



YOUR *Early Years* hive SNAPSHOT

24 February 2025

Upcoming task	Who should do it?	What do I need to do?	When do I need to do it?
National Childcare Scheme (NCS) attendance returns.	Services offering NCS 2024/2025.	Complete weekly attendance returns for the previous week on the returns page.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17-13 February returns due Tuesday 25 February 2025. 24 February- 2 March returns due Tuesday 4 March 2025.
Scheduled maintenance to the Early Years Hive.	All Early Years Hive users should be aware.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the portal will be unavailable during this maintenance. The phonedlines will be open but we will be unable to access the system to support during this time. 	Provisionally taking place from 4pm on Thursday 27 February.
AIM Level 5 equipment Transfer of Ownership.	Services with AIM Level 5 equipment due to transfer at the end of the ECCE 2024/2025 programme call.	See the Transfer of Ownership guide here , and a training webinar here .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process opens Friday 28 February. Services notified on the Early Years Hive.

The Above tasks are for general guidance and you may have other tasks outstanding. Check the announcements page and notifications page of the Early Years Hive regularly.

You may have missed	Who is it relevant to?	Where can I find it?
Please review and update your service's contact details on the Early Years Hive.	All services on the Early Years Hive.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Open the Manage Service Providers page. Click on your service's name. Review the phone number and email address listed in the General section. Raise a Request if this information needs to be updated.
AIM Level 1 2024/2025 application reminder.	<p>Services with new and existing graduates of the Leadership for Inclusion (LINC) programme.</p> <p>There's still time to send your AIM Level 1 application.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications must be sent through the AIM Level 1 applications page. See the applicant guidelines here.
Minister Foley launches the Childminding Development Grants for 2025.	The Childminding Development Grant gives up to €1,000 to help registered and unregistered childminders who provide a childminding service in their own homes.	See the press release from 4 February 2025 here .