How To Create an Online Parent Statement

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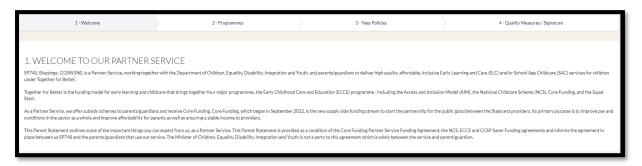
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What is the difference between a Partner Service and Approved Provider?

✓ Partner Service: If the service provider has an application for Core Funding, that is at submitted/approved/contracted/under appraisal or referred-back status within the date range of 1stMay 2024 – 31st August 2025 then they are considered a partner service.

Please ensure to review the Welcome page of the Parent Statement to ensure you have the following text if you are a Partner Service before proceeding.



✓ **Approved Provider:** If the service provider has no active Core Funding (CF) application or has a CF application, that is at Draft/Declined/New/System Cancelled or Withdrawn and has an active contract under another scheme i.e. NCS/ECCE/CCSP within the date range of 1st May 24 – 31st August 2025 then they are considered an approved provider.

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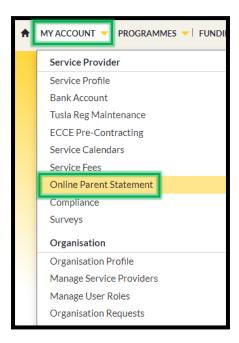






Section 1: Where to find the online parent statement.

Go to the "My Account" tab at the top left-hand side of the page and select "Online Parent Statement".

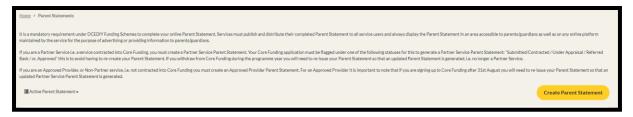


Section 2: Creating an online parent statement.

Please Note: the demonstration below has been selected from a Partner Service and is contracted to Core Funding. This data is selected for training and demonstration purposes only – actual data may vary.

Select the yellow button which states.

Create Parent Statement



Section 3: 1 - Welcome



From the "About Us" Section, you are required to enter the "Start" and "Finish" time of the service, Use the clock icons on the right-hand side to select these times.





Tick the boxes of the relevant services offered to children and their families.



Select the **Next** button to continue to the step 2.



Section 4: 2 – Programmes

Tick the boxes of the relevant childcare your service provides.



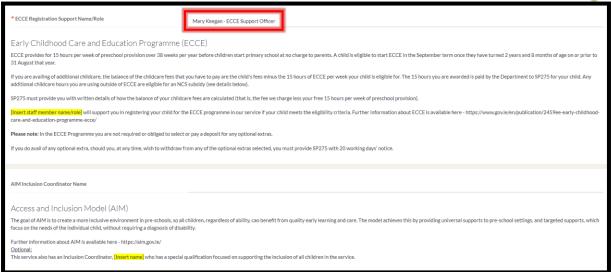
Once The boxes have been ticked, you will then be required to input the Name/Role of the Support Officer in place.

The Support Officer being the Employee in the service who will assist with a specific programme.

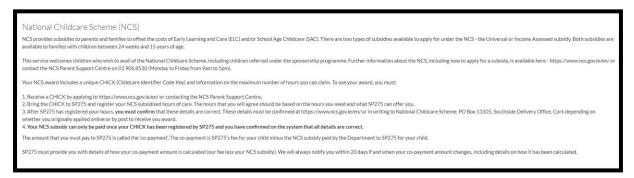
You Must input the Support Name/Role For each of the programmes selected. As you can see from the demonstration below AIM is not a mandatory field and is an optional field as some services may not provide AIM support.







If NCS was selected as one of the Programmes provided, there is no requirement for an NCS Support Name/Role

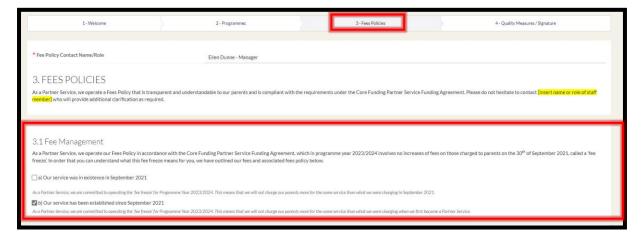


Once all the relevant fields have been entered, you can then select Next to continue to step 3.

