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Model Service Examples for Core Funding 2022

Core Funding – April 2022



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Model Service Example

Sessional Pre-School (ECCE Only – Higher Capitation)

1 ELC Graduate – Capacity 22

Current Registrations - 19 ECCE Children



Seana's Pre-school

- Seana is a sole trader/employer running a service that offers sessional pre-school only, in a pre-fab on the grounds of a local primary school.
- She is registered with Tusla as a sessional service and she operates an ECCE service from 9.00 to 12.00 – 3 hours per day, 5 days per week a total of 15 operating hours per week.
- She employs one person with a QQI Level 6 ELC qualification.
- Seana has a QQI Level 8 ELC qualification and is currently contracted to deliver ECCE at Higher Capitation rates. Seana is the designated person in charge as per the Tusla requirements and is eligible for the Graduate Manager Premium.
- Seana does not operate any camps during the school holidays.
- Currently Seana has no plans to extend her operating hours per week or weeks per year.
- Seana's service is not currently full.

Seana's Pre-School	
Sole Trader/Employer	
Type	ECCE Contract
Number of Rooms	1
Staff	2
ELC Graduate Manager	Yes
ELC Graduate Room Leader	n/a
Sessions	AM
Hours per week	15
Weeks per year	38
Age Range	2.5 to 6 years
Number of Child Places	22
Current Attendance	19



Seana's Pre-school

Name	Seana's Pre-School
Type	sole trader/employer
Contracts	ECCE
Number of Registrations	19
Value of Contract	€49,818.00
Higher Cap	€8,122.50
PSP ECCE	€2,097.60

Total	€60,038.10
Parents Fees	€0.00
	€60,038.10

New Funding	
Core Funding	€10,669.26
ECCE Funding	€49,818.00*
Total	€60,487.26
Parents Fees	€0.00
	€60,487.26

Increase €449.16

*The ECCE new contract value is based on the assumption that registrations will remain the same as this programme year.



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Model Service Example
Sessional Pre-School (ECCE Only – Higher
Capitation)
2 ELC Graduates – Capacity 22
Current Registrations - 19 ECCE Children

Core Funding – April 2022



Jill's Pre-school

- Jill is a sole trader/ employer running a service that offers sessional pre-school only, in a purpose built extension to her own home.
- Jill is registered with Tusla as a sessional pre-school service and she operates from 9.00 to 12.00, 3 hours per day, 5 days per week a total of 15 operating hours per week.
- She employs one person as a Lead Educator with a QQI Level 8 ELC qualification. The Lead Educator will attract the Lead Educator Premium under Core Funding.
- Jill is currently contracted to deliver ECCE at Higher Capitation rates.
- Jill has a QQI Level 8 ELC qualification and Jill is the designated person in charge as per the Tusla requirements and is therefore eligible for the Graduate Manager Premium.
- Jill does not operate any camps during the school holidays.
- Currently Jill has no plans to extend her operating hours per week or weeks per year.
- Jill's service is not currently full.

Jill's Pre-School	
Sole Trader/Employer	
Type	ECCE Contract
Number of Rooms	1
Staff	2
ELC Graduate Manager	Yes
ELC Graduate Room Leader	Yes
Sessions	AM
Hours per week	15
Weeks per year	38
Age Range	2.5 to 6 years
Number of Child Places	22
Current Attendance	19



Jill's Pre-school

Name	Jill's Pre-School
Type	sole trader/ employer
Contracts	ECCE
Number of Registrations	19
Value of Contract	€49,818.00
Higher Cap	€8,122.50
PSP ECCE	€2,097.60
Total	€60,038.10
Parents Fees	€0.00
	€60,038.10

New Funding	
Core Funding	€13,200.06
ECCE Funding	€49,818.00*
Total	€63,018.06
Parents Fees	€0.00
	€63,018.06

Increase €2,296.83

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Model Service Example
Sessional Pre-School (ECCE Only)
1 ELC Qualified Adult – Capacity 11
Current Registrations - 8 ECCE Children

Core Funding – April 2022



Áine's Naíonra

- Áine is a sole trader/lone operator running a Naíonra that offers sessional pre-school only, in a room rented from the local primary school under a license agreement.
- She is registered with Tusla as pre-school sessional service and she operates her Naíonra from 9.30 to 12.30, 3 hours per day, 5 days per week a total of 15 operating hours per week.
- Áine has a QQI Level 6 ELC qualification, so she is contracted to deliver ECCE at standard capitation rates.
- Áine does not operate any camps during the school holidays.
- Currently Áine has no plans to extend her operating hours per week or weeks per year.
- Áine's service is not currently full.

Áine's Naíonra	
Sole Trader/Lone Operator	
Type	ECCE Contract
Number of Rooms	1
Staff	1
ELC Graduate Manager	No
ELC Graduate Room Leader	n/a
Sessions	AM
Hours per week	15
Weeks per year	38
Age Range	2.5 to 6 years
Number of Child Places	11
Current Attendance	8



Áine's Naíonra

Name	Áine's Naíonra
Type	sole trader/lone operator
Contracts	ECCE
Number of Registrations	8
Value of Contract	€20,976.00
PSP ECCE	€883.20
Total	€21,859.20

Core Funding	€4,069.23
ECCE Funding	€20,976*
Total	€25,045.23

Increase €3,186.03

*Value is derived based on the assumption that registrations will remain the same as the previous programme year.



