

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Uimhir Aitheantais TUSLA:	TU2015GY181
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Ainm na Seirbhíse:	Naionra Ghaelscoil De hÍde
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Seoladh na Seirbhíse:	Gaelscoil De hÍde, Ard na Mara, Uarán Mór, Co. na Gaillimhe
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Eirchód:	H91 R2RV
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Ainm an tSoláthraí Chláraithe:	Philip Furlong
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Cineál na Seirbhíse	Páirtaimseartha
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Dáta na Cigireachta:	16/06/2026
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Líon na leanaí réamhscoile:	R.N	17	I.N	8
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Seoladh na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta:	Cigireacht na Luathbhlianta, An Stiúrthóireacht um Dhearbhu Cáilíochta, Foirgneamh Cliniciúil agus Riaracháin, Bloc A- (1ú Urlár-Conair Ghlas), Páirc Mhuirlinne, Gaillimh.
Cigireacht arna déanamh ag:	F Nic Dhonnacha
Teideal :	Cigire na Luathbhlianta

Údarás chun cigireacht a dhéanamh

Déanann Cigireacht na Luathbhlianta, Tusla cigireacht ar Sheirbhísí Luathbhlianta faoi Alt 58(J) den Acht um Chúram Leanaí, 1991 (arna chur isteach le hAlt 92 den Acht fán nGníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach, 2013).

Coinníollacha, má bhaineann le hábhar	Neamhbhainteach
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TÚSLA An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach Child and Family Agency	Rialacháin an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) 2016 agus Rialacháin an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) (Leasú) 2016 QMS Ref: EYI-RRT12.1_IE V3.0 30/03/2026 Uimhir Aitheantais na Seirbhíse: TU2015GY181	1 de 8
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Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Tá an tseirbhís réamhscoile seo lonnaithe in dhá fhoirgneamh modúlach ar chúl scoil náisiúnta Ghaelscoil De hÍde i sráidbhaile Úarán Mór, Co na Gaillimhe. Cuireann an réamhscoil Cúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige (ECCE) agus clár cúraim seisiúnach ar fáil le fócas súgartha, ó 08.25 go dtí 11.25 uair an chloig agus seirbhís pháirtaimseartha go dtí 13.25 uair an chloig, ó Luan go hAoine. Tá dhá sheomra súgartha, oifig/cistin agus limistéar sláintíochta san áitreabh i ngach aonad. Tá limistéar deic le foscadh ann a nascann an dhá aonad taobh amuigh. Ní raibh ach seomra amháin ag feidhmiú lá na cigireachta, príomhsheomra súgartha Naionra- Seomra 1. Freastalaíonn an réamhscoil ar pháistí idir 2 bhliain agus 8 mí agus 6 bliana d'aois.

Ina theannta sin, cuireann an tseirbhís clár iarscoile ar fáil ó 13.30 go 18.00 do pháistí in aois scoile. Tá limistéir scíthe ciúin le tolg de mhéid leanaí agus mataí boga ar fáil i ngach seomra súgartha do leanaí chun scíth a ligean nó diúltú do ghníomhaíocht más mian leis/léi é sin a dhéanamh. Tá leapacha cruachta ar fáil d'aon pháiste ar mian leo scíth a ligean nó codladh le linn an tseisiúin pháirtaimseartha. Tá spás súgartha slán lasmuigh atá ainmnithe ar thaobh an áitribh agus baineann na páistí agus an fhoireann leas as an pairc spraoi poiblí áitiúil agus an pháirc astro móna laistigh d'achar siúil ón scoil ar bhonn rialta.

Soláthar foirne

Tá an soláthraí cláraithe mar chuid de bhord bainistíochta agus níl sé ag obair sa tseirbhís ar bhonn laethúil. Tá duine i gceannas agus duine ainmnithe ar fáil le ionadaíocht a dhéanamh nuair agus más gá. Tá beirt fásta san iomlán ag obair san áitreabh faoi láthair. Tá mórdhámhachtain ar a laghad ag na daoine fásta atá ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige ag Leibhéal 5 go Leibhéal 6 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí. Tá fianaise dhoiciméadach ag na daoine fásta ar oiliúint agus oideachas leanúnach.

