

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report School Age Services

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2023SO008SA
Name of School Age Service:	Culfadda Hall Company Ltd CLG
Name of Registered Provider(s):	Kieran Macansionnaigh
Address of School Age Service:	Kittyteige, Culfadda, Ballymote, Co. Sligo
Eircode:	F56 HE03

Date of Inspection:	10/06/2026			
Number of school age children present during inspection:	AM	NA	PM	13

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Inspection undertaken by:	K Folan
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Authority to Inspect

Tusla's 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:

Culfadda Hall Company Ltd. CLG is a privately owned standalone school age service located in the village of Culfadda, Co. Sligo. The service is registered to provide school age care for children aged 4 to 12 years, from 07:00 to 09:00 and 14:00 to 18:00 during term time. The service operates out of a local community hall which has been upgraded and extended for the use of a school age service. The main care room is located to the right of the front entrance door. The service also has use of two additional rooms, the “meeting room” which is used for older children’s homework, and an indoor hall for gross motor play in the event of inclement weather. There is an outdoor area available at the back of the building. Sanitary accommodation for children and adults is available onsite.

Staffing:

There are five adults employed in the service, including the registered provider. Four adults work directly with the children on a daily basis. The registered provider does not work in the service but attended the service at the beginning of the inspection. On the day of inspection three adults were present and working with the children.

Additional Information:

An immediate action notice was issued to the service in relation to staff vetting. Please see statutory notice section.

Legislation

Tusla’s Early Years Inspectorate is the independent statutory regulator of School Age Services in Ireland, and its role is to promote and monitor the safety and quality of school age care provision in accordance with the following legislation:

- The Child and Family Agency Act 2013, Part 12.
- Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Registration of School Age Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2022.
- The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Registration of School Age Services Regulations 2018 (S.I. 575 of 2018).

A school age service means any early years service, play group, day nursery, crèche, day-care or other similar service which:

- caters for children under the age of 15 years enrolled in a school providing primary or post-primary education,
- provides a range of activities that are developmental, educational and recreational in manner, which take place outside of school hours, the primary purpose of which is to care for children where their parents are unavailable, and
- the basis for access to which is made publicly known to the parents and guardians of the children referred to in point (a) above.

It is the responsibility of a registered provider to ensure the safety and well-being of school age children and the above legislation authorises Tusla to assess compliance with the Regulations.

Inspection Methodology:

The inspection is unannounced to assess compliance with the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Registration of School Age Services Regulations 2018 (S.I. 575 of 2018), Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Registration of School Age Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, and the Child Care Act 1991, Section 58 as amended by Part 12 of the Child and Family Agency Act, 2013.

The findings on inspection are gathered through a triangulation method, including:

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

This inspection aims to determine the extent to which service is appropriate for the care, safety, and wellbeing of children in accordance with the regulations cited above.

Inspection findings are documented in the School Age Services 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 corrected the non-compliance and how they will prevent them 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 CAPA responses received for reasons including clarity, completeness and compliance with administrative and legal processes.

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

Acknowledgements:

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the co-operation of the children, registered provider, person in charge, and staff who were present on the day of inspection.

Statutory Notices

Notice	Date Served	Detail
Immediate Action Notice IAN1541	10/06/2026	International Police Vetting was not available for one adult who required it.
Status	Action was taken by the registered provider following service of the notice and the provider submitted a written response with detailed corrective and preventive actions which were accepted by the inspectorate.	

Summary of Findings:

On Inspection, the registered provider was found compliant in relation to the following:

- Regulation 9(2): Staffing levels
- Regulation 11: Premises
- Child Care Act 1991, Section 58(G) as amended by Part 12 of the Child and Family Agency Act, 2013

On inspection, the registered provider was found non-compliant in relation to the following:

- Regulation 8: Vetting Disclosures

Conclusion and follow up actions:

The inspector reviewed the registered providers response, documented and photographic evidence that was submitted. The non- compliances found on inspection in relation to Regulation 8(1)(a)(b), (d) point 2 and (2), have been adequately addressed. The noncompliance in relation to Regulation 8(1)(d) point 1 remains outstanding.

Regulation 8: Vetting disclosures

- (1) A registered provider of a school age service other than a childminding service 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.*
- (2) The procedures specified in paragraph 1 shall be carried out prior to any person being appointed, assigned or allowed access to or contact with a child attending the school age service.*

Regulatory Requirement Met

On the day of inspection, five adult files were reviewed including the registered providers, and the following information was available:

(1)(c)

Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for all adults. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years.

Regulatory Requirement not met

(1)(a)(b)

Ten written references were available, eight from past employers and two from reputable

sources, however the references were not validated.

(d)

1. See statutory notice section in relation to Immediate Action Notice IAN1541 served.
2. International police vetting was not available for one adult who had lived in an EU country for over 6 months as an adult and for whom Garda Vetting had been obtained after 07 July 2025.

(2)

The above procedures were not carried out prior to four adults being appointed in the school age service.

Corrective & Preventive Action Response submitted by the Registered Provider

(1)(a)(b)

References were validated and submitted to the inspectorate. In future all references will be validated prior to any person being hired in the service. A new updated Recruitment policy is in place.

(1)(d)

1. International police vetting has been applied for in respect of one adult, when received a copy will be submitted to the Inspectorate. Evidence of application has been submitted.
2. International police vetting has been obtained and translated for one adult. Evidence has been submitted to the Inspectorate.

(2)

In future, the required vetting procedures will be carried out prior to anyone being hired in the service. A copy of the updated Recruitment policy has been submitted.

Summary of Findings

(1)(a)(b)

The documented and photographic evidence submitted has been reviewed by the inspector

and has met the regulatory requirements.

(1)(d)

1. Evidence of an application for one adult for International Police vetting was reviewed however; a copy of the complete Police vetting has not been submitted for one adult to the inspector to date. The registered provider is required to furnish the required documentation to the Inspectorate upon receipt. The noncompliance in relation to Regulation 8 (1)(d) remains out outstanding.

2. The documented and photographic evidence submitted has been reviewed by the inspector and has met the regulatory requirements.

(2)

The documented and photographic evidence submitted has been reviewed by the inspector and has met the regulatory requirements.

Regulation 9: Staffing levels

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1), a registered provider of a school age service other than a childminding service shall ensure that there is a minimum ratio of 1 adult to 12 children at all times while the service is operating.

Regulatory Requirement Met

The registered provider ensured that adequate staffing levels were maintained during the inspection.

(2)

On the afternoon of the inspection:

At 14:40, two adults cared for 7 children aged 5 to 6 years of age.

At 15:16 three adults cared for 13 children aged 5 to 12 years of age.

Regulation 11: Premises

A registered provider of a school age service shall ensure that-

- (a) an outdoor space to which the school age children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises, or*
- (b) where no such space is provided, the school age children attending the service have access on a daily basis to an outdoor space.*

Regulatory Requirement Met

(a) A large tarmacadam covered area is available for outdoor play to the back of the premises. The children were observed playing outdoors on the day of the inspection. Footballs, goalposts and basketballs were provided for the children to play with in the outdoor environment.

Child Care Act 1991, Section 58(G) as amended by Part 12 of the Child and Family Agency Act, 2013

It shall be the duty of every person providing an early years service to take all reasonable measures to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of children attending the service and to comply with regulations made by the Minister under this Part.

Regulatory Requirement Met

Two adults employed in the service were trained in First Aid and records demonstrated that at least one adult trained in first aid was available to the children.