# How to Create a Core Funding Application 2025/2026

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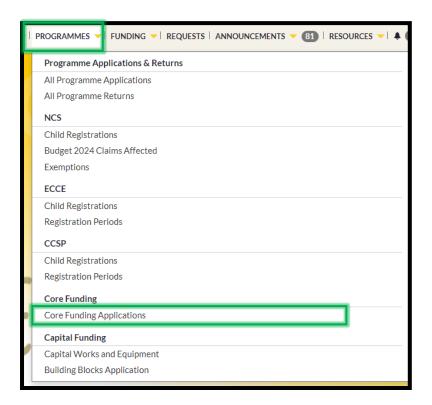
# Section 1: Where to find your Core Funding Application 2025/26

There are two ways to access the "Core Funding Application Module

1. Once you submit your Service Profile, a message is generated which will allow you to begin your Core Funding Application Module.



2. Navigate to the "Programmes" tab and select "Core Funding Applications"







# **Section 2: Creating Core Funding Application 2025/26**

1. On the right-hand side of the page, click on

**Start New Application** 

Please note you may be blocked from completing your Core Funding Application Module for the Programme year 2025/2026. Please complete any retrospective Update Due Date on your most recent approved Core Funding Application Module or action your Review and Confirm on your most recent approved Core Funding Application Module 2024/2025.



2. Use the yellow drop-down arrow (>>) to select The **Programme Call** 



Partner Services with an 'Approved' May Core Funding Review and Confirm will have the option to auto-populate their Core Funding Application Module for 2025/2026 using the information from the most recently approved Core Funding 2024/2025 Application.

When choosing the next Core Funding Application Module Programme call, a new field will appear asking you if you would like to use the data from the previous Core Funding Application Module. Select yes to use the previous data.







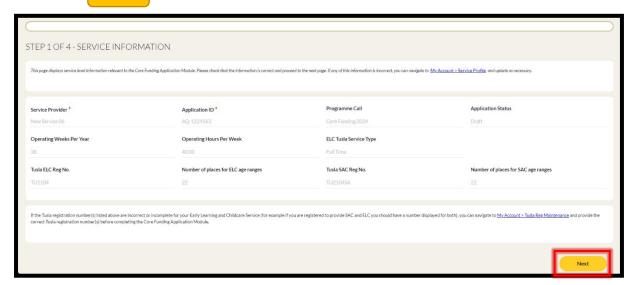
Once you have selected the Programme Call and indicated if you would like to use the previous data select

Next

# Section 3: Step 1 of 4: Service Information

This **page** displays service level information, relevant to the Core Funding Application. Partner Services are required to check that the information is correct prior to proceeding to the next step. If any of this information is incorrect, you can navigate to **My Account > Service Profile** and update, as necessary.

1. Once you have reviewed the information and made any necessary changes you will select Next



# Section 4: Step 2 of 4: Rooms

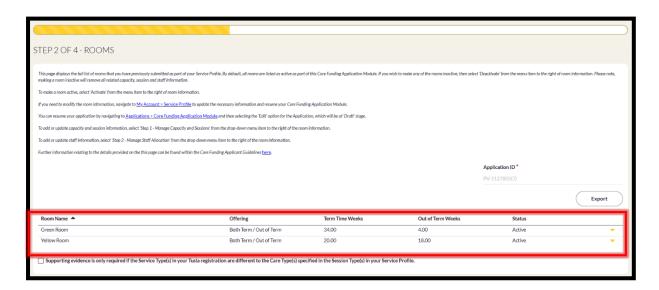
All active rooms listed in the Service Profile will be displayed for you to enter the Capacity/Sessions and the Staff Member(s) to each room.

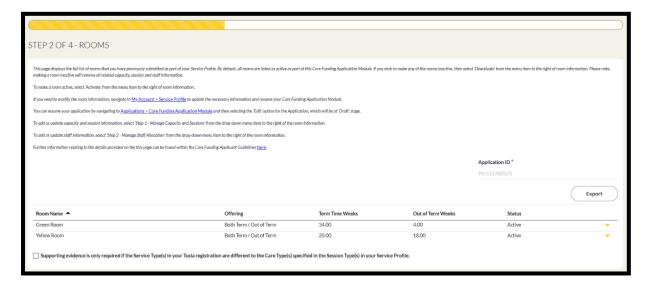




If you have used the auto-populate function, please review the information on this page and make any necessary changes that have taken place within your service.

Please Note: If a room in your service is not listed in your application, you must return to the Service Profile to add the room.