Modheolaíocht

Is í Cigireacht na Luathbhlianta, Tusla, rialtóir reachtúil neamhspleách ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta in Éirinn. Sainmhínítear i Rialacháin an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) 2016 dualgas an tsoláthraí chláráithe sábháilteacht agus folláine leanaí a chinntiú agus cloí leis na riachtanais seo. Tugann an tAcht seo údarás do Tusla measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh leis na rialacháin. Is é is aidhm le rialáil maidir le seirbhísí óige ná a chinntiú go seastar le cúram, sábháilteacht, agus folláine na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar na seirbhísí seo.

Pleanáiltear cigireachtaí ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta bunaithe ar na pointí seo a leanas:

- Stair chigireachta na seirbhíse
- Eolas ar bith a fhaightear maidir leis an tseirbhís
- Tá torthaí na cigireachta bunaithe ar:

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- Eolas a fhaightear trí dhoiciméid a imscrúdú
- Breathnú díreach
- Plé le baill foirne ábhartha

Ba chigireacht neamh fhógartha é seo, agus díríodh ar rialachas sláinte, folláine agus forbairt an linbh, sábháilteacht, áitreabh agus saoraidí lena linn. Féadfaidh cigireacht díriú ar réimsí eile chomh maith, de réir mar is gá.

Leagtar amach torthaí na cigireachta sa tuarascáil maidir leis an gcigireacht a eisítear mar dhréacht-tuarascáil ar dtús chuig an tseirbhís, agus bíonn deis ag an tseirbhís freagra a thabhairt ar thorthaí ar bith a luaitear inti. I gcás go sainaithnítear nach bhfuil ceanglais reachtúla á gcomhlíonadh, ní mór don soláthraí cláraithe léiriú a thabhairt ar an mbealach a réitíodh an neamhchomhlíonadh agus mar a chuirfear cosc ar an neamhchomhlíonadh amach anseo. Úsáidfean an plean um Ghníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach (CAPA) chun bonn eolais a chur le cinntí maidir le comhlíonadh le ceanglais rialála. I gcás nach n-éiríonn leis an soláthraí cláraithe na ceanglais reachtúla a chomhlíonadh, féadfar próiseas géaraithe a thosú.

Forchoimeádann an Chigireacht an ceart chun eagarthóireacht a dhéanamh ar fhreagraí a fhaightear ar chúiseanna éagsúla lena n-áirítear soiléireacht; iomláine; agus chun próisis riaracháin agus dlíthiúla a chomhlíonadh.

Is í an Chigireacht a thiomsaíonn ábhar na tuarascála.

Buíochas

Is mian leis an gcigireacht buíochas a ghabháil leis an duine i bhfeighil agus an duine breise agus leis na leanaí a bhí i láthair ar lá na cigireachta as a gcomh oibriú ar fad.

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Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 9 – Bainistíocht agus earcaíocht

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe–

(a) go mbeidh sa tseirbhís duine i bhfeighil ainmnithe agus duine arna ainmniú nó arna hainmniú a bheidh ábalta gníomhú mar ionadaí de réir mar is gá,

(b) go mbeidh an duine i bhfeighil ainmnithe nó an duine arna ainmniú nó arna hainmniú dá dtagraítear i bhfomhír (a) san áitreabh gach tráth le linn na tréimhse ina mbeidh an tseirbhís réamhscoile á seoladh.

Cinntoidh soláthraí cláraithe gur duine oiriúnach inniúil gach fostaí, gach oibrí nach n-íoctar agus gach conraitheoir, agus cineál na riachtanas a bhíonn ar leanaí á chur san áireamh, lena n-áirítear trí na nithe seo a leanas a dhéanamh–

(2)

(a) breithniú ar theistiméireacht ó fhostóirí an duine san am a caitheadh, más ann, agus go háirithe ar theistiméireacht ón bhfostóir is déanaí, más ann,

(b) breithniú ar theistiméireachtaí ó fhoinsí iontaofa i gcás duine nach raibh aon fhostóirí air nó uirthi san am a caitheadh,

(c) breithniú ar an nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin a fuarthas ó Bhiúró Náisiúnta Grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána de réir Acht 2012 i leith an duine, agus

d) a chinntiú, a mhéid is indéanta, go soláthróidh duine, i gcás go raibh cónaí ar an duine i stát seachas an Stát ar feadh tréimhse ab fhaide ná 6 mhí as a chéile, grinnfhiosrúchán ag póilíní ó na húdaráis phóilíneachta sa stát sin.

