

Longford County Childcare Committee
June 2016

Co-ordinator Report to the Board

Government Programmes

As at 21st June, the following registrations show on PIP from Longford:

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)	658
Community Childcare Subvention (CCS)	484
Community Childcare Subvention (Private) Programme (CCSP)	36
Childcare Education & Training Support Programme (CETS)	100
Afterschool Childcare Programme (ASCC)	13
Community Employment Childcare Programme CEC (AS and PS)	117
Total Number of Places for all childcare programmes	1,408

Re-contracting/New contract

5 new contracts from 4 new services were entered into from County Longford. Re-contracting process has commenced with LCCC checking Primary Authorised Users (PAU) as per DCYA request. Contracting will be completed mid-July when Pobal have online system built into PIP.

Early Years Capital grants

Pobal are currently appraising applications and it is expected that applicants will receive information in the coming weeks. DCYA are oversubscribed with eligible applicants and are currently requesting additional funding.

Information provision/CPD

Information:

Regular updates on PIP.

Press release submitted to Longford Leader and Shannonside regarding the launch of the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) for supporting children with a disability

LCCC held an information session on the new regulations, AIM and on the fee policies on Saturday 18th June with 26 participants from 19 service providers in attendance.

Website with blog posts, Facebook page and twitter account are updated regularly. Website update is being finalized unfortunately the new site was hacked and is currently being rebuilt. One staff training day held with another scheduled for July.

	Website					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total Jan-Apr	
422	421	352	322	Unavailable	1517	Website Visits
1019	1283	950	939		4191	Pages Viewed

		Facebook					
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Total Jan-June	
1317	1294	1303	1317	1329	28	6588	Likes
17	28	16	17	26	24	128	Posts
166	175	197	106	10	3	657	Shares
7110	11159	8194	7110	453	4189	38,218	Post Reach

We are on schedule with blog posts and Facebook updates according to our LIPS 2016 plan. These posts are currently attracting a large audience on Facebook in particular. These will gain access to a wider audience when the new website links it all together.

Census

Promotion of upcoming training and information supports are ongoing.

CPD:

Leaders in Quality is going well. As we are approaching the halfway mark in the programme a mid-point review was disseminated to participants in addition to each session evaluation, this is currently under analysis. Overall feedback is positive. Work on speakers for the awards night is underway unfortunately Minister Zappone is not available.

Aistear/Síolta cluster meeting held after the ACP (association of childhood professional) introductory meeting.

Children First (Child Protection) Policy training session was held with 12 participants. Another training session will be held in November.

Parent and Toddler Grants

4 applications for Parent & Toddler Grants have been received

Childminding

1 application for Childminding Development Grant has been received

Support work

Mac Eoin Park childcare provision: in process

Support on PIP/Top Ups and service policies and procedures is ongoing.

CE – LCCC is awaiting Complete CE Review Forms and Reports for our services. A table will accompany these which will highlight the services that have been coded green, yellow, orange or red. Green are not demonstrating a reliance on CE Staff to meet the adult child ratios, both yellow and orange are to some degree and it is suggested that they would do the fee calculation exercise as a sustainability indicator. It has been asked would LCCC be in a position to deliver additional workshops in this sustainability indicator and this can be considered and delivered if required. The services that have been coded red are demonstrating a high reliance on CE to meet adult child ratios and need to do the fee calculation with the support of their LCCC as a sustainability indicator within the next 2 weeks. Once these are completed they are to be returned to Kerry CCC for further analysis and once analysed LCCC will be provided with service

specific feedback. As it is likely that these service will require additional support to address sustainability, CCI will then be in a position to identify/quantify what is required for DCYA.

Dormant Accounts – Local Area Coordinator Project

Work on the Directory of services is continuing. DCYA have requested that all contacts are verified by email or phone so a respond can be recorded even though the data was gathered through Public forums. This piece of work has been time consuming. Staff are starting to network with local stakeholders and develop information documents. To date an information leaflet and referral form from the Tús Nua project have been updated. Staff attended Disability seminar in Athlone and CYPSC meeting to make local contacts.

Collaborative work

CCI meeting attended

National Management Meeting with DCYA/Pobal/VCO's attended

CYPSC meeting unable to attend due to clash with Vetting briefing. Submitted information for the meeting to the CYPSC coordinator.

NCI conference attended to present Poster regarding Tús Nua project and development of Local Area Coordinator Project on behalf of Longford and Westmeath CCC.

National work over the coming weeks:

National Early Years Inspection Consultative Forum – work on judgement framework to support providers with the implementation of new regs, support dissemination of information from Túsla to CCI regarding regs and FAQ's. Attendance at briefing regarding National Vetting Bureau and Regs. Draft a proposal for CCI regarding CCC's role in advisory visits. Further support CCI regarding support implications for the sector in relation to new regulations.

Quality Development Service (Better Start/Pobal) – Draft report presented to CCI meeting in June. Comments to be returned to LCCC by 24th June for incorporation. Final report for presentation and approval at July CCI meeting.

Staff & Office

Staff meetings held

CE analysis workshop attended

S&D officer attending Aistear/Síolta mentoring training last week of June.

Finance

Spending is on target. Non NCIP funds are now held in a separate account

Attended workshop on Finance and financial reporting.

Audited Accounts for 2015 completed. B10 for new directors complete

Immediate and medium-term outlook

Mid year report is due for submission to Pobal in Mid July.

Continuation of National work

CE support work

Associated Risks to plan

Unforeseen staffing issues.

Inability to build reserves