Due to the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, Always Children First Foundation level training continues to be on hold. This second interim training plan will cover the period July – December 2021. Should face to face training resume for early years services during this period, this plan will continue to be implemented to supplement the delivery of Always Children First Foundation level training programme to ensure that we can provide comprehensive supports to services. This plan is constantly under review and is subject to change. Trainer’s organisations will be consulted in relation to any changes through their Rep on the National Child Safeguarding Programme Committee.

Organisations are asked to support services and practitioners by signposting the following resources:

* Encourage staff in all services who haven’t completed the Tusla eLearning Programme in the last 3 years to do so <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-e-learning-programme/>
* Encourage staff in all services to access the Children First Revision Webinar <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/early-learning-care-services/>
* Encourage staff in all services to access additional webinars on the National Child Safeguarding Programme website <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/early-learning-care-services>
* Encourage staff in all services to review and refresh their knowledge by accessing Info Blasts on various topics <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/category/english/>
* Encourage staff within ELC and SAC services to refresh their knowledge of their own organisation’s Child Safeguarding Policy
* Encourage services to review and update their own Child Safeguarding documentation using the resources available at <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/resources-publications/> and on Tusla’s website <https://www.tusla.ie/services/child-protection-welfare/> ; [https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Tusla\_-\_Child\_Safeguarding\_-\_A\_Guide\_for\_Policy,\_Procedure\_and\_Practice.pdf](https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Tusla_-_Child_Safeguarding_-_A_Guide_for_Policy%2C_Procedure_and_Practice.pdf)

We would ask that organisations share these resources with services using their usual forms of communication including social media. The National Child Safeguarding Programme are on twitter @safeguardingelc and we will share and retweet resources and supports as appropriate.

The table below outlines the supports that The National Child Safeguarding Programme will offer to both ELC and SAC services over the coming months. We are always happy to have trainers get in touch with topics that they feel may benefit from an Info Blast or webinar, so please feel free to get in touch if you have any ideas and we will offer support in whatever way we can.

As always, you can contact The National Child Safeguarding Programme Coordinator with any queries you may have.

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| **Date**  | **Training for ELC/SAC Services**  | **CPD/Training for NCSP Trainers** |
| **July 2021** | * Refresher of online resources available on [www.childsafeguardingelc.ie](http://www.childsafeguardingelc.ie)
* Organisations will be asked to signpost to these throughout July

**Info Blasts** To continue on topics led by sector. Input welcome from trainers **Website/Twitter Updates**To continue to develop and signpost to relevant publications and resource documents  | * CSSCU Pilot Project – first round outcome to be released to participants and CCCs
* Trainer consultation sessions on ‘Recording Concerns Form’. Small group sessions to obtain feedback and allow trainers to become familiar with the form before it is shared with services
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| **August 2021** | Remainder of Online Briefing Sessions to be delivered* The Roles and Responsibilities of mandated persons
* The roles and responsibilities of DLP/DDLP

**Info Blasts** To continue on topics led by sector. Input welcome from trainers **Website/Twitter Updates**To continue to develop and signpost to relevant publications and resource documents | * CSSCU Pilot Project – second round of trainer training
* Trainer consultation sessions on Resource Doc. Small group sessions to obtain feedback and allow trainers to become familiar with the document before it is shared with services and put on line
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| **September 2021** | Online Briefing Sessions * The Roles and Responsibilities of mandated persons
* The roles and responsibilities of DLP/DDLP

**Info Blasts** To continue on topics led by sector. Input welcome from trainers **Website/Twitter Updates**To continue to develop and signpost to relevant publications and resource documents | * Launch of Resource Doc
* CSSCU Pilot Project to continue
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| **October 2021** | **Info Blasts** To continue on topics led by sector. Input welcome from trainers **Website/Twitter Updates**To continue to develop and signpost to relevant publications and resource documents | * Subject to public health advice – trainer CPD/Refresher day to support trainers to recommence face to face training
* Expansion of CSSCU Pilot Project to additional trainers
* Focus groups for workshops for Developing a CSS in ELC and SAC
* Small trainer group meetings on specific topics
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| **November 2021** | **Info Blasts** To continue on topics led by sector. Input welcome from trainers **Website/Twitter Updates**To continue to develop and signpost to relevant publications and resource documents | * Focus groups for workshops for Developing a CSS in ELC and SAC
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| **December 2021** | **Info Blasts** To continue on topics led by sector. Input welcome from trainers **Website/Twitter Updates**To continue to develop and signpost to relevant publications and resource documents | * Expansion of CSSCU Pilot Project to additional trainers
* Pilot T4T on workshops for Developing a CSS in ELC and SAC
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As outlined above, this is an interim training plan. One public health advice allows, the National Child Safeguarding Programme intends to resume face to face training for ELC and SAC services. The finer details of this training will be discussed with training organisations prior to rollout and we will support trainers to return to training at this time.