

Tuarascáil Rialála na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

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Seoladh na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta:	An Roinn Luathbhlianta, An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach, Tailte an Ospidéil, Cúil na nGarrán, An Sciobairín, Co. Chorcaí P81 PD78
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Teideal:	Cigirí Luathbhlianta

An tÚdarás chun Cigireacht a dhéanamh

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

Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Tá Naíonra Chuain Bhaoi, Beannttraí lonnaithe laistigh d'fhoirgneamh scoile Ghaelscoil Bheannttraí atá suite ar imeall Bheannttraí i gContae Chorcaí. Is seirbhís chláraithe luathbhlianta páirtaimseartha í an réamhscoil a

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sholáthraíonn oideachas agus cúram do leanaí idir 2 agus 6 bliana d'aois agus do leanaí atá ag freastal ar an Scéim um Chúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige. Tá an tseirbhís cláraithe le bheith oscailte ó Luan go hAoine ó 08:50 go 13:20.

Feidhmíonn an tseirbhís ó sheomra ranga ainmnithe amháin i bhfoirgneamh na bunscoile ina bhfuil seomra sláintíochta ann do na páistí iad féin agus dhá leithreas agus dhá doirteal ann chun freastal ar 22 páiste ar a mhéad. Tá leithreas na foirne suite in aice láimhe laistigh d'fhoirgneamh na Gaelscoile. Tá rochtain ag na páistí ar áit súgartha lasmuigh iniata, áit fairsing a roinntear leis an mbunscoil.

Soláthar Foirne

Tá 3 duine fásta sa tseirbhís. Cé go bhfuil an soláthraí cláraithe ar an láthair, níl sí bunaithe ar sheirbhís. Tá gradam mór bainte ag an mbeirt aosach a oibríonn go díreach leis na páistí i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige.

Modheolaíocht

Is í Cigireacht Luathbhlianta Tusla an rialtóir reachtúil neamhspleách ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta in Éirinn. Sainmhínítear i Rialachán an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) 2016 an dualgas atá ar sholáthraí cláraithe sábháilteacht agus folláine leanaí a áirithiú agus na rialacháin sin a chomhlíonadh. Leis an Acht sin údaraítear Tusla chun measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh na rialachán freisin. Is é cuspóir na rialála maidir le seirbhísí luathbhlianta ná a áirithiú go gcloítear le cúram, sábháilteacht agus folláine na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar na seirbhísí sin. Déantar cigireachtaí ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta a phleanáil bunaithe ar an méid seo a leanas:

- Stair na cigireachta a rinneadh roimhe
- Aon fhaisnéis a fhaightear maidir leis an tseirbhís

Tá torthaí na cigireachta bunaithe ar na nithe seo a leanas:

- Faisnéis a fhaightear trí mhionscrúdú ar cháipéisíocht
- Breathnóireacht dhíreach
- Plé leis an bhfoireann ábhartha

Níor fógraíodh an chigireacht seo agus díríodh í ar réimse an rialachais/na sláinte, an leasa agus fhorbairt na leanaí/na sábháilteachta/na n-áitreabh agus na n-áiseanna. Féadfaidh an chigireacht díriú ar réimsí eile freisin de réir mar is gá.

Bhí an chigireacht dírithe ar scrúdú ar an gcomhlíonadh faoi Rialacháin 9, 11, 16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26 agus 28.

Sainaithníodh, áfach, ar chigireacht a dhéanamh ar neamhchomhlíonadh breise a raibh riosca ag baint leis faoi Rialachán 8 agus Rialachán 22. Leagtar amach na torthaí seo sna rialacháin iomchuí sa tuarascáil seo.

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Déantar torthaí na cigireachta a dhoiciméadú sa tuarascáil chigireachta a eisítear den chéad uair i ndrénachtfhormáid chuig an tseirbhís agus deis ann freagra a thabhairt ar aon torthaí. Nuair a shainaithnítear ceanglais reachtúla nach bhfuil á gcomhlíonadh, ní mór don soláthraí cláraithe a léiriú conas a cheartaigh sé an neamhchomhlíonadh agus conas a chinnteoidh sé nach dtarlóidh aon neamhchomhlíonadh arís. Úsáidfear an Plean um Ghníomh Ceartaitheach agus um Ghníomh Coiscitheach chun bonn eolais a chur faoi chinntí maidir le comhlíonadh na gceanglas rialála. I gcás ina dteipeann ar an soláthraí cláraithe na ceanglais reachtúla a chomhlíonadh, féadfar tús a chur le próiseas géaraithe.

Forchoimeádann an chigireacht an ceart chun eagarthóireacht a dhéanamh ar na freagraí a fhaightear ar chúiseanna lena n-áirítear soiléireacht, iomláine agus comhlíonadh na bpróiseas riaracháin agus dlíthiúil.

Is é an comhlacht cigireachta a thiomsaíonn ábhar na tuarascála.

Buíochas

Is mian leis na cigirí aitheantas a thabhairt do chomhoibriú an tsoláthraí cláraithe a bhí ar an láthair, an duine atá i gceannas, an fhoireann agus na leanaí a bhí i láthair lá na cigireachta.

Cuid II - Clárú agus Clár

Rialachán 8 - Fógra i leith athrú ar chúinsí

(1) Déanfaidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seachas seirbhís réamhscoile shealadach, faoi réir mhír (3), fógra i scríbhinn a thabhairt don Ghníomhaireacht faoi aon athrú beartaithe ar na sonraí i ndáil leis an tseirbhís réamhscoile atá sa chlár de bhun alt 58C(2) den Acht nó Rialachán 7(2) 60 lá ar a laghad sula mbeartaítear go dtiocfadh an t-athrú i bhfeidhm.

(3) I gcás nach raibh soláthraí cláraithe in ann, ar chúis mhaith chuí, fógra a thabhairt don Ghníomhaireacht laistigh den tréimhse ama a shonraítear i mír (1) nó (2), de réir mar a bheidh, faoi athrú ar na mionsonraí i ndáil leis an tseirbhís réamhscoile atá sa chlár de bhun alt 58C(2) den Acht nó de Rialachán 7(2), tabharfaidh an soláthraí cláraithe fógra i scríbhinn don Ghníomhaireacht faoin athrú a luaite is féidir ina dhiaidh sin.

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(1) (3)

Tráth na cigireachta, níor chuir an soláthraí cláraithe in iúl i scríbhinn don Ghníomhaireacht go raibh an tseirbhís ag feidhmiú lasmuigh d'uaireanta oibríochta cláraithe na seirbhíse 08:50 go 13:20 uair an chloig. Is iad na huaireanta oscailte ó 08:30 go 13:30 uair an chloig gach lá Luan go hAoine.

