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| **Section A: Síolta Standard and Component** |
| Insert Standard Number and Title:*Standard 6: Play**Promoting play requires that each child has ample time to engage freely available and accessible, developmentally appropriate and well-resourced opportunities for exploration, creativity and ‘meaning making’ in the company of other children, with participating adults and alone where appropriate.*  |
| Insert Component Number and Title:*Component 6.5**Play opportunities provided for the child encourage him/her to explore, to be creative and to use his /her previous learning to make new meanings.* |
| **Section B: Level of Practice** |
| **Level 1**No evidence of Quality | **Level 2**Some evidence of Quality | **Level 3**Significant evidence of Quality but some issues still outstanding | X**Level 4**Comprehensive evidence of Quality |
| **Section C:****Quality Practices****With regard to the level indicated, please describe practice within your setting****Section C:****Quality Practices (continued)** | As Hughes highlighted in 1996, by observing children at play, we respond to children’s play cues, and reflecting on this experience with colleagues, playworkers can learn a lot about the quality of their play provision without the need for any formal consultation . We provide ample play opportunities for the children at Ulla Beag and were awarded the ECI 2016 innovation award for Creative Learning in 2016 as well as being published on the arts in education portal and manageenergy europe. Insert link to power points for Arts in eDucation ; Green flag programs ; Manage energy which all show children exploring through art ; science and nature in developing their play experiences and learning valuable fine motor skills; cognitive skills and imaginative playThe Ribena Plus Play published in the UK in 2011 states that “Play is vital for physical, emotional and social development in children”. |
| **Section D:****Supporting Documentation****Please provide a list of the evidence you plan to attach to support your narrative** | Insert link to power points for Arts in eDucation ; Green flag programs ; Manage energy which all show children exploring through art ; science and nature in developing their play experiences and learning valuable fine motor skills; cognitive skills and  |