

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

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Seoladh na Seirbhíse:	Scoil Bhride, Scoil Náisiúnta, Mionloch, Co. na Gaillimhe
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Seoladh na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta:	Tusla - An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach, Cigireacht Luathbhlianta, Stiúrthóireacht Dearbhaithe Cáilíochta, Foirgneamh Cliniciúil agus Riaracháin, Bloc A- (Conair Ghlas an 1ú hUrlár), Páirc Merlin, Gaillimh.
Cigireacht déanta ag:	F. Nic Dhonnacha
Teideal :	Cigire na Luathbhlianta

Údarás chun cigireacht a dhéanamh

Déanann Cigireacht na Luathbhlianta, Tusla cigireacht ar Sheirbhísí Luathbhlianta faoi Alt 58(J) den Acht um Chúram Leanaí, 1991 (arna chur isteach le hAlt 92 den Acht fán nGníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach, 2013).

Coinníollacha, má bhaineann le hábhar	Not Applicable
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Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Tá an tseirbhís réamhscoile seo Bóin Dé lonnaithe i seomra ranga i scoil náisiúnta Scoil Bhríde, Mionloch, Co. na Gaillimhe. Cuireann an réamhscoil Cúram agus Oideachas Luath-Óige (ECCE) agus cláir chúraim seisiúnach ar fáil ó 8.30r.n go dtí 11.30r.n agus seirbhís pháirtaimseartha ó 11.30r.n go 13.30i.n, ó Luan go hAoine. Usáidtear seomra súgartha amháin le limistéir sláintíochta. Freastalaíonn an réamhscoil ar uasmhéid de 22 leanbh ag aon am amháin. Tá spásanna súgartha lasmuigh ar thaobh agus ar chúl an áitribh atá slán agus sábháilte. Roinntear an spás ag amanna eágsúla leis na páistí in aois scoile. Cuireann an réamhscoil curaclam bunaithe ar an súgradh/spraoi agus atá dírithe ar an leanbh agus ar spéiseanna na bpáistí atá ag teacht chun cinn.

Soláthar foirne

Tá an soláthraí cláraithe ag obair sa scoil náisiúnta agus bíonn sí ar an láthair ar bhonn laethúil. Is í an soláthraí cláraithe an duine ainmnithe atá i gceannas ach tá sí neamh uimhriúil. Oibríonn triúr daoine fásta sa tseirbhís. Oibríonn an leas-duine atá i gceannas sa tseirbhís ar bhonn laethúil. Bhí duine fásta amháin agus mac léinn amháin os cionn ocht mbliana déag d'aois ag obair sa tseirbhís réamhscoile lá na cigireachta. Tá Cáilíocht agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann (QQI) ag an soláthraí cláraithe agus and leas duine a bhí i gceannas tá síad cláraithe ag Leibhéal 5 ar a laghad, i gCúram agus in Oideachas na Luath-Óige. Tá fianaise dhoiciméadach ag an bhfoireann ar oiliúint agus oideachas leanúnach.

Modheolaíocht

Is í Cigireacht na Luathbhlianta, Tusla, rialtóir reachtúil neamhspleách ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta in Éirinn. Sainmhínítear i Rialacháin an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) 2016 dualgas an tsoláthraí chláráithe sábháilteacht agus folláine leanaí a chinntiú agus cloí leis na riachtanais seo. Tugann an tAcht seo údarás do Tusla measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh leis na rialacháin. Is é is aidhm le rialáil maidir le seirbhísí óige ná a chinntiú go seastar le cúram, sábháilteacht, agus folláine na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar na seirbhísí seo. Pleanáiltear cigireachtaí ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta bunaithe ar na pointí seo a leanas:

- Stair chigireachta na seirbhíse
- Eolas ar bith a fhaightear maidir leis an tseirbhís
- Tá torthaí na cigireachta bunaithe ar:
 - Eolas a fhaightear trí dhoiciméid a imscrúdú
 - Breathnú díreach
 - Plé le baill foirne ábhartha

Ba chigireacht neamhfhógartha é seo, agus díródh ar rialachas, sláinte, folláine agus forbairt an linbh, sábháilteacht, áitreabh agus saoráidí lena linn. Féadfaidh cigireacht díriú ar réimsí eile chomh maith, de réir mar is gá.

