

# Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

## Pre School

<b>TUSLA Identifier:</b>	TU2015DY386
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<b>Name of Service:</b>	Náionra Mológa Teo
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<b>Address of Service:</b>	F/ch Scoil Mológa, Br Thigh Chlár, Cros Araid, Harolds Cross, Dublin 6W, Co. Dublin
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<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Deirdre Uí Chuilinn
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<b>Service type:</b>	Part Time, Sessional
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<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	24/09/2025
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<b>No of pre-school children:</b>	AM	27	PM	N/A
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<b>Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:</b>	The Early Years Inspectorate, Tusla Child and Family Agency, Carysfort House, Carysfort Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin
<b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>	Linda Magee
<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Inspector

### Authority to Inspect

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

<b>Conditions if applicable</b>	Not applicable
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### Description of service

Náionra Mológa Teo is an Irish speaking service, located in an urban setting in Harolds Cross, south county Dublin. The service is registered to provide part-time and sessional care to children aged 3.5 years-5 years. The service is open between 08.40 am-1.15pm, Monday to Friday. The sessional service is provided between 9am – 12 midday. The service is located on the grounds of Scoil Mologa junior school and currently operates from two large, prefabricated care rooms. The service has access to a secure large outdoor play area with an artificial grass surfacing.

### Staffing

The service employs five staff members including the registered provider who all work directly with the children.

### 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 plan was to assess compliance under the following regulations:

Regulation 9 (1)(a) (b) (2) (a)(b)(c)(d) and (4) Management and Recruitment

Regulation 11(1), (2), Staffing Levels

Regulation 16(h)(i)(j)(k) Record in relation to Pre-school Service

Regulation 23 Safeguarding, Health, Safety and Welfare of Child

Regulation 25 First Aid (1)&(2)

Regulation 26 Fire Safety Measures (1)(a&b) and (4)

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 registered provider, 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.

(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) The service had a person in charge and a named person to deputise.
- (b) The person in charge and a named deputy were always on the premises during the inspection.

(2)

Following a discussion with the registered provider, it was confirmed no new staff had been employed since the last inspection on 16 September 2023. On completion of the last inspection, Regulation (2)(a) (b) (d) and (4) were compliant and therefore not assessed on this inspection. Therefore, the inspection of Regulation 9 was limited to the requirements detailed in 9(2)(c), this was inspected for all 5 adults employed in the service as evidenced below:

- (c) Garda vetting disclosures were available for all five adults. However, the service did not demonstrate compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years for all adults employed to work in the service, as detailed under Regulation 23.

### Part III – Management and Staff

#### Regulation 11 - Staffing levels

*(1) Subject to this Regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that there is at all times an adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the pre-school service.*

*(2) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), a registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 1 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is satisfied.*

#### Compliance Information

(1) An adequate number of adults were working with the children when the inspector arrived unannounced at the service. There were 5 staff members working directly with 27 children.

(2) The minimum adult to child ratio requirement for the age of children and type of service provided was always maintained.

### Part IV – Information and Records

#### Regulation 16 – Record in relation to pre-school service

*(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of the following information in relation to the service:*

*(h) details of attendance by each pre-school child on a daily basis;*

*(i) details of staff rosters on a daily basis;*

*(j) details of any medication administered to a pre-school child attending the service with signed parental consent;*

*(k) details of any accident, injury or incident involving a pre-school child attending the service.*

#### Compliance Information

(h) Details of the attendance of each child in seomra Deirdre and seomra Catherine were recorded.

(i) The staffing as indicated by the roster and was available on the day of inspection allowed each care room to have sufficient staff to allow the staff to take their breaks ensuring that there were adequate staff remaining to care for and supervise the children.

(j) The person in charge reported the service does not have any child on medication at present. Since January 2025, medication was administered to one child. This record was reviewed, and the record was completed appropriately.

(k) The registered provider confirmed there have been no accident or incidents in the service since the last inspection on 16 September 2023.

## 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 entrance door to the service was adequately secured to ensure the safety of the children within and to avoid unauthorised persons accessing the service or children exiting unsupervised.
- Cleaning agents and medication were stored safely out of reach of children.
- All storage facilities were inaccessible to children.
- Emergency exits were clear.

##### Infection Control:

- Staff supported children to wash their hands at regular intervals including after using the toilet, and before lunch.
- Schedules were in place and maintained to ensure the service, equipment and materials are regularly cleaned.

##### Administration of Medication:

- Staff demonstrated, through discussion, that they were familiar with the procedures and practices in place for the administration of medication in line with the service's policy on medication administration.

##### Fire Safety:

- Staff demonstrated a clear understanding of the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire. Monthly fire drills were conducted in the service.

#### Non-Compliance Information

### General Safety:

- The service did not demonstrate compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years for 1 adult employed to work in the service.

### Action submitted by the Registered Provider

#### Corrective & Preventive Action

Submitted Garda Vetting forms. Will Re vet earlier.

#### Supporting documentation submitted

Supporting documentation which was submitted was reviewed.

### Summary Comment

The regulatory requirement has been met. This regulation will be inspected on the next inspection.

## Part VI - Safety

### Regulation 25 - First aid

*(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a person trained in first aid for children is, at all times, immediately available to the children attending the pre-school service.*

*(2) A registered provider shall ensure that a suitably equipped first aid box for children-*

*(a) is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and*

*(b) is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.*

### Compliance Information

(1) A person trained as a First Aid Responder (FAR) was immediately available to the children at all times during the opening hours of the service on the day of inspection.

(2)

(a) The first aid box was adequately stored and easily accessible in each care room in the service.

(b) A first aid box was always available to the adults and children in the service.

## Part VI - Safety

### Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures

*(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of-*

- (a) any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and*
- (b) the number, type and maintenance record of fire fighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises.*

*(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises.*

### Compliance Information

(1)

- (a) A written record was available detailing fire drills that had taken place in the service.
- (b) There was a record to show that the firefighting equipment and the smoke alarm system had been serviced as required.

(4)

The procedures to be followed during a fire drill and in the event of a fire were displayed in a conspicuous location within the service.