



**Childcare  
Committee**  
County Cavan

**Weekly  
Newsletter  
20th - 23rd  
October 2025**

## National News

Click here to read all the national news this week!

## Local News

Click here to read all the local news this week!

## Jobs Board

Please email all job ads to [mary@cavanccc.ie](mailto:mary@cavanccc.ie)

You can see all the up to date vacancies on our website here:

<https://cavanccc.ie/jobs-board/>



## Deadlines and Important Dates

**\*\*\*24 October:\*\*\***

Office Closed for training

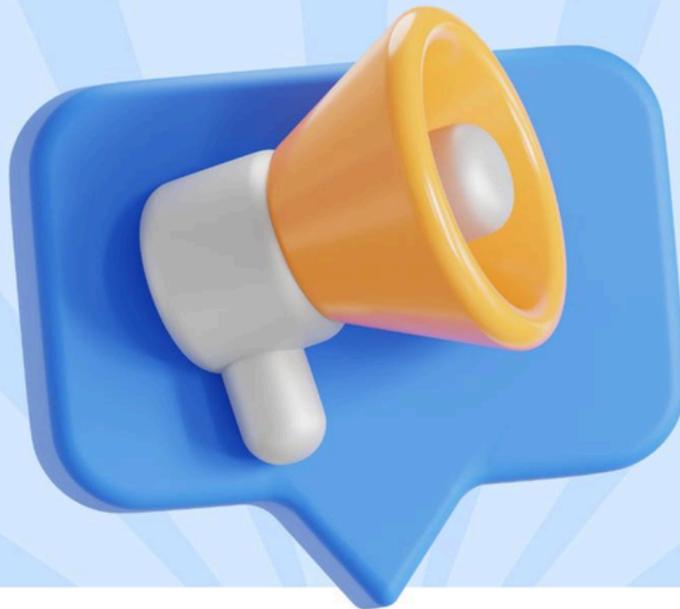
**\*\*\*23 October:\*\*\***TODAY** \*\*\***

AIM L1 application deadline to receive payments from employee start date for 25/26 programme

**31 October:**

Deadline for 2025/26 Quality and Inclusive Plan (QIPP)

**NEWS**



# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



Please note that our office will be closed on  
Friday, 24th October due to staff training.

## OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE

If you need urgent assistance,  
please contact Treasa on 087 103 5072.

## AIM Level 1 application process for services with new LINC graduates is now open

The AIM Level 1 application process has now opened on Early Years Hive for services with new graduates of the Leadership for Inclusion (LINC) programme. A 'new graduate' refers to any person graduating in October 2025.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible. Applications received by **5pm on Thursday 23 October 2025** will be awarded the additional capitation from the Inclusion Co-ordinator's employment start date relevant to the 2025/2026 programme year. Applicants are encouraged to apply early, as any *applications received after this date will not be backdated.*

Applications must be submitted via the Early Years Hive. Applicant guidelines can be found [here](#). Prior to submitting the AIM Level 1 application, service providers must ensure that they have completed their ECCE programme readiness steps and activated the ECCE Funding Agreement.

Queries in relation to the AIM Level 1 application process - contact the Early Years Provider Centre by raising a Request on the Hive using the following categories:

- Programme: AIM Level 1
- Request type: Application
- Request type detail: How To

## Advice Re: Closures for Mid Term

As the October mid-term approaches, please remember to undertake the following tasks for NCS:

- Update your NCS service calendar to reflect any changes to your opening hours during the mid-term.
- Update your NCS service calendar with all planned closures noting that all service providers have 10 allowable subsidised closures per programme year.
- Update claims to reflect any increased hours of attendance during the mid-term and ensure that this is confirmed with the parent/guardian.

Any increased claims must be amended once the children return to ECCE/school post mid-term. NCS subsidies cannot be claimed for hours that a child is in ECCE/school, or hours that your service is closed. Any over-claimed hours are liable to be recouped.

If you are intending on closing for an extended period, please end date any existing claims for this period.

We advise making any necessary changes as soon as possible to ensure there are no issues when returns are submitted, and payments processed.

For further information on service calendars, please see the guidance available on the Early Years Hive.

# Advice Re: Closures for Mid Term

## NCS Bridging Provisions

If your service is closed for a full week and at least one of those days is designated as a subsidised closure, you will be given the option to request a bridging provision for the closed week(s) on the NCS return one week prior to the closure.

The bridging provision allows you to receive 90% of the provisional allocations for the week(s) you are closed without the requirement to complete a return on time. You will be blocked from submitting the weekly return during this time as you will only be required to complete a fast return the following week.

## ECCE: Service calendar

Providers in contract for the ECCE programme are reminded that changes to service calendars must be **first** approved by County Childcare Committees (CCCs) and parents must be given **20 working days' notice in writing** of any change to the service's calendar.

Copies of such notices must be kept on file for compliance purposes.

Approved providers in contract for the ECCE programme must be open for a minimum of 38 weeks (or 182 days) over the programme year.

## New Employment Regulations Order

The new employment regulation order will revoke the 2024 order and will commence on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

Details on the new hourly rates for Early Year Educators and School Age Practitioners can be found [here](#).

## Staff Funding Additional Contribution

To avail of the Staff Funding Additional Contribution, eligible partner services must submit an Application Change between 10am **13 – 19 October 2025** to generate the allocation for this funding.