Gníomhaíocht Cheartaitheach agus Choiscitheach curtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

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Tá admháil faighte ag an soláthraí cláraithe go bhfuarthas aighneacht ón nGníomhaireacht agus dá bhrí sin tá fógra foirmiúil tugtha ag an tseirbhís don Ghníomhaireacht i scríbhinn maidir leis an athrú ar uaireanta oibriúcháin na seirbhíse.

Tá athbhreithniú déanta ag an soláthraí cláraithe ar na riachtanais chun Tusla a chur ar an eolas faoi athruithe ar shonraí clárúcháin na seirbhíse. Tá nós imeachta curtha chun feidhme aici chun a chinntiú go gcuirfear aon athrú amach anseo ar na huaireanta oibríochta nó athruithe clárúcháin infhógartha eile faoi bhráid na Gníomhaireachta tríd an bpróiseas um Athrú ar Imthosca roimh ré.

Doiciméid tacaíochta curtha isteach

Cuireadh cóip den ríomhphost deimhnithe ó Thairseach Tusla inar admháodh go bhfuarthas an aighneacht ar aghaidh chuig an gcigireacht luathbhlianta agus measadh go raibh sí sásúil.

Nóta Achomair

Rinne an cigire athbhreithniú ar na gníomhaíochtaí agus ar an bhfianaise a cuireadh isteach. Tugadh aghaidh go leordhóthanach ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a sainaithníodh faoi Rialachán 8 (1) (3).

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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,
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, agus

(2) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh gach fostaí, oibrí gan phá agus conraitheoir oiriúnach agus inniúil agus cineál na riachtanas atá ag leanaí á chur i gcuntas, lena n-áirítear-

(a) breithniú ar theistiméireachtaí 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 fhostóir aige nó aici 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 áirithiú, a mhéid is indéanta, go soláthróidh duine, i gcás go raibh cónaí air nó uirthi i stát seachas an Stát ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná sé mhí as a chéile, grinnfhiosrúchán póilíneachta ó na húdaráis phóilíneachta sa stát sin.

(3) Cuirfear an nós imeachta atá sonraithe i mír (2) i gcrích sula mbeidh aon duine ceaptha nó sainithe do leanbh a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile agus sula mbeidh teagmháil leis an duine sin le leanbh den sórt sin.

(4) Áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe, gan dochar do ghinearálacht 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) Bhí duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus ionadaí ar fáil chun teacht ina ionad de réir mar is gá.
- (b) Bhí an duine i gceannas agus an leas-cheannasí a bhí i bhfeighil ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí lá an iniúchta gan fhógra.

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(2)

Tar éis athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar fhaisnéis chigireachta roimhe sin, cinneadh an fhaisnéis a bhí ar fáil maidir le cigireacht agus plé leis an duine a bhí i gceannas go raibh triúr ball foirne nua fostaithe ó rinneadh an chigireacht roimhe sin. D'oibrigh beirt de na daoine fásta go díreach leis na leanaí agus ba é duine fásta amháin an soláthraí cláraithe atá lonnaithe ar an láthair ach nach bhfuil ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí. Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar chúig chomhad do dhaoine fásta san iomlán.

(a) As na 6 theistiméireacht scríofa agus bhailíochtaithe is gá, bhí taifid bhailíochtaithe riachtanacha curtha ar fáil ar chomhad ag 5 iarfhostóirí.

(b) Tháinig teistiméireacht riachtanach amháin i scríbhinn ó fhoinse eile seachas ó fhostóir roimhe sin agus taifead ar an mbailíochtú riachtanach sa chomhad.

(c) Fuarthas nochtuithe grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána do na daoine fásta go léir. Léirigh an tseirbhís freisin gur comhlíonadh an Fógra Rialála Cigireachta Luathbhlianta lena gceanglaítear ar sheirbhísí grinnfhiosrúcháin ón nGarda Síochána a athnuachan gach trí bliana.

(d) Ní raibh gá le taifid ghrinnfhiosrúcháin póilíneachta, le haistriúcháin dheimhnithe don triúr daoine fásta.

(3) Cuirfear an nós imeachta atá sonraithe i mír (2) i gcrích sula mbeidh aon duine ceaptha nó sainithe do leanbh a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile agus sula mbeidh teagmháil leis an duine sin le leanbh den sórt sin.

(4)

Léiríodh ó na taifid go raibh Leibhéal 5 ar a laghad ag beirt bhall foirne a bhí ag obair go díreach le leanaí i gCáilíocht Oideachais agus Cúraim Luath-Óige mar atá liostaithe ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí.

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Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 11 – Leibhéil foirne

(1) Faoi réir an Rialacháin seo, áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta i gcónaí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

(2) Faoi réir mhíreanna (4) agus (5), cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse cúraim lae iomláin nó seirbhíse cúraim lae pháirtaimseartha 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 uimhreach tagartha 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.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

(1) Tráth na cigireachta, bhí líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta i láthair a bhí freagrach as cúram agus maoirseacht dhíreach na bpáistí ag na hamanna sin.

(2)

Choinnigh an tseirbhís an t-íoschóimheas a theastaíonn de réir an rialacháin sa seomra réamhscoile, ina raibh beirt daoine fásta ag tabhairt aire do sheachtar leanaí ar maidin agus seisear leanaí san iarnóin.

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Cuid IV – Faisnéis agus Taifid

Rialachán 16 – Taifead maidir le seirbhís réamhscoile

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn ar an bhfaisnéis seo a leanas i ndáil leis an tseirbhís:

(h) sonraí faoi thinreamh gach linbh réamhscoile ar bhonn laethúil;

(i) mionsonraí faoi uainchláir foirne ar bhonn laethúil;

(k) sonraí maidir le haon tionóisc, díobháil nó teagmhas a bhain le leanbh réamhscoile atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

(1)

(h) Taifeadadh agus coimeádadh taifead scríofa sa tseirbhís ar fhreastal gach linbh ar bhonn laethúil lena n-áirítear an t-am teachta agus imeachta ón tseirbhís.

(i) Taifeadadh agus coimeádadh taifead scríofa sa tseirbhís ar fhreastal gach duine fásta ar bhonn laethúil lena n-áirítear an t-am teachta agus imeachta ón tseirbhís.

(k) Bhí cóip chrua de leabhar taifid Tionóisí agus Teagmhas sa tseirbhís. Áiríodh leis an teimpléad Timpiste agus Teagmhais, nuair a bhí sé sínithe, cóip dhúblach de gach taifead timpiste agus teagmhais don tuismitheoir/chaomhnóir.

