Tuarascáil Rialála na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Aitheantóir TUSLA	TU2015DL087
Ainm an Chógais Leighis	Naíonra Anagaire
Seoladh na Seirbhíse:	Scoil Naisiúnta, Anagaire, Contae Dhún na nGall
Eircode:	F94 YH05
Ainm an tSoláthraí Chláraithe:	Ray Mac Pháidín
Cinéal na Seirbhíse:	Seisiúnach
Dáta na Cigireachta:	25/03/2025

Líon na bpáistí réamhscoile:	AM	10	PM	-

Seoladh na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta:	Cigireacht Luathbhlianta Dhún na nGall, 35 St. Campas San Chonaill Leitir Ceanainn, Co. Dhún na nGall F92 TD92
Cigireacht arna déanamh ag:	L McGlynn
Teideal:	Cigire Luathbhlianta

Údarás chun Cigireacht a dhéanamh
Déanann Cigireacht Luathbhlianta Tusla cigireachtaí ar Sheirbhísí Luathbhlianta faoi Alt 58(J) den Acht um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (mar a cuireadh isteach le hAlt 92 den Acht um Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach 2013).

Coinníollacha más infheidhme	Neamhbhainteach

Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Is seirbhís réamhscoile í Naíonra Anagaire atá suite ar imeall shráidbhaile Anagaire i gCo. Dhún na nGall. Tá an tseirbhís cláraithe chun seirbhís réamhscoile seisiúnach a sholáthar do leanaí idir 2 agus 6 bliana d'aois agus oibríonn sí idir 9.00am agus 12.00in gach lá oibre. Oibríonn an tseirbhís ó sheomra ainmnithe laistigh d'fhoirgneamh na scoile náisiúnta áitiúla agus tá a bealach isteach féin aici ag cúl an fhoirgnimh. Tá seomra cúraim mór amháin ann le cóiríocht sláintíochta taobh leis. Tá áit súgartha lasmuigh ar leith do na páistí réamhscoile agus fál mogalra agus geata timpeall air ar thaobh thoir thuaidh an fhoirgnimh i dtreo chúl an tseomra réamhscoile.

An fhoireann

Bhí beirt bhall foirne fostaithe chun oibriú go díreach leis na páistí gach lá. Bhí beirt bhall foirne eile fostaithe chun cumhdach uainíochta a sholáthar nuair a bhí gá leis sin. Ní bhíonn an soláthraí cláraithe ar an láthair go laethúil. Tá duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus ionadaí ainmnithe atá ar an láthair le linn uaireanta oscailte.

Modh

Is í Cigireacht Luathbhlianta Tusla an rialtóir reachtúil neamhspleách ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta in Éirinn. I Rialacháin an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta), 2016 sainmhínítear dualgas soláthraí cláraithe chun sábháilteacht agus folláine leanaí a chinntiú agus chun cloí leis na rialacháin seo. Leis an Acht sin tugtar an t-údarás do Tusla freisin chun measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh na rialachán. Is é cuspóir na rialála i ndáil le seirbhísí luathbhlianta a chinntiú go gcosnaítear cúram, sábháilteacht agus folláine leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar na seirbhísí sin. Tá cigireachtaí ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta beartaithe bunaithe ar na nithe seo a leanas:

- Stair cigireachtaí roimhe seo
- Aon fhaisnéis a fuarthas i ndáil leis an tseirbhís

Tá na torthaí ón gcigireacht bunaithe ar:

- Faisnéis a fuarthas trí scrúdú a dhéanamh ar dhoiciméid
- Breathnóireacht dhíreach
- Plé leis an bhfoireann ábhartha

Rinneadh an chigireacht seo gan fógra agus díríodh léi ar réimse an rialachais */sláinte, leasa agus forbartha leanaí/sábháilteachta. Féadfaidh an* chigireacht díriú ar réimsí eile freisin de réir mar is gá.