(3) Déanfar na nósanna imeachta a shonraítear i mír (2) a chur i gcrích sula ndéanfar aon duine a cheapadh nó a shannadh nó sula gceadófar dó nó di rochtain a bheith aige nó aici ar leanbh nó teagmháil a bheith aige nó aici le leanbh a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

(4) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe, gan dochar do ghinearáltacht mhír (2) agus faoi réir mhíreanna (5) agus (6), go sealbhaíonn gach fostaí a bhíonn ag obair go díreach le leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís, mórdhámhachtain i gCúram agus Oideachas Luath-Óige ar Leibhéal 5 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó cáilíocht a mheasfaidh an tAire a bheith coibhéiseach léi sin, ar a laghad.

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Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1)(a) Tá an soláthraí cláraithe neamh uimhriúil agus níl sé sa tseirbhís. Bhí bainisteoir ainmnithe i gceannas agus duine ainmnithe i gceannas mar is gá.
- (b) Bhí an duine ainmnithe i gceannas ar fáil ar an áitreabh le linn thréimhse na cigireachta gan choinne. Tar éis athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar trí chomhad foirne, rinne an cigire athbhreithniú ar an soláthraí cláraithe, an duine i gceannas agus ar an leas-duine i gceannas.
- (2)
- (a) Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar thrí theistiméireachtaí scríofa bailíochtaithe ó iar fhostóirí.
- (b) Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar trí theistiméireachtaí scríofa bhailíochtaithe ó fhoinse seachas iar fhostóir.
- (c) Fuarthas nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána don bheirt dhaoine fásta. Léirigh an tseirbhís freisin go gcomhlíontar an Fógra Rialála Cigireachta Luathbhlianta lena gceanglaítear ar sheirbhísí grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána a athnuachan gach trí bliana.
- (d) Ní raibh grinnfhiosrúcháin idir náisiúnta póilíní ag teastáil don bheirt dhaoine fásta mar nach raibh siad ina gcónaí nó ag obair ar feadh níos mó ná sé mhí i stát eile agus iad os cionn ocht mbliana déag d'aois.
- (3) Cuireadh na nósanna imeachta a shonraítear i mír (2) i gcrích sula ndearnadh aon duine a cheapadh, a shannadh nó a cheadú rochtain ar leanbh a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile nó teagmháil a dhéanamh leis.
- (4) Tá mórdhámhachtain ar a laghad ag beirt dhaoine fásta atá ag obair go díreach le leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige ag Leibhéal 5 go Leibhéal 6 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó cáilíocht a mheasann an tAire a bheith coibhéiseach.

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Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 11 - Leibhéil Foirne

(1) Faoi réir an Rialacháin seo, cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh gach tráth líon leordhóthanach de dhaoine fásta ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

(2) Faoi réir mhíreanna (4) agus (5), cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse cúraim lae iomláine nó seirbhíse cúraim lae páirtaimseartha go gcomhlíonfar gach tráth an cóimheas íosta idir daoine fásta agus leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (3) de Chuid 1 de Sceideal 6 os coinne uimhir thagartha áirithe a shonraítear i gcolún (1) den Chuid sin i leith raon aoise na leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (2) den Chuid sin ag an uimhir thagartha sin sásta sin

(8) Gan dochar do mhíreanna (2) go (7)-

(a) cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seachas seirbhís fhaireachais leanaí nó seirbhís réamhscoile seisiúnach go mbeidh 2 dhuine fásta ar a laghad san áitreabh i gcónaí

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Nuair a tháinig an cigire chuig an tseirbhís gan choinne bhí 2 dhuine fásta ag obair go díreach le 17 páiste le linn na n-uaireanta seisiúnach. Bhí 2 dhaoine fásta ag obair go díreach leis an 8 leanaí a d'fhan ar feadh uaireanta páirtaimseartha na seirbhíse suas le 5 uair an chloig. Léirigh athbhreithniú ar shampla de thaifid tinrimh gur oibrigh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta go díreach leis na leanaí le linn uaireanta oibríochta.
- (2) Cuireadh na cóimheas ceart idir daoine fásta agus leanaí ar fáil ar lá na cigireachta de réir na gcóimheasa riachtanacha ag cur aois na páistí agus an fad ama a chaith siad sa tseirbhís san áireamh.
- (8)(a) Bhí beirt dhaoine fásta i láthair le linn na cigireachta gan choinne. Léirigh na taifid tinrimh a ndearnadh athbhreithniú orthu go raibh beirt dhaoine fásta ar a laghad i láthair sa tseirbhís i gcónaí le linn uaireanta oscailte.