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Model Service Example

Sessional Pre-School (ECCE Only – Higher Capitation)

1 ELC Graduate – Capacity 11

Current Registrations - 8 ECCE Children



Sean's Pre-school

- Sean is a sole trader/lone operator running a service that offers sessional pre-school only, in commercial unit in a small town.
- Sean is registered with Tusla as a session pre-school service which he operates from 9.00 to 12.00, 3 hours per day, 5 days per week a total of 15 operating hours per week.
- Sean has a QQI Level 8 ELC qualification and is currently contracted to deliver ECCE at Higher Capitation rates. Sean is the designated person in charge as per the Tusla requirements and is eligible for the ELC Graduate Manager Premium.
- Sean does not operate any camps during the school holidays.
- Currently Sean has no plans to extend his operating hours per week or weeks per year.
- Sean's service is not currently full.

Sean's Pre-School	
Sole Trader/Lone Operator	
Type	ECCE Contract
Number of Rooms	1
Staff	1
ELC Graduate Manager	Yes
ELC Graduate Room Leader	n/a
Sessions	AM
Hours per week	15
Weeks per year	38
Age Range	2.5 to 6 years
Number of Child Places	11
Current Attendance	8



Sean's Pre-school

Name	Sean's Pre-School
Type	sole trader/lone operator
Contracts	ECCE
Number of Registrations	8
Value of Contract	€20,976.00
Higher Cap	€3,420.00
PSP ECCE	€883.20

Total	€25,279.20
Parents Fees	€0.00
	€25,279.20

New Funding	
Core Funding	€6,600.03
ECCE Funding	€20,976.00*
Total	€27,576.03
Parents Fees	€0.00
	€27,576.03

Increase €2,296.83

*The ECCE new contract value is based on the assumption that registrations will remain the same as this programme year.



Sean's Pre-school

Core Funding provides **Stability** to Sean

Increase in ECCE Registrations by 2

Core Funding	€6,600.03
ECCE Funding	€26,220.00*
Total	€32,820.03
Parents Fees	€0.00
	€32,820.03

Increase €7,540.83

Decrease in ECCE Registrations by 2

Core Funding	€6,600.03
ECCE Funding	€15,732.00**
Total	€22,332.03
Parents Fees	€0.00
	€22,332.03

Decrease (€2,947.17)

**The ECCE new contract value is based on the assumption that registrations will increase by 2 in the next programme year.

***The ECCE new contract value is based on the assumption that registrations will decrease by 2 in the next programme year.

* The Core Funding Allocation remains the same as it is related to the staffed capacity of the service and is not influenced by fluctuations in attendance or registration levels.



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Model Service Example Sessional Pre-School (ECCE Only – Higher Capitation)

1 ELC Graduate– Capacity 11

Current Registrations - 11 ECCE Children



Lámha Beaga

- Lámha Beaga is operated by Úna.
- Úna is a sole trader/lone operator running a pre-school in a purpose built premises on the same grounds as her home.
- Úna is registered with Tusla as a pre-school sessional service which she operates from 9.00 to 12.00, 3 hours per day, 5 days per week a total of 15 operating hours per week.
- Úna has a QQI Level 8 ELC qualification and she is currently contracted to deliver ECCE at Higher Capitation rates. Úna is the designated person in charge as per the Tusla requirements and is eligible for the Graduate Manager Premium.
- Úna does not operate any camps during the school holidays.
- Úna's service is full, but she currently has no plans to extend her operating hours per week or weeks per year.

Lámha Beaga	
Sole Trader/Lone Operator	
Type	ECCE Contract
Number of Rooms	1
Staff	1
ELC Graduate Manager	Yes
ELC Graduate Room Leader	n/a
Sessions	AM
Hours per week	15
Weeks per year	38
Age Range	2.5 to 6 years
Number of Child Places	11
Current Attendance	11



Lámha Beaga

Name	Lámha Beaga
Type	sole trader/lone operator
Contracts	ECCE
Number of Registrations	11
Value of Contract	€28,842.00
Higher Cap	€4,702.50
PSP ECCE	€1,214.40
Total	€34,758.90

New Funding	
Core Funding	€6,600.03
ECCE Funding	€28,842.00*
Total	€35,442.03

Increase	€683.13
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*The ECCE new contract value is based on the assumption that registrations will remain the same as this programme year.



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Model Service Example
Sessional Pre-School (ECCE Only)
1 ELC Qualified Adult – Capacity 11
Current Registrations - 11 ECCE Children

Core Funding – April 2022



Mary's Pre-School

- Mary is a sole trader/lone operator running a pre-school in her local community hall.
- Mary is registered with Tusla as a sessional pre-school which she operates her pre-school from 9.30 to 12.30, 3 hours per day, 5 days per week a total of 15 operating hours per week .
- Mary has a QQI Level 6 ELC qualification and she is contracted to deliver ECCE at standard capitation rates.
- Mary does not operate any camps during the school holidays.
- Mary's service is full, but she currently has no plans to extend her operating hours per week or weeks per year.

