

Tuarascáil Rialála na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

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Teideal:	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

Oibríonn an tseirbhís ó 09:15 go 12:15 ó Luan go hAoine. Tá an tseirbhís cláraithe faoi láthair chun freastal ar 20 leanbh idir 2 agus 6 bliana d'aois. Oibríonn an tseirbhís ó aonad réamhdhéanta ar thalamh Scoil Phódraig Dobhar. Tá seomra súgartha amháin san aonad le cóiríocht foirne agus sláintíochta do leanaí. Tá rochtain sceidealaithe ag na leanaí ar limistéar súgartha lasmuigh atá clúdaithe le tarmacadam ar an láthair. Tá rochtain sceidealaithe ag na páistí ar limistéar súgartha lasmuigh atá clúdaithe le tarmacáid ar an láthair.

Soláthar Foirne

Bhí cúigear ball foirne fostaithe sa tseirbhís. D'oibrigh beirt bhall foirne leis na páistí go laethúil agus bhí triúr ball foirne ar fáil chun clúdach faoisimh a sholáthar i gcás neamhláithreachta baill foirne. Ní oibríonn an soláthraí cláraithe sa tseirbhís.

Modheolaíocht

Is í Cigireacht Luathbhlianta Tusla an rialtóir reachtúil neamhspleách ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta in Éirinn. Sainmhínítear i Rialachán an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) 2016 an dualgas atá ar sholáthraí cláraithe sábháilteacht agus folláine leanaí a chinntiú agus na rialacháin sin a chomhlíonadh. Tugann an Achta seo an t-údarás do Tusla measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh na rialacháin. 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 na cigireachta 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 mhionscrúdú ar cháipéisíocht
- Breathnóireacht dhíreach
- Plé leis an bhfoireann ábhartha

Bhí an chigireacht seo *gan fógra* agus dhírigh sí ar réimse an *rialachais/sláinte, leasa agus forbartha leanaí/sábháilteachta/ áitreabh agus áiseanna*. Féadfaidh an chigireacht díriú ar réimsí eile freisin de réir mar is gá.

Bhí an chigireacht dírithe ar scrúdú ar an gcomhlíonadh faoi rialacháin 9, 11, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 agus 28. Tá na torthaí seo leagtha amach sna rialacháin iomchuí sa tuarascáil seo.

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Déantar torthaí na cigireachta a dhoiciméadú sa tuarascáil chigireachta a eisítear den chéad uair i ndrúachtfhormáid chuig an tseirbhís agus deis ann freagra a thabhairt ar aon torthaí. Nuair a shaináithnítear ceanglais reachtúla 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. Úsáidfean an Plean um Ghníomh Ceartaitheach agus um Ghníomh Coisctheach (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,

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 bhfuil struchtúr bainistíochta soiléir sa tseirbhís ina saináithnítear na línte údaráis agus cuntasachta sa tseirbhís, agus róil agus freagrachtaí sonracha gach fostaí agus oibrí neamhíochta freisin.

(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,

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(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 air nó uirthi i stát seachas an Stát ar feadh tréimhse is faide ná 6 mhí as a chéile, grinnfhiosrúchán póilíneachta 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 mór dhámhachtain i gCúram agus Oideachas Luath-óige ar Leibhéal 5 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó cáilíocht a mheasfaidh an tAire a bheith coibhéiseach léi sin, ar a laghad.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

(1)

D'áirithigh an soláthraí cláraithe:

Bhí duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus duine fásta ainmnithe le bheith ina ionadaí ina n-éagmais.

(b) Bhí an duine ainmnithe i gceannas ar fáil ar an áitreabh i rith thréimhse na cigireachta.

(c) Bhí struchtúr bainistíochta soiléir i bhfeidhm.

(2) Ar lá na cigireachta, bhí beirt as na hochtar daoine fásta a bhí fostaithe sa tseirbhís i láthair.

Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar chúig chomhad foirne, agus bhí an fhaisnéis seo a leanas ar fáil:

(a) Seacht dtagairt scríofa agus bailíochtaithe ó fhostóirí roimhe seo do chúigear de na daoine fásta.

(b) Trí thagairt scríofa bailíochtaithe ó fhoinsí measúla do thriúr de na daoine fásta.

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

(4)

Léirigh cúig cinn de na comhaid fásta a ndearnadh athbhreithniú orthu go raibh dámhachtain mhór acu ag leibhéal 5 nó os a chionn i gcúram agus oideachas luath-óige ar an gcreat náisiúnta cáilíochtaí, nó cáilíochtaí a mheasann an Roinn Leanaí, Míchumais agus Comhionannais a chomhlíonann an ceanglas rialáa.

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(d) Bhí grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní ar fáil do dhuine fásta amháin a raibh cónaí air lasmuigh den stát ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná sé mhí. Mar sin féin, ní fhéadfaí a chinneadh an raibh grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní ag teastáil do dhara duine fásta mar gheall ar bhearnaí sa taifead fostaíochta.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Coisctheach curtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Gníomhaíocht Cheartaitheach agus Choisctheach

Rinneadh CV ball foirne amháin a nuashonrú lena chinntiú nach raibh aon bhearnaí sa taifead fostaíochta.

Doiciméid tacaíochta curtha isteach

Fianaise dhoiciméadach curtha isteach.

Nóta Achomair

Tugann na gníomhartha ceartaitheacha agus coisctheacha a chuir an soláthraí cláraithe isteach aghaidh leordhóthanach ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a fuarthas le linn cigireachta. Tá an rialachán seo comhlíontach anois.

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 11 - Soláthar foirne

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

(3) Faoi réir mhír (5), cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seisiúnach go gcomhlíonfar gach tráth an cóimheas íosta idir daoine fásta agus leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (3) de Chuid 2 de Sceideal 6 os coinne uimhir thagartha áirithe 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 Comhlíonadh

(1)

Ar lá na cigireachta bhí go leor ball foirne ag obair go díreach leis na páistí réamhscoile a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

(3)

Ar maidin na cigireachta breathnaíodh na cóimheasa seo a leanas idir daoine fásta agus leanaí:

- Bhí beirt daoine fásta ag tabhairt aire do 17 leanbh idir 3 bliana agus 5 mhí d'aois agus 4 bliana agus 7 mí d'aois.

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Cuid V - Cúram Leanaí sa tSeirbhís Réamhscoile

Rialachán 19 - Sláinte, leas agus forbairt leanaí

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

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

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

(b) go bhfuil cleachtais chúraim chuí oiriúnacha i bhfeidhm sa tseirbhís réamhscoile, ag féachaint don líon leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís agus do chineál a riachtanas.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

(1)(a)(b)

Bunriachtanais

- Cuireann an tseirbhís sneaiceanna sláintiúil ar fáil do leanaí nuair a shroicheann siad an tseirbhís. Ar lá na cigireachta, ba é an sneaiceanna banana agus bataí aráin. Tugadh sneaiceanna na bpáistí isteach ón mbaile le haghaidh sos meán maidine. Ar maidin na cigireachta, breathnaíodh ar na páistí ag baint taitnimh as ceapairí, brioscaí agus rogha torthaí agus táirgí déiríochta. Bhí am sneaiceanna suaimhneach agus baill foirne ina suí leis na páistí agus ag gabháil do chomhrá sóisialta.
- Tacaíodh le páistí an leithreas agus na háiseanna níocháin lámha a úsáid go neamhspleách agus an fhoireann ag soláthar tacaíochta nuair a bhí gá leis.
- Bhí rochtain ag gach páiste sa réamhscoil ar an limistéar lasmuigh.
- Bhí an aimsir fuar lá na cigireachta, bhí éadaí aimsire fuar oiriúnacha ag na páistí le haghaidh súgartha lasmuigh agus an fhoireann ag soláthar tacaíochta le gléasadh dóibh siúd a raibh gá acu leis.