Section 5: 3 - Fee Policies

Please enter the Support Name/Role for the Fees Policies

In the Fee Management Section, please select the tick box of the relevant statement.







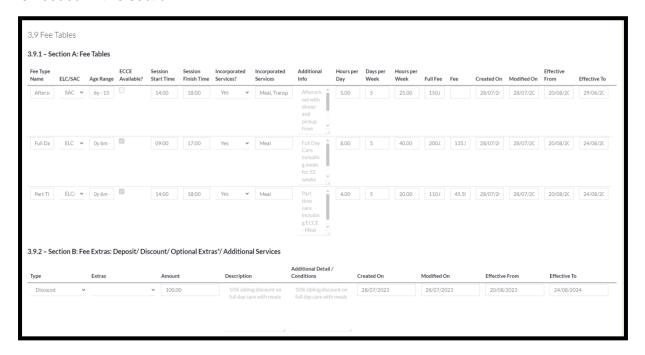
The Policies are listed, and no further action is needed in these sections.



Select the dropdown to select one of the following statements from the "Fee Policy"



The Fee Table with Fee Options and the Fee Extras is then displayed, and no further action is needed in this section.







You are then given the option to add any additional information – this is not a mandatory field.

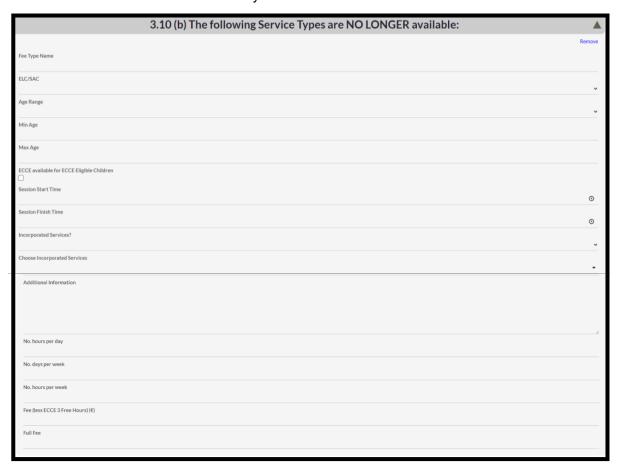


If there has been a change to the Fees Policy since September 30th 2021, you will then have the option to add any new services that are available – This Field is not Mandatory*





You will also have the option to enter remove any services which are No Longer Available – This Field is not Mandatory.



*The above fields can be removed by selecting remove on the right-hand side

You can also add additional lines by selecting the Grey "Add Line" button.



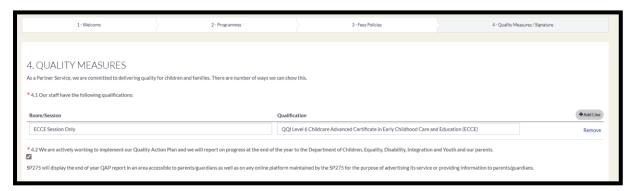


Once this has been completed, you then select **Next** to continue to the final step.



Section 6: 4 - Quality Measures/Signature

For the Quality Measures, you are required to enter the Rooms/Sessions and the Qualifications of the staff.



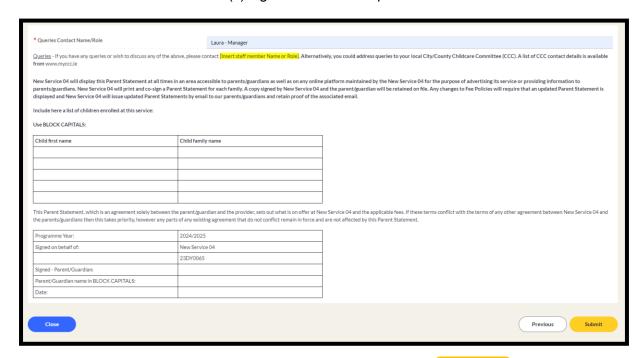
You will have the option to "Remove/Add Line" to reflect the "Rooms/Sessions" and the "Qualifications" of the staff.





