

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

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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 V2.0 03/03/2023 Uimhir Aitheantais na Seirbhíse: TU2015GY186	1 de 9
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Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Cuireann an Naíonra seo clár cúraim réamhscoile agus clár cúraim seisiúnach ar fáil do Chúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige (ECCE) ó 09.15 go 12.15, ó Luan go hAoine, ar feadh 38 seachtaine den bhliain. Freastalaíonn an réamhscoil ar pháistí idir 2 bhliain agus 6 bliana d'aois. Tá an réamhscoil ag feidhmiú san fhoirgneamh pobail sna Fhairche, i Chonamara, condae na Gaillimhe. Tá príomh sheomra súgartha amháin ann, an Naíonra. Tá limistéar scíthe ciúin ar fáil do na páistí chun scíth a ligean nó diúltú do ghníomhaíocht más mian leo. Tá rochtain ag na páistí réamhscoile ar limistéar súgartha ainmhithe atá slán ar chúl an áitribh lena n-áirítear aonad uile-aimsire atá feistithe le trealamh agus ábhair súgartha. Oibríonn an réamhscoil trí mheán na Gaeilge agus tá sí faoi rialú ag Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta.

Soláthar foirne

Tá an soláthraí cláraithe ina bhall de bhord Chomhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta. Tá an soláthraí cláraithe neamh uimhriúl agus ní ar an áitreabh go laethúil. Tá duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus ionadaí ainmnithe. Tá beirt fhoireann san iomlán ag obair san áitreabh faoi láthair gan an soláthraí cláraithe san aireámh. Tá mórdhámhachtain ag beirt bhall foirne i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige ag Leibhéal 5 go Leibhéal 6 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí. Tá fianaise dhoiciméadach ag an bhfoireann maidir le hoiliúint 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:
- Eolas a fhaightear trí dhoiciméid a imscrúdú
- Breathnú díreach
- Plé le baill foirne ábhartha

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Ba chigireacht *neamh fhógartha* é seo, agus díríodh ar rialachas sláinte, folláine agus forbairt an linbh, sábháilteacht, áitreabh agus saoráidí 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. Úsáidfear an plean um Ghníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coiscitheach (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 gCigire buíochas a ghabháil leis an duine i bhfeighil, leis an ball foirne breise agus leis na leanaí a bhí i láthair ar lá na cigireachta as a gcomhoibriú ar fad.

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.

(2) Cinnteoidh 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–

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- (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.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) (a) Tá an soláthraí cláraithe mar bhall ar an mbord bainistíochta agus tá sé neamh uimhriúil sa tseirbhís. Bhí duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus leasduine ainmnithe a bhí ar fáil nuair a bhí sí ag teastáil sa tseirbhís réamhscoile.
- (b) Bhí an duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus an leas-duine i gceannas ar fáil le linn na cigireachta.
- (2) Bhí sé chomhad foirne ar fáil maidir leis an soláthraí cláraithe agus an bheirt dhaoine fásta a bhí ag obair sa tseirbhís. I measc na dtorthaí bhí an méid seo a leanas:
- (a) Bhí cúig theistiméireacht scríofa agus bailíochtaithe ar fáil ó iar fhostóirí maidir leis na daoine fásta a bhí ag obair sa tseirbhís.
- (b) Bhí theistiméireacht scríofa amháin agus bhailíochtaithe ó fhoinsí seachas iarfhostóir ar fáil ar chomhad maidir leis na daoine fásta a bhí ag obair sa tseirbhís.
- (c) Bhí nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána ar fáil maidir leis na daoine fásta atá fostaithe ag an tseirbhís. Léirigh an tseirbhís comhlíonadh an Fhógra Rialála Cigireachta Luathbhlianta lena gceanglaítear ar sheirbhísí grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána a athnuachan gach trí bliana.
- (d) Ní raibh grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní idirnáisiúnta ag teastáil do na daoine fásta a bhí ag obair sa tseirbhís toisc nach raibh siad ina gcónaí i stát eile ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná sé mhí mar dhuine fásta.