Tacú le caidrimh

- Bhí córas oibríthe ríthábhachtacha i bhfeidhm sa tseirbhís agus baill foirne ainmnithe sannta don fhreagracht as dlúthchaidrimh a chruthú le páistí mar is léir ó dhoiciméid.
- Breathnaigh an cigire ar an bhfoireann ag labhairt go cineálta leis na páistí i rith na maidine, ag moladh iarrachtaí agus éachtaí na bpáistí agus ag tairiscint chompord agus tacaíochta d'aon leanbh a raibh gá aige leis.

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- Éascaítear cumarsáid le tuismitheoirí ag amanna fágála agus bailithe, agus úsáidtear í seo chun faisnéis a mhalartú le tuismitheoirí maidir le lá agus forbairt an linbh.
- Ina theannta sin, úsáidtear feidhmchlár teicneolaíochta bogearraí chun pictiúir a sheoladh chuig tuismitheoirí agus nuashonruithe faoin tseirbhís a sholáthar dóibh.
- Breathnaíodh ar na baill foirne ag obair go maith mar fhoireann, ag comhoibriú go minic lena chéile maidir le gníomhaíochtaí agus riachtanais na bpáistí, mar shampla, ullmhú le haghaidh am lasmuigh agus am sneaiceanna.
- Bhí grianghraif de na páistí agus dá dteaghlaigh ar taispeáint ar na ballaí, agus léirigh na páistí a ngrianghraf féin don chigire go bródúil, ag ainmniú gach baill agus ag míniú cá háit ar tógadh an pictiúr.

Timpeallacht fhisiciúil agus ábhartha

- Bhí an seomra geal agus fairsing, agus bhí roinnt réimsí spéise dea-shainithe ann chun gach réimse d'fhorbairt na bpáistí a fhorbairt.
- Bhí cistin súgartha agus uirlisí sa chúinne baile sa seomra réamhscoile.
- Bhí na héadaí gléasta socraithe go néata ionas go mbeadh rochtain éasca ag na páistí ar gach culaith.
- Bhí seilfeanna ísle sa seomra le hábhair ar nós puzail agus puzail chun scileanna mínluaileacha a fhorbairt.
- Stóráladh ábhair nádúrtha oscailte le haghaidh súgartha samhlaíoch laistigh de rochtain na bpáistí.
- Bhí tráidirí céadfacha, chomh maith le tráidirí gainimh agus uisce ar fáil i rith na maidine.
- Bhí leabhair oiriúnacha d'aois ar fáil i limistéar leabharlainne, agus bhí dhá tholg de mhéid leanaí ar fáil chun spás a sholáthar do na páistí le scíth a ligean agus iad ag léamh.
- Bhí dhá chathaoir de mhéid daoine fásta ar fáil sa seomra do dhaoine fásta le suí go compordach.
- Cuireadh mataí boga ar an urlár in aice le haonad ina raibh bréagáin urláir ar nós bloic thógála, gluaisteáin, agus garáistí do na páistí le suí agus oibriú leis na hábhair.
- Bhí limistéar lasmuigh lánfhálaithe sa tseirbhís. Bhí dromchla tarmacadam sa limistéar a thug deis do na páistí rogha trírothair marcaíochta, rothair chothromaíochta agus scútair a úsáid. Ar maidin na cigireachta, thug an cigire faoi deara na páistí ag imirt go díograiseach amuigh faoin aer, agus neart spáis ar fáil do na páistí le rith, rásaíocht agus súgradh.
- Bhí cistin adhmaid agus bord céadfach ar fáil amuigh faoin aer.

