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Dear Trainees

Over the last few weeks it has been brought to our attention that some Trainees have their children in Giraffe Crèches (Dublin sites) for childcare. As you may or may not be aware RCSI has a unique arrangement with Giraffe which qualifies some RCSI undergraduate and students in School of Postgraduate studies for a discount.

This discount is actually a subsidy arrangement with RCSI and Giraffe where, RCSI reimburses Giraffe any discount applied. Unfortunately this does not extend to Surgical or EM Trainees.

Whilst we understand some of our trainees have availed of this arrangement in the past and currently, following a review and updated procedures with Giraffe/RCSI it was only then brought to our attention that trainees had been applying a discount that was not available to them.

We understand that for those who have childcare arrangements with Giraffe this is disappointing, however our funding arrangements for the provision of training do not extend to supporting this arrangement.

The following information relates to the RCSI information on Childcare available in Giraffe and we would remind you that this does not cover Surgical or Emergency trainees under Surgical Affairs at this time.

“*Childcare*

*RCSI provides a subsidy and has an agreement in place with [Giraffe Crèches](#) (at its Dublin sites) for a limited number of childcare places for children of RCSI staff and registered **full-time** students in the Schools of Medicine (including Physician Associates programme), Physiotherapy, Pharmacy [and School of Postgraduate Studies students studying full-time on a Research programme i.e. MCh by Research, MSc by Research, MD and PhD](#). Please note this offer does not extend to Postgraduate Surgical or Emergency Medicine Trainees who are not in full time education in RCSI. Giraffe develop and operate childcare and early learning centres for pre-school children from three months and upwards. Emergency care is also available when other care arrangements are temporarily unavailable.”*

Should you have any further queries on the above please do not hesitate to contact us in this regard.

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