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- (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) Bhí cáilíochtaí Cúraim agus Oideachais na Luath-Óige ag na daoine fásta a bhí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí ó Leibhéal 5 go Leibhéal 6 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó cáilíocht a mheasann an tAire a bheith coibhéiseach.

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 11 - Leibhéal Foirne

- (1) *Faoi réir an Rialacháin seo, áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh líon leordhóthanach aosach ann i gcónaí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.*
- (3) *Faoi réir mhír (5), cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seisiúnach go gcomhlíonfar i gcónaí an cóimheas íosta idir aosaigh agus leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (3) de Chuid 2 de Sceideal 6 os coinne uimhreacha tagartha áirithe a shonraítear i gcolún (1) den Chuid sin i leith raon aoise na leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (2) dá bhrí sin ag an uimhir thagartha sin.*
- (8) *Gan dochar do mhíreanna (2) go (7)-*
- (c) *áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seisiúnach go mbeidh, i gcás ina n-oibríonn an duine i gceannas an tseirbhís ina aonar, go mbeidh an dara duine a bhfuil cur amach aige ar oibriú na seirbhíse agus atá in ann cúnamh a sholáthar don duine atá i gceannas i bhfeidhmiú na seirbhíse i gcónaí laistigh d'achar gar don tseirbhís agus go mbeidh sé ar fáil chun freastal ar an tseirbhís chun cabhrú leis an duine atá i gceannas i gcás éigeandála.*

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Le linn na cigireachta, d'oibrigh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta go díreach leis na páistí a bhí i láthair.
- (3) Coinníodh na cóimheasa íosta de dhaoine fásta a dhéanann maoirseacht ar leanaí ar lá na cigireachta. Ar an 8/6/2026 rinne 2 dhaoine fásta maoirseacht ar 11 leanbh le linn an chláir sheisiúnach.
- (8)(c) Le linn na cigireachta, bhí níos mó ná beirt dhuine fásta ar fáil sa tseirbhís i gcónaí. Ní oibríonn an réamhscoil an tseirbhís ina haonar.

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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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1)(a)

Riachtanais Bhunúsacha na Leanaí:

- Chaith na daoine fásta leis na páistí ar bhealach measúil agus comhbhách. Baineadh úsáid as straitéisí iompraíochta dearfacha le linn idirghníomhaíochtaí leis na leanaí. Mhol agus spreag na daoine fásta na páistí, labhair siad leis na páistí ar a leibhéal deas íseal, d'úsáid siad toin bhog gutha, d'fhreagair siad go pras dá gcuid leideanna chun cúnamh agus compord a fháil. Léirigh na daoine fásta feasacht ar chumas, spéiseanna agus roghanna na bpáistí.
- Spreagadh na páistí chun a bheith neamhspleách i súgradh agus i bhfoghlaim, agus iad ag tabhairt aire dá gcuid rudaí, ag am béile agus ag úsáid an leithris.
- Bhí cead saor imirt a bheith ag na páistí chun roghnú cén réimse spéise a theastaigh uathu súgradh leis. Breathnaíodh orthu ag súgradh le béiríní, bloic thógála agus ag súgradh le cláir bioráin. Shuigh roinnt páistí le chéile agus d'fhéach siad ar leabhair sa chúinne cluthar.
- Spreagadh agus tugadh tacaíocht do na páistí chun a gcúram pearsanta féin a bhainistiú agus spreagadh chun a gcuid srón a ghlanadh ag eatraimh chuí.
- Shuigh na páistí le chéile ag boird agus cathaoireacha íseal le haghaidh am béile. Chuir na tuismitheoirí / caomhnóirí lón ar fáil. Breathnaíodh go raibh am béile ina ócáid suaimhneach agus soisialta. Bhí buidéal uisce na bpáistí ar fáil ar thráidire ar sheilf íseal i rith an lae.
- Freastalaíodh ar riachtanais an linbh de réir mar is gá ar bhealach measúil ag soláthar príobháideachta agus dínit i gcónaí. Bhí na páistí ag súgradh sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh ar bhonn laethúil agus bhí rochtain dhíreach acu ar an áit spraoi óna seomra súgartha.