Mary's Pre-School	
Sole Trader/Lone Operator	
Type	ECCE Contract
Number of Rooms	1
Staff	1
ELC Graduate Manager	No
ELC Graduate Room Leader	n/a
Sessions	AM
Hours per week	15
Weeks per year	38
Age Range	2.5 to 6 years
Number of Child Places	11
Current Attendance	11



Mary's Pre-school

Name	Mary's Pre-school
Type	sole trader/employer
Contracts	ECCE
Number of Registrations	11
Value of Contract	€28,842.00
PSP ECCE	€1,214.40

Total	€30,056.40
Parents Fees	€0.00
Total Funding	€30,056.40

Core Funding	€4,069.23
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ECCE Funding	€28,842.00*
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Total	€32,911.23
Parents Fees	€0.00
Total Funding	€32,911.23

Increase €2,854.83

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Model Service Example

Sessional Pre-School (ECCE Only – Higher Capitation)

1 ELC Graduate – Capacity 22

Current Registrations - 22 ECCE Children



Emily's Pre-school

- Emily is a sole trader/employer running a service that offers sessional pre-school only, in a pre-fab on the grounds of a local primary school.
- Emily operates from 9.00 to 12.00, 3 hours per day, 5 days per week a total of 15 operating hours per week.
- She employs one person with a QQI Level 6 ELC qualification.
- Emily has a QQI Level 8 ELC qualification and is contracted to deliver ECCE at Higher Capitation rates. Emily is the designated person in charge as per the Tusla requirements and is eligible for the Graduate Manager Premium.
- Emily does not operate any camps during the school holidays.
- Currently Emily has no plans to extend her operating hours per week or weeks per year.
- Emily's service is currently full.

Emily's Pre-School	
Sole Trader/Employer	
Type	ECCE Contract
Number of Rooms	1
Staff	2
ELC Graduate Room Leader	No
ELC Graduate Manager	Yes
Sessions	AM
Hours per week	15
Weeks per year	38
Age Range	2.5 to 6 years
Number of Child Places	22
Current Attendance	22



Emily's Pre-school

Name	Emily's Pre-School
Type	sole trader/employer
Contracts	ECCE
Number of Registrations	22
Value of Contract	€57,684.00
Higher Cap	€9,405.00
PSP ECCE	€2,428.80
Total	€69,517.80
Parents Fees	€0.00
	€69,517.80

New Funding	
Core Funding	€10,669.26
ECCE Funding	€57,684.00*
Total	€68,353.26
Parents Fees	€0.00
	€68,353.26

However under the Funding Guarantee Emily's funding allocation will be increased to **€11,833.80** giving a total of new funding of **€69,517.80****

Decrease (€1,164.54)

*The ECCE new contract value is based on the assumption that registrations will remain the same as this programme year.

**This assumes that Emily's ECCE registrations remain the same, and that she remains in place as the Level 8 Lead Educator. If her registrations decline, her ECCE allocation would reduce or if there is no ELC Graduate as Lead Educator she would not receive the Graduate Premium (as relevant).



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Model Service Example Sessional Pre-School (ECCE Only – Higher Capitation)

1 ELC Graduate– Capacity 22

Current Registration 22 ECCE Places

Core Funding – April 2022



Alex's Pre-school

- Alex is a sole trader/employer running a service that offers sessional pre-school only, in a room rented from her local Family Resource Centre.
- She operates from 9.00 to 12.00, 3 hours per day, 5 days per week a total of 15 operating hours per week.
- She employs one person with a QQI Level 6 ELC qualification.
- Alex has a QQI Level 8 ELC qualification and is contracted to deliver ECCE at Higher Capitation rates. Alex is the designated person in charge as per the Tusla requirements and is eligible for the Graduate Manager Premium.
- Alex does not operate any camps during the school holidays.
- Currently Alex has no plans to extend his operating hours per week or weeks per year.
- Alex's service is currently full.

Alex's Pre-School	
Sole Trader/Employer	
Type	ECCE Contract
Number of Rooms	1
Staff	2
ELC Graduate Room Leader	No
ELC Graduate Manager	Yes
Sessions	AM
Hours per week	15
Weeks per year	38
Age Range	2.5 to 6 years
Number of Child Places	22
Current Attendance	22



Alex's Pre-school

Name	Alex's Pre-School
Type	sole trader/employer
Contracts	ECCE
Number of Registrations	22
Value of Contract	€57,684.00
Higher Cap	€9,405.00
PSP ECCE	€2,428.80

Total	€69,517.80
Parents Fees	€0.00
	€69,517.80

New Funding

Core Funding €13,200.06

ECCE Funding €57,684.00*

Total €70,884.06

Parents Fees €0.00

€70,884.06

Increase €1,366.26

*The ECCE new contract value is based on the assumption that registrations will remain the same as this programme year.



