**First Aid Responder (FAR) Reimbursement Fund 2019**

**Registered Early Learning and Care Services and Registered Childminders**

Under the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016, a new regulatory requirement will come into force from June 1st, 2020. From this date under Regulation 25, there must be a person(s) who has trained in FAR (First Aid Response) with a trainer approved by the Pre- Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) immediately available to children attending the service.

To support the sector to meet this requirement services can claim back the cost of one staff member attending this training.

**The training**: on completion of this 3-day/18 hr course, the First Aid Responder will be equipped with the necessary practical skills, knowledge and confidence to give effective life support, diagnose and treat injuries or illness, and maintain care and comfort of a patient who has become suddenly ill or injured in the workplace or elsewhere until the arrival of emergency medical services.

Services can **claim back** the cost of **one person** attending FAR (either full or refresher) on behalf of your service. To do this is easy; you must submit the attached application form with a copy of the FAR certificate and a receipt for the cost of the course. The maximum you can claim is €225 per full course and €175 per refresher course.

CCCs will be processing the payments quarterly; the payment schedule is as follows:

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|  | **Quarter 1** | **Quarter 2**  | **Quarter 3**  | **Quarter 4**  |
| **Application closing date (for payment in that quarter)** | 14th June 2019 | 13th September 2019 | 19th November 2019 | 13th March 2020 |
| **Payment dates** | 28th June 2019 | 27th September 2019 | 13th December 2019 | 27th March 2020 |

**To apply for the FAR Reimbursement fund, a registered service/ registered childminder must:**

* Have an employee who has completed or have themselves completed, either the full 18 hours FAR course or the 12 hours Refresher FAR course since January 1st, 2019.
* Have paid for the employee / registered childminder to participate in the training.
* Must submit a hard copy of the application form, along with a copy of the receipt for training and a copy of the PHECC accredited FAR certificate.

To **book a course** please call a FAR trainer from the list of accredited instructors attached.

To **make a claim** for reimbursement please use the attached application form.

**CCC Details:**

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