You are then required to enter the Support Name/Role for the Queries Contact

At the bottom of the page, The Signature box is present for the Parent/Guardian and the Service to enter the child's name(s) sign and date once printed/emailed.



Once all the correct information has been entered, you can then **Submit** the Parent Statement



Section 7: Copying a Parent Statement

To copy your parent statement from the previous Programme Call, please select 'Copy Parent Statement' and then select 'Yes' to confirm.







You will then need to select the dropdown on your draft parent statement and select Edit.



You will then need to review steps 1 - 4 (1. Welcome / 2. Programmes / 3. Fees Policies / 4. Quality Measures/Signature) as the information from the Parent Statement from the previous Programme Call has migrated over. Please make any necessary amendments if applicable.

please see steps listed above in Sections 3 – 6 for the process.

Once all the details have been entered you can submit your Parent Statement.



Section 8: How to View/Print the Parent Statement

Navigate to the "Online Parent Statement" through the "My Account" section.

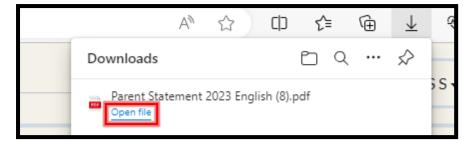
Select the "Parent Statement ID"



You will then have the option to "Print Parent Statement" (English) and "Print Parent Statement Irish"



Once you have selected your print option, a download will appear at the top of your browser. From here you can view and Print the Parent Statement – Select Open File







Example of Parent Statement view:

Parent Statement for Partner Services

1. Welcome to our Partner Service

SP275, 16 Pearse SquareGreenpark RoadBray A98W662, is a Partner Service, working together with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, and parents to deliver high quality, affordable, inclusive Early Learning and Care (ELC) and/or School Age Childcare (SAC) services for children under Together for Better.

Together for Better is the new funding model for early learning and childcare that brings together three major programmes, the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme - including the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM), the National Childcare Scheme (NCS) and Core Funding, with a fourth programme under development - the Equal Participation Model.

As a Partner Service, we offer subsidy schemes to parents and receive Core Funding. This Parent Statement outlines some of the important things you can expect from us, as a Partner Service. This Parent Statement is provided as a condition of the Core Funding Partner Service Funding Agreement, the NCS, ECCE and CCSP Seaver Funding agreements and informs the agreement in place between us (input service name) and the parents/guardians that use our service. The Minister of Children, Equality, Disability Integration and Youth is not a party to this agreement which is solely between the service and parent/guardian.

A typical week for us is 09:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday for 40 weeks per year.

⊠	Sessional Care for Early Learning & Care (ELC) excluding ECCE provision	
⊠	Sessional pre-school under ECCE (Free Pre-school)	
	Full day care/part time care for Early Learning & Care (ELC)	
⊠	Term time School Age Childcare	
⊠	Out of term School Age Childcare	

[Choose all that apply]

Early Childhood Care and Education Programme (ECCE), Access and Inclus Model (AIM), National Childcare Scheme (NCS) and Community Childcare Subvention Plus (CCSP) Saver Programme.

ı	⊠	National Childcare Scheme (NCS)
ı	×	Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme
		Community Childcare Subvention Plus (CCSP) Saver Programme

Early Childhood Care and Education Progra

ECCE provides for 15 hours per week of preschool provision over 38 weeks per year before children start primary school at no charge to parents. A child is eligible to start ECCE in the

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September term once they have turned 2 years and 8 months of age on or prior to 31 August that

. If you are availing of additional childcare, the balance of the childcare fees that you have to pay are the child's fees minus the 15 hours of ECCE per week, your child is eligible for. The 15 hours you are awarded to be a possible for a possible fee for pour child. Any additional childcare hours you are using outside of ECCE are eligible for an NCS subsidy (see details below).

SP275 must provide you with written details of how the balance of your childcare fees are calculated (that is, the fee we charge less your free 15 hours per week of preschool provision).

