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## National *Síolta Aistear* Initiative, *Aistear* & Play CPD (through Better Start National Early Years Quality Development)

The National *Síolta Aistear* Initiative is a collaboration between the Department of Children & Youth Affairs, the Department of Education and Skills, Better Start National Early Years Quality Development and the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment. The purpose of the initiative is to support the coordinated roll out of *Síolta* and *Aistear*, the national quality and curriculum Frameworks.

*Aistear* & Play CPD was developed by a working group with representation from the National *Síolta Aistear* Initiative, the Early Years Education Inspectorate, DES, NCCA & Better Start.

*Aistear* & Play CPD comprises of 5 individual workshops (2 & 1/2 hours each) and two on-site support visits with an Early Years Specialist to support you to apply the learning from the training in your setting. This CPD will be delivered by Better Start Quality Early Years Specialists. **Please note** full attendance at all workshops and participation in both onsite visits is required to receive NSAI certification and CPD payment (if eligible).

This CPD will be eligible for the DCYA CPD funding pilot payment subject to terms and conditions. The next round of *Aistear* & Play CPD will take place between March 2020-May 2020. *Aistear* and Play will be available to a **limited** number of settings in the following locations: *Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Cork City, Cork County, Dublin City, Dublin South, Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown, Fingal, Kerry, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois/Offaly, Leitrim/Roscommon, Limerick, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Roscommon, Sligo, Waterford, Westmeath/Longford, Wexford and Wicklow.*

We are now inviting early learning and care settings who wish to apply for a place on this CPD to submit a completed expression of interest form through Survey Monkey which can be found [HERE](#). Further information on the CPD is also provided through this link. Please direct any queries to [NSAI@betterstart.ie](mailto:NSAI@betterstart.ie)