

<b>Aitheantóir TUSLA:</b>	TU2015CC288
<b>Ainm na Seirbhíse:</b>	Naíonra Chúil Aodha
<b>Seoladh na Seirbhíse:</b>	Ionad Óige, Cúil Aodha, Magh Chromtha, Co. Chorcaí
<b>Éirchód:</b>	P12 XN12
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<b>Cineál na seirbhíse:</b>	Páirt-Aimseartha, Seisiúnach
<b>Dáta(i) na Cigireachta:</b>	25/02/2025
<b>Líon na leanaí réamhscoile:</b>	AM 10 PM n/b
<b>Seoladh na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta:</b>	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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<b>Teideal:</b>	Cigire 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).

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## Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Is seirbhís luathbhlianta bhunaithe é Naíonra Chúil Aodha a osclaíodh den chéad uair in 2004. Soláthraíonn an tseirbhís cúram páirtaimseartha agus seisiúnach agus tá sí cláraithe chun freastal ar leanaí idir 2 agus 6 bliana d’aois. Tá cúram páirtaimseartha breise á chur ar fáil ag an tseirbhís ó bhí Lúnasa/Meán Fómhair 2024 ann. Ar lá na cigireachta bhí na leanaí idir 2 bhliain is 8 mí agus 5 bliana d’aois agus iad ag baint leasa as an Scéim um Chúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige (ECCE). Is iad na huaireanta oscailte laethúla cláraithe ná 09:10 go 14:10 uair gach lá Luan go hAoine. Tráth na cigireachta fuarthas go raibh an tseirbhís ag oibriú seirbhís pháirtaimseartha ceithre lá sa tseachtain, is é sin Dé Luain, Dé Céadaoin, Déardaoin agus Dé hAoine agus tá an tseirbhís sheisiúnach á oibriú cúig lá sa tseachtain. Ar lá na cigireachta, ní raibh ach an tseirbhís sheisiúnach á oibriú. Oibríonn Naíonra Chúil Aodha ó sheomra amháin atá suite ar urlár na talún i bhforirgneamh pobail dhá stór i sráidbhaile Chúil Aodha, Maigh Chromtha, Co. Chorcaí. Tá an seomra curtha in oiriúint chun seirbhís luathbhlianta a sholáthar. Tá dhá leithreas atá sannta lena úsáid ag páistí agus leithreas amháin atá sannta lena úsáid ag daoine fásta ag an Naíonra. Tá áit bheag súgartha slán sábháilte lasmuigh ar chúl agus ar thaobh an áitribh.

## An fhoireann

Ar na 3 ball foirne bhí an ceannaire agus leas-cheannaire. Fostaíodh duine amháin den triúr ball foirne faoin Scéim Tacaíochta eiseamláireach um Rochtain agus Ionchuimsitheacht (AIM). Níl an soláthraí cláraithe san oifig. Tá cáilíocht aitheanta i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige ag an bhfoireann a oibríonn go díreach leis na leanaí luathbhlianta.

## Modheolaíocht

Is í Cigireacht Luathbhlianta Tusla an rialtóir reachtúil neamhspleách ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta in Éirinn. Sainmhíneann Rialacháin an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) 2016 dualgas soláthraí cláraithe sábháilteacht agus folláine leanaí a chinntiú agus na rialacháin seo a chomhlíonadh. Tugann an tAcht seo an t-údarás do Tusla measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh na rialachán. Is é cuspóir na rialála maidir le seirbhísí luathbhlianta ná a chinntiú 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 chigireachta roimhe seo
- Aon fhaisnéis a fhaightear maidir leis an tseirbhís

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

- Faisnéis a fhaightear trí dhoiciméadacht a scrúdú

# Tuarascáil Rialála na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta Réamhscóil

- Breathnóireacht dhíreach
- Plé leis an bhfoireann ábhartha

Níor fógraíodh an chigireacht seo agus díriodh 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.

