane on **Thursday 30th September from 5-7pm**. Please click on the following link to book your place on this <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/positive-behaviour-management-for-ey-providers-with-dr-mary-okane-tickets-169161307023>

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the FCCC Team.

PIP/HIVE Announcements

Higher Capitation Application 2021/2022- 23/08/2021

Dear Service Provider,

The Higher Capitation application for 2021/2022 programme call is open on the Early Years Hive since the 23rd August 2021.

The guide can be found by clicking on the link below.

[Guide to ECCE higher capitation](#)

It can also be found on the hive by clicking on **resources →programme documents→ECCE documents →Higher capitation**

AIM Level 7 Reviews on the Early Years Hive – 20/08/2021

Dear Service Provider,

The AIM Level 7 Post-Application Approvals and Reviews Guidelines have been uploaded to the Early Years Hive, and can be found [here](#).

In particular, we wish to draw your attention to the 'reviews' section. This explains how you can inform Pobal of changes in support by submitting a 'review request' on the Early Years Hive.

It is a requirement of AIM Level 7 funding that changes related to the attendance of a child who is in receipt of AIM Level 7 support, or changes to the implementation of support, are notified to Pobal immediately.

You can also find a number of new AIM Level 7 training videos [here](#).

Should you have any queries in relation to AIM Level 7 reviews, please raise a service request on the Early Years Hive and select the following categories:

Request Type: Application

Request Type Detail: AIM Level 7 Review

Regards,

The Early Years Team.

Notice to providers on Fees List Publication- 17/08/2021

Dear Service Provider,

As you are aware, ECCE and NCS providers are contractually required to publish their fees lists:

- in an area accessible to parents
- on any online platform maintained by the Approved Provider for the purpose of advertising its service.

In addition, the contract permits the Department to make those fees lists available through its website.

The facility to provide for the publication of fees lists through scheme websites was not available in the first year of operation of the Early Years Hive portal but is now ready for release.

From **Thursday 26 August 2021**, your fees lists will be viewable to the public through the NCS parent website.

The fees will be those you have entered into Early Years Hive during the Programme Readiness process, so this will require no further action on your part.

This will better inform parents on their choices with regard to Early Learning and Care and School Aged Childcare (ELC/SAC) and increase the transparency of ELC/SAC costs, supplementing the actions providers have already taken to publish those fees lists.

It will also assist City and County Childcare Committees in their role of monitoring certain fees matters.

All services that have fully on-boarded to the Early Years Hive, are open, and have an active Funding Agreement under NCS and/or ECCE, will have their fees published under the Childcare Search on the NCS website <https://www.ncs.gov.ie/en/childcare-search/>.

NCS applicants can view a training video on how to use this page, including how to view fees by clicking on this link <https://www.ncs.gov.ie/en/childcare-search/>

A new quick guide for service providers can also be found on the guidance pages on NCS fees and ECCE fees on the Early Years Hive.

DCEDIY notice on Parental Declarations- 13/08/21

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) wish to advise that Service Providers can again accept confirmation of the acceptance of the ECCE, NCS and CCSP Savers 'Parental Declarations' by the relevant parent either by email or by hard copy. This is the written agreement between the parent and the Service Provider.

Parents should be given the option of physically signing the agreement or agreeing to it by email. Parents who wish to avail of the email option should:

- be advised that in regard to data protection, the use of email is a less secure option as this will involve the sharing of personal data over the internet via emails,
- be asked to reconfirm the appropriate email address to use.

The Service Provider should ensure that the correct Parental Declaration issues via the reconfirmed email address to the appropriate family. Providers are reminded that they agree to only process shared personal data for the implementation of the relevant DCEDIY childcare programme.

Parents opting for the email option should be asked to respond to your Parental Declaration email and it should be clear from the email chain that the parents agree to what is set out in their Parental Declaration document. Please see below for instruction on how to email the Parental Declaration.

ECCE – You will have the option to print a Parental Declaration form for each ECCE registration on the Early Years Hive. At this point, choose to save the file on your desktop. This can then be emailed to the parent.

NCS – there is no automated parental agreement available for NCS. Please see a guide on how to create such an agreement in the compliance section on your NCS portal. Once you have your template, you can email it to the parent. Please note that a signed copy of the Parental Agreement is required by legislation for NCS.