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Model Service Example
Sessional Pre-School (ECCE Only)
2 ELC Adults– Capacity 22
Current Registration 22 ECCE Places

Core Funding – April 2022



Jessica's Pre-school

- Jessica is a sole trader/employer running a service that offers sessional pre-school only, in a pre-fab on the grounds of a local primary school.
- Jessica operates from 9.00 to 12.00, 3 hours per day, 5 days per week a total of 15 operating hours per week.
- She employs one person with a Level 6 ELC qualification.
- Jessica has a QQI Level 6 ELC qualification and is contracted to deliver ECCE at Standard Capitation rates.
- Jessica does not operate any camps during the school holidays.
- Currently Jessica has no plans to extend his operating hours per week or weeks per year.
- Jessica's service is currently full.

Jessica's Pre-School	
Sole Trader/Employer	
Type	ECCE Contract
Number of Rooms	1
Staff	2
ELC Graduate Room Leader	No
ELC Graduate Manager	No
Sessions	AM
Hours per week	15
Weeks per year	38
Age Range	2.5 to 6 years
Number of Child Places	22
Current Attendance	22



Jessica's Pre-school

Name	Jessica's Pre-School
Type	sole trader/employer
Contracts	ECCE
Number of Registrations	22
Value of Contract	€57,684.00
Higher Cap	€0.00
PSP ECCE	€2,428.80

Total	€60,112.80
Parents Fees	€0.00
	€60,112.80

New Funding

Core Funding €8,138.46

ECCE Funding €57,684.00*

Total €65,822.46

Parents Fees €0.00

€65,822.46

Increase €5,709.66

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Model Service Example

Sessional Pre-School (ECCE Only)

2 Sessions AM and PM

1 ELC Qualified Adult – Capacity 11 AM and 11 PM

Current Registrations 19 ECCE Children

Core Funding – April 2022



Sunflowers Kindergarten

- Sunflowers Kindergarten is registered with Tusla as a sessional service and operated by Maria. She is a sole trader/lone operator running a pre-school in a converted garage at her own home.
- She operates her pre-school from 9.00 to 12.00 and 12:30 to 15:30, 6 hours per day, 5 days per week a total of 30 operating hours per week.
- Maria has QQI Level 6 ELC qualification and she is contracted to deliver ECCE at standard capitation rates.
- Maria does not operate any camps during the school holidays.
- Currently Maria has no plans to extend her operating hours per week or weeks per year.
- Maria's service isn't fully occupied at present.

Sunflowers Kindergarten		
Sole Trader/ Lone Operator		
Type	ECCE	ECCE
Number of Rooms	1	1
Staff	1	1
ELC Manager	0	0
ELC Graduate	0	0
Sessions	1	1
Hours per week	15	15
Weeks per year	38	38
Age Range	2.5 to 6 years	2.5 to 6 years
Number of Child Places	11	11
Current Attendance	11	8



Sunflowers Kindergarten

Name	Sunflowers Kindergarten
Type	sole trader/lone operator
Contracts	ECCE
Number of Registrations	19
Value of Contract	€49,818.00
Higher Cap	no
PSP ECCE	€2,097.60
Total	€51,915.60

Core Funding	€8,138.46
ECCE Funding	€49,818.00*
Total	€57,956.46

Increase €6,041.46

*The ECCE new contract value is based on the assumption that registrations will remain the same as this programme year.



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Model Service Example
Pre-School Sessional (ECCE only) 2 Room Service
ECCE Higher Capitation in both rooms
Capacity 30 Current Registrations – 24 ECCE
Children

April 2022



Bluebell Montessori LTD

1. This service is registered with Tusla as a sessional service. It is operated by Joan, the service runs 2 ECCE rooms from 9 until 12 each weekday morning. Bluebell Montessori’s operating hours are 3 hours per day, 5 days per week, a total of 15 hours, for 38 weeks a year.
2. Bluebell Montessori has capacity for 30 children, 20 in Room 1 and 10 in Room 2 currently 24 ECCE children are enrolled in the service.
3. Bluebell Montessori has 2 staff members in addition to the Joan Owner/Director (Manager)
4. One staff member is an ELC Graduate Lead Educator in Room 2 and attracts the associated ELC Graduate premium
5. Joan the Manager works as the Lead Educator in the other room, and also has a QQI Level 7 ELC qualification. Joan is also the designated person in charge as per the Tusla requirements and is eligible for the Graduate Manager Premium.
6. However, the Manager can only attract the Graduate Manager Premium, not both premiums.
7. This is why the table shows no ELC Graduate in Room 1. This is the room that Joan the Manager works in.

Bluebell Montessori		
Sole Trader/Employer		
Type	ECCE Contracts	
	Room 1	Room 2
Number of Rooms	2	
Staff	2	1
ELC Graduate Manager	yes	n/a
ELC Graduate Room Leader	no	yes
Sessions	Pre-school	Pre-school
Hours per week	15	15
Weeks per year	38	38
Age Range	2.5 to 6 yrs	2.5 to 6 yrs
Number of Child Places	20	10
Current Attendance	16	8



Bluebell Montessori LTD.