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Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

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

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

- Fuarthas amach go raibh an príomhbhealach isteach slán nuair a shroichfí an áitreabh, rud a chuir cosc ar rochtain nó imeacht neamhúdraithe ón áitreabh.
- Breathnaíodh go raibh na hábhair agus an trealamh glan agus i riocht maith.
- Bhí uisce te ar fáil le haghaidh níocháin lámha ag teocht faoi bhun 43°Celsius i ngach ceann de na limistéir sláintíochta agus sna doirteal níocháin lámha sna seomraí réamhscoile.
- Stóráladh cógais laghdaithe teochta, táirgí glantacháin agus trealamh as rochtain leanaí.
- Bhí an limistéar lasmuigh daingnithe le fál ard agus geata boltaithe.
- Stóráladh sneaiceanna a tugadh ó thithe na bpáistí go sábháilte sa chuisneoir.
- Bhí teocht an tseomra 21° celcius atá laistigh den raon riachtanach de 18-22° celcius.
- Stóráladh ábhair ghlantacháin go sábháilte, ar sheif ard i gcóiríocht sláintíochta na ndaoine fásta.

Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

- Bhí na hábhair agus na hacmhainní ar fud na seirbhíse glan ó thaobh amhairc de.
- Breathnaíodh go raibh na boird glanta roimh agus tar éis am béil
- Bhí áiseanna níocháin láimhe leordhóthanacha ar fáil ar feadh na seirbhíse le huisce te, gallúnach leachtach agus tuáillí páipéir.
- Bhí na sceidil ghlantacháin cothrom le dáta agus ar fáil lena n-athbhreithniú.
- Breathnaíodh go raibh na háiseanna sláintíochta cothabháilte agus glan agus go raibh cairteacha glantacháin cothrom le dáta ar fáil.
- Sa seomra agus sa chóiríocht shláintíochta bhí fuinneoga oscailte ann le haghaidh aerála urláir.
- Úsáideadh boscaí bruscair coise sa tseirbhís chun tras-éilliú a chosc.

Cógais a Riaradh:

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- Níor tugadh aon chógas d'aon leanbh ar lá na cigireachta. Ar phlé leis an bhfoireann, cuireadh an cigire ar an eolas faoi na nósanna imeachta cearta atá le leanúint dá mbeadh cógas ag teastáil ó leanbh.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 24 - Seiceáil isteach agus amach agus taifead láithreachta

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

(3) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe-

(a) nach mbeidh aon duine seachas—

(i) leanbh réamhscoile atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís,

(ii) duine a fhágann nó a bhailíonn an leanbh sin,

(iii) fostaí, nó

(iv) oibrí neamhíoctha in ann dul isteach sna háitribh gan cead a bheith faighte aige nó aici dul isteach ag fostaí,

(b) go gcoimeádfar taifead laethúil i scríbhinn ar theacht isteach na ndaoine sin san áitreabh.

(4) Áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn dá dtagraítear i mír (3)(b) ar feadh tréimhse bliana ón dáta lena mbaineann sé.

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Clliceáil nó tapáil anseo chun téacs a chur isteach.

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Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair

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

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

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

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

(1)

Bhí duine fásta amháin ina Fhreagróir Garchabhrach oilte (FAR) agus bhí sé ar fáil do na páistí i gcónaí le linn an tseisiúin.

(2)(a)(b)

Bhí dhá bhosca garchabhrach atá feistithe go hoiriúnach ar fáil sa tseirbhís. Stóráladh na boscaí garchabhrach in áit a raibh rochtain éasca uirthi. Chuir an fhoireann in iúl don chigire go dtugtar bosca garchabhrach amháin amach nuair a bhíonn na páistí amuigh faoin aer.

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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.

(2) Beidh an taifead dá dtagraítear i mír (1) ar fáil lena iniúchadh ag—

(a) tuismitheoir nó caomhnóir linbh réamhscoile atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile nó atá ag beartú freastal uirthi,

(b) fostaí, agus

(c) duine údaráithe.

(3) Áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoimeádfar taifead dá dtagraítear i mír (2) ar feadh tréimhse 5 bliana tar éis a chruthú.