Déantar torthaí na cigireachta a dhoiciméadú sa tuarascáil chigireachta a eisítear ar dtús i bhformáid dréachta don tseirbhís agus tugtar deis dóibh freagairt d'aon torthaí. I gcás ina n-aithnítear nach bhfuil ceanglais reachtúla á gcomhlíonadh, ní mór don soláthraí cláraithe a léiriú an chaoi a ndearna siad an neamhchomhlíonatacht a chur ina cheart agus an chaoi ina gcuirfidh siad cosc ar aon neamhchomhlíontacht tarlú arís. Úsáidfear an plean Gníomhaíochta Ceartaitheach agus Gníomhaíochta Coisctheacha (CAPA) chun cinntí a dhéanamh maidir le comhlíonadh ceanglais rialála. I gcás nach gcomhlíonann an soláthraí cláraithe na ceanglais reachtúla, féadfar próiseas méadaithe a thosú.

Forchoimeádann an chigireacht an ceart chun freagraí a fhaightear a chur in eagar ar chúiseanna lena n-áirítear soiléireacht, iomláine agus comhlíonadh próiseas riaracháin agus dlíthiúil.

Tiomsaíonn an comhlacht cigireachta ábhar na tuarascála.

Buíochas

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

Cuid 3 - – 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

(c) go mbeidh sa tseirbhís struchtúr soiléir bainistíochta ina dtugtar sainaitheantas do na línte údaráis agus cuntasachta sa tseirbhís agus do róil shonracha agus do fhreagrachtaí sonracha gach fostaí agus gach oibrí nach n -íoctar

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

(a) breithniú ar theistiméireacht ó fhostóirí an duine san am a caitheadh, más ann, agus go háirithe ar theistiméireacht ón bhfostóir is déanaí, más ann, *(b) breithniú ar theistiméireachtaí ó fhoinsí iontaofa i gcás duine nach raibh aon fhostóirí air nó uirthi san am a caitheadh,* *(c) breithniú ar an nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin a fuarthas ó Bhiúró Náisiúnta Grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána de réir Acht 2012 i leith an duine, agus* *(d) a chinntiú, a mhéid is indéanta, go soláthróidh duine, i gcás go raibh cónaí ar an duine i stát seachas an Stát ar feadh tréimhse ab fhaide ná 6 mhí as a chéile, grinnfhiosrúchán ag póilíní ó na húdaráis phóilíneachta sa stát sin.*
(4) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe, gan dochar do ghinearáltacht mhír (2) agus faoi réir mhíreanna (5) agus (6), go sealbhaíonn gach fostaí a bhíonn ag obair go díreach le leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís, mórdhámhachtain i gCúram agus Oideachas Luath -Óige ar Leibhéal 5 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó cáilíocht a mheasfaidh an tAire a bheith coibhéiseach léi sin, ar a laghad.
Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíontacht
(1) (a) Bhí duine ainmnithe i bhfeighil ar oibriú laethúil na seirbhíse agus ba é an dara ball foirne an duine tánaisteach ainmnithe. (b) Léirigh athbhreithniú ar na taifid go raibh an duine i bhfeighil nó an duine tánaisterach ainmnithe i láthair le linn uaireanta oibríochta. (c) Feidhmíonn an tseirbhís faoi choimirce Chomhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta Teó agus soláthraíonn oifigeach forbartha réigiúnach Chomhar Naíonraí rialachas, tacaíocht agus oiliúint don fhoireann. Bhí baill foirne ar an eolas faoina ról sa tseirbhís agus faoi na línte údaráis a bhí i bhfeidhm. (2) Tráth na cigireachta, deimhníodh go raibh ceathrar ball foirne ainmnithe fostaithe ag obair sa tseirbhís. Áiríodh leis seo beirt bhall foirne a bhí fostaithe chun oibriú sa réamhscoil go laethúil agus beirt bhall foirne breise a bhí ar fáil chun cumhdach uainíochta a sholáthar. Ag féachaint do na heilimintí thuasluaite de Rialachán 9(2), rinneadh athbhreithniú ar thaifid earcaíochta i leith na gceathrar ball foirne seo. (a) (b) Bhí teistiméireachtaí scríofa agus bailíochtaithe ar chomhad do na ceathrar ball foirne ó iar-fhostóir nó, i gcásanna nárbh ann d'aon iar-fhostóirí, ó fhoinse seachas iar-fhostóir. (c) Fuarthas nochtuithe grinnfhiosrúcháin Garda do gach ball foirne Léirigh an tseirbhís freisin go raibh sí ag comhlíonadh Fhógra Rialála na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta a cheanglaíonn ar sheirbhísí grinnscrúdú an Gharda Síochána a athnuachan gach trí bliana.