Name	Bluebell Montessori
Type	sole trader/employer
Contracts	ECCE
Number of Registrations	24
Value of Contract	€62,928.00
Higher Cap	€10,260.00
PSP ECCE	€2,649.60

Total	€75,837.60
Parents Fees	€0.00
Total Current Income	€75,837.60

New Funding	
Core Funding Room 1	€9,929.40
Core funding Room 2	€6,230.10
ECCE Funding	€62,928.00*

Total	€79,087.50
Parents Fees	€0.00
	€79,087.50

Increase €3,249.90

*The ECCE new contract value is based on the assumption that registrations will remain the same as this programme year

NB: Bluebell Montessori is not currently full. These figures assume its ECCE registrations won't increase this year – but if they do, ECCE funding will increase, adding to the overall total.



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Model Service Example Happy days
Full day, Sessional Pre-School (ECCE –
Standard Capitation)
1 ELC Qualified Graduate
Capacity FDC- 16, Pre-school Sessional- 22
Current Registrations -FDC 16, Sessional 22



Happy Days Crèche

- Mandy operates Happy Days Crèche for children aged 1 year to 6 years, the service is registered with Tusla for Full, Part and Sessional Care.
- Happy Days Crèche is open 51 weeks of the year and operates* from 9am until 5pm for a total of 40 hours per week.
- Mandy's service is currently fully occupied. It is a 2 room service with children aged 1 to 3 years for full day care (FDC) in one room and a second FDC room which offers an ECCE session in the morning for 22 children ECCE eligible with 16 of these children staying on for the rest of the day.
- Mandy employs 5 staff all full time employees one of which is an ELC Graduate who works 40 hours in the full day care room with the younger children.
- Mandy has an NCS contract some parents have applied and received the Universal Payment under NCS for eligible children (16 children in this example).
- Mandy's Crèche is a leased commercial unit in an urban setting, the demand for places is high and Mandy operates waiting lists and currently has no spare capacity.
- Mandy's Full Day fee is €200 per week, which is a cost to parents with the NCS Universal subsidy of €180.00 per week - this is €200 less the Universal Subsidy which is €22.50 for 45 hours per week so for Mandy's 40 hours service this a reduction of €20 per week leaving a balance of €180.00 to be paid by the parent.
- The cost to parents with the ECCE subsidy is €131 per week during Term-Time (38 weeks) and €200 Out of Term (12 weeks). Although the requirement with the ECCE subsidy is that €64.50 is the minimum that has to be passed on to parents, Mandy has decided to pass on the full subsidy of €69.
- In September 2022, as Mandy will have signed the Core Funding Contract she will also actively encourage more of her parents to seek support under the NCS.

*operates (operating hours) – These are the hours that a service is open and available to children



Happy Days Crèche

Happy Days Crèche					
LTD/Employer					
Type	ECCE & NCS				
Number of Rooms	2				
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 2a	Room 2b	
Staff	3	2			
ELC Graduate	1	No			
ELC Manager	No	No			
Sessions	FDC	ECCE	FDC	FDC	
Hours per week	40	15	25	40	
Weeks per year	51	38	38	13	
Age Range	1-2 years	2-3 years	2.5 to 6 yrs	3-6yrs	3-6 yrs
Number of Child Places	6	10	22	16	16
Current Attendance	6	10	22	16	16



Happy Days Crèche

Parents Fee Income remains the same in both years – 2 Assumptions:
 1 – Registration/Attendance levels remain static
 2 – Happy Days is adhering to the Core Funding Requirement of a Fee Management System which in year 1 is a Fee Freeze

Name	Happy Days Creche	
Type	LTD/Employer	
Contracts	ECCE	NCS
Number of Registrations	22	16
Value of Contract	€57,684.00	€18,360.00
Higher Cap	€9,405.00	
PSP	€2,428.80	€450.00
Total	€69,517.80	€18,810.00
Total DCEDIY	€88,327.80	
Parents Fees	€268,128.00	
Total Income	€354,415.80	

New Funding	
Room 1	€40,922.40
Room 2	€8,138.46
Room 2 a	€10,366.40
Room 2 b	€5,674.24
Core Funding	€65,101.50
ECCE	€57,684.00*
NCS	€18,360.00*
Total DCEDIY	€141,146.00
Parents fees	€268,128.00
Total	€407,234.00

Increase €52,817.70

**The ECCE/NCS new contract values are based on the assumption that registrations will remain the same as this programme year.



