

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2015DY351

Name of Service Inchicore Community Creche and Afterschool

Address of Service: The Oblate House, Tyrconnell Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8, D08 R8NY

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Name of Registered Provider: Cinthia Conboy

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	✓	Part-Time	✓	Sessional	✓
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed change: The registered provider is proposing to increase the number of children accommodated from 56 children to 67 children

Proposed Number of Children: 67

Recommended Change Following Inspection: 67

Registered change: Change in number of children that can be accommodated from 56 to 67

Date of Inspection: 0 5 0 6 2 0 2 4

Inspection undertaken by: Olivia Quill

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Tusla-Child and Family Agency, The Early Years Inspectorate
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Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status: Registered Full Day Care Service for 67 Children

Date of Registration 14th June 2024



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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).

Description of Service	<p>Inchicore Community Crèche and Afterschool is a community-based service and registered to provide full day care, part-time and sessional care to children aged 2– 6 years. The service offers the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme from 09:00hrs – 12:00hrs and an afternoon session from 13:00hrs – 16:00hrs. Opening hours are 8:30 hrs – 17:00hrs Monday to Friday. Care of the children is facilitated across four care rooms named Busy bees, Butterfly, Caterpillar and Ladybird. The service has created a sensory room for the children. The service is seeking to register a fifth room on the first floor of the premises and proposes providing a sessional service for a maximum of 11 additional pre-school children between the hours of 09:00hrs – 12:00hrs.</p>
Premises	<p>The service is located on the grounds of the Church of Mary Immaculate Inchicore and operates from the ground floor of the community centre. There are two allocated outdoor spaces, and the service has use of the centre’s indoor basketball hall and a green space on the grounds.</p>
Staffing	<p>There are currently fourteen staff employed in the service. This includes two cooks, two staff employed to work on the Access and Inclusion Scheme (AIMS) and the manager who is not assigned to a care room. One additional staff member will be employed to work in the service if the proposed increase in children attending is approved.</p>
Methodology	<p>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 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</p>

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	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.
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and deputy person in charge 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.

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)(a) The registered provider has ensured that there is a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise if required.</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:

The requirement has been met.

(1) There are an adequate number of adults working with the children attending the service at present.

(8)(b) Not applicable as this is not a childminding service.

(c) Not applicable as this is not a sessional service that operates single handedly.

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—*
- (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.*
- (3) *A registered provider of a full day care service, a part-time day care service or a childminding service, other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, shall ensure that—*
- (a) *a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)
 (a)

There are currently four care rooms in use in the service on the ground floor. The proposed new care is located on the first floor of the premises which will be used for sessional care. Suitable low-level tables and chairs were provided in the care room for pre-school children to engage in tabletop activities and for dining. A variety of play equipment and suitable toys were available and easily accessible from open low-level shelving provided. Designated areas of interest were available including a home corner, Library area and construction area.

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(b) The care room had a suitable rest area available. A large rug with cushions was available for children to rest as required during the day.

(3)(a)

Two secure designated outdoor play areas were available for the children. The service has use of the indoor basketball court and have access to a green space on the grounds of the premises.

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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

The registered provider confirmed the service will provide the morning snack. A healthy eating policy was available. A jug with drinking water and plastic cups was available in the room.

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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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

External doors were secured to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the pre-school. A keypad was in place on the door to the preschool room. Allowing only authorised persons access. The environment was clean. The service met the necessary safety requirements in respect of the indoor and outdoor environment, toys and equipment and safe storage of cleaning agents. Emergency exits were unobstructed and there was provision for the appropriate disposal and storage of waste. Pedal operated bins were provided in the sanitary area and preschool room.

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.*

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Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1) There was evidence that adults working in the service had current certification in First Aid for children. Evidence was available to confirm three staff had up to date First Aid Responder certificates.</p> <p>(2)(a)(b) A suitably equipped first aid box was provided. A First aid box was available to children attending the service at all times.</p>
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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:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>(a) There was evidence that fire drills are practised monthly in the service.</p> <p>(b) There was a record available relating to the number, type and maintenance of fire fighting equipment and for the smoke detection system for the premises.</p> <p>(4) A Notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire was displayed and the fire assembly point was clearly identified.</p>
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Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

Evidence of insurance was submitted which indicated insurance cover for 80 children.

The expiry date was 27 March 2025.

Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 – Premises

A registered provider shall ensure that the premises of the service are—

- (a) of sound and stable structure,*
- (b) safe and secure,*
- (c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated,*
- (d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and*
- (e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(a) The service is located within the community centre which also accommodates other business rooms within the same centre.

(b) The care rooms were safely secured, a keypad system was in place allowing only authorised persons access. The outdoor areas were secured with gates and fencing.

(c) Openable windows were available in the care room providing both natural ventilation and natural day light. Ceiling lights were in place.

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(d) The floor coverings and painted walls and ceilings were observed to be clean and well maintained on the day of inspection. Cleaning equipment was not accessible to children.

(e) There was one toilet and one wash hand basin located in the designated sanitary area off the proposed new preschool room. Adults have access to sanitary accommodation on the ground floor. Liquid soap dispensers and disposable paper towels were provided in the sanitary accommodation. Warm water not exceeding 43°C was available. Artificial ventilation was provided in the sanitary area. The service is connected to the public water supply and public sewage system.

Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 30 – Minimum Space Requirements

- (1) *Subject to paragraphs (2) to (6), a registered provider shall ensure that adequate clear floor space is available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the pre-school service.*
- (2) *A registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that the minimum amount of clear floor space specified in column (3) of Schedule 7 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Schedule in respect of the age range of children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is available for each child in that age range attending the service.*
- (3) *A registered provider of a sessional pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre shall ensure that a minimum of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service.*
- (4) *Where a registered provider contemporaneously provides—*
- (a) a sessional pre-school service, and*
 - (b) a full day care service or a part-time day care service, or both, the minimum clear floor space applicable for the duration of the sessional preschool service in respect of the children attending that service shall be the floor space specified in paragraph (3).*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

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(1) (2) (3) (4)(a), (b) The provider proposes to accommodate an additional 11 children on a sessional basis. The proposed new pre-school room had approximately 26.2 square metres of clear floor space which is sufficient.