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Cuid V - Cúram Leanaí sa tSeirbhís Réamhscoile

Rialachán 19 - Sláinte, leas agus forbairt leanaí

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe, le linn seirbhís réamhscoile a sholáthar-

(a) go n-éascaítear foghlaim, forbairt agus dea-bhail gach linbh laistigh de shaol laethúil na seirbhíse réamhscoile trí na gníomhaíochtaí, an idirghníomhaíocht, na hábhair agus an trealamh cuí a sholáthar, ag féachaint d'aois agus do chéim forbartha an linbh, agus

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

(1)(a)

- Bhí atmaisféar suaimhneach agus gan aon deifir le feiceáil ag am sneaiceanna, agus na páistí ag comhrá agus ag idirghníomhú lena chéile. D'fhan na daoine fásta leis na páistí, thug siad cúnamh de réir mar ba ghá agus ghlac siad páirt i gcomhrá na bpáistí.
- Le linn gníomhaíochtaí grúpa, breathnaíodh ar an bhfoireann agus iad ina suí leis na leanaí ar aon leibhéal leo agus ag idirghníomhú leo agus iad i mbun súgartha le píosáí tógála a thacaigh lena scileanna mínluaileacha.
- Agus iad amuigh faoin aer, tugadh faoi deara go raibh na páistí gléasta go cuí le cótaí agus hataí.
- Bhí an chuma ar an scéal go raibh páistí ag baint taitnimh as na háiseanna sa chlós súgartha ar nós dréimíre dreapadóireachta, ag baint úsáid as na sleamhnáin agus ag rith agus iad ag imirt cluiche, agus thacaigh siad ar fad le hollfhorbairt mótaí.
- Breathnaíodh ar an bhfoireann ag maoirsiú agus ag tacú le súgradh baolach nuair a bhí páistí ag dreapadh ar threalamh an chlóis súgartha.
- Tugadh leibhéal cuí neamhspleáchais do na páistí chun gluaiseacht faoi shaoirse sa seomra agus gníomhaíocht dá rogha féin a roghnú. Bhí sé sin soiléir nuair a bhí roinnt páistí ag iarraidh fanacht taobh istigh agus súgradh go neamhspleách, i ngrúpaí agus chuaigh daoine eile taobh amuigh chun súgradh.
- Le linn na cigireachta breathnaíodh baill foirne ag labhairt go bog le páistí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís. Breathnaíodh ar an bhfoireann agus iad ag tacú go héifeachtach le páistí a gcuid mothúchán a rialáil trí mhínithe soiléire a thabhairt a thuig na páistí.

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Cuid V - Cúram Leanaí sa tSeirbhís Naíonra

Rialachán 21 – Trealamh agus ábhair

Áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go bhfuil troscán, trealamh súgartha agus oibre agus ábhair leordhóthanacha agus oiriúnacha ar fáil ar áitreabh na seirbhíse réamhscoile.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

- Bhí an seomra súgartha fairsing, geal, aeráilte go maith, glan go feiceálach agus coinnithe go maith.
- Bhí boird agus cathaoireacha de mhéid oiriúnach ar fáil do na páistí. Thacaigh sé sin le gnáthaimh am béilí agus chuir sé ar chumas na bpáistí gníomhaíochtaí boird a dhéanamh.
- Go ginearálta, coinníodh bail mhaith ar an trealamh súgartha a chonacthas in úsáid lá na cigireachta.
- Bhí réimse acmhainní súgartha cuí aoise agus stáitse ar fáil do pháistí sa seomra súgartha. Cuireadh limistéir bhaile, bábóg agus gabhálais ar fáil a thacaigh le súgradh samhailteach. Bhí éagsúlacht bloic thógála agus brící plaisteacha ann, rud a chuir súgradh tógála chun cinn.
- Spreagadh forbairt scileanna mínluaileacha trí acmhainní súgartha a bheith ar fáil amhail cruthanna incheangailte, ábhair snáithithe, agus míreanna mearaí. Bhí rogha ábhar ealaíne agus ceardaíochta ann, páipéar, criáin a oireann don aois, pinn luaidhe agus péinteanna méire chun scileanna mínluaileacha agus súgradh samhailteach a fheabhsú.
- Bhí rogha leabhar ann ar fáil a thacaigh le forbairt teanga. Breathnaíodh ar bhall foirne ag léamh leabhair do na páistí ag am scéalaíochta. Cuireadh áiteanna suí boga, le leabhair agus bréagáin bhoga, san áireamh laistigh den seomra cúraim, d'aon leanbh a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ag iarraidh diúltú do ghníomhaíochtaí sceidealaithe nó roinnt ama a thógáil chun a scíth a ligean.
- Chualathas baill foirne ag moladh agus ag spreagadh páistí le linn súgartha mar shampla nuair a breathnaíodh ar ghrúpa páistí ag súgradh le seit traenach adhmaid, ag críochnú puzail agus ag am scéal-leabhair. Thug an cigire suntas don fhoireann a shuigh ar leibhéal na bpáistí.
- Bhreathnaigh na cigirí páistí ag súgradh amuigh faoin aer. Thug na spásanna súgartha lasmuigh deiseanna do na páistí dul i mbun súgartha agus taiscéalaíochta gníomhaí éagsúla, trí threalamh amhail fráma dreapadóireachta, sleamhnáin a bheith ar fáil, na páistí a spreagadh chun máistreacht a fháil ar shúgradh ollscile mótair.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

- Ní raibh aon trealamh codlata oiriúnach ann do pháistí le codladh sa tseirbhís ag am na cigireachta. Tá gá le trealamh codlata i seirbhís pháirtaimseartha chun freastal ar riachtanais na bpáistí a dteastaíonn codladh uathu.

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Gníomhaíocht Cheartaitheach agus Choisctheach

- Tá trealamh codlata agus línéadach leapa oiriúnach ceannaithe ag an soláthraí cláraithe d'aon leanbh a dteastaíonn codladh uaidh/uaithi agus é/í ag freastal ar an tseirbhís. Tá an trealamh ordaithe agus beidh sé i bhfeidhm agus ar fáil le húsáid sa tseirbhís sula bhfillfidh leanaí tar éis shos an tsamhraidh ar an 24ú Lúnasa 2026. Cuireadh Polasaí Codlata agus Scíthe agus Nós Imeachta Trealamh Codlata chun feidhme. Tá nósanna imeachta tugtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe chun a chinntiú go ndéantar trealamh codlata oiriúnach a chothabháil, a iniúchadh go rialta, a ghlanadh tar éis é a úsáid agus tá sé fós ar fáil chun freastal ar riachtanais aon linbh a dteastaíonn codladh uaidh/uaithi agus é/í ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

Doiciméid tacaíochta curtha isteach

- Cuireadh admháil/sonrasc do threalamh codlata agus línéadach leapa ar aghaidh chuig an gcigireacht luathbhlianta agus measadh iad a bheith sásúil.
- Cuireadh cóip den Pholasaí Codlata agus Scíthe agus den Nós Imeachta Trealamh Codlata ar aghaidh chuig an gcigireacht luathbhlianta agus measadh iad a bheith sásúil.

