



Public Participation Network Feedback Form: County Longford Childcare Committee



PPN Community & Voluntary elected Representative: Kerrie Prendergast

Date of Meeting: 14th June 2021

Meeting Agenda

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

In Attendance: Antonella Taaffe (Chairperson), Tony Kemple, Melissa Eager, Kerrie Prendergast, Carrieann Belton (Staff)

Apologies: Apologies: Brian Higgins, Ann O'Connor, Clement Shevlin

Absent:

Presentations: Yes / No (details if Yes)

Agenda item	Member	Discussion	Actions / Who
<u>Welcome</u>	Chair		
Covid-19 National Helpline	Carrieann	DCEDIY have requested to extend the out of hours helpline until Sept 12 th . DCEDIY is happy with the roll out of the helpline.	

<p><u>Agency Updates</u></p>	<p>Frank Horne</p> <p>Kerrie Prendergast</p> <p>Tony Kemple</p>	<p>Longford Co. Co. A map of Longford’s Playgrounds has been produced with information on local amenities. FH to get Playground Pass to LCCC for share with providers/parents in the county.</p> <p>PPN continue to share information through its bulletin.</p> <p>DSP – Dept. has extended CE until end of October 21. Meeting next week to see where to go from there. Tony will report back to this committee. 3000 more places are being made available. There is no update on the recruitment and eligibility issues. The ending of CE staff placements in Childcare Services, will be a big issue for providers and further impact the staffing crisis. There are no new recruits to replace those ending. Eligibility criteria is key to recruitment and needs to be addressed. There are people who wish to be placed in Childcare but are prevented from doing so. The 12 months unemployment before becoming eligible is a barrier. EC will report this issue to Dept.</p>	
<p><u>AOB</u></p>		<p>CB proposed that the Committee meet again in July (date TBA) to review staffing</p>	