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Cuid V - Cúram Linbh i Seirbhís Réamhscoile

Rialachán 19 - Sláinte, leas agus forbairt linbh

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe, le linn dó nó di a bheith ag soláthar seirbhís réamhscoile—

(a) go ndéanfar foghlaim, forbairt agus leas gach linbh a urasú laistigh de shaol laethúil na seirbhíse réamhscoile trí na gníomhaíochtaí cuí, an idirghníomhaíocht chuí, na hábhair chuí agus an trealamh cuí a sholáthar, ag féachaint d'aois agus do chéim forbartha an linbh, agus

(b) go mbeidh cleachtais chúraim chuí oiriúnacha ar bun sa tseirbhís réamhscoile, ag féachaint don líon leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís agus do chineál a riachtanas.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Riachtanais Bhunúsacha (1)(a)

- Chuir an tseirbhís bia sláintiúil chun cinn i gcomhréir le beartas bia sláintiúla na seirbhíse. Thug an cigire faoi deara go raibh na béilí agus na sneaiceanna sláintiúil agus cothaitheach. Chuir na tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí an béile/sneaiceanna ar fáil do na páistí.
- Bhí sneaiceanna lár na maidine ag na páistí idir 10 agus 10.30 agus bhí píosaí éagsúla torthaí ar mhéid greim, craiceir, ceapairí, rollaí liamhás agus cáise. Itheadh lón thart ar 11.45 agus breathnaíodh ar na páistí ag ithe trí ghrúpa bia ar a laghad ag an am seo. Bhí uisce inrochtana i gcónaí ar sheilf íseal doibh.
- Bhí seanra atá oiriúnach d'aois agus do chéim agus bhí rochtain ag leanaí ar bhabhlaí, plátaí agus spúnóga má bhí gá.
- Breathnaíodh ar na páistí réamhscoile ag teacht isteach ar an limistéar sláintíochta go neamhspleách. Bhí baill foirne ar fáil chun cúnamh a chur ar fáil, de réir mar a bhí ag teastáil.
- Bhí na páistí ag imirt taobh istigh agus lasmuigh ar lá na cigireachta. Chuir an fhoireann comhairle ar na páistí súgradh amuigh faoin aer gach lá. Bhí na páistí le feicéal ag súgradh sa chlós/páirc spraoi áitiúla agus sa pháirc astro a bhí siúlóid ghearr ón scoil.

Timpeallacht fhisiciúil agus ábhartha:

- Bhí éagsúlacht ábhar oiriúnach agus trealamh súgartha ar fáil sa phríomh sheomra súgartha a chuir deiseanna ar fáil chun riachtanais foghlama na bpáistí a fheabhsú. Bhí réimsí sainithe go soiléir sa seomra súgartha lena n-áirítear ealaíona agus ceardaíocht, tógáil, cúinne baile, puzail, leabharlann, limistéar ról imirt le cultacha éagsúla, tráidire móna le bloic thógála agus nascóirí chun cúpla ceann a ainmniú.

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- Cuireadh trealamh i láthair ar sheilfeanna íseal leibhéil a fhágann go raibh na hábhair agus na hacmhainní inrochtana go héasca do na páistí agus ag an am céanna ag tairiscint rogha agus ag cur neamhspleáchais chun cinn do na páistí.
- Bhí ballaí an tseomra súgartha maisithe le hábhair éagsúla a chabhraigh le mothú féiniúlachta agus muintearais a chur chun cinn do na páistí sa seomra sin.
- I measc na samplaí do saothar ealaíne na bpáistí bhí téamaí eagsúla, póstaeir oideachais, rannta Gaeilge, an aimsir, grian ghraifeanna agus bratacha an domhain le feicéal ar ballaí an seomra ranga.
- Bhí leapacha cruachta ar fáil le haghaidh soláthar codlata agus línéadach leapa aonair más bhí gá.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh duine atá oile ar gharchabhair do leanaí ar fáil láithreach i gcónaí do na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoil.