Déantar torthaí na cigireachta a dhoiciméadú sa tuarascáil chigireachta a eisítear den chéad uair i ndrúachtfhormáid chuig an tseirbhís agus deis ann freagra a thabhairt ar aon torthaí. Nuair a shainithnítear ceanglais reachtúla mar cheanglais nach bhfuil á gcomhlíonadh, ní mór don soláthraí cláraithe a léiriú conas a cheartaigh sé an neamhchomhlíonadh agus cuirfidh sé cosc ar aon neamhchomhlíonadh tarlú arís. Úsáidfear an Plean um Ghníomhaíocht Cheartaitheach agus um Ghníomhaíocht Choisctheach (CAPA) chun bonn eolais a chur faoi chinntí maidir le comhlíonadh na gceanglas rialála. Sa chás go dteipeann ar an soláthraí cláraithe na ceanglais reachtúla a chomhlíonadh, féadfar tús a chur le próiseas maidir le géarú.

Forchoimeádan 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.

## Admhálacha

Is mian leis an gcigire aitheantas a thabhairt do chomhoibriú an duine atá i gceannas, na foirne agus na leanaí a bhí i láthair lá na cigireachta.

## 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, 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 iontaoifa 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.*

*(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 coibhéseach léi sin, ar a laghad.*

### Faisnéis maidir le comhlíonadh

- (1)
- (a) Bhí duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus ionadaí ar fáil chun teacht ina ioand de réir mar is gá.
- (b) Bhí an duine i gceannas agus an ionadaí i láthair san áitreabh lá na cigireachta.
- 2) Rinneadh measúnú ar dhoiciméid i ndáil leis na ceanglais faoi Rialachán 9 i dtaca le 3 ball foirne agus an Comhordaitheoir agus an soláthraí cláraithe. Bhí na taifid seo a leanas ar fáil don chúigear daoine fásta:
- (a) As na 10 dtagairt riachtanacha, tháinig 5 theistiméireacht ó fhostóirí san am a caitheadh agus bhí na taifid ar an mbailíochtú riachtanach ar comhad.

(b) As na teistiméireachtaí eile, tháinig 5 theistiméireacht ó fhoirse eile seachas fostóir san am a caitheadh agus bhí taifid ar an mbailíochtú riachtanach ar chomhad.

(c) Bhí nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána ar fáil ar comhad maidir leis an gcúigear aosach. 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) Bhí taifead grinnfhiosrúcháin ó póilíní ar comhad don bhall foirne amháin a raibh cónaí air lasmuigh den dlínse ar feadh tréimhse ab fhaide ná 6 mhí as a chéile.

(4)

Bhí fianaise ann go raibh mórdhámhachtain bainte amach ag an triúr ball foirne i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige ar an gCreat Náisiúnta um Cháilíochtaí.

## Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

### Rialachán 11 - Leibhéal 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 a fhreastalaíonn 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)

Chinntigh an duine i gceannas go raibh líon imleor daoine fásta ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí lá na cigireachta.

(2)

Le linn thréimhse na cigireachta, coinníodh an cóimheas foirne le leanaí de réir na rialachán agus bhí líon imleor daoine fásta ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí sa seomra súgartha i bhfeidhm.

Bhí 10 bpáistí idir 2 bhliain 8 mí agus 5 bliana d’aois i láthair sa tseirbhís sheisiúnach agus 3 daoine fásta i láthair i gcónaí. Bhí an cóimheas idir leanaí agus daoine fásta ceart.

## Cuid IV – Faisnéis agus Taifid

### Rialachán 15 – Taifead ar leanbh réamhscóile

(1) Déanfaidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscóile seachas seirbhís réamhscóile i lárionad buail isteach nó seirbhís réamhscóile shealadach a chinntiú go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn maidir le gach leanbh réamhscóile atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís ina mbeidh na sonraí seo a leanas:

- a ) ainm agus dáta breithe an linbh;
- (b) an dáta a d'fhreastail an leanbh ar an tseirbhís den chéad uair;
- c ) an dáta a scoir an leanbh de bheith ag freastal ar an tseirbhís;
- (d) ainm agus seoladh tuismitheora nó caomhno'ra leis an leanbh agus uimhir theileafóin lenar fe'idir dul i dteagmha'il leis an tuismitheoir nó leis an gcaomhno'ir sin nó le gaol nó le cara leis an leanbh le linn uaireanta oibríochta na seirbhíse;
- (e) údarú chun an leanbh a bhailiú;
- (f) mionsonraí aon bhreiteachta, aon mhíchumais, aon ailléirge nó aon riachtanais speisialta ar an leanbh, mar aon leis an bhfaisnéis go léir is iomchuí maidir le cúram nó aire speisialta a sholáthar;
- (g) ainm agus uimhir theileafóin lia-chleachtóir cláraithe an linbh;
- (h) taifead ar imdhíontaí, más ann, a fuair an leanbh;
- (i) toiliú scríofa tuismitheora do chóireáil leighis chuí don leanbh i gcás éigeandála

### Faisnéis maidir le comhlíonadh

1)(a) go (i)

Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar shampla de 12 fhoirm chlárúcháin na bpáistí agus fuarthas amach go raibh na gnéithe faisnéise go léir a cheanglaítear le Rialachán 15 (a) go (i) san áireamh iontu.

## 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;

(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) Rinneadh taifead scríofa ar fhreastal gach linbh ar bhonn laethúil lena n-áirítear an t-am teachta agus imeachta ón tseirbhís a thairfeadh agus a chothabháil sa tseirbhís. Bhí an dara leabhar tinrimh laethúil i bhfeidhm do leanaí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís pháirtaimseartha
- k) Bhí leabhar Timpistí agus Teagmhais ag an tseirbhís. Bhí cóip dhúblach ag gach taifead tionóisce agus teagmhais a fuair an tuismitheoir ag am bailithe tar éis na timpiste/eachtra a bhain lena leanbh. Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar shampla de thaifid timpistí agus teagmhais agus comhlánaíodh iad i gceart agus shínigh an fhoireann agus an tuismitheoir nó caomhnóir ábhartha iad. Thug síniú na dtuismitheoirí le fios go ndearnadh an fhaisnéis a chur ar aghaidh go cuí.

## 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

#### Bunriachtanais

- Chuir an tseirbhís bia sláintiúil chun cinn agus tugadh faoi deara go raibh an bia a chuir na tuismitheoirí agus na caomhnóirí ar fáil do shneiceanna lár na maidine sláintiúil agus cothaitheach.

- Freastalaíodh go pras agus go hógair ar riachtanais leithris agus sláinteachais na leanaí Spreagadh na páistí chun dul go dtí an leithreas iad féin. Breathnaíodh ball foirne ag maoirsiú agus ag cabhrú le gach leanbh nuair a bhí gá leis agus iad ag níochnáin lámh agus ag triomú lámha, agus tugadh tacaíocht agus spreagadh do na leanaí roimh ithe, tar éis dóibh an leithreas a dhéanamh agus súgradh salach.
- Breathnaíodh na leanaí gléasta go cuí agus iad ag súgradh faoin aer sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh.

## Caidrimh tacúla le leanaí:

- Bhí na baill foirne socair agus suaimhneach agus iad ag éascú deiseanna súgartha agus ag comhlíonadh dualgas cúraim. Níor úsáideadh ach toin íseal, agus coinníodh teagmháil súl mhaith leis na leanaí le linn rannpháirtíocht duine le duine.
- Breathnaíodh go n-oibríonn na baill foirne go maith le chéile agus bhí cur amach ag na páistí ar an ngnáthamh. Breathnaíodh go raibh an fhoireann ag idirghníomhú ar bhealach comhbhách leis na leanaí ag cur lena muinín agus a scileanna cumarsáide laistigh den suíomh.
- Breathnaíodh ar an mbéile i lár na maidine a bheith ina ócáid shóisialta, mar go raibh na páistí ag caint faoi shaoirse i dtimpeallacht shuaimhneach agus thairg na daoine fásta cúnaimh cuí dóibh, mar shampla, oscailt boscaí lóin, cartáin agus an craiceann a bhaint de thorthaí.
- Le linn gníomhaíochtaí boird a breathnaíodh, thug an fhoireann tacaíocht agus spreagadh do na leanaí, a d'aithin a gcuid iarrachtaí agus a gcuid éachtaí.
- Breathnaíodh gníomhaíocht ghrúpa mór súgartha inar úsáideadh luascháirte. Taispeánadh cárta do gach páiste, agus déarfadh siad an focal Gaeilge don mhír a bhí ar taispeáint ar an gcárta. Críochnaíodh uimhreacha, séasúir agus laethanta na seachtaine i nGaeilge freisin. Breathnaíodh na leanaí ag fanacht ar a seal, ag roinnt an eispéiris, chothaigh siad muinín na bpáistí as cumarsáid a dhéanamh i ngrúpa agus chuir siad sóisialú chun cinn.