Nóta Achomair

- Rinne an cigire athbhreithniú ar na gníomhaíochtaí agus ar an bhfianaise a cuireadh isteach. Tugadh aghaidh go leordhóthanach ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a sainaithníodh faoi Rialachán 21.

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Cuid V - Cúram Leanaí sa tSeirbhís Naíonra

Rialachán 22 – Bia agus deoch

Cinntoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh bia agus deoch leordhóthanach, oiriúnach, cothaitheach agus éagsúil ar fáil do gach leanbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

- Tugadh faoi deara go raibh bia sláintiúil, cothaitheach, aoisoiriúnach ag cuid de na páistí don chéad sos lóin mar shampla, ceapairí liamháis agus cáise, craicir cáise agus iógairt.
- Chuir an fhoireann in iúl do na cigirí go raibh siopaí bia breise ag an tseirbhís dá dteastódh sé ó pháiste.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

- Ag briseadh na maidine, breathnaíodh nach raibh an tseirbhís ag cloí leis an mbeartas sláintiúil ithe mar breathnaíodh roinnt leanaí ag ithe bianna míshláintiúla ar nós brioscáin phrátaí agus cartáin mhóra iógart le píosáí seacláide. Chuir baill foirne in iúl do na cigirí gur cuireadh tuismitheoirí ar an eolas trí ríomhphost agus trí aip teachtaireachtaí digiteacha faoin mbeartas maidir le bia sláintiúil. Luadh sna seirbhísí go mbeadh rogha ag páistí idir bainne nó uisce ag am sneaiceanna. Ní raibh bainne ar fáil do na páistí. Breathnaíodh páiste a bhí ag ól sú; ní raibh sé sin ag teacht leis an mbeartas seirbhíse.
- Ní bhfuair na páistí riar sneaiceanna ullmhaithe ag an dara sos, rud atá ina riachtanas do sheirbhís pháirtaimseartha.

Gníomhaíocht Cheartaitheach agus Choisctheach curtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Gníomhaíocht Cheartaitheach agus Choisctheach

- Rinne an soláthraí cláraithe athbhreithniú ar an mbeartas maidir le bia sláintiúil agus meabhraíodh do gach ball foirne an tábhacht a bhaineann leis an mbeartas a chur chun feidhme go comhsheasmhach agus cinnteoidh siad go gcloífear go hiomlán leis nuair a athosclófar an tseirbhís ar an 24ú Lúnasa 2026. Roimh shos an tsamhraidh, eisíodh meabhrúchán do gach tuismitheoir. Sa mheabhrúchán sin tugadh breac-chuntas ar ionchais na seirbhísí maidir le bia sláintiúil agus cuimsíodh ann samplaí de roghanna don lón agus do sneaiceanna sláintiúla. Cuireadh in iúl do thuismitheoirí nach gceadaítear brioscáin, seacláid, milseáin, iógairt siúcraithe ná deochanna siúcruála i mboscaí lóin do na páistí. Seiceálfaidh na baill foirne na boscaí lóin nuair a thagann na páistí isteach agus, sa chás go n-aithnítear earra bia mí-oiriúnach, meabhrófar an beartas maidir le bia sláintiúil do thuismitheoirí agus spreagfar iad chun roghanna oiriúnacha eile a chur ar fáil. Ó athoscailt na seirbhíse ar an 24ú Lúnasa 2026, cuirfidh an tseirbhís bainne ar fáil do gach páiste ag am sneaiceanna, mar aon le huisce, de réir an bheartais iteacháin shláintiúil. Ní chuirfear sú ar fáil ná ní cheadófar é a thuilleadh le linn an tseisiúin réamhscoile.

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2. Tar éis na cigireachta, cuireadh in iúl do thuismitheoirí go mbíonn dhá lón shláintiúla ag páistí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís pháirtaimseartha gach lá chun freastal ar a riachtanais cothaitheacha le linn an tseisiúin réamhscoile. Chomh maith leis sin, ón 24ú Lúnasa 2026, cuirfidh an Naíonra sneaiceanna sláintiúla ullmhaithe ar fáil do gach páiste le linn an dara sos. Beidh sneaiceanna comhdhéanta de roghanna cothaitheacha ar nós torthaí úra, bataí glasraí, craicir caiscín, cáis nó tósta, le bainne nó uisce á thairiscint do gach páiste. Roinnfear an beartas nuashonraithe maidir le bia sláintiúil le gach teaghlach reatha agus nua, agus cuirfidh an fhoireann chun feidhme go comhsheasmhach é. Déanfaidh an duine atá i gceannas faireachán ar chomhlíonadh trí bhreathnuithe rialta ar an mbia agus ar na deochanna a chuireann thuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí ar fáil.

Doiciméid tacaíochta curtha isteach

- Cuireadh an beartas nuashonraithe maidir le bia sláintiúil agus cóip den bhiachlár seachtainiúil sneaiceanna sláintiúla a ullmhóidh agus a sholáthróidh an Naíonra don dara sos bia ar aghaidh chuig an cigireacht luathbhlianta agus measadh iad a bheith sásúil.

Nóta Achomair

- Rinne an cigire athbhreithniú ar na gníomhaíochtaí agus ar an bhfianaise a cuireadh isteach. Tugadh aghaidh go leordhóthanach ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a sainithníodh faoi Rialachán 22; 1. agus 2.

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Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 23 - Sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas an pháiste a chosaint

Áiríteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéantar gach beart réasúnach chun sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas páistí réamhscoile atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís a chosaint agus go bhfuil timpeallacht na seirbhíse sábháilte.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

- Bhí an seomra aeráilte go maith le fuinneoga oscailte agus bhí cordaí sábháilteachta feistithe ar dhallóga agus iad ceangailte leis na ballaí ag taobh na bhfuinneog.
- Breathnaíodh bréagáin agus trealamh a bheith i riocht maith, gan aon imill ghéara orthu agus bhí siad stóráilte go daingean ar sheilfeanna.
- Bhí an trealamh scáileáin idirghníomhach leictreonach ceangailte go daingean leis an mballa agus bhí an troscán sábháilte, nua-aimseartha agus i riocht maith
- Bhí an seomra réamhscoile glan agus chuir an fhoireann in iúl do na cigirí go raibh conraitheoir glantacháin ann a rinne glanadh sceidealaithe tar éis don tseirbhís críochnú.
- Bhí teocht an uisce sna báisíní níos álainn rialaithe go teirmeastatach, ionas nach rachadh siad thar 43°C.

Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

- Bhí áiseanna oiriúnacha níos álainn láimhe ar fáil sna háiseanna leithris. Bhí uisce te, gallúnach leachtach agus tuáillí páipéir ar fáil. Breathnaíodh níos álainn lámh tar éis dul chuig an leithreas, roimh am sneaiceanna agus tar éis a bheith súgradh lasmuigh.
- Stóráladh cótaí agus málaí na bpáistí go cuí ar chrúcaí balla, os cionn leibhéal an urláir.
- Rinneadh an dramhaíl a dhiúscairt go cuí agus breathnaíodh boscaí bruscair troitheánacha in úsáid agus claibín orthu chun an dramhaíl a stóráil slán agus sábháilte.