**Section 5: Manage Capacity and Sessions** 

You will be required to assign sessions and capacity to each active room.

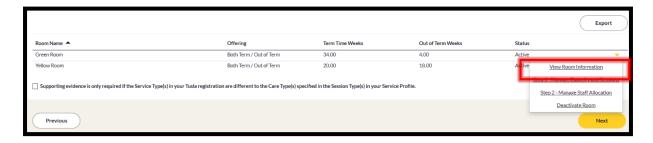
You will also need to ensure the session offering is in line with the room offering. E.g. an out of term only session cannot be assigned to a term time only room.



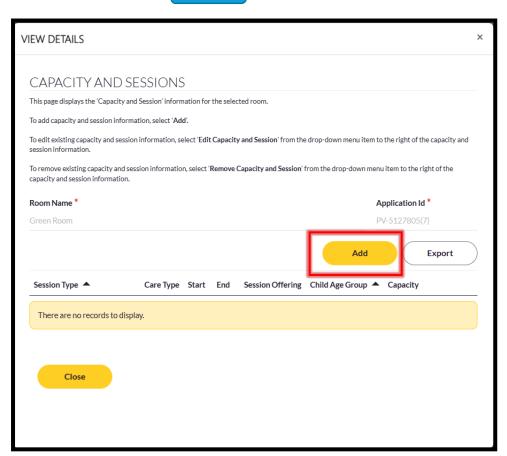


If you have used the auto-populate function, please review the information on this page and make any necessary changes that have taken place within your service.

 Select the yellow dropdown for the active room and select "Step 1: Manage Capacity and Sessions"



2. You will then select Add to add the details of the Sessions and Capacity



You will then select the **search icon** to select the session from the sessions listed in your service profile.



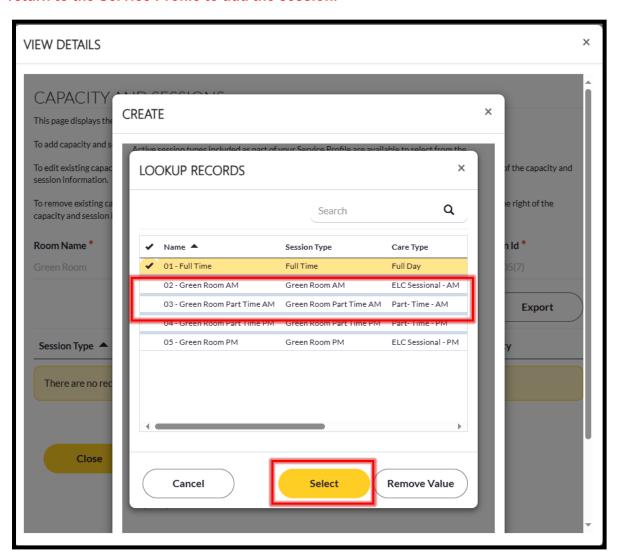




4. You will then need to tick the selected session to highlight it in yellow and then click

Select

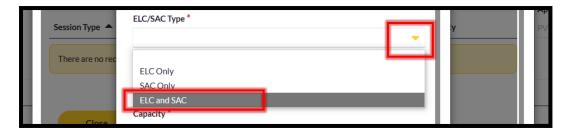
Please Note: If a session in your service is not listed in your application, you must return to the Service Profile to add the session.



5. You will then be required to select the yellow dropdown to choose the ELC/SAC Type for this session.







Once you have added the ELC/SAC care type, you will then be required to enter the Child Age Group, by selecting the yellow dropdown and selecting the age group applicable.

Please Note: The **Child Age Group** dropdown provides options based on the **ELC/SAC Type** previously selected.



7. You can then type in the text box the **Capacity** for that Age Group



8. Once all details of the session and capacity have been entered, you can then submit the details by selecting **Submit** 



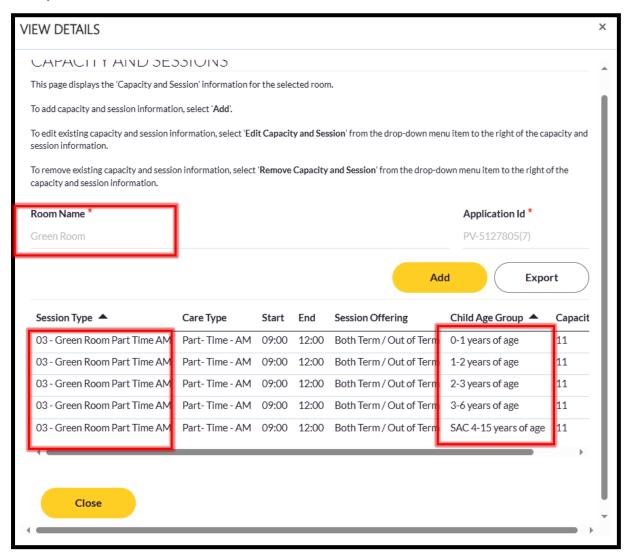
Please Note: You must repeat the above process for all the **Session Types** and **Child Age Groups** in that room. Please enter the maximum capacity for each Child Age Range across all Room/Session type(s).