The Change Effective will be 13/10/2025 in the 'Staff Member and/or Capacity Change Effective Date Field. Further information can be found on the HIVE under announcements.

## AIM funding

All services in receipt of AIM capitation will benefit from a 10 percent capitation increase from October 13<sup>th</sup>.

This will match the 10 percent increase in the minimum rates of pay for early years educators and school age practitioners, which have been provided for in a new Employment Regulation Order. (ERO)

## 2025/26 Quality and Inclusive Plan (QIPP)

The QIPP template opened on 8<sup>th</sup> October and will remain open until **31<sup>st</sup> October**.

The guidance document and videos can be accessed the **Core Funding – Documents - Service Provider Portal**



# Updated Garda Vetting

There is a **new** Garda Vetting process in place for ELC/SAC services since **1<sup>st</sup> February 2025**, and *it can take over 2 months to complete.*

The following now applies:

- TUSLA manage Garda Vetting services for registered providers, including childminders, as well as Chairpersons of Boards of Management (where they are the registered provider) and board members who have access to children. Further information is available [here](#).
- Early Childhood Ireland (ECI) manage Garda Vetting services for all employees in ELC and SAC services. For more information, go to the [ECI website](#).
- Barnardos no longer provide vetting services.

# Tusla 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 or the School Age Register. Please note the following key points:

- Applications must be submitted no later than 2 months before your current certification expires.
- 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.

## Tusla updated regulatory notice and new resource

New regulator notice relating to the use of nappy bins in Early Years Services, click here to read the full notice.

Guidance video which provides information on different types of inspections. You can access the video here

# LOCAL NEWS

## HALLOWEEN DRIVE-BY

House next to Fire Station  
Saunderson Rd  
31st October | 5PM - 7PM  
Crannagh House, 3 Creoney  
Belturbet H14 FY79

GOODIE BAGS  
& BALLOONS!

Donations to Happy Days  
Childcare Belturbet & Convent of Mercy  
National School Belturbet

Sponsored by Fidelma Fay Sweeney  
See you there supporting our  
local community!

## HALLOWEEN TRACTOR RUN

WITH LORRIES, CARS, BICYCLES, HONDA 50'S



SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER

IN AID OF LARAGH CHILDCARE LTD  
LARAGH COMMUNITY PARK H12 D782

Registration starts 11.30  
Run starts at 1pm

KIDS FANCY DRESS WALK,  
RAFFLES, AUCTION,  
LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES

### Toy Trade

Having a clear out soon?  
Drop off toys in good condition

They will be 'new' to someone else

**DROP OFF:** Friday, 21 Nov from 9am  
**BROWSE:** All day Friday, 21st Nov

*This event encourages PARENTS/Guardians/Aunts/Uncles/ Adults to pick something new for the children*

**Location:** St.Patrick's Hall, Shercock

**Accepted:** Toys, books, instruments, soft toys once washed, art materials once unused

**Not accepted:** Broken/damaged toys

*This sustainable initiative aims to show that second hand is not second best*

ENQUIRIES: Carol, 0879644152  
shercocktidytowns@outlook.com

Shercock  
Tidy Towns

### Does your child have ADHD?

**ADHD Children's Programme(6-12 Years)**

A FREE parenting programme for parents of children aged 6-12 years with a diagnosis of ADHD and suspected ADHD who are awaiting an assessment. ADHD-( Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).

**Topics include:** Parenting a child with ADHD, responding positively as a parent, establishing routines, managing concerning behaviour, problem solving , long term supports, supporting siblings, manage stress, support child's education and learning

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> November-10<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
**Time:** 7pm- 9pm  
**Where:** Cavan County Local Development Building, 6A Corlurgan Business Park, Cavan, H12DP86.

To reserve a place, click on [www.parentingcavan.ie](http://www.parentingcavan.ie) select MENU- Scroll down through, click on ADHD Children and submit an enquiry form

Cavan County Local Development, TYPS, TUSLA, ParentsPlus, Sherocks Healthy Communities

## Cavan Community News

We encourage all community childcare services to check out the latest edition of the Cavan Community ENews. Compiled weekly by Cavan Public Participation Network (PPN), this newsletter features updates from over 500 local groups, partner agencies, and funders. It's a useful resource for staying informed about local initiatives, events, and supports that may benefit the families you work with.

[Click here to view this weeks newsletter.](#)





**Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with everything Childcare related!**



**Remember you can also send on any job vacancies you have and anything else about your service that you would like us to share to:  
[admin@cavanccc.ie](mailto:admin@cavanccc.ie)**



**Did you know we are now on Instagram? Follow us for all the updates!**

## **Covid Case Advice**

Please see below links to relevant information:

- [Preventing the spread of covid 19 in school or childcare - HSE](#)
- [Management of Infectious Disease in Childcare Facilities and Other Childcare Settings \(2012\)](#)
- General Covid-19 queries: Contact HSE on 1800 700 700 between 8 am and 8 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am - 5 pm Saturday and Sunday / [HSE Covid 19](#)

**As usual, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on:  
Tel: 049 436 5856  
Email:  
[admin@cavanccc.ie](mailto:admin@cavanccc.ie)**

**Regards, Cavan  
County Childcare  
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