Cógais a Riar:

- Chuir an fhoireann a bhí i láthair ar an lá in iúl do na cigirí nach raibh cógas ordaithe ag aon pháiste a éilítear a thabhairt faoi láthair sa tseirbhís.

Sábháilteacht Dóiteán:

- Tugadh faoi deara go raibh na bealaí éalaithe dóiteáin saor ó bhacainní.
- Bhí trealamh comhraicthe dóiteáin suite go daingean ar bhalla.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

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Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

1. Tugadh faoi deara go raibh fíonchaora iomlána ag páistí ag an sneaic lár na maidine, a raibh riosca tachta ag baint leo.
2. Breathnaíodh cáblaí leictreacha nochta a bheith crochta go scaoilte óna soicéid bhalla i rannóg oifige sheomra an Naíonra. Bhí an oifig inrochtana agus d'fhéadfadh na páistí tadhall a dhéanamh leo, rud a chruthaigh riosca sábháilteachta do pháistí.

Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

3. Tugadh faoi deara nár stóráladh bianna meatacha, ar nós sútha talún, slisní píotsa agus craicir le cáis orthu, sa chuisneoir. Bhí riosca bia sábháilteachta ag baint leis sin.

Gníomhaíocht curtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Gníomhaíocht Cheartaitheach agus Choisctheach

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

1. Nuashonraíodh an Beartas maidir le Bia Sláintiúil chun a lua nach gcuirfear fíonchaora iomlána ar fáil a thuilleadh. Sa chás go gcuirtear fíonchaora ar fáil, nífear iad agus gearrfar ina méid cuí iad sula dtairgfear do pháistí iad. Rinne baill foirne athbhreithniú freisin ar an treoir reatha maidir le rioscaí tachta a laghdú agus cinnteoidh siad go n-ullmhófar gach bia ar bhealach aoisoiriúnach agus sábháilte. Arís, cuirfear an Beartas Bia Sláintiúil ar fáil do gach tuismitheoir trí ríomhphost agus trí fhoirm pháipéir araon. Tá athbhreithniú déanta ag gach ball foirne ar an nós imeachta ullmhúcháin sneaiceanna agus leanfaidh siad go seasta é. Déanfaidh an duine atá i gceannas faireachán ar ullmhú na sneaiceanna agus ar amanna béilí go rialta chun a chinntiú go gcuirtear an nós imeachta chun feidhme agus go gcoinnítear cleachtais shábháilte ullmhúcháin bia i gcónaí.
2. Sula n-athosclófar an tseirbhís ar an 24ú Lúnasa 2026, tá geata sábháilteachta ceannaithe agus suiteálfar é ag an mbealach isteach chuig rannóg oifige sheomra an Naíonra chun cosc a chur ar pháistí rochtain a fháil ar an spás sin. Cinnteofar leis sin go bhfanfaidh an printéir, an trealamh leictreach agus na cáblaí gaolmhara neamh-inrochtana do pháistí i gcónaí, rud a laghdóidh an baol díobhála agus a fheabhsóidh sábháilteacht fhoriomlán an chomhshaoil.

Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

3. Tar éis na cigireachta, déanfar bianna meatacha a sholáthraíonn na tuismitheoirí agus an tseirbhís a choinneáil i gcuiseoir go cuí chun sábháilteacht bia a choinneáil agus an baol go millfear bia a chosc. Cinnteoidh an fhoireann go ndéanfar boscaí lóin ina bhfuil bianna meatacha a bhainistiú go cuí ar theacht isteach dóibh agus go ndéanfar aon bhia a dteastaíonn cuisniúchán uaidh a stóráil go sábháilte go dtí

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amanna béilí. Forbraíodh agus cuireadh Nós Imeachta Stórála Bia chun feidhme chun a chinntiú go stóráiltear gach bia a sholáthraíonn an tseirbhís agus na tuismitheoirí /caomhnóirí do na leanaí go sábháilte agus go cuí. Leanfaidh an fhoireann leis an mBeartas Bia Sláintiúil, an Nós Imeachta Ullmhúcháin Sneaeanna agus an Nós Imeachta Stórála Bia mar go bhfuil siad sin ar fad idirnasctha lena chéile.

Doiciméid tacaíochta curtha isteach

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

1. Cuireadh cóipeanna den bheartas nuashonraithe maidir le bia sláintiúil, cóip den nós imeachta ullmhúcháin sneaeanna agus den nós imeachta stórála bia faoi bhráid na cigireachta luathbhlianta agus measadh iad a bheith sásúil.
2. Cuireadh fianaise ghrianghrafadóireachta agus sonrasc ceannaigh den gheata sábháilteachta faoi bhráid na cigireachta luathbhlianta agus measadh go raibh siad sásúil

Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

3. Cuireadh cóip den nós imeachta um chúiteamh sneaeanna seirbhísí agus den nós imeachta um stóráil bia seirbhíse faoi bhráid na cigireachta luathbhlianta agus measadh iad a bheith sásúil

Nóta Achomair

- Rinne na cigirí athbhreithniú ar na gníomhaíochtaí agus ar an bhfianaise a cuireadh isteach. Tugadh aghaidh go leordhóthanach ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a sainithníodh faoi Rialachán 23; 1,2;3.

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Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair

(1) Áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh duine atá oilte i ngarchabhair do leanaí ar fáil láithreach, i gcónaí, do na leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

(2) Áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéanfar bosca garchabhrach atá feistithe go cuí do leanaí-

(a) go stórálfar é go sábháilte in áit atá inrochtana agus feiceálach go héasca san áitreabh, agus

(b) go mbeidh sé ar fáil do na leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile i gcónaí.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

(2)

(a) Ar lá an iniúchta, bhí bosca garchabhrach sách stocáilte ar fáil sa tseirbhís chun freastal ar na páistí.

(b) Bhí an bosca Garchabhrach inrochtana don fhoireann agus stóráilte go sábháilte as rochtain páistí sa seomra.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

(1)

Ar lá na cigireachta, cé go raibh ball foirne amháin i láthair a raibh teastas mar Fhreagróir Garchabhrach aige/aici. Ón dáta ar an teastas tugadh le fios go raibh an teastas imithe in éag agus dá bhrí sin nach raibh sé bailí a thuilleadh, rud a chruthaíonn riosca sábháilteachta do na páistí i gcás éigeandála.

Gníomhaíocht Cheartaitheach agus Choiscitheach curtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Gníomhaíocht Cheartaitheach agus Choiscitheach

Tá cúrsa oiliúna mar Fhreagróir Garchabhrach tugtha i gcrích ag baill foirne. Tacófar leis an bhfoireann go léir deimhniú mar Fhreagróir Garchabhrach a choinneáil cothrom le dáta de réir na gceanglas rialála, ag cinntiú go leanfaidh an tseirbhís de chlúdach garchabhrach cuí a bheith ar fáil do pháistí i gcás éigeandála.