Timpeallacht Fhisiciúil agus Ábhartha:

- Bhí an príomhsheomra súgartha geal agus dea-acmhainní agus leagadh amach é chun cur ar chumas na bpáistí rochtain a fháil ar an trealamh agus ar na hábhair. Dearadh an seomra súgartha le limistéir

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dhúshlánacha agus spéisiúla do pháistí le súgradh agus le foghlaim. Cuireadh réimsí éagsúla gníomhaíochta ar fáil don seomra chun a chinntiú go gcuirfí roghanna ar fáil do pháistí a thacaigh le súgradh aonair agus grúpaí agus le spéiseanna atá ag teacht chun cinn. Breathnaíodh go raibh na páistí togtha go hiomlán le súgradh agus rinne siad aistrithe réidh idir na limistéir ghníomhaíochta ar fad.

- Bhí ballaí an tseomra súgartha maisithe le háiseanna foghlama uimhriúla agus aibítre agus saothar ealaíne aonair na bpáistí, rannóga teaghlaigh agus dataí breithe, laethanta na seachtaine, córas beag cúnta, leideanna amhairc chun lámha a ní agus áiseanna amhairc chun gnáthaimh an ranga a thaispeáint.
- Bhí an seomra súgartha oiriúnach le cúinne baile, limistéar ealaíne agus ceardaíochta, limistéar tógála, limistéar súgartha bábóg/bréagán bog, limistéar scithe bog le mataí ina bhféadfadh na páistí scíth a ligean nó am a thógáil uaidh ghníomhaíochtaí.
- Bhí aonaid seilfeanna íseal leibhéil inrochtana do na páistí le raon bréagán ionramhála, céadfach, samhlaíoch agus cuiditheach agus ábhar foghlama d'aois agus leibhéal forbartha na bpáistí.

Limistéar súgartha lasmuigh

- Bhí an limistéar súgartha lasmuigh faoi iamh le ballaí fálú agus bhí geataí slána aige. Bhí cosáin tarmac agus coincréite ar dhromchla na talún.
- Bhí cistin láibe, bád adhmaid, boscaí plandála, feithiclí iompair, suíocháin agus táblaí uisce sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh.
- Ina theannta sin, bhí seid iata ann le limistéar gainimh, buicéid, sluasaid agus criathar, ealaín agus ceardaíocht, feithiclí iompair, bloic thógála agus limistéar le buicéid agus scuaba le haghaidh súgartha uisce.

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 taifead d'oilíúint Freagróir Garchabhrach (FAR) cothrom le dáta ag beirt dhaoine fásta a bhí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí.

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(2)(a) Stóráladh bosca garchabhrach atá feistithe go cuí in áit inrochtana agus feiceálach sa phríomh sheomra súgartha.

(b) Bhí an bosca garchabhrach ar fáil sa tseirbhís le húsáid ag na daoine fásta i gcás éigeandála.

Cuid VII - Ceanglais maidir le háitribh agus Spás

Rialachán 29 - Áitribh

Cinnteoide soláthraí cláraithe maidir le háitreabh na seirbhíse—

- (a) go mbeidh struchtúr an áitribh fóna daingean,*
- (b) go mbeidh sé slán sábháilte,*
- (c) go mbeidh soilsiú, téamh agus aeráil leordhóthanach ann,*
- (d) go ndéanfar é a ghlanadh, a chothabháil agus a dheisiú, de réir mar is gá, agus*
- (e) go mbeidh saoráidí sláintíochta atá leordhóthanach agus oiriúnach feistithe ann.*

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Aithnítear go bhfuil oibreacha le déanamh sna míonna amach romhainn chun athchóiriú a dhéanamh ar na tailte taobh amuigh den ionad pobail, lena n-áirítear an limistéar súgartha lasmuigh den tseirbhís réamhscoile. Tá sé mar chuid de thionscadal athfhorbartha ilchéime.