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

(1)

(a) Choinnigh an tseirbhís taifead ar na cleachtaí dóiteáin agus rinneadh an cleachtadh is déanaí ar an 2 Nollaig 2025.

(b) Bhí taifid ar fáil mar fhianaise gur seirbhísíodh an trealamh comhraicthe dóiteáin go deireanach ar an 21 Eanáir 2025 agus gur seirbhísíodh na halárim deataigh ar an 18 Lúnasa 2025.

(2)(c)

D'áirithigh an soláthraí cláraithe go raibh na taifid ar fáil lena n-iniúchadh ag an gcigire.

(4)

Bhí nósanna imeachta aslonnaithe dóiteáin ar taispeáint sa tseirbhís in aice leis an bpríomhdhoras isteach.

Tuarascáil Rialála na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 27 – Maoirseacht

Cinnteooidh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéanfar maoirseacht i gcónaí ar leanaí réamhscoile atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

Lá na cigireachta, d'áirithigh an fhoireann go raibh maoirseacht leordhóthanach ar na páistí réamhscoile a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

Sa tseirbhís, breathnaíodh dea-chumarsáid idir an fhoireann foirne, a bhí ag cumarsáid lena chéile maidir le gluaiseacht na bpáistí sa tseirbhís, amhail leanbh ag úsáid an leithreas nó ag baint rud as a mála.

Breathnaíodh go raibh comhaireamh cinn á dhéanamh i rith an lae, amhail ag tús an tseisiúin agus nuair a bhí na páistí ag ullmhú don imeacht amach.

Lasmuigh, chuir baill foirne iad féin i riocht chun a chinntiú go raibh gach leanbh le feiceáil agus iad ag imirt lasmuigh. Ag am sneaiceanna, shuigh na baill foirne taobh leis na páistí ag tairiscint tacaíochta más gá.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

D'áirithigh an soláthraí cláraithe go raibh árachas leordhóthanach i bhfeidhm don tseirbhís réamhscoile do 20 leanbh suas go dtí an 27 Samhain 2026.

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015DL103
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Name of Service:	Naíonra Phádraig Dobhar
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Address of Service:	An Bun Beag, Páirc Ghnó Ghaoth Dobhair, Na Dorí Beaga, Leitir Ceanainn, Co. Donegal
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Eircode:	F92 VK88
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Name of Registered Provider:	Ray Mac Pháidín
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Service type:	Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	08/01/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	17	PM	NA
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Early Years Inspectorate, TUSLA Child & Family Agency, Markievicz House, Barrack St, Sligo, F91 XC84
Inspection undertaken by:	K Folan
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

Naionra Phadraig Dobhar is a not-for-profit Irish language early years' service located on the outskirts of Bun Beag on the west coast of Donegal. The service operates from 09:15 to 12:15 from Monday to Friday. The service is currently registered to cater for 20 children aged 2 to 6 years. The service operates from a prefabricated unit on the grounds of Scoil Pádraig Dobhar. The unit contains one single playroom with staff and children's sanitary accommodation. The children have timetabled access to a tarmacadam covered outdoor play area on site.

Staffing

There were five staff employed in the service. Two staff worked with the children on a daily basis and three staff were available to provide relief cover in the event of staff absences. The registered provider does not work in the service.

Methodology

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate is the independent statutory regulator of early years services in Ireland. The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 define the duty of a registered provider to ensure the safety and well-being of children and to comply with these regulations. This Act also gives Tusla the authority to assess compliance with the regulations. The purpose of regulation in relation to early years services is to ensure that the care, safety, and well-being of children attending such services is upheld. Inspections of early years services are planned based on the following:

- Previous inspection history
- Any information received in relation to the service

The findings on inspection are based on:

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

This inspection was *unannounced* and focused on the area of *governance/ health, welfare and development of child/ safety/ premises and facilities*. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under regulations 9,11,19,23,24,25,26,27 and 28. These findings are outlined within the relevant regulations within this report.