Doiciméid tacaíochta curtha isteach

Cuireadh cóip den ríomhphost a dheimhníonn íocaíocht na háirithe don fhoireann chun freastal ar an gCúrsa mar Fhreagróir Garchabhrach faoi bhráid na cigireachta luathbhlianta agus measadh go raibh sí sásúil.

Nóta Achomair

Rinne an cigire athbhreithniú ar na gníomhaíochtaí agus ar an bhfianaise a cuireadh isteach. Tugadh aghaidh go leordhóthanach ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a sainaithníodh faoi Rialachán 25 (1).

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Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 26 - Bearta sábháilteachta dóiteáin

(1) Áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn-

(a) ar aon druil dóiteáin a bheidh ar siúl san áitreabh, agus

(b) ar líon, cineál agus taifead cothabhála an trealamh comhraicthe dóiteáin agus na n-aláram deataigh san áitreabh.

(4) Déanfar fógra faoi na nósanna imeachta a bheidh le leanúint i gcás dóiteáin a chur ar taispeáint in áit fheiceálach san áitreabh.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

- (1)
- (b) Coinníodh líon, cineál agus taifead cothabhála an trealamh comhraicthe dóiteáin. Taifeadadh gur ar an 24 Márta 2026 a rinneadh an trealamh dóiteáin a sheirbhísiú go deireanach agus gur ar an 04 Márta a rinneadh tástáil agus seirbhísiú ar an gcóras aláram dóiteáin éigeandála.
- (4)
- Bhí nós imeachta aslonnaithe dóiteáin na seirbhíse ina raibh sonraí maidir leis an nós imeachta a bhí le leanúint i gcás dóiteáin ar taispeáint ar bhalla an tseomra súgartha.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

- (1)
- (a) Thaispeáin taifead druileála dóiteáin nach raibh druile dóiteáin ar siúl go míosúil. Thug taifead na druile dóiteáin le fios gur ar an 24 Márta 2026 a tharla an druil dóiteáin dheireanach.

Gníomhaíocht Cheartaitheach agus Choisctheach curtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Gníomhaíocht Cheartaitheach agus Choisctheach

- (1)
- (a) Tá sceideal druile dóiteáin míosúil curtha i bhfeidhm anois chun a chinntiú go dtugtar chun críche agus go dtaifeadtar druileanna dóiteáin go comhsheasmhach. Meabhraíodh do bhaill foirne an tábhacht a bhaineann le druileanna dóiteáin míosúla agus taifid chruinne a choinneáil.
- Déanfar athbhreithniú rialta ar thaifid druile dóiteáin mar chuid d'fhaireachán leanúnach sláinte agus sábháilteachta laistigh den tseirbhís.
- Doiciméid tacaíochta curtha isteach**
- Cuireadh sceideal míosúil druile dóiteáin faoi bhráid na cigireachta luathbhlianta agus measadh go raibh sé sásúil.

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Nóta Achomair

Rinne an cigire athbhreithniú ar na gníomhaíochtaí agus ar an bhfianaise a cuireadh isteach. Tugadh aghaidh go leordhóthanach ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a sainaithníodh faoi Rialachán 26 (1)(a).

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

Áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go bhfuil árachas leordhóthanach ag an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

- Chinntigh an soláthraí cláraithe go raibh árachas leordhóthanach ag an tseirbhís, le hárachas d'uasmhéid de 22 leanbh go dtí 27/03/2027. Sna taifid rinneadh mionsonrú ar an gcatagóir seirbhíse a chlúdaítear mar chúram páirtaimseartha, ainm agus seoladh an áitribh agus sonraí maidir le clúdach dliteanais phoiblí, dóiteáin, gadaíochta, foirgneamh, agus clúdach i gcás turas.

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Name of Registered Provider:	Eibhlín Ní Bhraoin
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Service type:	Part Time
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Date(s) of Inspection:	09/06/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	7	PM	6
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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).

Description of service

Naionra Chuain Bhaoi, Bantry is located within the primary school building of Gaelscoil Bantry located in the outskirts of Bantry town in Co Cork. The pre-school is a registered early years part-time service providing

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education and care to children aged from 2 to 6 years and for children attending the Early Childhood Care and Education Scheme (ECCE). The service is registered to be open Monday to Friday from 08:50 to 13:20. The service operates from one designated classroom in the primary school building with its own children's sanitary room consisting of two toilets and two sinks to cater for a maximum of 22 children. The staff toilet is located nearby within the Gaelscoil building. The children have access to an enclosed, spacious outdoor play area that is shared with the primary school.

Staffing

There are 3 adults attached to the service. While the registered provider is on site, she is not service based. The two adults that work directly with the children have a major award in Early Childhood Care 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

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.

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under regulations Regulation 9, Regulation 11, Regulation 16, Regulation 19, Regulation 21, Regulation 23, Regulation 25, Regulation 26, Regulation 28.

However, on inspection additional non-compliance which posed a risk was identified under Regulation 8 and Regulation 22. These findings are outlined within the relevant regulations within this report.

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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 inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider who was on site, person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part II - Registration and Register

Regulation 8 - Notification of change in circumstances

(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a temporary pre-school service shall, subject to paragraph (3), notify the Agency in writing of any proposed change in the details in relation to the pre-school service contained in the register pursuant to section 58C(2) of the Act or Regulation 7(2) at least 60 days before it is proposed that the change would take effect.

(3) Where a registered provider has been unable for good and proper reason to notify the Agency within the time specified in paragraph (1) or (2), as the case may be, of a change in the details in relation to the pre-school service contained in the register pursuant to section 58C(2) of the Act or Regulation 7(2), the registered provider shall notify the Agency in writing of the change as soon as possible thereafter.

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Non-Compliance Information

(1) (3)

At time of inspection, the registered provider had not informed the Agency in writing that the service was operating outside of the service registered hours of operation 08:50 to 13:20 hours. The service current hours of operation are from 08:30 to 13:30 hours each day Monday to Friday.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The registered provider has received an acknowledgement of receipt of submission from the Agency therefore the service has formally notified the Agency in writing of the change in the services operating hours.

The registered provider has reviewed the requirements for notifying Tusla of changes to the service registration details. She has implemented a procedure to ensure that any future changes to the hours of operation or other notifiable registration changes are submitted to the Agency through the Change in Circumstances process in advance.

Supporting documentation submitted

A copy of the confirmation email from the Tusla Portal acknowledging receipt of the submission was forwarded to the early years inspectorate and deemed satisfactory.

Summary Comment

The inspectors have reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The noncompliance identified under Regulation 8 (1) (3) has been adequately addressed.