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Model Service Example Tír na nÓg
Full day, Sessional and School Age
ECCE – Standard Capitation
1 ELC Qualified Graduate
4 Room Service
Capacity 20, 22, 22,12
Current Registration 20, 22, 22,12



Tír na nÓg

- Tír na nÓg Crèche is a LTD company operated by Directors Joanne and John, it is registered with Tusla on the Early Years Register as Full and Sessional Care and is also registered with Tusla as School Age Childcare (SAC) Service.
- It is a 4 room service for children with 3 rooms for children aged under 1 to 6 years offering both Full Day Care (FDC) and Pre-school sessional services to this age cohort.
- The service also has a purpose built SAC Room which offers a breakfast club before school as well as afterschool care during term time.
- The service employs 10 staff, 6 of these are full time employees, one of which is an ELC Graduate, who works 40 hours in the full day care room with the younger children.
- The Manager of the service is an ELC Graduate not in ratio Manager. However, the designated person in charge registered with Tusla is Joanne with the service Manager as the named person who can deputise for the purposes of the Tusla Registration. Therefore, in this instance, the service does not attract the Manager Premium under Core Funding.
- Tír na nÓg Crèche is a purpose built building in an urban setting in a rural county where the demand for places is high and operates waiting lists and currently has no spare capacity.
- The FDC fee is €180 per week, which is a cost to parents with ECCE eligible children of €115.50 per week during Term-Time (38 weeks) - this is €180 less €64.50 which is minimum reduction required under ECCE giving a parent co-payment of €115.50. The out of term fee for these children is €180 (12 weeks). The fee for the SAC is €75 per week and this includes the breakfast club and school drop off and collection.
- In September 2022, when Tír na nÓg is signed up to Core Funding they will also have signed a contract to deliver the National Childcare Scheme (NCS) and will also actively encourage parents to seek support under the NCS.



Tír na nÓg									
LTD Company									
Type	ECCE & NCS Contracts								
Number of Rooms	4								
	Room 1		Room 2	2 a	Room 2 b	Room 3	Room 4		
Staff	4		2	2	2	2	2		
ELC Manager	0		0	0	0	0	0		
ELC Graduate	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sessions	Full Day		Sessional Pre-School	Full day	Full Day	Sessional Pre-School	Part-time		
Hours per week	40		10	15	25	40	15	25	
Weeks per year	51		51	38	38	13	38	38	
Age Range	under 1 years	1-2 years	2-3 years	2.5 yrs to 6 yrs	3-6	3 yrs to 6 yrs	2.5 yrs to 6 yrs	SAC	SAC
Number of Child Places	3	5	12	22	16	16	22	12	12
	8 to 6 pm		9 to 12pm	12pm to 6pm	9am to 6pm	9 to 12pm	8am to 9am	2pm to 6pm	



Tír na nÓg

Name	Tír na nÓg	
Type	LTD/Employer	
Contracts	ECCE	NCS
Number of Registrations	44	0
Value of Contract	€107,844.00	€0.00
Higher Cap	€0.00	
PSP	€4,857.60	€0.00
Total	€112,701.60	€0.00
Total DCEDIY	€112,701.60	
Parents Fees	FDC	€221,040.00
	FDC less ECCE	€70,224.00
	SAC	€34,200.00
Total Parents Fees	€325,464.00	
Total Current Income	€438,165.60	

Parents Fee Income remains the same in both years – 2 Assumptions:
 1 – Registration/Attendance levels remain static
 2 – Tír na nÓg is adhering to the Core Funding Requirement of a Fee Management System which in year 1 is a Fee Freeze

New Funding	
Room 1 (40hrs)	€52,647.30
Room 1 (10hrs)	€10,897.43
Room 2	€8,138.46
Room 2 a	€10,366.40
Room 2 b	€5,674.24
Room 3	€8,138.46
Room 4	€6,270.00
Total Core Funding	€102,133.39
ECCE	€107,844.00*
Total DCEDIY	€209,977.29
Parents fees	€325,464.00
Total	€535,441.29

Increase €97,275.69

*The ECCE new contract value is based on the assumption that registrations will remain the same as this programme year.



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Model Service Example

Sessional Pre-School Part time (ECCE Only –
Higher Capitation)

1 ELC Qualified Adult – Capacity 11

Current Registrations - 11 ECCE Children



Karen's Montessori Academy

- Karen is a sole trader registered with Tusla as Part-Time service, her service is in a converted domestic dwelling in a built up residential area.
- Karen offers the ECCE programme in her 3 room service.
- The part-time fee for Karen's 4 hour part-time service is €129.
- Parents that avail of both Part Time and ECCE have a co-payment of €60 per week as Karen passes on the full €69 ECCE subsidy to her parents (€64.50 is the requirement).
- Parents that opt for ECCE only do not pay a fee, however there is sufficient demand for the part-time service this year so the co-payment is being made by all of the parents.
- Karen also operates Camps during Easter (2 weeks) and July (3 weeks) as there is no ECCE subsidy for the camps the cost to parents whose children attend camps is €129 per week.
- Karen is an ELC Graduate and as well as being the Manager of the service she is also the Lead Educator in one room and she employs two other ELC Graduate Lead Educators who run the other two rooms. Karen is the designated person in charge as per the Tusla requirements and is eligible for the Graduate Manager Premium.
- Each Room has three members of staff, offers 22 places am (9-1) and pm (2-6), 66 places in total at any one time. Karen is on site from 9 until 6 everyday but she attracts the Graduate Manager Premium for the 40 hours of the week that the service is available to children (the service's operating hours). 132 children are currently enrolled.
- In September 2022 when Karen has signed the Core Funding Contract she will also need to activate an NCS contract and actively offer this to parents.