#### Please see below for examples:

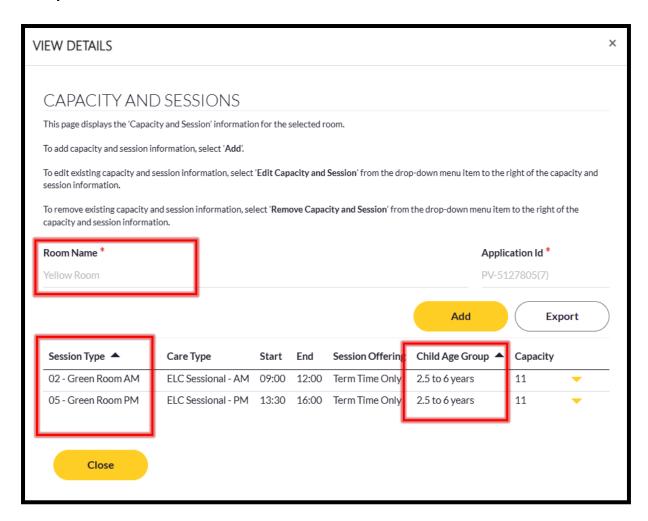
### Example 1:







#### Example 2:



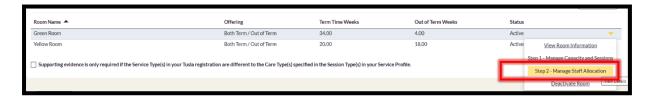
# **Section 6: Manage Staff Allocations**

- The system will be able to calculate how many staff are required per room, based on sessions assigned and age ranges/capacity within the room and you are required to have the correct number of staff assigned to the room, based on the sessions and age ranges allocated to the room.
- Staff members cannot be allocated to two different rooms at the same time.
- You will also need to ensure the session offering is in line with the room offering. E.g. an out of term only session cannot be assigned to a term time only room.



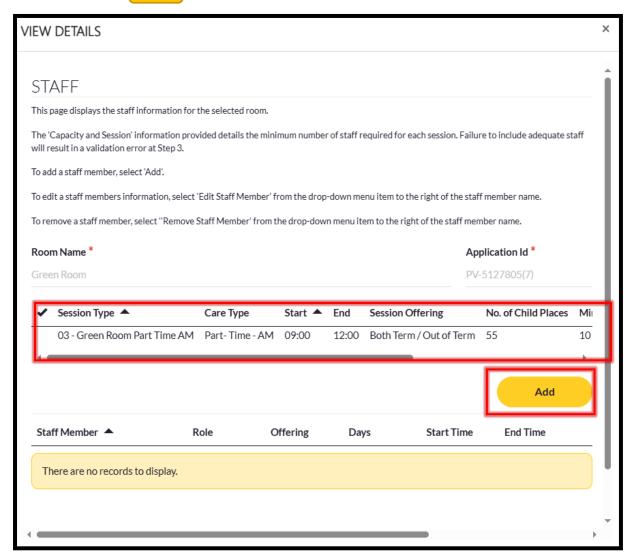


Select the yellow dropdown of the active room you wish to assign the staff and select
 Step 2 – Manage Staff Allocation



The system has calculated the number of staff required in the room based on the sessions and capacity entered in the previous step. E.g. the room below requires at least one staff member to be allocated for the period 09:00-10:00 and at least one staff member to be allocation for the period 12:30-15:30