- (b)
- Bhí córais slándála chuí i bhfeidhm chun an áit a chosaint ar dhul isteach neamhúdairithe, agus ar imeacht gan mhaoirseacht leanaí ón tseirbhís.
 - Bhí an timpeallacht laistigh agus lasmuigh sábháilte, slán agus oiriúnach don fheidhm.
 - Bhí bealaí amach le feiceáil go soiléir ar fud na seirbhíse.
- (c)
- Bhí cothromaíocht idir solas nádúrtha agus soilsiú sa tseirbhís réamhscoile.
 - Bhí córas téimh oiriúnach i bhfeidhm chun a chinntiú go gcoinníodh teocht an tseomra idir 18-22° C.
 - Bhí clúdach sábháilte os cionn na radaitheoirí teasa.
 - Bhí fuinneoga agus doirse oscailte sa seomra réamhscoile chun aeráil leordhóthanach a cheadú.
- (d)
- Coinníodh an t-áitreabh i riocht glan agus coinníodh taifid ar an glantacháin.
 - Bhí an fhoireann gníomhach ag glanadh ar an lá.
 - Nuair is féidir úsáidtear ábhair indiúscartha le haghaidh glanadh sa réamhscoil.
 - Stóráladh na gníomhairí glantacháin go léir go sábháilte in áit shábháilte.

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

(e)

- Bhí dhá leithreas agus dhá báisín láimhe ag an réamhscoil le húsáid ag na páistí.
- Ina theannta sin, bhí leithreas agus báisín láimhe féin ag an bhfoireann.
- Bhí trí báisín láimhe breise sa seomra súgartha le húsáid.

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TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015GY186
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Name of Service:	Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta na Fairche
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Address of Service:	Ionad Pobail na Fairche, An Fhairche, Co. Galway
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Eircode:	F12 CD93
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Name of Registered Provider:	Ray Mac Pháidín
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Service type:	Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	08/06/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	11	PM	n/a
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Tusla - Child and Family Agency, 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 preschool Naíonra provides an Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) preschool care programme and sessional care programme from 09.15 to 12.15, from Monday to Friday, for 38 weeks of the year. The preschool caters for children between 2 years and 6 years of age. The preschool operates in the community building in Clonbur, in Connemara, County Galway. There is one main playroom- the Naíonra. A quiet rest area is available for the children to rest, relax or opt out of an activity if they choose. The preschool children have access to a designated secure outdoor play area to the rear of the premises including an all-weather unit equipped with play equipment and materials. The preschool operates through the medium of Irish and is under the governance of Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta.

Staffing

The registered provider is a member on the board of Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta. The registered provider is supernumerary and not on the premises daily. There is a designated person in charge and a named deputy. There are a total of two staff currently working on the premises. Two staff hold a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 to Level 6 on the National Qualifications Framework. The staff 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

The findings on inspection are based on:

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

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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, additional staff member and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

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,*

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- (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 the chairperson on the board of management and is supernumerary. There was a designated person in charge and a deputy person in charge who was available when required in the preschool service.
- (b) The designated person in charge and deputy person in charge were available during the inspection.
- (2) Three staff files were available in respect of the registered provider and the two adults working in the service. The findings included the following:
- (a) Five written and validated references from past employers in respect of the adults working in the service were available.
- (b) One written and validated reference from a source other than a past employer was available on file in respect of the adults working in the service.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures were available in respect of the adults employed by the service. The service demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew garda vetting every three years.
- (d) Not applicable, international police vetting was not required for the adults working in the service as they had not lived in another state for a period longer than six months as an adult.
- (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) The adults working directly with the children held Early Childhood Care and Education qualifications ranging from Level 5 to Level 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications 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.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5), a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 2 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) therefore at that reference number is satisfied.

(8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)-

(c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

Compliance Information

- (1) During the inspection, an adequate number of adults worked directly with the children in attendance.
- (3) The minimum ratios of adults supervising children were maintained on the day of inspection. On the 8/6/2026 2 adults supervised 11 children during the sessional programme.
- (8)(c) During the inspection two adults were available in the service at all times. The preschool does not operate the service single handedly.