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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, and*

(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) There was a named person in charge and a person available to deputise as required.
- (b) The person in charge and the deputy person in charge were working directly with the children on the day of the unannounced inspection.

(2)

Following a review of previous inspection documentation, information available on inspection and discussion with the person in charge, it was determined that three new adults had been employed since the previous inspection. Two of the adults worked directly with the children and one adult was the registered provider who is located on site but not working directly with the children. A total of three adult files were reviewed:

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- (a) Of the 6 required written and validated references, 5 had been provided by past employers with required records of validation on file.
- (b) One required written reference was from another source other than a previous employer with a record of the required validation on file.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for all three adults. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice, requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years.
- (d) Police vetting records, with certified translations were not required for the three adults.
- (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)
- Records demonstrated that two staff members working directly with children had a minimum of Level 5 in Early Childhood Education and Care Qualification as listed on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Part III – Management and Staff

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.*

Compliance Information

- (1) At the time of inspection, there was an adequate number of adults responsible for the direct care of the children in attendance.
- (2)
- The service maintained the minimum ratio required as per regulation in the pre-school room, which included two adults caring for seven children in the morning and six children in the afternoon.

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Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 16 – Record in relation to pre-school service

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of the following information in relation to the service:

- (h) details of attendance by each pre-school child on a daily basis;*
- (i) details of staff rosters on a daily basis;*
- (k) details of any accident, injury or incident involving a pre-school child attending the service.*

Compliance Information

(1)

(h) A written record of the attendance of each child on a daily basis that included the arrival and departure time from the service was recorded and maintained in the service.

(i) A written record of the attendance of each adult on a daily basis that included the arrival and departure time from the service was recorded and maintained in the service.

(k) There was a hard copy Accident and Incident record book in the service. The Accident and Incident template included once signed, a duplicate copy of each accident and incident record for the parent /guardian.

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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

(1)(a)

- A relaxed and unhurried atmosphere was evident at snack time, as the children chatted and interacted with one another. The adults remained with the children, assisted as needed and joined in the children's conversation.
- During group activities, the staff were observed to sit with the children at their level and interact with them when playing with building pieces which supported their fine motor skills.
- While outdoors, the children were noted to be dressed appropriately with coats and hats.
- Children appeared to be enjoying the facilities in the playground such as climbing ladders, using the slides and running when playing a game, all of which supported gross motor development.
- Staff were observed supervising and supporting risky play when children were climbing on the playground equipment.
- Children were given an appropriate level of independence to move freely in the room and choose an activity of their preference. This was evident when some children wanted to remain inside and play independently, in groups and others went outside to play.
- During the inspection, staff were observed speaking in soft tones to children attending the service. The staff were observed to effectively support children to regulate their emotions by giving clear explanations that the children understood.

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Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 21 – Equipment and materials

A registered provider shall ensure that there is adequate and suitable furniture, play and work equipment and materials available on the premises of the pre-school service.

Compliance Information

- The playroom was spacious, bright, well ventilated, visibly clean and well maintained.
- Suitably sized tables and chairs were available to the children. This supported mealtime routines and enabled the children to carry out tabletop activities.
- In general, the play equipment seen in use on the day of inspection were maintained in good condition.
- The playroom had a range of age and stage appropriate play resources available to children. There were furnished home areas, dolls and accessories that supported imaginary play. There were a variety of building blocks and plastic bricks that promoted construction play.
- The development of fine motor skills was encouraged through the availability of play resources such as connectable shapes, threading materials, and jigsaws. There was a selection of art and craft materials, paper, age-appropriate crayons, pencils and finger paints to enhance fine motor skills and imaginary play.
- A selection of books that supported language development were available. A staff member was observed reading a book to the children at story time. Soft seating areas, with books and soft toys, were included within the care room, for any child who may wish to opt out of scheduled activities or take some time to relax.
- Staff were heard by the inspector praising and encouraging children during play for example where a group of children were observed playing with a wooden train set, completing puzzles and at story book time. Staff were noted by the inspector to sit at the children's level.
- The inspectors observed children playing outdoors. The outdoor play spaces provided opportunities for the children to engage in a variety of active play and exploration, through the availability of equipment such as climbing frame, slides, encouraging the children to master gross motor skill play.

Non-Compliance Information

- There was no suitable sleep equipment for children to sleep in the service at time of inspection. Sleep equipment is required in a part-time service to accommodate the needs of the children that require sleep.

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Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- The registered provider has purchased suitable sleep equipment and bed linen for any child who requires sleep while attending the service. The equipment has been ordered and will be in place and available for use in the service before children return following the summer break on 24th August 2026. A Sleep and Rest Policy and a Sleep Equipment Procedure have been implemented. The Registered Provider has introduced procedures to ensure suitable sleep equipment is maintained, inspected regularly, cleaned after use and remains available to meet the needs of any child requiring sleep while attending the service.

Supporting documentation submitted

- Receipt/invoice for sleep equipment and bed linen were forwarded to the early years inspectorate and deemed satisfactory.
- A copy of the Sleep and Rest Policy and Sleep Equipment Procedure were forwarded to the early years inspectorate and deemed satisfactory.

Summary Comment

- The inspectors have reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The noncompliance identified under Regulation 21 has been adequately addressed.

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Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 22 – Food and drink

A registered provider shall ensure that adequate and suitable, nutritious and varied food and drink is available for each pre-school child attending the pre-school service.

Compliance Information

- It was observed that some of the children had healthy, nutritious, age-appropriate portion size food for the first lunch break for example, sandwiches of ham and cheese, cheese crackers and yoghurts.
- Staff informed the inspectors the service had additional food stores should a child require it.

Non-Compliance Information

- At morning break, it was observed that the service was not adhering to the healthy eating policy as some children were observed eating unhealthy foods such as crisps and large yogurt cartons with chocolate pieces. Staff members informed the inspectors that parents were informed by email and digital messaging app about the healthy eating policy. The services healthy eating policy stated children would have a choice between milk or water at snack times. There was no milk available to children. A child was observed to drink juice; this was at variance with the service policy.
- The children did not receive a serving of prepared snacks at their second break which is a requirement for a part-time service.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- The healthy eating policy was reviewed by the registered provider and all staff have been reminded of the importance of implementing the policy consistently and will ensure it is fully adhered to when the service reopens on 24th August 2026. Prior to the summer break, a reminder was issued to all parents. This outlined the services expectations regarding healthy eating and included examples of healthy lunch and snack options. Parents were informed that crisps, chocolate, sweets, sugary yogurts, and sugary drinks are not permitted in children's lunchboxes. Staff will check lunchboxes on arrival and, where an unsuitable food item is identified, parents will be reminded of the healthy eating policy and encouraged to provide suitable alternatives. From the reopening of the service on 24th August 2026, the service will provide milk to all children at snack times, along with water, in accordance with the healthy eating policy. Juice will no longer be provided or permitted during the preschool session.
- Following the inspection, parents have been informed that children attending the part-time service have two healthy lunches each day to meet their nutritional needs during the preschool session. In addition,

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from 24th August 2026, the Naíonra will provide a prepared healthy snack to all children during the second break. Snacks will consist of nutritious options such as fresh fruit, vegetable sticks, wholemeal crackers, cheese or toast, with milk or water offered to all children. The updated healthy eating policy will be shared with all current and new families, and staff will implement it consistently. The person in charge will monitor compliance through regular observations of the food and drinks provided by parents/guardians.

