Dear Colleagues,

These are the deadlines and announcements for the week of 25 August - 31 August 2025.

**DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:**

**01 – 31 August:** Core Funding Review & Confirm

**30 September:** QIPP Report final deadline

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**NCS Sponsor Claims**

NCS sponsor applications will be unable to be submitted from 5.30pm Friday 29 August until 9.30am Sunday 31 August 2025 due to Department of Social Protection essential maintenance.

**Core Funding August Review & Confirm**

To ensure that Core Funding payments commence at the start of the 2025/2026 programme year, you are required to submit the August Review & Confirm before 31 August.

Your base rate will be capped at the approved August Review & Confirm base rate value. It is vital that you review the grant values on the Summary Funding page and make sure all information is accurate before you submit the August Review & Confirm. More details are available in the Announcement section of The Hive.

**Staff Funding Additional Contribution**

This new funding allocation will be released if and when the new Employment Regulation Orders (ERO) are agreed or on 1 September 2025, whichever is later. In preparation for this, Partner Services are asked to have the Core Funding application information up to date for the 25/26 programme year and ensure it is at an ‘Approved’ Status. Further details will be released when the new EROs are agreed.

**Bia Blasta**

The Department for Children, Disability and Equality announced the launch of Bia Blasta (Delicious Food), the pre-school nutrition programme to provide daily lunches for pre-school children in disadvantaged areas. The full press release can be found [HERE](https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/press-releases/minister-foley-launches-42-million-bia-blasta-lunch-scheme-for-pre-school-children-in-disadvantaged-areas/). Bia Blasta is being provided to all Equal Start Tier 1 and Tier 2 designated services that provide ECCE, and to other ECCE sessional services with the highest concentrations of disadvantage, as identified by the Equal Start Identification Model. ECCE Programme services that have not been invited by email to participate in Bia Blasta, cannot apply to participate, at this time.

**National Beep Beep Day**

National Beep Beep day will take place on Friday 10th October 2025. In early September services will be able to order RSA Beep Beep Day packs through [www.rsa.ie](http://www.rsa.ie) .

**Childhood Cancer Ireland**

More Precious Than Gold campaign running 22- 26 September, please see leaflet attached to register.

**QIPP Report Template 2024/2025**

The final deadline for completing the QIPP end of year report is Tuesday 30 September 2025. Services who have not yet submitted their report can so do so via [www.cfcrrs.ie](http://www.cfcrrs.ie). A guidance video is available [here](https://vimeo.com/1090436536?share=copy).

**Registration Renewal**

All Early Years Services are required to renew registration every 3 years. The registration date can be found on the current Tusla certificate or checked on the [Early Years Register](https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Cork_May25.pdf) or the [School Age Register](https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/External_Register_School_Age.pdf). Please note the following key points:

* Applications must be submitted no later than 2 months before your current certification expires.
* Reregistration can be completed up to 6 months in advance of your expiry date.
* The process requires submission of in-date Garda Vetting for the Registered Provider and the Person in Charge (if different). Current timelines for vetting should be considered.

Failure to reregister in time will result in your removal from the register, and it is an offence to operate an unregistered service. Additional information on re-registration can be found [here.](https://www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/early-years-providers/early-years-re-registration/)

**Updated Garda Vetting**

Services are reminded to check the expiration date of their Garda Vetting as soon as possible to allow time to apply for updated vetting prior to submission of TUSLA Registration Renewal applications. Out of date vetting will not be accepted.  The Vetting process can take up to 2 months to complete which may affect registration renewal applications.

**Upcoming Training**

Diversity Equality & Inclusion Training

Blarney Woollen Mills Hotel: Saturday 20th September @ 9:30am – 4:30pm

Thursday 25th September @ 3pm – 6pm

Tuesday 30th September @ 3pm – 6pm

Thursday 2nd October @ 3pm – 6pm

Dunmanway CCC Office:   Saturday 11th October @ 9.30am – 4.30pm

Tuesday 14th October @ 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Monday 20th October @ 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Thursday 23rd October @ 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Each course consists of 15 hours of training. You must attend all 15 hours to receive your certificate. Following training the service will receive a resource pack to the value of €200. There is no cost for the training and lunch will be provided on the first day. To book places on the training please click on the following link  <https://forms.office.com/e/HMhFFUhDYz>. Further information or queries can be made to 022 23880 / cpdtraining@corkchildcare.ie

**Pre- Registration Training for Childminders:**

This is a mandatory training programme for existing or potential childminders who wish to register with Tusla. This training will support understanding of the new childminding regulations and will provide all the information required to register with Tusla. This is a FREE training course and takes approximately 7 hours to complete. There is no assessment, and participants will receive a certificate upon completion. There is no expiry date for this training certificate. Attendance at the training will support one to make an informed decision regarding registration with Tusla.

**Upcoming Training dates:**

**September 2025**: Friday 26th September; Midleton; 9.30am – 5pm

 Thursday 11th, Thursday 18th & Wednesday 24th September; Online; 6.30pm – 9pm

**November 2025**: Saturday 15th November; Macroom; 9.30am – 5pm

If you are interested in attending any of these Pre-Registration Training courses, please click on this link to book your place:  <https://forms.office.com/e/BK0xWmUmrY>

Any queries about the training or childminding can be made to dquinlan@corkchildcare.ie / 022 23880.

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**Kind Regards**

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