



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

Our Core Funding Quality Action Plan Report 2023/24

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Our Service Details.

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Our Service Reference Number:

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09CE0112



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Our Service Name: *

Burren Sonas Kindergarten

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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? *

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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. Comprehensive review and development of chosen statements, policies, procedures, and practices
- 5. Other Quality Improvement Activities

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

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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:

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

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Select all that apply.

Better Start

Blathú (Irish Steiner Kindergarten Association)

Barnardos

Childminding Development Officer (CMDO)

Childminding Ireland, National Childminding Association of Ireland

City/County Childcare Committee

Early Childhood Ireland

National Childhood Network

St. Nicholas Montessori Teachers Association/ Society of Ireland (SNMSI)

N/a

Other

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Did you achieve the actions that you set out to achieve?

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All

Some

None

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Are the actions that you set out to achieve:

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Completed (2023/2024)

Ongoing (2024 +)

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

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We reviewed our policies

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

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

We set out to become a better provider

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

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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
- Accessing supports from the agencies
- Getting a whole team approach
- Choosing the wrong option for our service
- Other

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Can you build on the actions you identified this year in next year's Quality Action Plan (2024/25)?

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- Yes
- No

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Please provide a brief explanation for your answer. (to question 14) *

Areas of progress were identified

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I would like to:

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