(d) Bhí grinnscrúdú idirnáisiúnta póilíní ar chomhad i gcás ball foirne amháin a raibh gá aige leis.

(4) Bhí fianaise ar chomhad i gcás na gceathrar ball foirne gur críochnaíodh dámhachtain mhór i gCúram agus Oideachas Luath-Óige ag leibhéal 5 nó os a chionn ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó cáilíocht a mheas an tAire a bheith coibhéiseach.

Cuid 3 - – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 11 - Leibhéil foirne

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

(3) Faoi réir mhír (5), cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seisiúnach go gcomhlíontar i gcónaí an cóimheas íosta daoine fásta le leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (3) de Chuid 2 de Sceideal 6 os coinne uimhir thagartha ar leith a shonraítear i gcolún (1) den Chuid sin i leith raon aoise na leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (2) dá bhrí sin ag an uimhir thagartha sin.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíontacht

(1) Léirigh athbhreithniú ar na taifid go raibh líon leordhóthanach baill foirne ar an rolla le bheith ag obair leis na páistí.

(3) Ar maidin na cigireachta bhí beirt bhall foirne ag obair go díreach le 10 leanbh idir 2 agus 5 bliana d'aois a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís ar bhonn seisiúnach.

Cuid V - Cúram Linbh i Seirbhís Réamhscoile

Rialachán 20 – Áiseanna le haghaidh scíthe agus súgartha

(1) Faoi réir an rialacháin seo, cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéanfaidh—

a) ag féachaint don líon leanaí réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís, dá n-aoiseanna faoi seach agus don mhéid ama a chaitheann siad san áitreabh, go mbeidh saoráidí leordhóthanacha oiriúnacha ann chun go bhféadfaidh gach leanbh súgradh a dhéanamh laistigh agus, i gcás go gceanglaítear leis na Rialacháin seo é, súgradh a dhéanamh lasmuigh, i gcaitheamh an lae, agus

(b) Riachtanais codlata - cuir cineál na seirbhíse agus aois na leanaí san áireamh

(2) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe na seirbhísí seo a leanas—

(a) seirbhís cúraim lae iomlán, seirbhís cúraim lae pháirtaimseartha, seirbhís réamhscoile sheisiúnach nó seirbhís feighlíochta leanaí a chlárófar den chéad uair an 30 Meitheamh 2016 nó dá éis, nó

(b) seirbhís cúraim lae iomlán, seirbhís cúraim lae pháirtaimseartha, seirbhís réamhscoile sheisiúnach nó seirbhís feighlíochta leanaí a aistreoidh go dtí áitreabh eile an 30 Meitheamh 2016 nó dá éis,

go soláthrófar san áitreabh spás lasmuigh a bheidh oiriúnach agus slán sábháilte agus a mbeidh rochtain ar bhonn laethúil ag na leanaí réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís air

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíontacht

(1) (a) Bhí an timpeallacht laistigh geal agus fairsing agus raon ábhar súgartha ann a bhí oiriúnach ó thaobh forbartha de. Bhí an seomra roinnte ina réimsí spéise éagsúla agus bhí slí ann do na páistí dul ó réimse go réimse Chuir an cúinne baile deiseanna ar fáil le haghaidh rólghlacadh le raon trealaimh agus uirlisí tacaíochta. Éascaíodh rólghlacadh freisin le haonad vanity agus limistéar tógála laistigh den seomra. Bhí brící beaga, súgradh le bábóga, agus acmhainní boird ag airde inrochtana do leanaí. Cuireadh bord 'nádúr' ar bun sa seomra freisin ina raibh réimse míreanna ón timpeallacht nádúrtha. Chuir réimse ábhar ar nós péint, criáin, pinn luaidhe, plaistigh athchúrsáilte agus acmhainní ealaíne dramhaíola deiseanna ar fáil chun marcanna a dhéanamh agus chun cruthaitheacht a léiriú sa tseirbhís. Éascaíodh súgradh salach agus céadfach trí bhosca gainimh oscailte. Bhí réimse leabhar oiriúnach don aois ar taispeáint ar sheilfeanna oscailte. Cuireadh áiseanna súgartha lasmuigh ar fáil trí áit timpeallaithe ag fál ar chúl an fhoirgnimh. I measc na n-ábhar súgartha a bhí ar fáil do leanaí bhí aonad mór dreapadóireachta agus sleamhnáin agus limistéar faoi chosaint le suíocháin binse.