## Timpeallacht Fhisiciúil agus Ábhartha

- Thug an seomra cúraim deis do na páistí gluaiseacht faoi shaoirse, mar ghlac siad páirt i ngníomhaíochtaí éagsúla, mar ealaín agus ceardaíocht, súgradh samhailteach agus gníomhaíochtaí boird.
- Leagadh amach timpeallacht laistigh den seomra súgartha i réimsí sainspéise, lena n-áirítear limistéar baile/tógála, ealaíon agus ceardaíocht, limistéar gníomhaíochtaí boird. Áiríodh le súgradh céadfach coimeádán gainimh le trealamh súgartha ag dul leis.
- Bhí cúinne baile dea-fheistithe ann le gléasadh suas agus míreanna chun súgradh ligean a spreagadh. I measc na ngníomhaíochtaí boird bhí ábhair mhionscileanna mótaí ar nós míreanna mearaí agus míreanna mearaí agus bhí teacht ag na páistí ar earraí tógála idir bheag agus mhór.

- Chuir leagan amach an tseomra rochtain neamhspleách ar na hábhair ar fad chun cinn chun neamhspleáchas agus saoirse rogha na bpáistí a chothú.  
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- Bhí an tseirbhís glan, geal agus coinnithe go maith agus cheadaigh na fuinneoga oscailte solas nádúrtha agus aeráil.
- Bhí áit shúgartha ainmnithe lasmuigh curtha ar fáil in aice leis an áitreabh. Bhí dromchla uile-aimsire ar an limistéar súgartha lasmuigh. Bhí roinnt acmhainní a chuir deiseanna ar fáil chun ollscileanna a chleachtadh mar rothaíocht, ciceáil agus caitheamh ar fáil sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh. Bhí treamh cosúil le maidí corracha, rogha bréagán brú agus marcaíochta agus liathróidí súgartha ar fáil do na páistí.

## Cuid V - Cúram Leanaí sa tSeirbhís Réamhscoile

### 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

- Chuir tuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí na bpáistí gach bia ar fáil, agus bhí buidéal uisce dá gcuid féin ag na páistí.
- Breathnaíodh lóin shláintiúla, chothaitheacha á n-ithhe ag sneaiceanna lár na maidine, mar shampla ceapairí, cácaí ríse, rollaí, iógart, rogha torthaí agus glasraí mionghearrtha agus díse.
- Stóráladh earraí meatacha bia i líonta na bpáistí sa chuisneoir seirbhíse.

## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

### Rialachán 23 - Sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas an linbh a chosaint

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

#### Faisnéis maidir le comhlíonadh

##### Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

- Nuair a tháinig an cigire chuig an tseirbhís, fuarthas amach go raibh an príomhdhoras isteach daingnithe agus coinnithe slán nuair nach raibh sé in úsáid.
- Ní raibh aon ghníomhairí glantacháin inrochtana don leanbh
- Bhí an bosca garchabhrach stóráilte go cuí agus ní raibh rochtain ag leanaí air.
- Ní raibh aon cháblaí ná fleiscíní rianaithe laistigh de rochtain na bpáistí sa seomra súgartha a bhí i bhfeidhm.
- Bhí an limistéar súgartha lasmuigh daingnithe go cuí le geataí arda miotail, blocbhalla agus an foirgneamh pobail.

##### Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

- Bhí áiseanna oiriúnacha níocháin láimhe ar fáil sa seomra súgartha agus sna saoráidí leithris do leanaí agus do dhaoine fásta. Bhí uisce te rialaithe go teirmeastatach, gallúnach leachtach agus tuáillí páipéir indiúscartha i bhfeidhm. Ba é 28°C an teocht taifeadta uisce sna báisíní níocháin i leithris na leanaí ar lá an iniúchta.
- Chonacthas na leanaí ag ní a lámha roimh shneaeceanna lár na maidine, tar éis dul i dtír ar an leithreas agus súgradh salach.
- Bhí boscaí bruscair troitheán ann chun tuáillí páipéir a dhiúscairt.
- Coinníodh an t-áitreabh i riocht glan agus sláinteach agus bhí taifid ghlantacháin chomhfhreagracha ar fáil. Cheadaigh na fuinneoga oscailte solas nádúrtha agus aeráil.
- Breathnaíodh go raibh na táblaí sláintithe roimh am sneaeceanna.

##### Sábháilteacht ó Dhóiteán:

- Tugadh faoi deara go raibh doirse éalaithe dóiteáin coinnithe saor ó aon bhac

##### Turais:

- Ní raibh aon turas ar siúl ag am na cigireachta.

## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

### Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair

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

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

(a) a stóráil 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

(1) Chinntigh an soláthraí cláraithe go raibh foireann ar fáil i gcónaí le hoiliúint chuí don fhreagróir garchabhrach (FAR). Léirigh an deimhniú FAR a bhí ar comhad go raibh oiliúint reatha cothrom le dáta ag ball foirne amháin.

(2)

(a) Stóráladh an bosca garchabhrach go sábháilte as teacht na leanaí sa tseirbhís. Stóráladh an bosca garchabhrach in áit inrochtana agus feiceálach ar an áitreabh

(b) Bhí an bosca garchabhrach lántrealmhaithe ar fáil i gcónaí do dhaoine fásta dá mbeadh cóireáil ag teastáil ó leanbh.

## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

### Rialachán 26 - Bearta sábháilteachta dóiteáin

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

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

(b) líon, cineál agus taifead cothabhála an trealaimh 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 taispeánt in áit fheiceálach san áitreabh.

### Faisnéis maidir le comhlíonadh

(1)

(a) Bhí taifead ar na druileanna dóiteáin míosúla a rinneadh ar fáil agus tugadh le fios gur tharla an druil dóiteáin deiridh ar maidin an 20/01/2025.

(b) Coinníodh taifead ar líon, cineál agus taifead cothabhála an trealamh mhúchta dóiteáin. Taifeadadh gur i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2024 a rinneadh an trealamh dóiteáin a sheirbhísiú go deireanach agus gur i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2024 a rinneadh tástáil agus seirbhísiú ar an gcóras aláraim 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 sa tseirbhís.

## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

### Rialachán 28 - Árachas

*Cinnteoídh 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 27/03/2025. Thug na taifid mionsonrú ar an gcatagóir seirbhíse a clúdaíodh mar chúram páirtaimseartha, ainm agus seoladh an áitribh agus sonraí maidir le clúdach dliteanais phoiblí, tine, gadaíocht, foirgnimh, agus clúdach turasanna.

# Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

## Pre School

<b>TUSLA Identifier:</b>	TU2015CC288
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<b>Name of Service:</b>	Naíonra Chúil Aodha
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<b>Address of Service:</b>	Ionad Óige, Cúil Aodha, Magh Chromtha, Co. Cork
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<b>Eircode:</b>	P12 XN12
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<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Ray Mac Pháidín
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<b>Service type:</b>	Part Time, Sessional
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<b>Date(s) of Inspection:</b>	25/02/2025
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<b>No of pre-school children:</b>	AM	10	PM	n/a
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<b>Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:</b>	Early Years Department, Child & Family Agency, Hospital Grounds, Coolnagarrane, Skibbereen, Co Cork P81 PD78
<b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>	M. O Reilly
<b>Title:</b>	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).

