

Weekly Newsletter 10th-14th November 2025

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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 <u>here</u>.

Auto-enrolment retirement savings scheme – My Future Fund – Information for employers

The DCDE held an online information session on Monday 3rd 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. <u>Backdating will not be permitted</u>.

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 <u>Core Funding Documents</u> and <u>Help and Support</u> sections on the Early Years Hive.

LUCAL NEWS









CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR 2025

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER

12.00PM - 5.00PM

SLIEVE RUSSELL HOTEL BALLYCONNELL CAVAN H14 FE03

FREE ADMISSION!

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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.





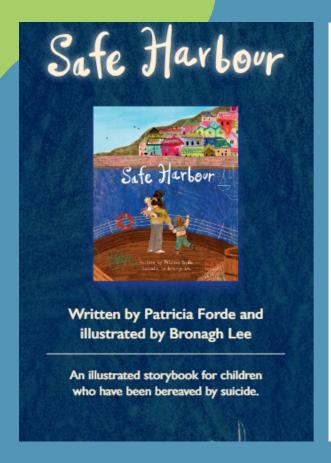






Belturbet 2nd & 4th Monday 10-11.30am Railway Goods Store

Virginia every Wednesday 10-11.30am Virginia Church of Iréland Hall



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



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admin@cavanccc.ie



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Covid Case Advice

Please see below links to relevant information:

- Preventing the spread of covid 19 in school or childcare - HSE
- <u>Management</u> of Infectious <u>Disease in Childcare Facilities</u> 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:
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Regards, Cavan County Childcare Committee