



**Childcare  
Committee**  
County Cavan

# Weekly Newsletter 10th- 14th November 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/](https://cavanccc.ie/jobs-board/)



## Deadlines and Important Dates

**\*14 November\* TODAY\***

Core Funding Review &  
Confirm closes today

**Monday, 24 November at  
2pm**

LINC Level 6 Special Purpose  
Award closes



## Core Funding Compliance – Attendance Records

Following pilot compliance visits in 2024/25, the Department has highlighted differences in how services record staff attendance.

To meet Core Funding Requirements, **all** Partner Services ***must*** keep accurate, real-time staff attendance records. Staff must sign themselves in and out as they arrive, leave, move between rooms or take breaks.

Absences and any cover staff must also be fully recorded. These records may be checked during compliance visits and are required for meeting Core Funding obligations.

The requirement to maintain staff attendance records is outlined in the Core Funding Agreement which can be found [here](#).

## Auto-enrolment retirement savings scheme – My future fund – Information for employers

The DCDE held an online information session on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**.

For those who were unable to attend a recording was made and *will be available at a later date*.

For more information on this please follow this link:  
<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-social-protection/campaigns/auto-enrolment/>

## Core Funding Review and Confirm

The Review and Confirm task for *November 2025* can be completed between **01 to 14 November 2025**.

In this cycle of the November Review and Confirm, all Services are being asked to review and update the “*Rate of Pay Per Hour*” value for active In Ratio and Managerial Staff Members entered into the Service Profile.

*Please see attached document.*

## Closure and Changes

A new process has been added to the Early Years Hive to assist providers with making requests to close a service/organisation.

Providers will be able to submit a change of address, legal structure/ownership and exit a programme call.

Upcoming training on this new process will take place on Thursday 20 November. To register for this go to the Announcement section of The Hive and follow the link provided or see article below.

## LINC Level 6 Information

Applications for the LINC Level 6 Special Purpose Award will open on **Monday, 3 November at 10am** and will close on **Monday, 24 November at 2pm**, with the 2025/26 LINC Programme commencing in January 2026.

Get your information here/to apply go to here <https://lincprogramme.ie/programme-overview/>

# Closures and Changes in the Early Years Hive Training

You are invited to attend a training information session on Closures and Changes. This is a new process added to the Early Years Hive to assist you with making requests to close a service/organisation.

You will also be able to submit a Change of Address, Legal Structure/Ownership and Exit a Programme Call. This process will reduce the volume of work required when completing these actions.

Please see the links to register for the training.

Session 1 Thursday 20 November at 10:30am – 11:45am.

Session 2 Thursday 20 November at 6:30pm – 7:45pm.

This training information session will cover the following:

- What is a Closure and Change?
- Key Points when submitting a Closure or Change
- The impacts when Closing or Changing a service/organisation
- A detailed breakdown on submitting a Closure or Change
- Recap on the main points

## New Employment Regulations Order & Staff Funding Additional Contribution

The ERO came into effect on **13 October 2025**, partner Services who failed to complete an application change between 13 October and 19 October will receive a *reduced* number of allocation weeks for the Staff Funding Additional Contribution. **Backdating will not be permitted.**

To avail of the Staff Funding Additional Contribution for the 2025/2026 Core Funding Programme Year, eligible Partner Services **must submit an Application Change and input a Change Effective Date in the “Staff Member and/or Capacity Change Effective Date” field.**

It is important that on the summary page of your Core Funding application, before submitting your Application Change, that you *review* the information submitted as part of your Application Change and review the grant values associated with the Staff Funding Additional Contribution.

If your service requires support, additional resources are available under the Core Funding Documents and Help and Support sections on the Early Years Hive.



# LOCAL NEWS

## SATURDAY MORNING FUN

JOHNSTON CENTRAL LIBRARY

EVERY SATURDAY

STORYTIME FOR 3 – 7 YEARS  
11AM – 11.30AM

LEGO PLAYTIME FOR 5+ YEARS  
11.30AM – 12.30PM

Come in and have a fun day with your family, whether it's joining in for storytime with our staff, lego free-play, colouring in or simply reading one of our many wonderful books!

(049) 437 8500

Cavan County Council  
Library Service

Right to Read  
at your library

## 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

## WALKIE TALKIE & TEA

A community initiative  
to fight the winter blues

**A walk. A talk and a Tea**

Venue The Orchard Bar Drumalee

Tea / coffee 2 euros

If you don't want to walk join us  
for a cuppa and make new friends

Every Monday night at 7:30PM  
tea will be served at 8

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR 2025

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**12.00PM - 5.00PM**

**SLIEVE RUSSELL HOTEL  
BALLYCONNELL  
CAVAN H14 FE03**

**FREE ADMISSION!**

downlandcrafts.ie  
049 436 4877

## 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.](#)







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**hi**  
Healthy Ireland

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- Less risk of diabetes, breast and ovarian cancer
- Burns up to 500 calories a day

**Benefits for Baby**

- Enhanced immune system
- Human milk for human baby
- Reduced risk of obesity
- Increased IQ

*Who do I ask about Breastfeeding?*

**breastfeeding.ie**  
Your breastfeeding support network  
HSE Breastfeeding

**La Leche League of Ireland**  
Breastfeeding help & information  
lalecheleagueireland.com  
LilachelaugueCastletroy

**friendsofbreastfeeding.ie**  
Breastfeeding mummies in Cavan  
HSE Breastfeeding

*Also you can speak to your HSE Midwife and/or Local Public Health Nurse*

**Your nearest breastfeeding Support Group is**

**Belturbet – 2nd & 4th Monday 1000 – 11:30 hrs**  
Venue: Belturbet railway dry goods store

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**Virginia – every Wednesday 10.00hrs – 11.30hrs;**  
PHN IBCLC, Mairead Mc Cahill, attends 2nd & 4th Wednesday  
Venue: Virginia Church of Ireland Hall

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**Safe Harbour**

**Written by Patricia Forde and illustrated by Bronagh Lee**

**An illustrated storybook for children who have been bereaved by suicide.**

Safe Harbour is an illustrated storybook for children who have been bereaved by suicide. It has been developed by bereavement experts (professionals and people with lived experience) to help a child with their grief by encouraging conversation and developing their understanding of death and suicide.

Safe Harbour is a story told by a young child whose parent has died by suicide. It contains words and illustrations that a child can relate to, and that describe what that journey was like for them.

There are two versions available of the Safe Harbour storybook – one in which the child's mother dies and one in which their father dies. The storybooks are accompanied by a guide and other materials that will help parents or carers to read Safe Harbour with their child and empower them to have these difficult conversations.

To order the Safe Harbour storybook and guide, or to access an audiobook, podcast, worksheets, and other resources, scan the QR code or visit:  
[www.childhoodbereavement.ie/safeharbour](http://www.childhoodbereavement.ie/safeharbour)





**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  
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