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.

Compliance Information

(1)(a)

Basic Needs of Children:

- The adults treated the children in a respectful and caring manner. Positive behavioural strategies were used during interactions with the children. The adults praised and encouraged the children, conversed with the

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children at their level, used soft tones of voice, responded promptly to their cues for assistance and comfort. The adults demonstrated an awareness of the children's capabilities, interests and preferences.

- The children were encouraged to be independent in play and learning, whilst caring for their belongings, at mealtime and whilst using the toilet.
- The children had the freedom to choose which area of interest they wished to play with. They were observed at pretend play with teddy bears, building blocks and playing with pin boards. Some children sat together and looked at books in the cosy corner.
- The children were encouraged and supported to manage their own personal care and prompted to wipe their noses at appropriate intervals.
- The children sat together at tables in low-level chairs for mealtimes. Lunches were provided by the parents/guardians. Mealtime was observed to be a relaxed and sociable occasion. The children's water bottles were available on a tray on a low shelf throughout the day.
- The needs of the child were attended to as required in a respectful manner providing privacy and dignity at all times. The children played in the outdoor play area on a daily basis and had direct access from their playroom.

Physical and Material Environment:

- The main Naionra playroom was bright and well-resourced and was laid out to enable the children to freely access the equipment and materials. The playroom was designed with challenging and interesting areas for children to play and learn. The room was resourced with a variety of activity areas to ensure that children were provided with choice and options which supported individual and group play and emerging interests. Children were observed to be fully engaged in play and made smooth transitions between the activity areas.
- The walls of the playroom were decorated with numerical and alphabetical learning aids and the children's individual artwork, family and birthday sections, days of the week, a little helper system, visual prompts for washing hands and visual aids to demonstrate the class routines.
- The playroom was appropriately resourced with a home corner, art and crafts area, construction area, pretend doll/soft toy play area, a cosy soft matted area where the children could rest relax or take time away from activities.
- Low level shelving units were accessible to the children with a range of manipulative, sensory, imaginative and constructive toys and learning materials for the age and level of development of the children.

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Outdoor play area

- The outdoor play area was enclosed with fencing, walls and had secure gates. The ground surface had tarmac and concrete paths.
- The outdoor play area accommodated a mud kitchen, a wooden boat, planting boxes, transport vehicles, seating and water tables.
- Additionally, there was an enclosed shed with a sand area, buckets shovels and sieves, arts and crafts, transport vehicles, building blocks and an area with buckets and brushes for water play.

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 directly with the children held a record of up to date First Aid Responder (FAR) training.

(2)(a) A suitably equipped first aid box was stored in an accessible and conspicuous position in the main playroom.

(b) The first aid box was available in the service for use by the adults in the event of an emergency.

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Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 - Premises

A registered provider shall ensure that the premises of the service are-

- (b) safe and secure,*
- (c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated*
- (d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and*
- (e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.*

Compliance Information

It was acknowledged that works were due to take place over the next few months to refurbish the grounds outside the community centre including the preschool service outdoor play area. It is part of a multi-phased redevelopment project.

- (b)
- Appropriate security systems were in place to protect the premises from unauthorised entry and unsupervised exit of children from the service.
 - The indoor and outdoor environment was safe, secure and suitable for purpose.
 - Exits were clearly visible throughout the service.
- (c)
- There was a balance of natural light and artificial lighting in the preschool service.
 - There was a suitable heating system in place to ensure the room temperature was maintained between 18 and 22° C.
 - The radiators had a safe cover over them.
 - The preschool room had openable windows and doors to allow adequate ventilation.
- (d)
- The premises was kept in a clean condition with records maintained.
 - Active cleaning by staff was observed on the day.
 - Whenever possible disposable materials are used for cleaning.
 - All cleaning agents were stored safely in a secure location.
- (e)
- The preschool had two toilets and two wash hand basins for use by the children.
 - Additionally, the staff had their own disabled access toilet and wash hand basin.
 - The playroom also had three extra wash hand basins for use.