2. Select the **Add** button to add your staff to sessions.



3. You will then select the **search icon** to select the staff member you wish to allocate to the room.

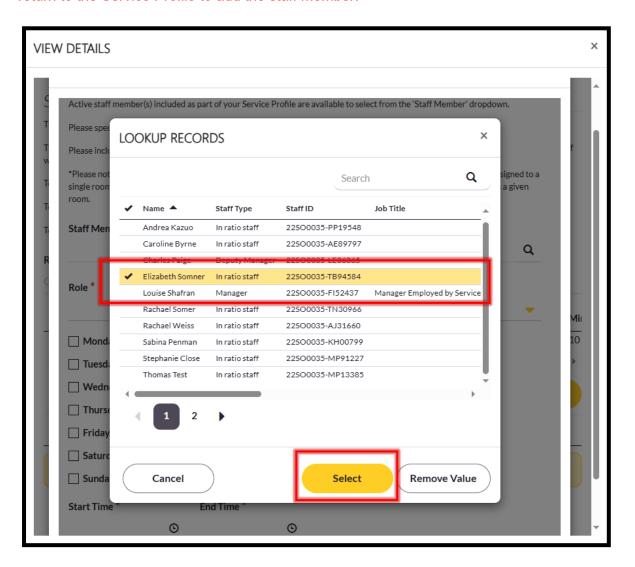






 You will then need to tick the selected staff member to highlight it in yellow and then click Select

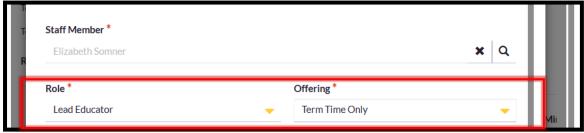
Please Note: If a staff member in your service is not listed in your application, you must return to the Service Profile to add the staff member.



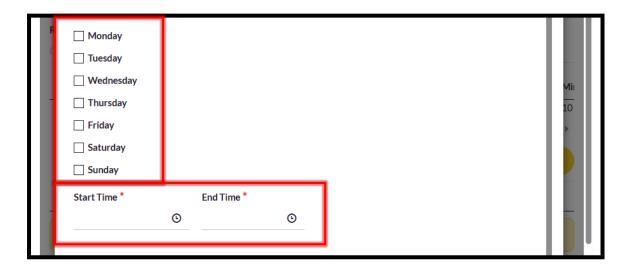
You will then need to select the yellow dropdown to select the Role of the staff member and the Offering applicable







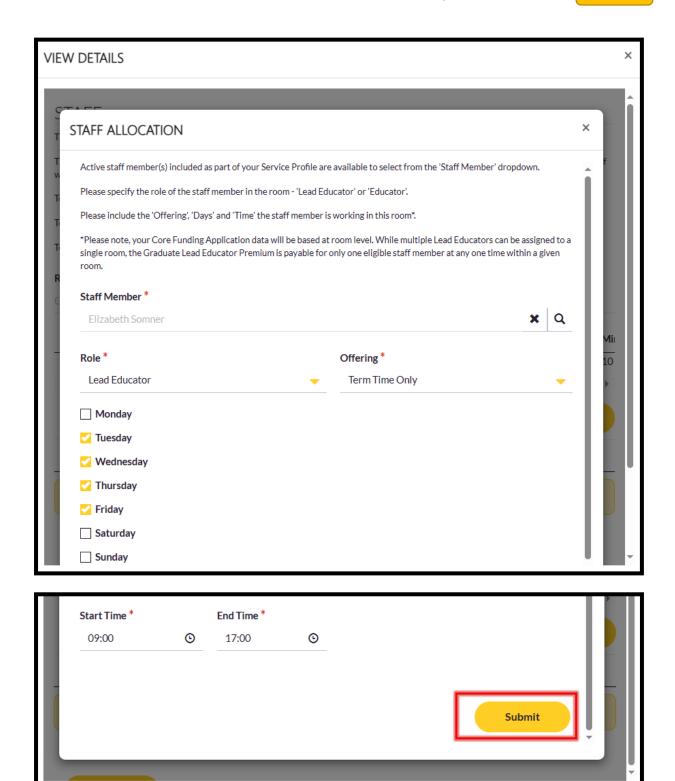
- 6. You will then need to tick the days that this Staff member is working in the room
- 7. You will also need to select the **clock icon** to enter the **Start Time** and **End Time** for this staff member





