



# **Barnardos**

## Early Years eNews

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Hi <<First Name>>

There have been a lot of updates in the past few weeks from DCEDIY and across the sector including progress reports on First 5, new nutrition standards for ELC, guidance for outdoor settings from Tusla and the opening of the childminding development grant, and we have details and links to all of these below. We also bring you details about the latest publications, training and the library from Barnardos.

As always, if you have any information queries that we can help you with please don't hesitate to contact us at [resources@barnardos.ie](mailto:resources@barnardos.ie). For regular updates [join us on Facebook](#).

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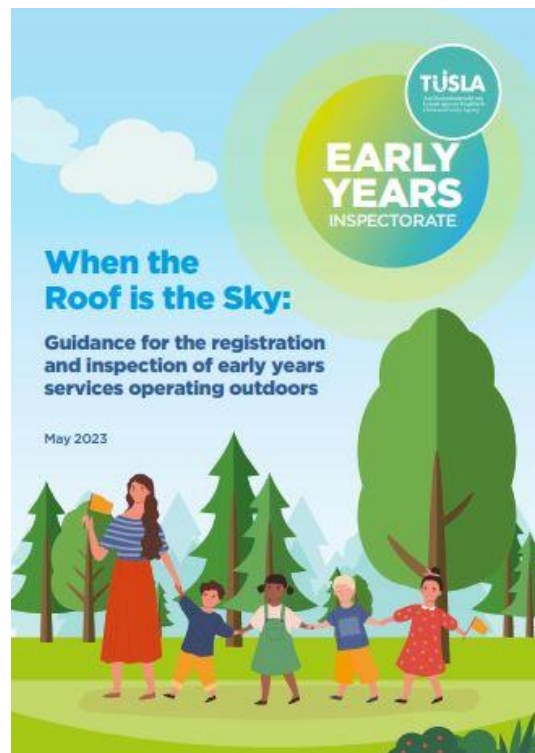
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### **Updates from Across the Sector**

- The Government has approved the drafting of the Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2023. The Bill, when enacted, will revise and update the Child Care Act 1991 including Part VIIA of the Act which covers the regulation of early years services. The General Scheme of the Child Care Act (Amendment) Bill 2023 is [available on the DCEDIY website](#).

- [Detailed progress reports](#) for *First 5, the whole-of-Government strategy for babies, young children and their families* have been published
- The Dept has launched new [Nutrition Standards for Early Learning and Care Services](#).
- Ministers O’Gorman and Humphreys launched [MyLittleLibrary2023](#), an initiative offering a free book bag with storybooks for children and supportive information for parents for all children starting school in September 2023.

- Tusla has published their [new guidance document for settings for the registration and inspection of early years services operating outdoors](#)
- Minister O’Gorman has announced the opening of the [2023 Childminding Development Grant](#)
- The [Let’s Get Ready webpage](#) has been updated for this year’s campaign with information which parents might find useful.



Supporting children's transitions from preschool to primary

**Save the Date!**

Speaker details & event schedule to follow

**Tuesday 29 August**

11AM - 4PM  
Dublin (Venue TBC)

Transitions =  $\begin{matrix} \text{Child at the centre} \\ + \\ \text{Parents as partners} \end{matrix}$

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## Updates from Barnardos

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**CHILDLinks**

**Men in Early Childhood Education and Care**

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The [latest issue of Barnardos journal ChildLinks on Men in ECEC](#) is now available free to download. In this issue, academics and educators from Ireland, the EU and Australia consider the issue of gender imbalance in the ECEC workforce, examine the challenges for men entering the profession, and explore how the issue is being addressed internationally, both to raise awareness and to employ practical strategies to recruit and retain more men into the sector.

[Issue 1 on Environmental Sustainability in Early Childhood Education and Care](#) is also still available.

## [Browse All Barnardos Publications](#)



We have been making room in our library space for new additions and the titles above are available for the taking. If you would like any of these books (zoom in to read titles), email us at [resources@barnardos.ie](mailto:resources@barnardos.ie) stating the title(s) you want and the address for postage, and we will post out to you (Ireland only). \*First come, first served\*

## [Find Out More About Barnardos Library](#)

We are running Child Protection and Designated Liaison Person training courses throughout the summer and have a three-day course for supervisors in September. Places are filling up fast so [book now to secure your spot.](#)

We can also tailor training to the needs of your service, [email us now](#) to discuss.

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We offer free elearning courses and webinars for professionals and students of early childhood care and education, and school age childcare on a range of topics include Learning Environments, Trauma Awareness, The Key Person Approach, The Rights of the Child and more.

[www.barnardos.ie/learning-development/training/elearning](http://www.barnardos.ie/learning-development/training/elearning)

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