Karen's Montessori Academy

Karen's Montessori									
Sole Trader/Employer									
Type	Part time								
Number of Rooms	3								
	Room 1	1a	Camps	Room 2	2a	Camps	Room 3	3a	Camps
Staff	3			3			3		
ELC Graduate Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
ELC Graduate Room Leader	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sessions	ECCE AM&PM	Part Time AM&PM	Part Time AM&PM	ECCE AM&PM	Part Time AM&PM	Part Time AM&PM	ECCE AM&PM	Part Time AM&PM	Part Time AM&PM
Hours per week	30	10	40	30	10	40	30	10	40
Weeks per year	38	38	5	38	38	5	38	38	5
Age Range	2.5 to 6 yrs	3-6 yrs	3-6 yrs	2.5 to 6 yrs	3-6 yrs	3-6 yrs	2.5 to 6 yrs	3-6 yrs	3-6 yrs
Number of Child Places	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
Current Attendance	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44



Karen's Montessori Academy

Name	Karen's Montessori Academy
Type	sole trader/employer
Contracts	ECCE
Number of Registrations	132
Value of Contract	€346,104.00
Higher Cap	€56,430.00
PSP ECCE	€14,572.80
Total	€417,106.80
Parents Fees In-Term	€300,960
Parents Fees Out of Term	€85,140
Total Fees	€386,100
Total Income	€803,206.80

Parents Fee Income remains the same in both years – 2 Assumptions:
 1 – Registration/Attendance levels remain static
 2 – Karen is adhering to the Core Funding Requirement of a Fee Management System which in year 1 is a Fee Freeze

New funding	
Core Funding- Room 1	€21,338.52
Room 1 a	€7,388.72
Room 1 Camp	€3,888.80
Room 2	€21,338.52
Room 2 a	€7,388.72
Room 2 Camp	€3,888.80
Room 3	€21,338.52
Room 3a	€7,388.72
Room 3 Camp	€3,888.80
Total Core Funding	€97,848.12
ECCE Funding	€346,104.00*
Total	€443,952.12
Parents Fees	€386,100.00
Total Income	€830,052.12

Increase €26,845.32

*The ECCE new contract value is based on the assumption that registrations will remain the same as this programme year.



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Model Service Example Sharon
Tusla Registered Childminder
1 ELC Qualified Adult – Capacity 5
Current Registration 4 NCS Eligible Children

Core Funding – April 2022



Sharon's Childminding Service

- Sharon is a Childminder registered with Tusla, offering 4 ELC places for children aged 1 year to 3 years and 1 place for a school age child.
- Sharon is open for children from 9am to 5pm each day, 5 days per week a total of 40 operating hours per week, 48 weeks of the year.
- As a childminder Sharon may use a number of rooms within her home to deliver her service but her home* is considered as one room which is also the principle applied for Core Funding.
- Sharon does not employ staff as she is a childminder.
- Sharon has an NCS contract some of her parents have applied and received the Universal Payment under NCS for eligible children (4 ELC children in this example).
- Sharon's Full Day fee is €175 per week, which is a cost to parents with the NCS Universal subsidy of €152.50 per week. Sharon's fee for SAC is €60 per week.

Sharon's Childminding Service				
Childminder				
Contract Type	NCS			
Number of Rooms	1			
Staff	1			
ELC Graduate	No			
Sessions	Full Day ELC			Part-time SAC
Hours per week	45			20
Weeks per year	48			48
Age Range	1-2 yrs	2-3 yrs	3-6 yrs	4-15 yrs
Number of Child Places	2	2	0	1

* the 'premises' as set out in the Regulations is the childminder's home.



Sharon's Childminding Service

Name	Sharon's Childminding Service
Type	sole trader/lone operator
Contracts	NCS
Number of Registrations	4
Value of Contract	€4,320.00
PSP NCS	€112.50
Total DCEDIY Funding	€4,432.50

Parents Fees	
ELC	€29,280.00
SAC	€2,880.00
Total Parent's Fees	€32,160.00
Total Income	€35,040.00

Parents Fee Income remains the same in both years – 2 Assumptions:
 1 – Registration/Attendance levels remain static
 2 – Sharon is adhering to the Core Funding Requirement of a Fee Management System which in year 1 is a Fee Freeze

New Funding	
ELC	€7,645.44
SAC	€264.00
Core Funding	€7,909.44
NCS	€4,320.00*
Total DCEDIY	€12,229.44
Parents fees	€32,160.00
Total	€44,389.44

Increase €9,349.44

*The NCS new contract value is based on the assumption that registrations will remain the same as this programme year.