8. Once the details of the staff allocation have been added, you can then select

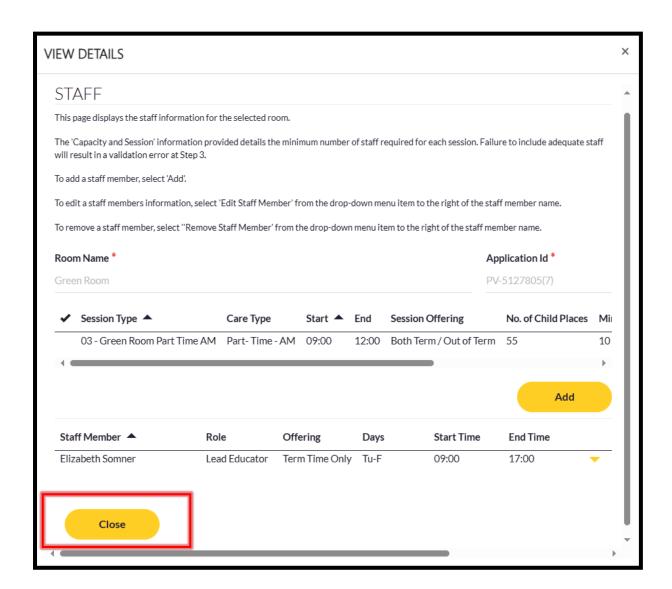
Submit







9. Once All staff have been allocated correctly, you can select **Close** to save the details of the staff allocated.



# **Section 7: Attach Supporting Evidence.**

Supporting evidence is only required if the Service Type(s) in your Tusla registration are different to the Care Type(s) specified in the Session Type(s) in your Service Profile.

1. To attach Supporting Evidence, please select the tick box where you will be prompted to Attach Evidence







Once you have attached the supporting evidence or there is no supporting evidence to be attached, you can then select Next to proceed with the application.



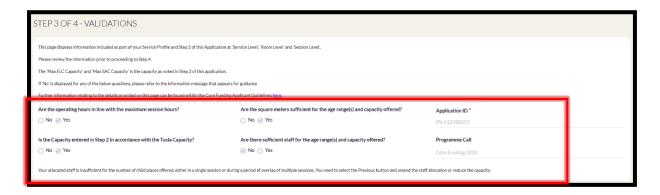
## Section 8: Step 3 of 4: Validations (no Validation Messages)

This page displays information included as part of your Service Profile and Step 2 of this Application at 'Service Level', 'Room Level' and 'Session Level'.

Please review the information prior to proceeding to Step 4.

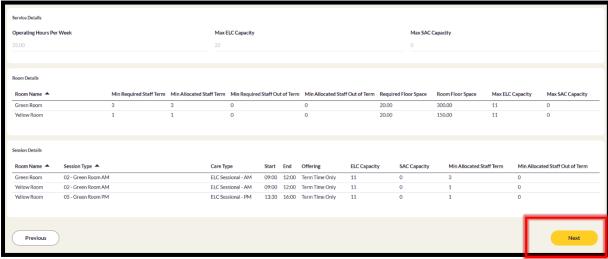
The 'Max ELC Capacity' and 'Max SAC Capacity' is the capacity as noted in Step 2 of this application.

1. If 'Yes' is displayed for all of the below questions, you are then required to review all of the details to assure they are correct and select Next to continue to step 4 of 4: Summary









Section 9: Step 3 of 4: Validations (with Validation Messages)

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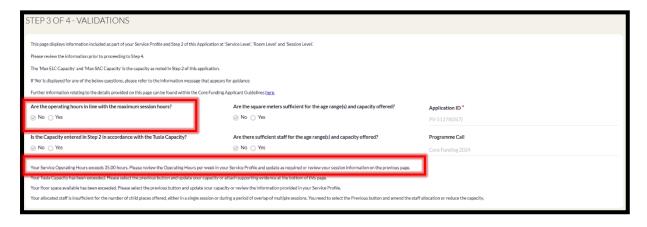
Please review the information prior to proceeding to Step 4.

The 'Max ELC Capacity' and 'Max SAC Capacity' is the capacity as noted in Step 2 of this application.

- 1. If 'No' is displayed for any of the below questions, please refer to the information message that appears for guidance.
- 2. Further information relating to the details provided on this page can be found within the Core Funding Applicant Guidelines 2025/2026 Core Funding Applicant Guidelines

Please see below screenshots of Validation Messages and ways to rectify.

### Validation 1: Are the operating hours in line with the maximum session hours? (No)



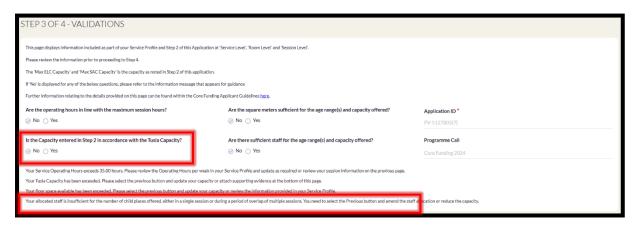




The operating hours validation will be triggered when the Operating Hours Per Week (as noted in the Service Profile) exceeds the maximum weekly hours of the session(s) assigned to a room(s) at step 2 of the application.

