

An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

Our Core Funding Quality Action Plan Report

Core Funding supports Partner Services with their financial sustainability while enhancing the quality, affordability and accessibility of their services. In accordance with *Partnership for the Public Good*, (DCEDIY 2021) the new Core Funding model commits to drive high-quality service provision. To support this, Core Funding requires all early learning and care (ELC), school-age childcare (SAC) and childminding services that benefit from Core Funding to complete an annual Quality Action Plan, and report on same using tools provided by the Department and their agents.

In November 2022 services who have signed up to Core Funding received a survey link from their local City/County Childcare Committee (CCC). Completion of the survey generated a PDF Quality Action Plan template. Following on from this the services are now required to report on how they implemented their plan.

Each service is now asked to answer the following questions which will generate the Quality Action Plan Report.

Our Service Details.

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Our Service Reference Number:

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Our Service Name: *

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Our Service Type: *

Early Learning & Care

Early Learning & Care & School Age Childcare Combined

Standalone School Age Childcare Service

Childminder

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Which option/s did you choose?

Select all that apply.

1. Inspection Reports (Tusla or Department of Education)

2. Better Start Quality Development Service

3. National Síolta Aistear Initiative (NSAI)

4. Annual review of service and/or review of policies, procedures, statements and care practices

5. Other Quality Improvement Activities

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Which of the following statements best represents the reason for your choice? *

Select all that apply.



Our service wanted to focus on recommendations that were outlined in a recent inspection report.

Our service is already engaged with the Better Start Quality Development Service.

	Our Service felt the time was right to engage with the Better Start Quality Development Service.	
	Our service had recently engaged in NSAI training and wished to continue.	
~	Our service identified the need to review our policies and procedures.	
	Our service wanted to enhance the quality of a specific area of practice.	
	Other	
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Which of the following statements best represents the support you sought:		
Our service worked independently.		

Our service worked independently and accessed resources.

Our service sought support from one or more support agencies.

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If you accessed support, what type of supports did you avail of?

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Select all that apply.

	Training/CPD
	Mentoring
	Written resources
	Communities of practice
 	Online resources
	Information and guidance
	N/a
	Other
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Н	f vou sought support please

If you sought support, please identify which of the following agencies supported you.

Select all that apply.

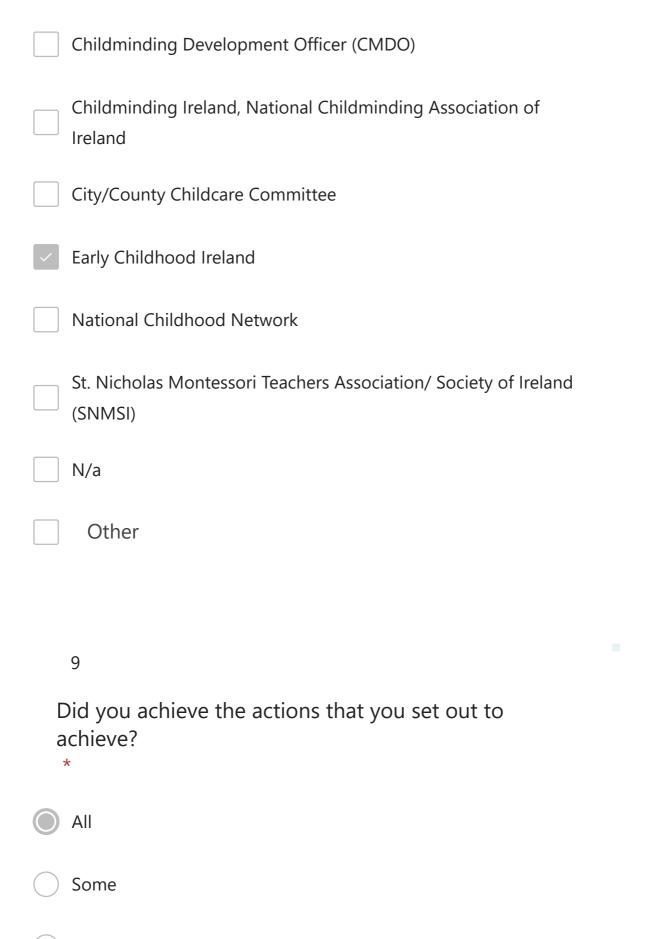


Better Start

Blathú (Irish Steiner Kindergarten Association)



Barnardos



None

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Are the actions that you set out to achieve:

Completed (2022/2023)



Ongoing (2023 +)

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Briefly outline the steps your service took in implementing your Quality Action Plan.

Staff looked at each policy in detail and using resources from Early Childhood Ireland made amendments to our policies

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Briefly outline how your Quality Action Plan has enhanced quality provision in your setting.

Consider the impact it has had on children, families, educators and the wider staff team

This process allowed staff time and space to look in detail at the policies, it allowed for discussions and opportunities to look at our practice. The updated policies reflect our current practices and will have a positive impact on all

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What were the main challenges you experienced when engaging in the Quality Action Plan process? (Select all that apply) *

Consider all stages of the Quality Action Plan process:

- 1. Reflecting and evaluating current practice
- 2. Identifying actions to improve quality
- 3. Completing the quality action plan template
- 4. Implementing the quality action plan
- 5. Reviewing, assessing and modifying the plan as needed
- 6. Completing this end of year report



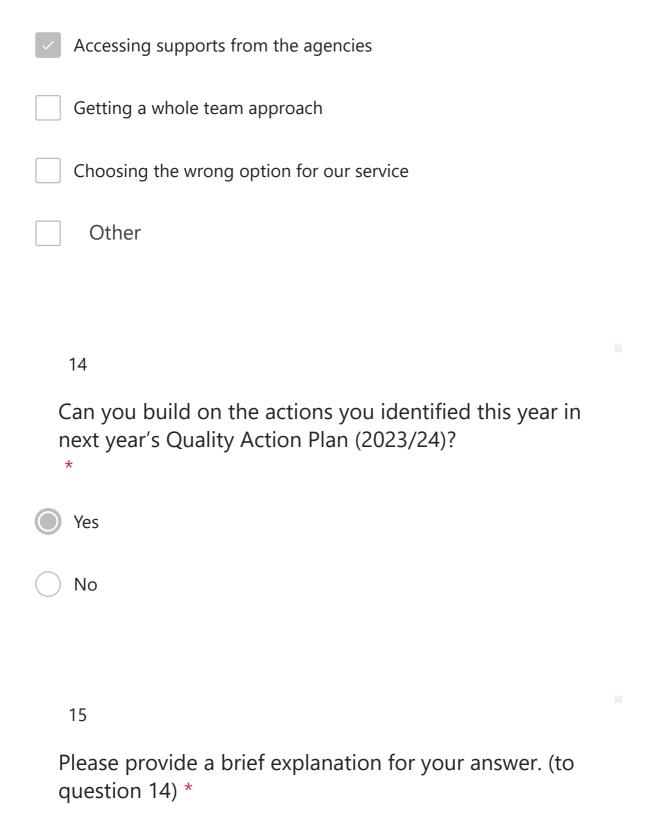
Understanding the process



Time



Finding workshops that were relevant to our chosen option/choice



We have scheduled time each month for carrying out reviews

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