Supporting documentation submitted

- The updated healthy eating policy and a copy of the weekly healthy snack menu that will be prepared and provided by the Naíonra for the second food break were forwarded to the early years inspectorate and deemed satisfactory.

Summary Comment

- The inspectors have reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliances identified under Regulation 22; 1.&2 have been adequately addressed.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 23 - Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child

A registered provider shall ensure that all reasonable measures are taken to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of a pre-school child attending the service and that the environment of the service is safe.

Compliance Information

General Safety:

- The room was well ventilated with open windows and blinds were fitted with safety cords tethered to the walls at the side of windows.
- Toys and equipment were observed to be in good condition, with no sharp edges and were securely stored on shelves.
- The electronic interactive screen equipment was securely tethered to the wall and furniture was safe, modern and in good condition
- The pre-school room was clean and the staff informed the inspectors there was cleaning contractor who carried out scheduled cleaning after the service finished.
- Water temperatures at the wash hand basins were thermostatically controlled, so as not to exceed 43°C.

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Infection Control:

- Suitable handwashing facilities was available in the toilet facilities. Warm water, liquid soap and paper towels were in place. Supervised hand washing was observed before snack time and after outdoor play.
- The children's coats and bags were appropriately stored on wall hooks, above floor level.
- Waste was disposed of appropriately and bins were observed to be pedal operated and lidded for the secure and safe storage of waste.

Administration of Medication:

- The staff present on the day informed the inspectors that no child had prescribed medication requiring to be administered currently in the service.

Fire Safety:

- The service's fire exits were noted to be free from obstruction.
- Firefighting equipment was securely wall mounted.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. Children were observed to have whole grapes at the mid-morning snack which posed a choking risk.
2. Exposed electrical cables were observed to be loosely hanging from their wall sockets in the office section of the Naíonra room. The office was accessible and in reach of the children, posing a safety risk to children.

Infection Control:

3. It was observed that perishable foods, such as strawberries, pizza slices and crackers with cheese, were not stored in the fridge. This posed a safety food risk.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

1. The Healthy Eating Policy has been updated to state that grapes will no longer be served whole. Where grapes are provided, they will be washed and cut into appropriate size before being offered to children. Staff have also reviewed current guidance on reducing choking risks and will ensure that all food is prepared in an age-appropriate and safe manner. Again, the Healthy Eating Policy will be made available to all parents through both email and paper form. All staff have reviewed the snack preparation procedure and will follow it consistently. The person in charge will monitor snack preparation and

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mealtimes regularly to ensure the procedure is implemented and that safe food preparation practices are maintained at all times.

- Before the service reopens on 24th August 2026, a safety gate has been purchased and will be installed at the entrance to the office section of the Naíonra room to prevent children from accessing this space. This will ensure that the printer, electrical equipment and associated cables remain inaccessible to children at all times, thereby reducing the risk of injury and improving the overall safety of the environment.

Infection Control:

- Following the inspection, perishable foods provided by the parents and service will be refrigerated appropriately to maintain food safety and prevent the risk of food spoilage. Staff will ensure that lunchboxes containing perishable foods are managed appropriately on arrival and that any foods requiring refrigeration are stored safely until mealtimes. A Food Storage Procedure has been developed and implemented to ensure all food provided by the service and by the parents /guardians for the children is stored safely and appropriately. Staff will continue to follow the Healthy Eating Policy, Snack Preparation Procedure and Food Storage Procedure as these are all interlinked.

Supporting documentation submitted

General Safety:

- Copies of the updated healthy eating policy, copy of snack preparation procedure and food storage procedure were submitted to the early years inspectorate and deemed satisfactory.
- Photographic evidence and purchase invoice of the safety gate was submitted to the early years inspectorate and deemed satisfactory

Infection Control:

- A copy of the services snack reparation procedure and service food storage procedure were submitted to the early years inspectorate and deemed satisfactory

Summary Comment

- The inspectors have reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The noncompliance's identified under Regulation 23, 1,2;3 have been adequately addressed.

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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

(2)

(a) On the day of inspection, there was a sufficiently stocked first aid box available in the service to cater for the children.

(b) The First Aid box was accessible to staff and safely stored out of reach of children in the room.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)

On the day of inspection, while there was one staff member present who had a First Aid Response (FAR) certification. The date on the certificate indicated the certificate had expired and therefore no longer valid, posing a safety risk to the children in the event of an emergency.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

Staff have completed First Aid Response (FAR) training course. All staff will be supported to maintain up-to-date FAR certification in line with regulatory requirements, ensuring the service continues to have appropriate first aid cover available for children in the event of an emergency.

Supporting documentation submitted

A copy of the email confirming the booking payment for staff to attend the (FAR) Course was submitted to the early years inspectorate and deemed satisfactory.

Summary Comment

The inspectors have reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The noncompliance identified under Regulation 25 (1) have been adequately addressed.

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Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures

- (1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of-
- (a) any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and
 - (b) the number, type and maintenance record of fire fighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises.

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (b) A record of the number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment was maintained. It was recorded that the fire equipment was last serviced on the 24 March 2026 and the emergency fire alarm system was last tested and serviced on the 04 March 2026.
- (4)
- The fire evacuation procedure for the service which contained details in relation to the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed on the wall of the playroom.

Non-Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) Fire drill record indicated that fire drills were not taking place monthly. The fire drill record indicated that the last fire drill took place on the 24 March 2026.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- (1)
- (a) A monthly fire drill schedule has now been put in place to ensure fire drills are completed and recorded consistently. Staff have been reminded of the importance of monthly fire drills and maintaining accurate records. Fire drill records will be reviewed regularly as part of ongoing health and safety monitoring within the service.

Supporting documentation submitted

A monthly fire drill schedule was submitted to the early years inspectorate and deemed satisfactory.

Summary Comment

The inspectors have reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The noncompliance identified under Regulation 26 (1)(a) have been adequately addressed.

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Regulation 28 - Insurance

A registered provider shall ensure that the pre-school service is adequately insured.

Compliance Information

- The registered provider ensured the service was adequately insured, with insurance for a maximum of 22 children until 27/03/2027. The records detailed the category of service covered which was part time, the name and address of the premises and details regarding public liability cover, fire, theft, buildings, and outings cover.