- 1. You can resolve this validation by either reviewing the operating hours per week, noted in the Service Profile.
- 2. Or, if the operating hours per week are correct, review the session start and end times as part of Step 2 of the application.

# Validation 2: Is the Capacity entered in Step 2 in accordance with the Tusla Capacity? (No)



The Tusla Capacity validation is triggered when the capacity entered as part of Step 2 of the application, exceeds the Tusla Registration Capacity noted on step 1 of the application.

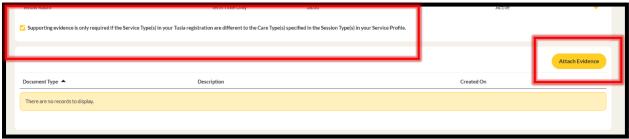
 To identify which Tusla Registration capacity has been exceeded, please review the Max ELC and Max SAC fields. The exceeded capacity value(s) will be highlighted in red.



- If a discrepancy exists regarding the Tusla Registration Capacity, you will be required to attach supporting evidence at the bottom of the page. You are only required to attach evidence if there is a discrepancy in their Tusla registration data.
- 3. To attach Supporting Evidence, please select the tick box where you will be prompted to Attach Evidence

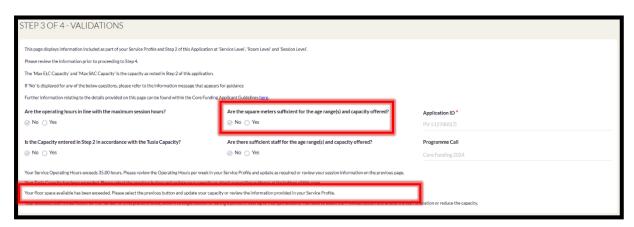






4. If no discrepancy exists in the Tusla Registration Capacity, Partner Services will need to review the 'Capacity and Sessions' section on step 2 of the application, to ensure they have correctly entered the capacity of a session(s).

# **Validation 3**: Are the square meters sufficient for the age range(s) and capacity offered? (No)



The Room Floor Space validation is based on the capacity entered in Step 2, therefore is triggered when the available floor space included for a room(s) in the Service Profile has been exceeded.

1. To identify the room where the floor space has been exceeded, review the active rooms. Where the floor space has been exceeded, this will be highlighted in red.

Required Floor Space	Room Floor Space	Max ELC Capacity	Max SAC Capacity
75.75	1,000.00	25	5
10.91	10.00	6	0

- 2. Under 'Rooms' on the Service Profile, you can review the square meters of a room to ensure the information is correct.
- 3. If the square meters entered for each room is correct, you should then review the capacity entered for a room(s) on step 2 of the application.





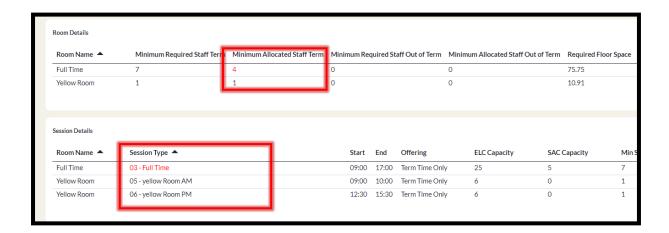
# **Validation 4**: Are there sufficient staff for the age range(s) and capacity offered? (No)



The Staff to Child ratio validation triggers when the number of allocated staff is insufficient for the number of child places offered, either in a single session or during a period of overlap of multiple sessions.

 To identify which room(s) and session(s) has insufficient staff, Partner Services should review the room details as part of Step 3 of the application. The minimum required and allocated staff, both for term and out of term offerings should be reviewed. The incorrect value will be highlighted in red.

The session(s) will also be highlighted in red, to flag which session(s) additional staff members need to be added to. In the case of overlapping sessions, both sessions will be highlighted in red.



2. You can review the 'Staff Allocation' on Step 2 for each session, to ensure the correct Start and End Times and the correct days per week have been selected.