CCSP Saver - You will have the option to print a Parental Declaration form for each CCSP Saver registration on the PIP Portal. At this point, choose to save the file on your desktop. This can then be emailed to the parent.

NCS, ECCE and CCSP Saver Programme 2021/22 Programme Readiness Registrations and Payments Webinar- 11/08/2021

If you missed this webinar, you can find the link for a recording of one of the webinars under the 'Recorded Webinars' heading on the Training Videos page of the Early Years Hive. Please note that recorded webinars will be added to this page of the Early Years Hive for your benefit going forward. You can also find the PowerPoint presented in this webinar here.

The questions from the webinars are currently being reviewed and, on completion, an FAQ document will be added to the Early Years Hive.

AIM Level 1 – Inclusion Co-ordinator (LINC) Application Process Open for 2021/22- 05/08/21

The application process for the increased Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) capitation, funded by Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY), in recognition of the leadership and mentoring role that will be delivered by the Inclusion Co-ordinator, during the 2021/2022 pre-school year is **now open for existing graduates**. New graduates (i.e. graduating in October 2021) can apply when final exam results have been notified by Mary Immaculate College (expected late September 2021).

Applications must be submitted electronically via the Early Years Hive portal. Prior to applying for AIM Level 1, service providers must ensure that they have completed the ECCE programme readiness process. Applicant guidelines can be found here.

Applications received by Friday 29th October 2021 will be awarded the additional capitation to the beginning of the Inclusion Co-Ordinator's start date for the programme year. Applicants are encouraged to apply early, as any applications received after this date will not be backdated.

Should you have any queries in relation to the AIM, please contact the Early Years Provider Centre by raising a Request on Hive.



An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais,
Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

Recent notifications

EWSS – Clarification re Turnover Requirement - 13 August 2021 the department wrote to service providers in relation to the Revenue Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS).

It has come to the Department's attention that there may be some confusion on when the exemption from the 30% reduction in turnover rule for ELC and SAC services will end.

We can confirm the following:

- The Revenue EWSS will be in place until 31 December 2021.
- The exemption from the 30% reduction in turnover requirement for ELC and SAC providers is in place until 30 September 2021.
- A decision on the continuation of the exemption after 30 September will be made in the coming weeks.

We apologise for any confusion and hope that this clarifies the issue.

Kind regards,
Early Years Communications Team
Early Years Division



Learner Fund Graduate Bursary 2021

Fingal County Childcare Committee are pleased to announce that the DCEDIY Learner Fund Bursary 2021 opened on Monday the 16th of August.

The Learner Fund Bursary is open to all new graduates of a recognised Early Childhood Education and Care degree programme. Fingal County Childcare Committee will process and appraise Learner Fund Graduate Bursary applications.

To apply for the Graduate or Childminder Learner Fund Bursary 2021, send your completed application forms and supporting documentation.
by email to info@fcc.ie

Please read the Learner Fund Bursary rules carefully to ensure you are eligible to apply. If you would like to speak with a member of our team to discuss your eligibility, please email us info@fcc.ie or call 01 4851727.

The deadline for submission of applications for Learner Fund
1 October 2021: 5pm

Please click on the links below for eligibility rules and application forms:

[Learner Fund Graduate Bursary Rules 2021 for Applicants](#)

[Learner Fund Graduate Bursary 2021 Application Form](#)

[Childminding Bursary Rules 2021](#)

[Childminder Bursary Application Form 2021](#)



Save the date - National Beep Beep Day 2021 will take place on **Friday, 8 October**, during Irish Road Safety Week.

At a later date, you will receive an additional notification outlining when the online ordering facility will be open. This facility will detail what can be ordered. It is important that early years and school age providers place their orders for RSA Beep Beep Day packs without delay to have them in time for National Beep Beep Day.

As a result of Covid-19 and associated restrictions with regards to ordering and manufacturing across the world, they have very few of the high visibility vests available this year. But the good news is that they do have adequate stocks of Simon and Friends booklets and posters all of which are invaluable when practising basic road safety skills with the children. They also hope to have all high visibility stocks replenished once again for next year's campaign.