(b) Cuireadh áiseanna oiriúnacha ar fáil le haghaidh scíthe, lena n-áirítear raon troscáin bhoga ar nós suíocháin chompordacha agus mataí urláir.

(2) (a) (b) Cuireadh áit súgartha ar leith ar fáil ar láthair na réamhscoile agus bhí rochtain héasca ón seomra cúraim. Bhí fál mogalra agus geata slán timpeall air go hiomlán chun sábháilteacht agus slándáil na leanaí a chinntiú agus é in úsáid.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht
Rialachán 23 - Sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas linbh a chosaint
Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéanfar gach beart réasúnach chun sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas linbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís a chosaint agus cinnteoidh sé nó sí go mbeidh timpeallacht na seirbhíse sábháilte.
Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíontacht
Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta: • Rinneadh dochar mórr do cuid mhór den áit súgartha lasmuigh le linn stoirme le déanaí. Bhí an áit lánchosanta chun cosc a chur ar leanaí rochtain a fháil uirthi. Bhí oibreacha deisiúcháin beartaithe do na míonna amach romhainn chun an áit súgartha a dheisiú. Bhí an áit a d'úsáid na páistí slán le fál teorann agus bhí an trealamh agus na hábhair súgartha dea-chothabháilte agus oiriúnach d'aois na bpáistí a bhí i láthair. • Bhí príomhbhealach isteach an fhoirgnimh slán go hiomlán chun rochtain neamhúdaraithe a chosc. • Bhí cordaí na ndallóg fuinneoige slán • Bhí na bréagáin agus an trealamh súgartha a bhí in úsáid an lá i riocht maith agus saor ó ghuaiseacha. • Stóráladh soláthairtí glantacháin ghuaiseacha i gcófraí slána. • Rinneadh maoirseacht ar na páistí le linn an tslí a tugadh isteach agus a bhailiú agus roinneadh an fhoireann iad féin idir an dá bhealach imeachta.
Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe: • Coinníodh na háitribh, a threalamh súgartha agus a ábhair i riocht glan agus sláinteach ó thaobh amhairc de. • Bhí uisce te faoi rialú teirmeastatach, gallúnach leachtach agus tuáillí páipéir aon úsáide ar fáil chun tacú le cleachtais sláinteachais láimhe ag na báisíní níocháin sa chóiríocht shláintíochta agus sa seomra réamhscoile.
Riaradh Cógais: • Níor tugadh aon chógas ar lá na cigireachta. Chuir an fhoireann in iúl don chigire go dtugtar toiliú le haghaidh cógais éigeandála nuair a chláraítear agus iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí aon chógais riachtanacha a thabhairt sula dtagann na páistí chuig an tseirbhís ar maidin.
Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin:

- Bhí an bealach éalaithe éigeandála saor ó bhac. Bhí an fhoireann eolach ar an mbealach aslonnaithe agus bhí an pointe tionóil dóiteáin léirithe le comharthaíocht.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíontacht

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

1. Bhí doras éigeandála sa phríomhsheomra cúraim ag dul amach go díreach chuig limistéar neamhshábháilte de thalamh na scoile rud a chruthaigh baol go bhféadfadh páistí imeacht as an láthair gan mhaoirseacht.
2. Bhí citeal stóráilte ar sheilf sa seomra cúraim rud a chruthaigh riosca sábháilteachta do leanaí.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Coiscteach arna chur isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Coiscteach

1. Tá aláram breise feistithe ar an doras éalaithe dóiteáin agus dá bhrí sin ní bheidh aon riosca ann amach anseo.
2. Coinnítear an citeal i stóras agus as rochtain na bpáistí as seo amach.