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Model Service Example
Tusla Registered Childminder
1 ELC Qualified Graduate – Capacity 7
2 ELC Places 5 SAC Places
Current Registrations - 2 NCS Universal
Eligible Children



Treasa's Childminding Service

- Treasa is an ELC Graduate registered with Tusla as a Childminder, offering 2 ELC places for children aged 1 year to 3 years and 5 places for school age children. As per Tusla guidance a childminder is the registered provider and the term 'designated person in charge' does not apply to childminding settings. Therefore Treasa is eligible for the Lead Educator Graduate Premium for the ELC places in her service and not for the SAC places.
- As a childminder Treasa may use a number of rooms within her home to deliver her service but her home* is considered as one room which is also the principle applied for Core Funding.
- Treasa has an NCS contract some parents have applied and received the Universal Payment under NCS for eligible children (all the ELC children in this example).
- Treasa's operating hours are 9 am to 5pm, 5 days per week, a total of 40 operating hours per week for 48 weeks per year, for her ELC places. Her SAC is available 2pm to 5pm, 3 hours per day, 5 days per week, 38 weeks per year.
- Treasa's Full Day fee is €175 per week, which is a cost to parents with the NCS Universal subsidy of €155.00 per week. Treasa's fee for SAC is €60 per week.

Treasa's Childminding Service				
Childminder				
Type	NCS			
Number of Rooms	1			
Staff	1			
ELC Graduate	Yes			
Sessions	Full Day ELC			Part-time SAC
Hours per week	40			15
Weeks per year	48			38
Age Range	1-2 yrs	2-3 yrs	3-6 yrs	4-15 yrs
Number of Child Places	1	1	0	5

* the 'premises' as set out in the Regulations is the childminder's home.



Treasa's Childminding Service

Name	Treasa's Childminding Service
Type	sole trader/lone operator
Contracts	NCS
Number of Registrations	2
Value of Contract	€2,160.00
PSP NCS	€56.25
Total DCEDIY Funding	€2,216.25

Parents Fees	
ELC	€14,880.00
SAC	€11,400.00
Total Parent's Fees	€26,280.00
Total Income	€28,496.25

Parents Fee Income remains the same in both years – 2 Assumptions:
 1 – Registration/Attendance levels remain static
 2 – Treasa is adhering to the Core Funding Requirement of a Fee Management System which in year 1 is a Fee Freeze

New Funding	
ELC	€12,347.52
SAC	€1,567.50
Core Funding	€13,915.02
NCS	€2,160.00*
Total DCEDIY	€16,075.02
Parents fees	€26,280.00
Total	€42,355.02

Increase €13,858.77

*The NCS new contract value is based on the assumption that registrations will remain the same as this programme year.



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Model Service Example
SAC AM & PM, Summer Camps –
Capacity 24
Current Registrations - 60 SAC Children

Core Funding – April 2022



Ciara's Service

- Ciara's Service provides a breakfast club, homework club and camps. Ciara is registered with Tusla as a School Age Childcare (SAC) service. Ciara caters for school going children aged 4 to 12 years.
- The Breakfast Club is open from 8 until 9 am.
- The Homework club is open from 2 until 6 in the afternoon.
- Ciara's operating hours are 5 hours per day, 5 days per week, a total of 25 hours for 38 weeks per year during term time
- Out of term, Ciara operates camps these run from 9am until 3pm, 6 hours per day, 5 days per week, a total of 30 hours for 10 weeks of the year.
- Ciara's Service is open 38 weeks per year during term time and 10 weeks out of term.
- Ciara's Service charges a fee of €75 per week during term time and €90 for the camps.
- Ciara's Service has capacity for 24 children but has 20 children enrolled.
- Ciara's Service has vacancies
- Although, Ciara has an ELC qualification a QQI Level 8, Ciara's Service is not eligible for the Lead Educator Graduate Premium nor Graduate Manager premium as it is solely a SAC service.
- Due to the removal of the NCS 'wrap-around' and the increase in the eligible age to 15 for the Universal subsidy, Ciara intends to join the national Childcare Scheme for the next programme year which will make her eligible to apply for Core Funding.

Ciara's Service			
LTD/Employer			
Type	SAC, Morning Club, Camps		
Number of Rooms	1		
	Room 1	Room 1 a	Room 1 b
Staff	2	2	2
ELC Graduate	n/a	n/a	n/a
ELC Manager	0	0	0
Sessions	SAC	SAC	SAC
Hours per week	5	20	30
Weeks per year	38	38	10
Age Range	SAC	SAC	SAC
Number of Child Places	24	24	24
Current Attendance	20	20	20



Ciara's Service

Contracts	ECCE	NCS
Number of Registrations	0	0
Value of Contract	€0.00	€0.00
Higher Cap	€0.00	
PSP	€0.00	€0.00
Total	€0.00	€0.00
Total DCEDIY	€0.00	
Parents Fees	SAC	€75,000
Total Parents Fees	€75,000.00	
Total Current Income	€75,000.00	

Core Funding	
Term time	€12,540.00
Camp	€3,960.00
Total Core Funding	€16,500.00
ECCE	€0.00
Total DCEDIY	€16,500.00
Parents fees	€75,000.00*
Total	€91,500.00

Increase

€16,500

*Parents Fee Income remains the same in both years – 2 Assumptions:

1 – Registration/Attendance levels remain static

2 – Ciara is adhering to the Core Funding Requirement of a Fee Management System which in year 1 is a Fee Freeze