Should you have any queries or difficulties, please feel free to email education@rsa.ie



Grant Applications

Applications for funding should only be made by Parent & Toddler Groups that are organised on a not-for-profit basis and involve the participation of parents in the local community.

Grants will range from €100 to €1,250.

Existing groups can apply for a maximum grant of €800.

New start-up groups may apply for a maximum grant of up to €1250.

Funding will be available for:

- Toys, equipment, and books for indoor and outdoor activities
- Storage for equipment
- Training for parents, e.g., paediatric first aid, committee skills, parenting courses
- Children's activities, eg. arts and crafts, music
- Limited funding will be available towards insurance, rent or minor refurbishment up to a maximum of 30% of total funding for existing services.
- Limited funding will be available towards insurance or rent up to a maximum of 70% of total funding for new services.

The closing date for applications to be submitted to Fingal County Childcare Committee is close of business **Friday 3rd September 2021.**

Parent and Toddler Group Application Form and Guidelines 2021

FAR Reimbursement Fund 2021 - Reminder

This FAR reimbursement is an opportunity for you as a Tusla registered provider to access financial support to meet this regulatory requirement, you are entitled to it so we would strongly encourage you to avail of it.

This is a reminder that the next FAR application submission deadline is Friday 17th September 2021. The next payment for processed applications will be Friday 24th September 2021.

If you have completed your FAR online and received the first €150, you will need to submit your PHECC certificate, in order to receive the balance of €75.

Please note there will be no extension by the DCEDIY to support funding beyond 31st October 2021.

FAR regulatory requirement extension to November 2021

Please be informed that due to the ongoing pandemic, Tusla has provided an extension to FAR regulatory requirement for all registered Early Learning and Care (ELC), School Age Childcare (SAC) and Childminders (CM) providers.

Tusla will therefore align their regulatory activity with this extension and **only commence inspecting against this requirement from 1st November 2021.** At that time, Tusla will expect at least one person(s) to have successfully undertaken the First Aid Response (FAR) course to be available to children at all times in a service and will inspect services on that basis.

Please see link below for further Tusla communications on this regulatory extension.

<https://www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/early-years-pre-school-inspection-services/first-aid-training-in-early-years-services/>

FAR reimbursement extension to 31st October

Due to Covid-19 pandemic public health restrictions, the practical training element of FAR courses were put on hold, as a result Tusla and the Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) have agreed to extend the reimbursement timeframe to meet this regulatory requirement to **31st October 2021.**

To support services to meet their regulatory requirement the DCEDIY has extended and altered the FAR Reimbursement Fund which will fund one FAR first aid training place per registered ELC, SAC and CM, to a maximum of €225 per full course or €175 per refresher course.

Key Points to remember in completing a FAR Reimbursement Application to FCCC

- Please read the Reimbursement Application form for eligibility criteria and dates for application submittal and payment schedules - this can be requested from FCCC.
- Training must be completed by 31st October 2021
- Completed FAR Reimbursement application form must be accompanied by a PHECC accredited FAR certificate and a copy of training payment receipt

Timeframe for applications:

	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Application closing date (for payment in that quarter)	17 th September 2021	December 3rd 2021
Payment dates	24 th September 2021	10 th December 2021

Covid-19 Impact Support Payment

This scheme was launched on the 1st of March. The purpose of this funding is to assist services that make a loss/deficit in that month. This funding will be available throughout 2021 for eligible ELC and SAC services that require further financial assistance in addition to current support measures available and others that may be announced throughout the year. If you feel you may be eligible to apply, please contact the FCCC Development Officer for your area and they will guide you through the process.

Click on the link below for more details.

<https://earlyyearshive.ncs.gov.ie/COVID-19-Impact-Support-Announcement>



Tusla – EY Updates

Updates to TUSLA website

Early Years Inspectorate Questions and Answers Document

<https://www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/elearning-webinars-and-resources/qa-documents/>

Guide to Inspection in Early Years Services

https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/EYI_Guide_to_Early_Years_Inspections_FINAL.docx_.pdf

Pedagogical principles of the Tusla Early Years Inspection process

https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/EYI_Underpinning_Pedagogical_Principles_FINAL.PDF

Supporting Quality Early Years Provision Through Registration, Inspection and Enforcement

https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/EYI_Supporting_Quality_Early_Years_Provision_FINAL.PDF

Guidance for providers of early years services operating outdoors (we have already asked how services will complete the registration process/CIC to indicate they are providing completely outdoor provision).

https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/EYI_Guidance_for_providers_operating_outdoors_FINAL.pdf

Update to Tusla arrangements following HSE cyberattack

- Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School Aged Care (SAC) childcare providers must be registered with Tusla, the Child and Family Agency as a prescribed early years' service. A childcare provider who provides both early learning and care and school age childcare must have a valid Tusla registration for both service types.

