



National Action Plan for Childminding 2021-2028

Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) would like to thank all childminders who submitted an expression of interest in the representation and consultation processes for the National Action Plan for Childminding (NAPC).

The NAPC commits to including childminders on its Steering Group and the Advisory Groups that have been or will be established to support the implementation of the Plan.

NAPC Steering Group

Two childminders were randomly selected from expressions of interest to represent the childminding sector on the NAPC Steering Group. The two representatives are:

1. Sinead Moran, Co. Meath
2. Becky Sullivan Lynch, Co. Kilkenny

The Steering Group had their first meeting in September and will meet again in December. The group will oversee the implementation of the National Action Plan for Childminding (2021-2028).

NAPC Training & Supports Advisory Group:

Three childminders were randomly selected from expressions of interest to represent the childminding sector on the NAPC Training & Supports Advisory Group. The three representatives are:

1. Gemma Robins
2. Nathalie Duffy Saive
3. TBC

The Advisory Group will advise the NAPC Steering Group on the development and delivery of training programmes for childminders, enhancement of support for childminders and the design and introduction of staffed local childminding networks. The group had their first meeting in November.



NAPC Stakeholder Engagement, Communication and Consultation Advisory Group:

Three childminders were randomly selected from expressions of interest to represent the childminding sector on the NAPC Stakeholder Engagement, Communication and Consultation Advisory Group. The three representatives are:

1. Thamzen Byrne
2. Maura Noonan
3. Tara Collins

The Advisory Group will advise the NAPC Steering Group on stakeholder engagement, consultation and communication matters for the NAPC. The group had their first meeting in November.

Over the coming months there will be other opportunities for childminders to engage in the consultation processes of the National Action Plan through the establishment of the **Regulation and Inspection Advisory Groups & Funding and Financial Supports Advisory Groups** and local Focus Groups.

Childminders will continue be up-dated as the National Action Plan for Childminding representation and consultation process develops.

Kind Regards,

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