Doiciméid tacaíochta a cuireadh isteach

Níor cuireadh aon doiciméadacht tacaíochta isteach.

Trácht Achoimre

Glacadh leis an bhfreagra i scríbhinn a chuir an soláthraí cláraithe isteach agus beidh an cleachtas faoi réir athbhreithnithe ag an gcéad chigireacht eile.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 24 - Seiceáil isteach agus amach agus taifead ar fhreastal

(1) Áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéanfaidh fostaí nó oibrí gan phá gach leanbh réamhscoile atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís a sheiceáil isteach agus amach as an tseirbhís.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíontacht

(1) Choinnigh an tseirbhís taifead scríofa agus digiteach ar am teachta agus imeachta gach linbh réamhscoile.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas
Áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go bhfuil an tseirbhís réamhscoile árachaithe go leordhóthanach.
Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíontacht
Bhí fianaise dhoiciméadach ar fáil chun a léiriú go raibh an tseirbhís árachaithe go leordhóthanach do suas le 22 leanbh a bhí ag freastal ar sheirbhís sheisiúnach a raibh dáta éaga aici an 27 Márta 2025. Bhí deimhniú árachais breise ar fáil freisin le dáta tosaithe an 28 Márta 2025 ag dul in éag an 27 Márta 2026.

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report
Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015DL087

Name of Service:	Naíonra Anagaire

Address of Service:	Scoil Naisiúnta, Anagaire, Co. Donegal

Eircode:	F94 YH05

Name of Registered Provider:	Ray Mac Pháidín

Service type:	Sessional

Date of Inspection:	25/03/2025

No of pre-school children:	AM	10	PM	-

Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Donegal Early Years Inspectorate, St. Conal's Campus, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. F92 TD92
Inspection undertaken by:	L McGlynn
Title:	Early Years Inspector

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

Conditions if applicable	Not applicable

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Description of service
Naíonra Anagaire is a pre-school service located on the outskirts of the village of Anagaire in Co. Donegal. The service is registered to provide a sessional pre-school service for children aged between 2 and 6 years and operates between 9.00am and 12.00md each weekday. The service operates from a designated room within the local national school building and has its own entrance at the rear of the building. There is one large care room with adjacent sanitary accommodation. A designated outdoor play area for the pre-school children which is enclosed by mesh fencing and a gate is situated at the north-eastern side of the building towards the rear of the pre-school room.

Staffing
There were two staff employed to work directly with children on a daily basis. There were two additional staff members employed to provide relief cover when necessary. The registered provider is not on the premises daily. There is a named person in charge and a named designated deputy who are on the premises during the hours of operation.

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.* 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

(c)there is a clear management structure in the service that identifies the lines of authority and accountability in the service and the specific roles and responsibilities of each employee and unpaid worker.

(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 of the daily operation of the service and the second staff member was the named deputy.

(b) A review of records demonstrated that either the person in charge or the named deputy were present during the hours of operation.

(c) The service operates under the auspices of Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta Teó and the regional development officer of Comhar Naíonraí provides governance, support and training to staff. Staff members were aware of their role in the service and the lines of authority in operation.

(2) At the time of inspection, it was confirmed that there were four named staff members employed to worked in the service. This included two staff members employed to work in the pre-school on a daily basis and two additional staff who were available to provide occasional relief cover. With reference to the above listed elements of Regulation 9(2), recruitment records in respect of these four staff members were reviewed.

(a) (b) Written and validated references were on file for the four staff members from a past employer or in cases where there were no past employers, a source other than a previous employer.

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

(d) International police vetting was on file for one staff member who required it.

(4) Evidence of completion of a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at level 5 or above on the National Framework of Qualifications or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent was on file for the four staff members.

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.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5), a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 2 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) therefore at that reference number is satisfied.

Compliance Information

(1) A review of records demonstrated that there were an adequate number of staff members rostered to be working with the children.