We are aware that for some services your ability to verify registrations and complete certain processes with Tusla has been impacted by the recent attack on the HSE IT system.

For this reason, the following arrangements have been put in place.

- Service Providers without a Tusla certificate can use other evidence of registration with Tusla to on-board and to sign funding agreements. E.g., Email confirmation of registration from Tusla.
- Service Providers not registered for either ELC or SAC with Tusla will not be permitted to on-board.

Full time services with ELC Tusla certification whose service offering includes school aged childcare, but who have not yet been registered as an SAC provider will **as an exceptional and temporary measure** be allowed to sign funding agreements and to register children. Please note that proof of Tusla SAC registration will be requested later in the year once the current system issues are resolved. Any service providers that cannot provide a certificate at this point will be required to deregister all school aged children from their services and funding will cease for these children on all schemes.

Providers will be given 4 weeks notice of the requirement to de-register. Providers are strongly advised to pursue the registration process with Tusla to ensure this measure is not required.

- Service Providers that are registered with Tusla but have not yet received this confirmation or proof of registration due to the IT shutdown should contact the Early Years Provider Centre in Pobal on 01-5117222 or by raising a service request through the Early Years Hive and selecting the category "User Account Management" and the sub-category "Tusla".

- New service providers or services that have gone through a change of circumstances can continue to apply to Tusla for registration, however as the Tusla portal is unavailable, a form will be made available on the Tusla website in the coming weeks. For re-registrations Tusla will contact providers directly and ask them to submit relevant documentation by post or email. **These services will be unable to on-board until the Tusla process is complete.**

HSE Cyber Attack

Tusla wrote to all providers in relation to the cyber-attack. The memo includes information about notifiable incidents, SAC registrations and early years inspections. Please click the button below to read the memo.

Tusla's phone lines are operational. Contact information for the Early Years Inspectorate:

EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

CHILDRENS SERVICES REGULATION

www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/

**Early Years Inspectorate
Contact information -
May 2021**

All Tusla ICT systems have been disabled as a precaution in response to the cyber-attack on Friday 14 May 2021. Key telephone numbers are below

Notifiable Incidents
061 461706 or 061461711

Early Years Registration
061 461715

School Age Registration
061 461718

Change in Circumstances & Cessations
061 461726

Feedback & Concerns
061 461743 or 061461703

Inspections – West
091 775823

Inspections – DML
087 6873904

Inspections – South
087 9115333

Inspections – DNE
087 1784593

Tusla is updating its Early Years' Inspectorate website. New resources added recently include webinars with Q&A documents and eLearning coming soon.

For more information, please click on the link below.

<https://www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/elearning-webinars-and-resources/>



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Míchumais, Lápharlíochta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

**National Covid-19 Support
Helpline for ELC and SAC providers**

If you are a childcare provider and/or a childminder and need out of hours support in relation to a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19 in your childcare service please contact
1800 940341

This support line is available only
**Saturdays/Sundays and Bank holidays
from 10am - 1pm and 1.30pm - 4pm**

Coronavirus
COVID-19
Public Health
Advice

Covid Case Support Helplines

There are two helplines available to services who have a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19 in their service.

1. The HSE have a helpline to advise service providers if they have been informed of a Covid-19 case in a child or a staff member. The number is 01 511 9777 It is open Monday –Friday 8.30 – 4.30 and 10 –4.30 Saturdays, Sundays, and Bank Holidays.
2. For those services who need support on engaging with the relevant authorities due to a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19, there is an out of hours helpline. The number is 1800 940 341. The service will be available Saturday, Sunday, and Bank Holidays from 10.00 –13.00 and 13.30 –16.00.