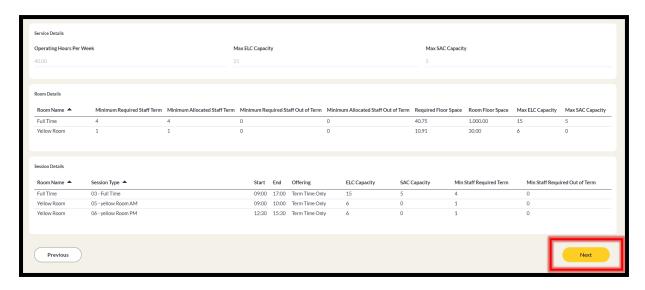




- Overlapping sessions should also be reviewed to ensure that the correct number of staff have been allocated, if there is an increase in capacity requiring an increase in staff ratio, during the period of overlap.
- Once all Validations have been rectified, you are then required to review all of the details to assure they are correct and select Summary

  Next
  to continue to step 4 of 4:









# Section 10: Step 4 of 4: Summary

1. Please review the summary page before submitting your application.

The summary page details key information on your Core Funding grant values. The calculations displayed reflect the full Core Funding Programme Year (1 September - 31 August). The 'Weekly Grant' value is the 'Annual Grant' value divided by 52 weeks.

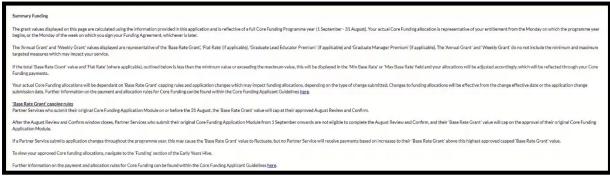
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programme year will be allocated that appropriate number of weekly payments.  The Summary-Room section shows a summary for each room. The 'View Details' from the drop down menu item to the right for each room provides further information on the capacity, session, staff and grant values for each room.  Further information relating to the details provided on the summary page can be found within the <u>Core Funding Applicant Guidelines.</u>

Service Details			
Service Provider * SP113		Programme Call Core Funding 2024	Application ID * PV-5127805(6)
Operating Hours Per Week	Operating Weeks per Year	Max ELC Capacity	Max SAC Capacity
Service Manager Shafran Louise			Date Calculated 14/05/2025 09:44
Service Level and/or Service Manager Change Effective Date 14/05/2025			
Staff Member and/or Capacity Change Effective Date 06/04/2025			

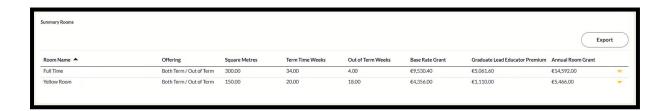








Current Grant Values	Previous Grant Values	Difference
Base Rate Grant	Base Rate Grant	Base Rate Grant
€13,886.40	€11,646.80	€2,239.60
Graduate Lead Educator Premium	Graduate Lead Educator Premium	Graduate Lead Educator Premium
€6,171.60	€1,554.00	€4,617.60
Graduate Manager Premium	Graduate Manager Premium	Graduate Manager Premium
€5,905.20	€6,748.80	(€843.60)
Min Base Rate	Min Rate	Min Rate
€14,000.00	€14,000.00	€0.00
Annual Grant	Annual Grant	Annual Grant
€25,963.20	€19,949.60	€6,013.60
Weekly Grant	Weekly Grant	Weekly Grant
€499.29	€383.65	€115.64



The **Summary - Rooms** section shows a summary for each room. The 'View Details' from the drop-down menu item to the right for each room provides further information on the capacity, session, staff and grant values for each room.

- 2. Once you have reviewed all summary details, you will need to select the tick box to confirm that you agree to the declaration above.
- 3. you can then select **Submit** to submit your Core Funding Application.

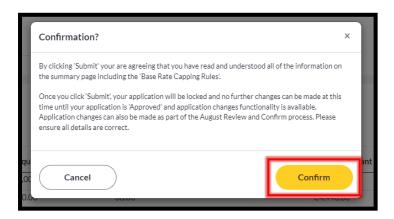
Please Note: Upon submission of your Core Funding application, your application information will be locked, and no further changes can be made at this time until your application is 'Approved' and application changes functionality is available. Application changes can also be made as part of the August Review and Confirm process.







4. You will then need to confirm that you are submitting the Core Funding Application



# **Section 11: Accessing the Funding Agreement**

Once you have submitted your Core Funding application, on the next screen a green banner will appear to advise the Core Funding Partner Service Funding Agreement 2025/26 is now available. You will have 21 days from the submission of the application to accept the funding agreement.

Please Note: If the Funding Agreement is not accepted after 21 days, the application will be cancelled. Partner Services will then be required to submit a new Core Funding Application Module for 2025/26.

1. You can access the Core Funding Partner Service Funding Agreement through the green banner by selecting 'click here'

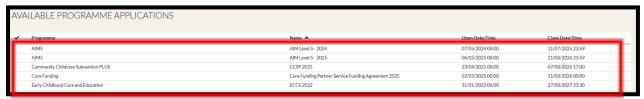


2. You can also access the Core Funding Partner Service Funding Agreement through the Programmes tab by selecting A Programme Applications.



