

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



**Tusla I.D.:** TU2015DL090

**Name of Service** Naíonra Bun Cranncha Teo

**Address of Service:** 4 Cluain Cumhail, Bun Cranncha, Donegal, F93 NT73

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**Name of Registered Provider:** Catriona Mhic Lochlainn

<b>Type of Proposed Service:</b>	<b>Full Day Care</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Part-Time</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sessional</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Drop-In</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Childminding</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Temporary</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Proposed change:** Opening hours change from 08:30-17:30 to 08:00-18:00  
Change number of staff from 4 to 5

**Proposed Number of Children:** 44

**Recommended Change Following Inspection:** Recommend change to opening hours

**Registered change:** Change in number of staff employed to 5.  
Change in hours of operation to 08:00-18:00.

<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	2	5	0	3	2	0	2	6
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**Inspection undertaken by:** K Folan

**Title:** Early Years Inspector

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### Rationale for Inspection:

Proposed Change of Circumstance

**Note: For Office use only, to be completed by Registration Office**

<b>Registration Status:</b>	Registered Full Day Care Service with 44 Children
<b>Date of Registration</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Authority to Inspect

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

<b>Description of Service</b>	Naíonra Bun Cranncha Teo is a privately run Irish language early years' service located in Buncrana, Co. Donegal. The service is registered to provide full day, part time and sessional care to children to children aged 2 to 6 years and is open between the hours of 08:30 to 17:30 from Monday to Friday and proposes to extend its opening hours to 08:00 to 18:00.
<b>Premises</b>	The service operates from the ground floor of a two-story residential building that has been purposely adapted for the provision of an early years' service. The building is located within a housing estate on the outskirts of the town and has a fully enclosed outdoor area spanning from the front to the rear of the premises. The service consists of one large room with a second smaller room adjacent. Children's sanitary accommodation is available adjacent to the main playroom. Sanitary accommodation for adults, a storage area and an office is located on the first floor.
<b>Staffing</b>	There are five adults working directly with the children in the service, including the registered provider. On the day of the inspection a student on work placement was present.
<b>Methodology</b>	The inspection was an announced inspection to assess compliance with the Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 and Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2016. The Inspection focused on regulations under the

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	<p>following themes; Governance, Health, Welfare and Development of the child, Safety and Premises.</p> <p>The findings on inspection based on information obtained through examination of documentation, direct observation, and discussion with relevant staff are documented in the inspection report and taken into consideration when making a decision in relation to registering the change in circumstance. 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.</p>
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	<p>The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.</p>

### 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>Requirement met:</b>	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a)</p> <p>The service has a designated person in charge and a named deputy.</p>
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**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.*
- (8) *Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)—*
- (b) *a childminder shall ensure that a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the childminder in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the childminder in the event of an emergency, and*
- (c) *a registered provider of a sessional pre-school shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.*

**Requirement met:**

This requirement has been met.

The applicant is aware of the requirements in relation to adult to child ratios and will ensure they are met.

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### 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.

**Requirement met:**

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) There is a log in place to record any fire drills that will take place.

(b) There is a written record of the number type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment which were serviced on 10 September 2025. Smoke alarms were in place and last serviced on 20 October 2025.

### Part VI – Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

**Requirement met:**

This requirement has been met. The registered provider has insurance in place for 44 children in full day care which commenced on 01 September 2025 and expires on 27 March 2026.