Health Protection Surveillance Centre
Lárionad Faire um Chosaint Sláinte

The HPSC updated quick guides(version 3 – 17/08/2021) show clearly when a child or adult should be isolating versus restricting their movements:

[Isolation quick guide Adults and children from their 13th birthday.pdf \(hpsc.ie\)](#) – Isolation quick guide for adults and children from their 13th birthday.

[Isolation quick guide under 13s.pdf \(hpsc.ie\)](#) - Isolation quick guide for parents and guardians of children older than 3 months and up to 13 years of age



Tusla Parenting E-learning Course's

The new online course for parents developed by the Tusla National Parenting Working group in collaboration with parents is called “Relationships are key”. It provides parents with reassurance, guidance and expert advice and the course aims to support parents and all carers to form stronger and more positive relationships with their young children. Parents are invited to work through the course in their own time and at their own pace. They can pick and choose topics that are of interest to them or are more relevant to them at a particular time.

<https://www.tusla.ie/services/family-community-support/parenting-information/parenting-information-fsa>

HIVE- HOW TO...EDIT

Did you know that you can edit your Fees list or calendar on the HIVE at any stage during the programme year? Please see the steps below. Once changes have been made and submitted on the HIVE, please send a copy to the Development officer in your area.

Use the yellow drop-down arrow of the Fee List you wish to view and select 'Save as Draft'. This will then create an 'editable' draft version of the fees list.

Programme	Programme Code	Last Certified Date	Certified By	Status
National Children's Scheme		30/09/2021	Suz Flinnane	Active
Early Childhood Care and Education	ECC3 2021	01/07/2021	Suz Flinnane	Active

Once the Draft Fees List has been created, select the drop-down arrow and 'Edit'.

Type	Description	Effective From
Deposit	\$20.00 Refundable Deposit	23/06/2021
Discount	\$20.00 discount for siblings	23/06/2021
Optional Extra	\$20.00 Trip to the Zoo	23/06/2021

Once in draft version apply the same 'Save As' and 'Edit' method to anything you wish to edit for your service within the Fee Options or Fee Extras. Once complete select 'Submit' and this will become your new 'Active' Fees list replacing all previous fee lists.

Type	Description	Effective From
Deposit	\$20.00 Refundable Deposit	23/06/2021
Discount	\$20.00 discount for siblings	23/06/2021
Optional Extra	\$20.00 Trip to the Zoo	23/06/2021

This information is also available on the <https://earlyyearshive.ncs.gov.ie/ECCE-fees-list-guide.pdf>.

Childminding Section

Learner Fund Bursary 2021



Fingal County Childcare Committee are pleased to announce that the DCEDIY Learner Fund Bursary 2021 opened on Monday the 16th of August.

To apply for the Childminder Learner Fund Bursary 2021, send your completed application forms and supporting documentation.

by email to info@fccc.ie

Please read the Learner Fund Bursary rules carefully to ensure you are eligible to apply. If you would like to speak with a member of our team to discuss your eligibility, please email us info@fcc.ie or call 01 4851727.

The deadline for submission of applications for Learner Fund

1 October 2021: 5pm

Please click on the links below for eligibility rules and application form:

[Childminding Bursary Rules 2021](#)

[Childminder Bursary Application Form 2021](#)

Save the date – Next Fingal Virtual Childminding Network meeting

Are you a childminder or interested in becoming a childminder?

Fingal CCC invite you to attend a virtual network event to meet and chat with childminders (via Microsoft Teams)



Thursday 16th September 2021 – 7-9pm

For further information please contact: info@fingalcountychildcare.ie (01) 4851727



A Whole-of-Government Strategy for
Babies, Young Children and their Families
2019-2028

The First 5 website contains a number of resources that have been developed to guide and assist childminders for the reopening and operation of their service(s) during COVID-19. There are also a number of useful resources, activities, videos in the pre-school at home hub which can be adapted to suit a childminding setting. For more information on First 5 click [here](#)

DCEDIY are constantly reviewing and updating the First5 website to ensure that the most up to date information is available to the Early Years & School Age sector <https://first5.gov.ie/guidance>