<b>Conditions if applicable</b>	N/A
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### Description of service

Naíonra Chúil Aodha is an established early years service that first opened in 2004. The service provides part time and sessional care and is registered to accommodate children aged 2 to 6 years. The service is offering an additional part time care since August/September 2024. On day of inspection the children were aged between 2 years 8 months and 5 years and were availing of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme. Registered daily opening hours are from 09:10 to 14:10 hours each day Monday to Friday. At time of inspection the service was found currently operating a part time service four days a week that is Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and the sessional service is operating five days a week. On day of inspection, it was only the sessional service was in operation. Naíonra Chúil Aodha operates from one room located on the ground floor of a two-storey community building in the village of Coolea, Macroom, Co Cork. The room has been adapted to provide an early years service. The Naíonra has two designated children's toilets and one adult toilet facility. There is a compact secure outdoor play area to the rear and side of the premise.

### Staffing

The 3 staff included the person in charge and a deputy. There was 1 of the 3 staff employed under the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) Support Scheme. The registered provider is not office based. The staff who work directly with the early years children all hold a recognised qualification 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.

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, staff 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, 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.

(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 deputy available to deputise as required.

(b) The person in charge and the deputy were present on the premises on day of the inspection.

(2) Documentation was assessed in relation to the requirements of Regulation 9 for 3 staff members and the co Ordinator and registered provider. The following records were available for the five adults:

(a) Of the required 10 references, 5 references were from previous employers with the required records of validation on file.

(b) Of the remaining references, 5 reference were from another source other than a previous employer with records of the required validation on file.

(c) A Garda vetting disclosure was available on file in respect of the 5 adults. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years.

(d) A police vetting record was on file for the one staff member who had resided outside the jurisdiction for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months.

(4)  
There was evidence that the 3 staff members had attained a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education on the National Framework for 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)  
The person in charge ensured that there were an adequate number of adults working directly with the children on day of the inspection.

(2)  
During the period of inspection, the ratio of staff to children was maintained as per the regulations and an adequate number of adults were working directly with the children in the playroom in operation.  
There were 10 children aged between 2 years 8 months and 5 years present in the sessional service with 3 adults in attendance at all times. The adult child ratio was correct.

### Part IV – Information and Records

#### Regulation 15 – Record of pre-school child

*(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a pre-school service in a drop-in centre or a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a record in writing is kept in respect of each pre-school child attending the service containing the following particulars:*

- (a) the name and date of birth of the child;*
- (b) the date on which the child first attended the service;*
- (c) the date on which the child ceased to attend the service;*
- (d) the name and address of a parent or guardian of the child and a telephone number where that parent or guardian or a relative or friend of the child can be contacted during the hours of operation of the service;*
- (e) authorisation for the collection of the child;*
- (f) details of any illness, disability, allergy or special need of the child, together with all the information relevant to the provision of special care or attention;*
- (g) the name and telephone number of the child’s registered medical practitioner;*
- (h) record of immunisations, if any, received by the child;*
- (i) written parental consent for appropriate medical treatment of the child in the event of an emergency.*

#### Compliance Information

(1)(a) to (i)

A sample of 12 of the children’s registration forms. were reviewed and all were found to contain all of the elements of information as required by Regulation 15 (a) to (i) inclusive.

## 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;*

*(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. There was a second daily attendance book in place for children attending the part time service
- (k) The service had an Accident and Incident book. Each accident and incident record had a duplicate copy that the parent received at collection time following the accident /incident pertaining to their child. A sample of accident and incident records were reviewed and were completed correctly and signed by staff and the relevant parent or guardian. The parental signature indicated that the information had been duly relayed.

### Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

#### Regulation 19 - Health, welfare and development of child

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

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

#### Compliance Information

##### Basic Needs

- The service promoted healthy eating and the food provided by the parents and guardians for the mid-morning snack was observed to be healthy and nutritious.
- Children's toileting and hygiene needs were promptly and sensitively attended to. Self-toileting by the children was encouraged. A staff member was observed supervising and assisting where required each of the children when hand washing and hand drying, and the children were supported and encouraged prior to eating, post toileting and messy play.
- The children were observed appropriately dressed while playing outdoors in the outdoor play area.

