Dear Colleagues,

These are the deadlines and announcements for the week of 11 August - 15 August 2025.

**DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:**

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

**30 September:** QIPP Report final deadline

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**ECCE Fee Table**

As per ECCE Programme Rule 3.1 – Fee Table Requirement:

“The ECCE Fee Table must be reflected on a weekly basis over the ECCE programme year i.e. over the 38 weeks of the programme, as well as details of any additional childcare hours, optional extra(s) (as approved by the local CCC), or any discounts applied by the ECCE Approved Provider.”

**Reminder: Activate NCS 2025 agreement**

The new National Childcare Scheme (NCS) programme year opens on 18 August 2025.  To ensure continued participation in the scheme, 2025/2026 funding agreements must be activated before the current year’s agreement ends on 17 August 2025.

The funding agreement is available on the[**All Programme Applications**](http://earlyyearshive.ncs.gov.ie/ProgrammeApplications/)page. A guide to activating an NCS funding agreement is in the Help & Support section of the Early Years Hive [HERE](http://earlyyearshive.ncs.gov.ie/how-to-guides/how-to-guides-ncs/funding-agreement-ncs/).

Failure to submit this funding agreement may result in a loss of funding, funding cannot be backdated.

**CCSP**

Registration for the 2025/26 CCSP Saver Programme are now open.

**Core Funding August Review & Confirm**

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

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 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 application information up to date for the 2025/26 Core Funding programme year and ensure the most recent Core Funding application is at an ‘Approved’ Status. Further details will be released when the new EROs are agreed.

**Upcoming Training**

Always Children First Foundation Level Training **\*Final training dates for 2025\***

Blarney Woolen Mills Hotel: Saturday 6th September 10am -5pm

Vienna Woods Hotel, Glanmire: Saturday 11th October 9.30am -4.30pm

This is your last opportunity to avail of this training for 2025. You can request a booking form for this course by emailing cptraining@corkchildcare.ie

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 in total. 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:**

**August 2025**: Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st August; Online; 9.30am – 1pm

**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.

**More Precious Than Gold**

Childcare Services are being given the opportunity to raise funds for Childhood Cancer Ireland during September, which is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Please see flyer attached.

**QIPP Report Template 2024/2025**

The final deadline for completing the QIPP end of year report is Tuesday 30th 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).

**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.

**Tusla**

**Change in Circumstance & Cessation**

The new Change in Circumstance and Cessations forms are now available on the Tusla website. Please see links below:

**Childminding**: New CIC page:

<https://www.tusla.ie/early-years-inspectorate/childminding-services/change-in-circumstances-cessations/>

**Preschool:**  EYI Tusla webpage:

<https://www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/early-years-providers/change-in-circumstance/>

**School Age:** Tusla webpage:

<https://www.tusla.ie/services/family-community-support/school-age-services/i-am-a-school-age-provider/change-in-circumstance-cessations/>

**Registration Renewal**

All Early Years Services are required to renew registration every three 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/)

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**Kind Regards**

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