Many Keegan - ECCE Support Officer will support you in registering your child for the ECCE programme in our service if your child meets the eligibility criteria. Further information about ECCE is available here - https://www.opi.elipiolipiolical.or/259ee-abit-ychildhood-care-and-education-programme_acces/

Please note: In the ECCE Programme you are not required or obliged to select or pay a deposit for any

If you do avail of any optional extra, should you, at any time, wish to withdraw from any of the optional extras selected, you must provide SP275 with 20 working days' notice.

The goal of All kills to create a more inclusive environment in pre-schools, so all children, regardless of ability, can benefit from quality early learning and care. The model achieves this by providing universal supports to pre-school settings, and targeted supports, which focus on the needs of the individual child, without requiring a diagnosis of disability. Further information about AlM is swalatieb here - https://mim.gov.le/

vice also has an Inclusion Coordinator. who has a special qualification focused on supporting the

NCS provides subsidies to parents and families to offset the costs of Early Learning and Care (ELC) and/or School Age Childcare (SAC). There are two types of subsidies available to apply for under the NCS - the Universal or Income Assessed subsidy. Both subsidies are available to families with children between 24 weeks and 15 years of age.

This service welcomes children who wish to avail of the National Childcare Scheme, including children referred under the sponsorship programme. Further information about the NCS, including how to apply for a subsidy, its available here - https://www.ncs.gov/elen/ or contact the NCS Parent Support Centre on 01 906 8530 (Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm).

- 1) Receive a CHICK by applying to https://www.ncs.gov.ie/en/ or contacting the NCS Parent Support
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- Your NCS subsidy can only be paid once your CHICK has been registered by SP275 and you have confirmed on the system that all details are correct.

The amount that you must pay to SP275 is called the 'co-payment'. The co-payment is SP275's fee for your child minus the NCS subsidy paid by the Department to SP275 for your child.

The CCSP Saver Programme is available to eligible children up to the age of 15 years, for low income families who had eligible children registered prior to the CCSP Saver Programme's closure in November 2018. This programme is no longer available to new applicants.

The CCSP Saver Programme funds providers to charge reduced childcare costs to eligible parent siguardians based on bands of subvention awarded. The CCSP Saver Programme can run for up to 52 weeks of the programme year.

The balance of childcare fees that you have to pay are the child's fees minus the subsidy you are eligible for. The subsidy you are awarded is paid by the Department to SP275 for your child.

SP275 must provide you with written details of how the balance of your childcare fees are calculated (our fee less your CCSP Saver Programme subsidy).

will assist you in registering your child for the CCSP Saver Programme in our service if you and your child meet the eligibility criteria. Further information about the CCSP Saver Programme is available here (CCSP Saver Programme Rules).

Calendam
SP276 will provide you with a separate letter indicating the days our service is closed over the programme of the fill provide you with a minimum of 20 working days written notice period of our intention to chance this.

3. Fees Policies

As an Approved Provider, we operate a Fees Policy that is transparent and understandable to our parents. Please do not hesitate to contact Ellen Dunne - Manager who will provide additional clarification as required.

a) Our service was in existence in September 2021 П As a Partner Service, we are committed to operating the 'fee freeze' for Programme Year 2023/2024. This means that we will not charge our parents more for the same service than what we were charging in September 2021. b) Our service has been established since September 2021 As a Partner Service, we are committed to operating the "fee freeze" for Programme Year 2023/2024. This means that we will not charge our parents more for the same service than what we were charging when we first became a Partner Service. 3.2 Donations - We will not request or accept any donations, voluntary or otherwise from parents/guardians, in respect of the ELC/SAC services being provided.

3.3 Deposits - We will not charge any non-refundable deposits to parents/guardians in the respect of their ELC/SAC service where the parent/guardian takes up the service for which the deposit was paid.

3.6 Optional Extras – The term 'Optional Extra' is only applicable to any extra services or activities we offer under the ECCE/CSP Saver Programmes which are not funded by the Programmes but which are voluntary with optional charges to you. These optional extras are very limited in nature and there is a copy of the DCEDIY-approved optional extras list available in Appendix 1 of the ECCE programme rules, which are also available on the Early Years Hive.

