

Dear Colleagues,

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **Tusla FAQ update**

Tusla updated their FAQ last week. We would like to particularly point out the changes on page 20 regarding the qualification requirements for AIM funded staff.

All staff working with the children must have a minimum of a QQI level 5 qualification in childcare. An exemption will be granted where the Early Years Inclusion Specialist decides that the child needs specialist health supports. In such a case, the person employed does not need to have a level 5 childcare qualification. An exemption letter will be supplied for inspection purposes.

You can find the FAQ document [here](#).

### **CCS Plus FAQ document**

This was uploaded to PIP yesterday. A copy is attached to this email.

All community services can apply for CCS Plus. Private services who currently don't offer CCS can also apply. Private services who currently offer CCS P don't need to apply as it is essentially the same programme.

Cork County Childcare Committee will administer the application process. We will keep you posted when the applications open.

### **Parent and Toddler Grants**

We are getting ready to open the parent and toddler grants for application. We have a list of the parent and toddler groups in the county, but we also know that new ones are starting up all the time. If you know of a parent and toddler group operating in your area, perhaps you could ask them to contact us to make sure we have their details on file.

### **Learner Fund Bursary**

Bursary payments cannot be processed at the present time. We are waiting for the money to be released to us so that we can make the payments.

We would ask you to be patient if you are waiting for your payment, as soon as we receive the money, the transfers will be made.



### **DCYA qualifications list**

This list is updated regularly. The most recent update was on 21 February. When recruiting staff we would recommend that you go to the DCYA website and check that you have the most up to date version of the list for verifying qualifications. The DCYA now have a qualification search function which can be found [here](#). The full qualification list can be found [here](#).

That's all the news for now. Don't forget if you have questions about these or any other issues don't hesitate to contact us.

Westmeath County Childcare Committee