



Public Participation Network Feedback Form: County Longford Childcare Committee



PPN Community & Voluntary elected Representative: **Kerrie Prendergast**

Date of Meeting: 26th April 2021

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome
2. COVID National Helpline for providers
3. COVID EYS Update
4. Co-ordinator Report
5. Provider Update
6. Agency Update
7. AOB

In Attendance: Carrieann Belton (LCCC Co-ordinator), : Frank Horne, Tony Kemple, Melissa Eagar, Kerrie Prendergast, Ann O'Connor, Paula Mulry, Clement Shevlin, Brian Higgins

Apologies: Antonella Taffe

Absent:

Presentations: Yes / **No** (details if Yes)

Agenda item	Member	Discussion	Actions / Who
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<u>Welcome</u>	Carrieann	Carrie welcomed all. In the absence of Chairperson, Tony Kemple chaired the meeting. He welcomed Ann O'Connor as the new representative of Longford Community Resources CLG. Everyone present introduced themselves and their role.	
Covid-19 National Helpline	Carrieann	Covid 19 Helpline for Childcare Providers continues to operate facilitated by Longford & Roscommon CCCs	
Covid 19 update EYS:	Carrieann	Covid 19 update (Early Years Sector) All services are open. Tusla Covid 19 inspections are underway.	
<u>Co-ordinator Report</u>	Carrieann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childminding Network event is planned for April 28th. • CB to meet with a Parent & Toddler Group to discuss ECCE and NCS • Support to Traveller Families to support transitions from preschool to primary school – Lets Get Ready Campaign • Music Generation is going well and it has been discussed the possibility to have a music educator come to a childminding network event at the end of May. • Website is continuously updated and links to other relevant agencies are included • All School Age Childcare Registrations are complete – CCC continues to advise SAC providers to keep checking registration portal for updates until final registration certificate is in hand. • DCEDIY's Let's Get Ready Campaign is to help Providers to support children going from Preschool to Primary – will be launch early May and available in digital format only. LCCC will support services in need to print packs for children in their services 	
<u>Provider Update</u>	Melissa Eager	Community Providers – reported that there is no communication with other Community Providers currently. CB offered to facilitate a network meeting if services wished to meet. Private Providers – Rep not in attendance.	
<u>Agency Updates</u>		Agency Updates	

	<p>Paula Mulry</p> <p>Kerrie Prendergast</p> <p>Clement Shevlin</p> <p>Brian Higgins</p> <p>Frank Horne</p>	<p>Longford Library – PM reported that LGMA is working with DCEDIY on an initiative called Little Book Packs. Carrie has sent update for any omissions on the list of providers for Co. Longford.</p> <p>PPN – KP reported that the PPN meeting discussed new bypass in Longford, supporting women in politics. KP has shared LCCC posts on social media. CB to forward Let’s Get Ready Campaign information to be shared on PPN newsletter and social media.</p> <p>SIPTU – CS would like to link into any meetings with childcare providers and staff to inform them of the work of BIG START campaign. Currently about 25% of the sector have joined SIPTU and consultation with the sector to increase membership is critical to get the best possible outcome on pay deal.</p> <p>LWETB – BH reported that he is glad to hear the Music Generation project is going well.</p> <p>Longford Co. Co. Upgrading of playgrounds in the county is underway.</p> <p>DSP – TK reported that 3000 new places have been created for CE. EOIs were sought with 6000 replies received. This is an effort to get people back to work under the government July stimulus package. The current criteria of being 21 years or older and one year unemployed is not workable and they are hoping to get some progress in changing this to accommodate recently unemployed people due to Covid 19. Following a question, TK advised that there is no interest from men in applying for CE positions in childcare.</p>	
<p><u>AOB</u></p>		<p>There is proposal for an award at L5 to be completed in 1 year full time course. Anyone currently undertaking it part time, may complete. KP had meeting with QQI and they discussed making provision for L5/6 over 2 years part time. The purpose of the change is to have a pathway from L5 to L8. There is still work to be done to finalise.</p> <p>CB gave some statistics from Parental Research Survey which is available on First 5 website.</p>	

		<p>Next meeting scheduled for June 14th</p> <p>CB expressed her and staff appreciation and thanks of the continued support of the Committee, particularly over the past year.</p>	
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