3.6 Additional Service - Is when something additional to a service type/fee option is offered to parents/guardians. Take up of the additional service must be entirely optional to parents/guardians. For example a service provider may offer school collection services in addition to ther SAC Service Types, or service providing ECCE only may offer 2 weeks of camp during Easter, these would be entirely optional to parents and charged for additionally.

3.7 Fee Review Process - Core Funding is a payment to Partner Services designed to support quality sustainability, and enhanced public management, with associated conditions in relation to fee control and cost transparency, incorporating funding for administration and to support the employment of graduate staff

Partner Services must uphold their contractual obligations regarding their fees charged to parents/guardians as laid out in the Core Funding Partner Service Funding Agreement.

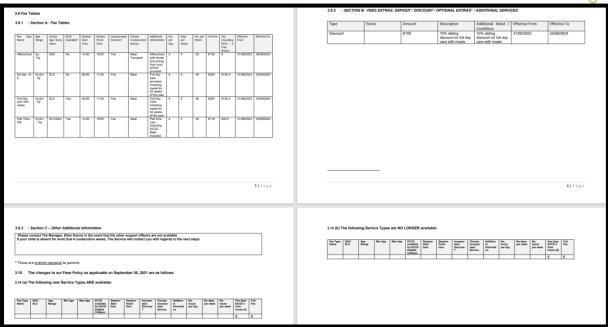
A parent/guardian who has identified a change to a Partner Service's fee policy potentially breaching the Core Funding Partner Service Funding Agreement, may address the issue in the first instance) the Partner Service Sompliatins policy, in certain cases, this step may allow for the quick resolution of the case between the Service and the perent/guardian without engagement with the CCC, both of the partner Service and the perent/guardian without engagement with the CCC, both of the partner Service and the perent/guardian without engagement with the CCC, which is compared to the service and the service service service service and the service serv

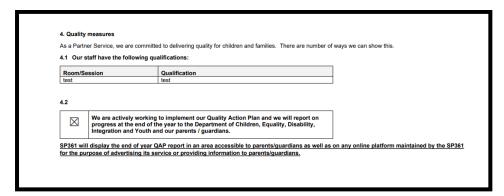
SP275 will display this Parent Statement at all times in an area accessible to parents/guardians as well as on any online platform maintained by the SP275 for the purpose of advertising its service or providing information to parents/guardians, SP275 will print and co-sign a Parent Statement for each family. A copy signed by finsert service name) and the parent/guardian will be retained on file. Any changes to Fee Policies will require that an updated Parent Statement is displayed and SP275 will be parents/guardians and retain proof of the associated main.

The fee policy we are going to implement has changed since this service became a partner service







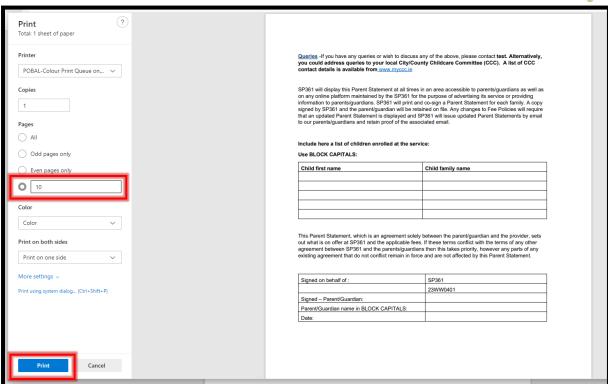


Only the last page needs to be printed for the parents to sign and return to the service.

You can choose to print only the last page by selecting the print button on your browser and entering only the last page (page 10)







Once this has been printed/mailed to the parents returned with a signature, a record must be kept on file.



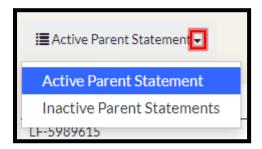


Section 9: How to View Parent Statement History

- 1. Navigate to the "Online Parent Statement" through the "My Account" section.
- 2. Select the name of the Parent Statement to view the Historical Parent Statements



3. In the "Parent Statement" view, select the drop-down arrow and select "Inactive Parent Statements"



4. You can then select the name of the Inactive Parent Statement