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)

The registered provider ensured that:

- (a) There was a designated person in charge and a named adult to deputise in their absence.
- (b) The designated person in charge was available on the premises throughout the period of inspection.
- (c) There was a clear management structure in place.

(2) On the day of the inspection two of the eight adults employed in the service were present.

Five staff files were reviewed, and the following information was available:

- (a) Seven written and validated references from previous employers for five of the adults.
- (b) Three written validated reference from reputable sources for three of the adults.
- (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.

(4)

Five of the adult files reviewed, evidenced they held a major award at level 5 or above in early childhood care and education on the national qualification framework, or qualifications deemed by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE) to meet the regulatory requirement.

Non-Compliance Information

(d) Police vetting was available for one adult who had lived outside of the state for a period of longer than six months. However, it could not be determined if Police Vetting was required for a second adult due to gaps in the employment record.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The CV for one staff member was updated to ensure there were no gaps in the employment record.

Supporting documentation submitted

Documentary evidence submitted.

Summary Comment

The corrective and preventive actions submitted by the registered provider adequately address the non-compliance found on inspection. This regulation is now compliant.

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)

On the day of inspection, there was an adequate number of adults working directly with the preschool children attending the service.

(3)

On the morning of the inspection the following adult to child ratios were observed:

- Two adults cared for 17 children aged between 3 years and 5 months and 4 years and 7 months.

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

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

(b) appropriate and suitable care practices are in place in the pre-school service, having regard to the number of children attending the service and the nature of their needs.

Compliance Information

(1)(a)(b)

Basic Need

- The service provides a healthy snack to children on their arrival to the service. On the day of inspection the snack was banana and bread sticks. Children's snacks for mid morning break were brought in from home. On the morning of the inspection, children were observed enjoying sandwiches, crackers and a selection of fruits and dairy products. Snack time was relaxed with staff members sitting with the children and engaging in social conversation.
- Children were supported to use the toilet and handwashing facilities independently with staff providing support when required.
- All children in the preschool had access to the outdoor area.
- The weather on the day of the inspection was cold, children had appropriate cold weather clothing for playing outdoors with staff providing support with dressing to those who needed it.

Supporting relationships

- A key worker system was in place in the service with named staff assigned the responsibility for creating close relationships with children as evidenced through documentation.
- The inspector observed the staff speaking kindly to the children throughout the morning, praising the children's efforts and achievements and offering comfort and support to any child who required it.
- Communication with parents is facilitated at drop off and pick up times which is used to exchange information with parents in relation to the child's day and development.

- In addition, a software technology application is used to send pictures and provide updates about the service, to parents.
- The staff members were observed to work well as a team, frequently collaborating with each other in relation to activities and children's needs for example, getting ready for outdoor time and snack time.
- Photographs of the children and their families were displayed on the walls, the children proudly pointed out their own photograph to the inspector, naming each member and explaining where the picture was taken.

Physical and material environment

- The room was bright and spacious, it contained a number of well-defined interest areas to develop all areas of children's development.
- The home corner in the preschool room was stocked with a play kitchen and utensils.
- The dress up clothing were neatly arranged for children to easily access each costume.
- The room contained low level shelving with materials such as jigsaws and puzzles to develop fine motor skills.
- Open-ended natural materials for imaginative play were stored within the children's reach.
- Sensory trays, as well as sand and water trays were available throughout the morning.
- Age appropriate books were available in a library area, and two child sized sofa's were available to provide a space for the children to rest while reading.
- Two adult sized chairs were available in the room for adults to sit comfortably.
- Soft matting was placed on the floor beside a unit containing floor toys such as construction blocks, cars, and garages for the children to sit and work with the materials.
- There was a fully enclosed outdoor area in the service. The area had a tarmacadam surface which allowed the children to utilise a selection of ride on trikes, balance bikes and scooters. On the morning of the inspection the inspector observed the children playing enthusiastically outdoors, with ample space available for the children to run, race, and play.
- A wooden kitchen and sensory table was available outdoors.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 23 - Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child