If you are a childminder, thinking of becoming a childminder or require any support or advice in relation to your childminding service you can contact the development team at Fingal CCC by calling our main office on (01) 4851727 or the development officer in your area:

- Mairéad Tucker, Lead Development Officer Swords and Surrounding Areas Ph: 087 7477553 or Email: mairead@fingalcountychildcare.ie
- Jacinta Cooke, Development Officer, Balbriggan and Surrounding Areas Ph: 087-7722228 or Email jacinta@fingalcountychildcare.ie
- Eimear Furlong, Development Officer, Balbriggan and Surrounding Areas Ph: 087-1884191 or Email eimear@fingalcountychildcare.ie
- Nicola McKernan, Development Officer, Dublin 15, and Surrounding Areas Ph: 087 6025263 or Email: nicola@fingalcountychildcare.ie



Resources for Parents



AIM Supports



How to apply

The goal of AIM is to create a more inclusive preschool environment so all children, regardless of ability, can benefit from quality early learning & care. The newly designed AIM website gives parents information on the AIM programme, supports offered, and how to apply.

The link below will bring you to the website:

AIM Website: Parents Section



COSAINT LEANAÍ - NATIONAL CHILD SAFEGUARDING PROGRAMME – EARLY LEARNING AND CARE

www.childsafeguardelc.ie

As you are all aware there is an embargo on training for the foundation level Children's First. During this embargo you can encourage staff to avail of the following:

- Encourage staff who haven't completed the Tusla eLearning Programme in the last 3 years to do so <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-e-learning-programme/>
- Encourage staff to access the Children First Revision Webinar <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/early-learning-care-services/>
- Encourage staff to access additional webinars on the National Child Safeguarding Programme website <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/early-learning-care-services>

- Encourage staff to review and refresh their knowledge by accessing Info Blasts on various topics <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/category/english/>
- Encourage staff to refresh their knowledge of their own organisation's Child Safeguarding Policy
- Review and update your Child Safeguarding documentation using the resources available at <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/resources-publications/> and on Tulsa's website <https://www.tusla.ie/services/child-protection-welfare/> ; https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Tusla_-_Child_Safeguarding_-_A_Guide_for_Policy,_Procedure_and_Practice.pdf

Barnardos Resources and Online Training Webinars



New Free Barnardos/NCN Publication

Continuing Professional Development in Early Learning and Care

For newly qualified early childhood professionals, this resource offers guidance about the role of CPD in your professional and personal life. It includes information about how to identify your learning needs, how to plan appropriate CPD and how to get the most out of CPD opportunities.

Download this free eBook [here](#)

Barnardos Training Webinars

For staff in Early Learning & Care Settings

An Introduction to Creative Mindfulness Practices in Early Learning and Care - 16th Sept

An Introduction to Infant Mental Health in Early Learning and Care - 22nd Sept

Full details and to book places please refer to Barnardos website

An Introduction to Infant Mental Health

22nd September - 7.00-9.00pm - €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.

Full details and to book places please refer to Barnardos website

Making the Most of Supervision - 3-day training webinar for Supervisors

15th, 16th September, and 27th October 2021 - Fee: €454

The aim of this course is to generate a positive relationship between supervisor and supervisee focusing on quality practice and, through this, to inspire and motivate staff in their work.

Trauma Informed Practice - 13th Oct €15

An Introduction to Supervision - 10th November 2021 €25

Full details and to book places please refer to Barnardos website

Service Closures

We have been asked what the process is for services, if for whatever reason, they have decided not to re-open in September 2021.

The steps are as follows:

- Inform FCCC via email to info@fingalcountychildcare.ie
- Complete the Cessation of Services form for Tusla
- Inform Pobal & make any necessary changes to registrations on the HIVE.

FCCC will link in with individual services once the notification has been received.



FINGAL COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE – WEBSITE

FCCC website is updated daily with a broad range of information that is relevant to the early years and school age sectors in Fingal. Under LATEST NEWS you will find DCYA Updates, PIP Announcements, On-line Training, Information for parents and other topics that FCCC believes would be of interest to you, your staff, and your parents.

It is of particular importance is that providers regularly read and understand the most up to date FAQ's and PIP Announcements and if clarifications are required, please contact FCCC at (01) 4851727 or contact a staff member from the list on Page 1 above.