(3) On the morning of inspection there were two staff members working directly with 10 children aged 2 to 5 years attending the service on a sessional basis.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 20 – Facilities for rest and play

(1) Subject to this regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that-

(a) having regard to the number of pre-school children attending the service, their respective ages and the amount of time they spend on the premises, there are adequate and suitable facilities for each child to play indoors and, where required by these Regulations, outdoors, during the day, and

(b) there are adequate and suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day, and in the case of an overnight pre-school service, during the day and the night.

(2) A registered provider-

(a) of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that is registered for the first time on or after 30 June 2016, or

(b) of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that moves premises on or after 30 June 2016,

shall ensure that a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises.

Compliance Information
(1) (a) The indoor environment was bright and spacious with a range of developmentally appropriate play materials. The room was divided into a range of interest areas with space for children to move freely between. The home corner provided opportunities for role play with a range of supportive equipment and utensils. Role play was also facilitated with a vanity unit and construction area within the room. Small bricks, doll play, and tabletop resources were at an accessible height for children. A 'nature' table containing a range of items from the natural environment was also set up within the room. A range of materials such as paint, crayons, pencils, recycled plastics and junk art resources provided opportunities for mark making and creativity in the service. Messy and sensory play was facilitated through an open top sand box. A range of age-appropriate books were on display on open shelving. Adequate outdoor play facilities were provided by means of an enclosed area to the rear of the building. The range of play materials on available to children included a large climb and slide unit and a sheltered area with bench seating. (b) Suitable facilities for rest were provided which included a range of soft furnishings such as comfortable seating and floor mats. (2) (a) (b) A designated outdoor play area was provided on the pre-school premises and this area was easily accessible from the care room. It was fully enclosed with mesh fencing and a secure gate to ensure the safety and security of children while in use.

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: • A large section of the outdoor play area had been extensively damaged during a recent storm. The area was fully secured preventing children from accessing. Remedial works were planned for the coming months to repair the area. The area used by children was secured by boundary fencing and the play equipment and materials were well maintained and suitable for the age of the children attending. • The main entrance to the building was fully secured preventing unauthorised access.

- Window blind cords were secured.
- Toys and play equipment in use on the day were in good condition and free from hazards.
- Hazardous cleaning supplies were stored in secure cupboards.
- Children were supervised during drop off and collection with staff dividing themselves between the two exit routes.

Infection Control:

- The premises, its play equipment and materials were maintained in a visually clean and hygienic condition.
- Thermostatically controlled warm water, liquid soap and single use paper towels were available to support hand hygiene practices at the wash hand basins in the sanitary accommodation and preschool room.

Administration of Medication:

- There was no medication administered on the day of inspection. Staff informed the inspector that consent for emergency medication is provided on enrolment and parents are asked to administer any required medications prior to children arriving at the service in the morning.

Fire Safety:

- The emergency exit was cleared from obstruction. Staff were conversant on the evacuation route and the fire assembly point was indicated by signage.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. An emergency exit door in the main care room led directly out to an unsecured area of the school grounds posing a risk that children may exit the premises unsupervised.
2. There was a kettle stored on a shelf in the care room posing a safety risk to children.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

1. An additional alarm has been fitted to the fire exit door and therefore wont pose a risk in future.
2. The kettle is kept in storage and out of reach of the children from now on.

Supporting documentation submitted

No supporting documentation submitted.

Summary Comment

The written response submitted by the registered provider has been accepted and the practice will be subject to review on the next inspection.

Part VI - Safety
Regulation 24 - Checking in and out and record of attendance
(1) A registered provider shall ensure that each pre-school child attending the service is checked in and out of the service by an employee or an unpaid worker.
Compliance Information
(1) The service maintained a written and digital record of the arrival and departure time of each preschool child.

Part VI - Safety
Regulation 28 - Insurance
A registered provider shall ensure that the pre-school service is adequately insured.
Compliance Information
Documentary evidence was available to demonstrate that the service was adequately insured for up to 22 children attending a sessional service with an expiry date of 27 March 2025. An additional certificate of insurance was also available with a commencement date of 28 March 2025 expiring on 27 March 2026.