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

Compliance Information

General Safety:

- The main entrance was found to be secured on arrival preventing unauthorised access or exit from the premises.
- Materials and equipment were observed to be clean and in a good state of repair.
- Warm running water was available for hand washing at a temperature below 43°Celsius in each of the sanitary areas and handwashing sinks in the preschool rooms.
- Temperature reducing medicines, cleaning products and equipment were stored out of the reach of children.
- The outdoor area was secured with tall fencing and a bolted gate.
- Snacks brought from the children's homes were safely stored in the refrigerator.
- The room temperature was 21° celcius which is within the required range of 18-22° celcius.
- Cleaning materials were stored safely, on a high shelf in the adults sanitary accomodation.

Infection Control:

- The materials and resources throughout the service were visually clean.
- Tables were observed to be cleaned prior to and after mealtimes.
- There was adequate handwashing facilities provided throughout the service with warm water, liquid soap and paper towels.
- Cleaning schedules were up to date and available to review.
- The sanitary facilities were observed to be maintained and clean with up to date cleaning charts available.
- In the room and sanitary accomodation openable windows were present for ventilation.
- Foot operated pedal bins were used in the service, to prevent cross contamination.

Administration of Medication:

- On the day on the inspection no medicine was administered to any child. On discussion with staff the inspector was informed of the correct procedures to be followed should a child require medication.

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.

(3) A registered provider shall ensure that-

(a) no person other than-

(i) pre-school child attending the service,

(ii) a person dropping or collecting such a child,

(iii) an employee, or

(iv) an unpaid worker, can enter the premises without his or her entry being approved by an employee, and

(b) a daily record in writing is kept of the entry on the premises of any such person.

(4) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing referred to in paragraph (3)(b) is retained for a period of one year from the date to which it relates.

Compliance Information

(1)

Records demonstrated that each child was checked in and out of the service by staff on a daily basis.

(3)(a)(b)

A visitors' book was provided in the main hallway of the service. Visitors to the service were required to sign in on arrival to the service.

(4)

Records were retained for the required time period of one year.

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)
One adult was a trained First Aid Responder (FAR) and was available to the children at all times during the session.

(2)(a)(b)
There were two suitably equipped first aid boxes available in the service. The first aid boxes were stored in an easily accessible position. Staff advised the inspector that one first aid box is taken outdoors when the children are outdoors.

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.

(2) The record referred to in paragraph (1) shall be open to inspection by-
(a) a parent or guardian of a pre-school child attending or proposing to attend the pre-school service,
(b) an employee, and
(c) an authorised person.

(3) A registered provider shall ensure that a record referred to in paragraph (2) is retained for a period of 5 years after its creation

(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 fire drills was kept by the service with the most recent drill carried out on 2 December 2025.

(b) Records were available to evidence that the firefighting equipment was last serviced on 21 January 2025 and smoke alarms were serviced on 18 August 2025.

(2)(c)

The registered provider ensured the records were available for inspection by the inspector.

(4)

Fire evacuation procedures were displayed in the service beside the main entrance door.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 27 – Supervision

A registered provider shall ensure that pre-school children attending the service are supervised at all times.

Compliance Information

On the day of inspection, staff ensured that the preschool children attending the service were adequately supervised.

In the service, good communication was observed between the staff team, who communicated with each other in relation to the children's movement in the service, such as a child using the toilet or retrieving an item from their bag.

Head counts were observed to be completed at throughout the day, such as at the beginning of the session and when the children were preparing to go outdoors.

In the outdoors the staff members positioned themselves to ensure all children were in view while playing outdoors. At snack time, the staff members sat alongside the children offering support if required.

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 adequate insurance was in place for the preschool service for 20 children up to 27 November 2026.