(2) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh bosca garchabhrach do leanaí a bhfuil an trealamh cuí ann—

(a) stóráilte go sábháilte in áit fheiceálach san áitreabh ar féidir teacht air gan dua, agus

(b) ar fáil i gcónaí do na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Bhí beirt dhaoine fásta ag obair ar an áitreabh tar éis tabhairt faoi oiliúint garchabhrach do Fhreagróir Garchabhrach (FAR) agus bhí siad ar fáil do na páistí réamhscoile a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.
- (2)(a) Stóráladh bosca garchabhrach oiriúnach a bhí feistithe in áit a bhí inaitheanta go héasca sa phríomh sheomra agus bhí sé ar fáil do na páistí réamhscoile a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.
- (b) Bhí soláthairtí garchabhrach ar fáil sa seomra súgartha le húsáid i gcás éigeandála.

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Pre School

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Name of Service:	Naionra Gaelscoil De hÍde
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Address of Service:	Gaelscoil De hÍde, Ard na Mara, Uarán Mór, Co. Galway.
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Eircode:	H91 R2RV
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Name of Registered Provider:	Philip Furlong
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Service type:	Part Time
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Date of Inspection:	16/06/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	17	PM	8
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Early Years Inspectorate, Quality Assurance Directorate, Clinical & Administration Building, Block A- (1st Floor-Green Corridor), Merlin Park, Galway.
Inspection undertaken by:	F Nic Dhonnacha
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Authority to Inspect

The Tusla Early Years Inspectorate carries out inspections of Early Years Services under Section 58(J) of the Child Care Act 1991 (as inserted by Section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013).

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Description of service

This pre-school service is in two modular buildings to the rear of Ghaelscoil De hÍde national school in the village of Oranmore, Co Galway. The pre-school offers an Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and sessional care programme with a play-based focus, from 08.25 to 11.25 and a part time service until 13.25, Monday to Friday. The premises consists of two playrooms, office/kitchenette and sanitary area in each unit. There is a sheltered decking area interlinking the two units outside. Only one room was in operation on the day of the inspection, the main Naionra playroom- Seomra 1. The pre-school caters for children aged between 2 years and 8 months and 6 years old.

Additionally, the service offers an afterschool programme from 13.30 to 18.00 for school aged children. Quiet rest areas with child size couches and soft matting are available in each playroom for children to rest or opt out of an activity if they want to do so. Stackable beds are available for any child attending part-time who wishes to take a rest or sleep. There is a designated secure outdoor play area to the side of the premises and the children and staff avail of the local community playground and astro turf pitch within a close walking distance of the school on a regular basis.

Staffing

The registered provider is part of a board of management and is not working in the service on a daily basis. There is a person in charge and a named person who is available to deputise if necessary. There are two adults in total working in the service at present. The adults working directly with the children hold at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 to Level 6 on the National Qualifications Framework. The adults have documentary evidence of on-going training and education.

Methodology

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate is the independent statutory regulator of early years services in Ireland. The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 define the duty of a registered provider to ensure the safety and well-being of children and to comply with these regulations. This Act also gives Tusla the authority to assess compliance with the regulations. The purpose of regulation in relation to early years services is to ensure that the care, safety, and well-being of children attending such services is upheld. Inspections of early years services are planned based on the following:

- Previous inspection history
- Any information received in relation to the service

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The findings on inspection are based on:

- Information obtained through examination of documentation
- Direct observation
- Discussion with relevant staff

This inspection was unannounced and focused on the area of governance health, welfare and development of child, safety, premises and facilities. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

Inspection findings are documented in the inspection report which is first issued in draft format to the service with an opportunity to respond to any findings. Where statutory requirements are identified as not being met, the registered provider must demonstrate how they have rectified the non-compliance and will prevent any non-compliance from re occurring. The Corrective Action and Preventive Action plan (CAPA) will be used to inform decisions about compliance with regulatory requirements. Where the registered provider fails to meet the statutory requirements an escalation process may be commenced.

The inspectorate reserves the right to edit responses received for reasons including clarity, completeness and compliance with administrative and legal processes.

The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.

Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge and additional staff member and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

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Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that-

- (a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required,
- (b) at all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on, the designated person in charge or the named person referred to in subparagraph (a) is on the premises.

(2) A registered provider shall ensure that each employee, unpaid worker and contractor is suitable and competent taking into consideration the nature of the needs of children, including by-

- (a) consideration of references from the person's past employers, if any, and in particular the most recent employer, if any,
- (b) consideration of references from reputable sources in the case of a person who has no past employers,
- (c) consideration of the vetting disclosure received from the National Vetting Bureau of the Garda Síochána in accordance with the Act of 2012 in respect of the person, and
- (d) ensuring, insofar as is practicable, that where a person has lived in a state other than the State for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months, he or she provides police vetting from the police authorities in that state.