##### Supporting relationships around children:

- The staff members were calm and relaxed whilst facilitating play opportunities and carrying out caring duties. Only low tones were used, and good eye contact was maintained with the children during one-to-one engagement.
- The staff members were observed to work well together and the children were familiar with the routine. Staff were observed to interact in a caring manner with the children building their confidence and communication skills within the setting.
- The mid-morning meal was observed to be a social occasion, as the children chatted freely in a relaxed environment and were offered appropriate assistance by the adults, for example, the opening of lunch boxes, cartons and peeling of fruits.
- During observed tabletop activities, the children were supported and encouraged by the staff, who acknowledged their efforts and achievements.
- A large group play activity was observed where flash cards were used. Each child was shown a card, and they would say the Irish word for the item displayed on the card. Numbers, seasons and the days of the week were also completed in Irish. The children were observed waiting their turn, sharing the experience, fostered the children's confidence in communicating in a group setting and promoted socialisation.

### Physical and Material Environment

- The care room afforded children the ability to move freely, as they participated in various activities, such as art and crafts, imaginary play and tabletop activities.
- The indoor environment of the playroom was laid out in defined interest areas, including home/ construction area, arts and crafts, tabletop activities area. Sensory play included a sand container with accompanying play equipment.
- There was a well-equipped home corner with dress up and items to encourage pretend play. Tabletop activities included fine motor skill materials such as jig saws and puzzles and children had access to small and large construction items.
- The layout of the room promoted the independent access to all the materials to foster children's autonomy and freedom of choice.
- The service was clean, bright, and well maintained and the openable windows allowed for natural light and ventilation.
- There was a designated outdoor play area provided beside the premise. The outdoor play area had an all-weather surface. A number of resources providing opportunities for practicing gross motor skills such as cycling, kicking and throwing were available in the outdoor play area. Equipment such as see saws a selection of push and ride on toys and play balls were available to the children.

### 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

- The children’s parents and guardians provided all food items, and the children had their own water bottle.
- Healthy, nutritious lunches were observed being eaten at the mid-morning snack such as sandwiches, rice cakes, rolls, yogurts, a selection of fruits and chopped and diced vegetables.
- Perishable food items in the children’s lunches were stored in the service fridge.

### 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:

- On the inspector’s arrival at the service, the main entrance door was found to have been secured and was maintained secure when not in use.
- There were no cleaning agents accessible to the child
- The first aid box was appropriately stored and inaccessible to children.
- There were no cables or trailing flexes within the children’s reach in the playroom in operation.
- The outdoor play area was adequately secured with high metal gates, a block wall and the community building.

##### Infection Control:

- Suitable handwashing facilities was available in the playroom and in the children’s and adult toilet facilities. Thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid soap and disposable paper towels were in place. Recorded water temperatures in the wash hand basins in the children’s toilets were 28°C on day of inspection
- Handwashing by the children was observed before mid-morning snack, after toileting and messy play.
- Pedal operated bins were in place for the disposal of paper towels.

- The premises was maintained in a clean and hygienic condition and corresponding cleaning records were available. The openable windows allowed for natural light and ventilation.
- Tables were observed to be sanitised before snack time.

### Fire Safety:

- Fire exit doors were noted to be maintained free from any obstructions

### Outing:

- No outings took place at time of inspection.

## 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) The registered provider did ensure that there were staff available at all times with appropriate first aid responder (FAR) training. The FAR certification on file indicated that one staff member held current up to date training.

(2)

(a) The first aid box was safely stored out of children's reach in the service. The first aid box was stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises

(b) The fully equipped first aid box was available at all times to adults if in the event that a child may require treatment.

### Part VI - Safety

#### 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)
- (a) A record of monthly fire drills carried out was available and indicated that the last fire drill took place on the morning of the 20/01/2025
  - (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 in September 24 and the emergency fire alarm system was last tested and serviced in October 2024.
- (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 in the service.

### Part VI - Safety

#### 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 27/03/2025. The records detailed the category of service covered which was part time care, the name and address of the premises and details regarding public liability cover, fire, theft, buildings, and outings cover