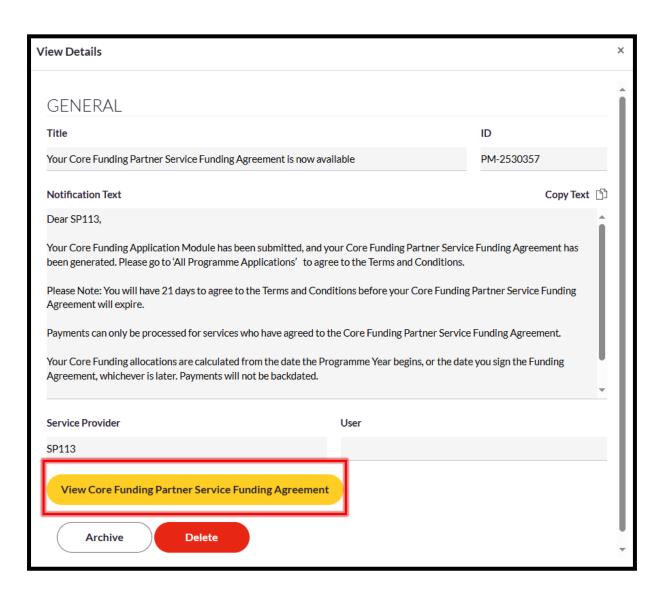






3. Alternatively, you can access the Funding Agreement from your notifications.









# **Section 12: Completing the Funding Agreement**

On the below pages, you will need to review and confirm the details by selecting the tick box at the bottom of each page.

You will select Next to proceed to the next page.

Please Note: If any details are incorrect, you will need to amend the details through the **My Account** tab.

### 1. Programme Details:



### 2. Certify PAU:







### 3. Certify Organisation:

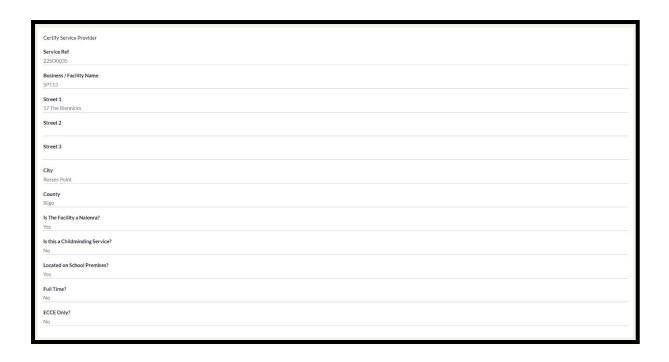


### 4. Certify Bank Account



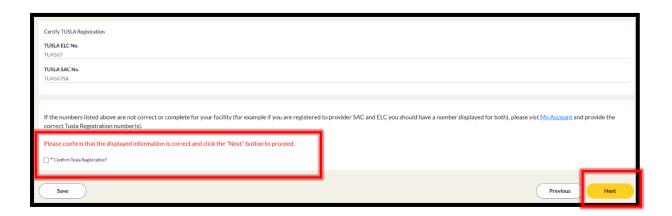


### 5. Certify Service Provider





### 6. Certify Tusla Registration



### 7. Core Funding Agreement.

You will be required to read through the Core Funding Agreement and select the tick box to agree.







Once you have read through the Core Funding Agreement, you will see a declaration agreeing that the information provided is correct. Click on the checkbox to accept the conditions.



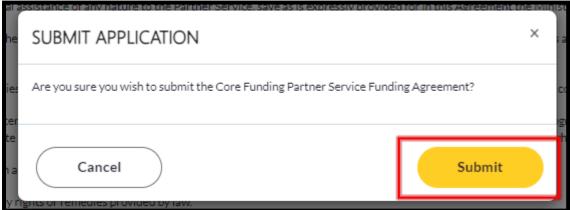
8. You Can then select **Submit** to complete and submit your Funding Agreement.



A pop up will appear stating "Are you sure you wish to submit your Core Funding Partner Service?" Click Submit to submit your application.







Once submitted, you have completed your Core Funding Agreement. Click "Close" to close the Core Funding Agreement.

PROGRAMME APPLICATION	ID: Core Funding Partner Service Funding Agreement 2025-00006399
Core Funding 2025	
Thank you for completing the Core Funding Partner Service Funding Agreement	
Close	

