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Introducing our new Manager at South Dublin County Childcare Committee (SDCCC).



Fidelma Martin has commenced her position as new Manager with SDCCC. Fidelma has been working on the field of early years care and education for the previous twenty nine years. Fidelma has worked in both private and community based early year's settings in managerial positions for fifteen years and has spent the last 13 years employed in a neighbouring County Childcare Committee as Development Officer.

Fidelma holds a BA (Hons) in both in Early Years Care and Education and in Business Studies. In addition to this Fidelma has many supporting qualifications including HR Leadership, Facilitation, Children First Train the Trainer and Community Development. Fidelma is currently completing her Master of Arts in Leadership in Early Years Education and Care.

Fidelma has seen many changes in the early year's sector including the introduction of regulations, national frameworks, and national funding schemes and has witnessed both the positive aspects and challenges experienced by the sector to date. Fidelma is very passionate about the sustainability of quality early years provision and has developed many supports to support early years providers operate sustainable quality early years settings. This includes not only advocating and supporting quality practice in early years programme

delivery but also incorporates advocacy and support for strong business skills among early year's providers. It becomes increasingly important, the two co-dependent aspects of operating a setting are acknowledged and supported as we navigate the ever-changing and complex landscape of early year's provision.

"I look forward to working with the board, team and early year's providers in South County Dublin Childcare Committee and hope to develop long, supportive and beneficial relationships with all, to ensure the provision of quality outcomes for children and families."

Fidelma Martin

If you would like to contact Fidelma, call the office on 01 4570122 or email Fidelma@southdublinchildcare.ie

We are delighted to welcome Fidelma to our Team!



2019/20 Fees Lists and Calendars – CCC Checking Process

The provider fees list and service calendar CCC checking process for 2019/2020 is underway. Annually, South Dublin CCC is tasked to check and approve provider fees lists and calendars for the upcoming programme year. For some providers, this will mean that all submitted fees lists and calendars will be checked for approval, while other providers will only be checked and approved for ECCE.

Please see [CCC Provider Checking List](#) which outlines if your services documents will be checked in full, or if your ECCE fees list and calendar will only be checked. Please do not print fees lists and calendars which fall under

the CCC checking remit until they have been approved by your Development Officer.

All	All submitted fees lists and calendars for 2019/20 programme year
ECCE Only	Only your ECCE fees list and service calendar

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact your Development Officer on (01) 457 0122.



National Childcare Scheme - Statement

Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Katherine Zappone, T.D., will update Government this week on the development of the new National Childcare Scheme. Good progress is being made. Many of the major elements are now in place in preparation for the Scheme's opening in October 2019.

- Over 2,100 providers have signed up to participate in the Scheme.
- A dedicated website, launched in March, has received over 150,000 hits and over 50,000 parent information booklets have been distributed nationwide.
- A Parent Support Centre for the National Childcare Scheme opened last week. It is available to assist parents or guardians with any queries regarding the new National Childcare Scheme. It is open Monday to

Friday from 9:00am – 5:00pm and parents can contact the centre by calling (01) 906 8530.

You can read the full Press Release [here](#)



ECCE 2019-20 Optional Extras Guide

An Optional Extras Guide for ECCE 2019-20 has been added to the PIP Portal under ECCE Programme Information, and can also be found [here](#).

Please note that with the exception of sessional only services, no extra time-slots of any duration are permitted as optional extras on ECCE.

KEY DATES



Key Dates for 2019

Below are some important dates to remember as we progress into 2019 including **closing dates** in red and **introduction dates** in green.

Events	Dates 2019
2019/20 PAU, fees lists and calendars	Monday 10th June
Programme Support Payment (PSP)	Friday 21st June, 3pm
PSP Payments	July 2019

Parent & Toddler Grant	Fri 12th July, 5pm
School Age Childcare 1:12 Ratio	August 2019
NCS Phase 2 Training	27th Aug - 4th Oct
First Aid Response (FAR) Q2	Fri 13th Sept, 5pm
Transitional Support Payment 2019	Fri 11th Oct, 3pm
NCS Capital	Fri 11th Oct, 3pm
School Age Childcare Public Survey	Fri 5th July, 5pm
Fees Lists & Calendars uploaded	Fri 16th August

If you need any support on any of the above please contact your allocated Development Officer on 01 4570122.



First Aid Response (FAR)

Training Support

We are now accepting applications for reimbursement of FAR training cost. The closing date for this round is 13th September 2019.

Funding is available for 1 staff member to complete either a full or refresher FAR course in order to help services to comply with new requirements under Childcare Regulations 2016. In order to avail of this fund a service must:

1. Book training through a PHECC registered FAR trainer using either www.pecit.ie or the [list of trainers](#) on our website.
2. A member/members of staff will complete the FAR training course (full training or refresher depending on their requirements)
3. Services must pay the registered Far trainer for the course.

Once the course is completed:

4. Providers may apply for reimbursement of payment for 1 staff member to the maximum of €225 for three day course or €175 for 2 day refresher course

5. In order to apply for reimbursement the provider must submit the following in hard copy to: *Elizabeth Hayes, C5 Clondalkin Civic Office, 9th Lock Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22:*

- 1.** Completed [reimbursement form](#)
 - 2.** Copy of receipt
 - 3.** Copy of certificate
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