(3) The procedures specified in paragraph (2) shall be carried out prior to any person being appointed, assigned or allowed access to or contact with a child attending the pre-school service.

(4) A registered provider shall ensure that, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), each employee working directly with children attending the service holds at least a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

Compliance Information

(1)(a) The registered provider was supernumerary and not working in the service on the day of inspection. There as a designated manager and a named deputy manager to deputise as required.

(b) The named person in charge was available on the premises throughout the period of the unannounced inspection.

Following review of three staff files, the inspector reviewed the files of the registered provider, person in charge and deputy person in charge.

(2) (a) Three written validated references from past employers were reviewed.

(b) Three written validated references from a source other than a past employer were reviewed.

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- (c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for the three adults. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew garda vetting every three years.
- (d) International police vetting was not required for the 3 adults as they did not live or work for greater than 6 months in another State while over the age of 18 years.
- (3) The procedures specified in paragraph (2) were carried out prior to any person being appointed, assigned or allowed access to or contact with a child attending the pre-school service.
- (4) Two adults working directly with children attending the service hold at least a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 to Level 6 on the National Qualifications Framework or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

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Regulation 11 - Staffing levels

- (1) Subject to this Regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that there is at all times an adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the pre-school service.*
- (2) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), a registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 1 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is satisfied.*
- (8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)-*
- (a) a registered provider of a pre-school service other than a child-minding service or a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times,*

Compliance Information

- (1) On the inspectors' unannounced arrival to the service there were 2 adults working directly with 17 children during the sessional hours and 2 adults were working directly with the 8 children who remained for the part time service up to 5 hours. A review of a sample of attendance records showed that an adequate number of adults worked directly with the children during service hours of operation.
- (2) The minimum adult to child ratios were provided on the day of the unannounced inspection in accordance with the required ratios considering the ages of the children and the length of time each child spent in the service.

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(8)(a) There were two adults present during the unannounced inspection. The staff roster reviewed showed that at least two adults were always present in the service during opening hours.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 19 - Health, welfare and development of child

(1) A registered provider shall, in providing a pre-school service, ensure that-

(a) each child's learning, development and well-being is facilitated within the daily life of the pre-school service through the provision of the appropriate activities, interaction, materials and equipment, having regard to the age and stage of development of the child, and

Compliance Information

Basic Needs (1)(a)

- The service promoted healthy eating in line with the service's health eating policy. The inspector observed the meals and snacks to be healthy and nutritious. The parents/guardians provided the children with the meals/snacks.
- The children's mid-morning snack was served between 10.00 and 10.30. They consisted of a variety of bite sized pieces of fruit, crackers, sandwiches, rolls of ham and cheese. Lunch was eaten at approximately 11.45 and the children were observed eating a minimum of three food groups. Water was accessible at all times on a low shelf.
- Age and stage appropriate cutlery were observed with children having access to bowls, plates and spoons if required.
- The preschool children were observed accessing the sanitary area independently. Staff were available to provide assistance as required.
- The children played both indoors and outdoors on the day of inspection. The staff advised the children play outdoors daily. The children were observed to play in the local playground and astro pitch a short walk away from the school.

Physical and material environment:

- There were a variety of suitable materials and play equipment available in the main playroom which provided opportunities to enhance the learning needs of the children. The playroom had clearly defined areas including arts and crafts, construction, home corner, puzzles, a library, a dress up area with costumes, a turf tray with building blocks and connectors to name but a few.

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- Equipment in the room was presented on low-level shelving making the materials and resources easily accessible to the children while offering choice and promoting independence.
- The walls of the playroom were decorated with a variety of materials which helped to promote a sense of identity and belonging for the children in the room.
- Examples included themed artwork and education posters, Irish rhymes, the weather, photographs and flags of the world.
- Stackable beds were available for sleep provision and individual bed linen if required.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 25 - First aid

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a person trained in first aid for children is, at all times, immediately available to the children attending the pre-school service.

(2) A registered provider shall ensure that a suitably equipped first aid box for children-

(a) is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and

(b) is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

Compliance Information

- (1) Two adults working on the premises have undertaken First Aid Responder (FAR) first aid training and were available to the pre-school children attending the pre-school service.
- (2)(a) A suitably equipped first aid box was stored in a readily identifiable areas in the main room and was available to the pre-school children attending the service.
- (b) First aid supplies were available in the playroom for use in the event of an emergency.