Dhírigh an chigireacht ar scrúdú ar chomhlíonadh faoi

Rialachán 11 Leibhéil Foirne,

19 Sláinte, Leas agus Forbairt an Linbh,

Rialachán 25 Garchabhair,

Rialachán 26 Bearta um Shábháilteacht ó Dhóiteán,

Rialachán 28 Árachas,

Rialachán 30 Riachtanas Spáis Íosta.

Mar sin féin, nuair a dhéantar iniúchadh, sainaitníodh neamhchomhlíonadh breise a bhí i mbaol faoi

Rialachán 8 Clárú,

Rialachán 9 Bainistiú agus Earcaíocht

Rialachán 23 Sláinte, Sábháilteacht agus Leas an Linbh a Chosaint.

Tugtar breac-chuntas ar na torthaí sin sna rialacháin ábhartha sa tuarascáil seo

Leagtar amach torthaí na cigireachta sa tuarascáil maidir leis an gcigireacht a eisítear mar dhréacht-tuarascáil ar dtús chuig an tseirbhís, agus bíonn deis ag an tseirbhís freagra a thabhairt ar thorthaí ar bith a luaitear inti. I gcás go sainaitnítear nach bhfuil ceanglais reachtúla á gcomhlíonadh, ní mór don soláthraí cláraithe léiriú a thabhairt ar an mbealach a réitíodh an neamhchomhlíonadh agus mar a chuirfear cosc ar an neamhchomhlíonadh amach anseo. Úsáidfear an plean um Ghníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coiscitheach (CAPA) chun bonn eolais a chur le cinntí maidir le comhlíonadh le ceanglais rialála. I gcás nach n-éiríonn leis an soláthraí cláraithe na ceanglais reachtúla a chomhlíonadh, féadfar próiseas géaraithe a thosú.

Forchoimeádann an Chigireacht an ceart chun eagarthóireacht a dhéanamh ar fhreagraí a fhaightear ar chúiseanna éagsúla lena n-áirítear soiléireacht; iomláine; agus chun próisis riaracháin agus dlíthiúla a chomhlíonadh.

Is í an Chigireacht a thiomsaíonn ábhar na tuarascála.

Eolas Breise

Ar an 10ú Márta 2025

Rinneadh atreorú chuig Roinn SOORS mar go raibh an tseirbhís ag feidmiú lasmuigh dá stádas clárúcháin.

Ar an 19ú Márta 2025

D'admhaigh Roinn SOORS go raibh teagmháil déanta leis an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

Ar an 20ú Márta 2025

Chuir an Roinn SOORS laghdú aird ar an tseirbhís tar éis chomhfhreagras a fháil ón soláthraí cláraithe go raibh siad chun filleadh ar a stádas clárúcháin a bhí acu.

Ar an 2ú lá d' Aibreán 2025

D'admhaigh an Oifig um Athrú ar Chúinsí cinneadh na soláthraithe cláraithe an t-iarratas ar sheirbhís pháirtaimseartha a tharraingt siar.

Buíochas

Is mian leis an gcigire buíochas a ghabháil leis an soláthraí cláraithe, leis an ball foirne, leis an mac léinn agus leis na leanaí a bhí i láthair ar lá na cigireachta as a gcomhoibriú ar fad.

Cuid II - Clárúchán agus Clár

Rialachán 8 - Fógra faoi athrú in imthosca

(1) Déanfaidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seachas seirbhís réamhscoile shealadach, faoi réir mhír (3), fógra i scríbhinn a thabhairt don Ghníomhaireacht i dtaobh aon athrú a bheartaítear a dhéanamh ar na mionsonraí i ndáil leis an tseirbhís réamhscoile atá sa chlár de bhun alt 58C(2) den Acht nó Rialachán 7(2), 60 lá ar a laghad roimh an dáta a bheartaítear a bheadh éifeacht leis an athrú.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

Bhí an tseirbhís ag feidmiú lasmuigh dá stádas clárúcháin ar lá na cigireachta.

Bhí seirbhís pháirtaimseartha bhreise i bhfeidhm ó 11.30r.n go 13.30i.n. Thug an fhoireann le fios go raibh sé i bhfeidhm ó Mheán Fómhair 2024. Cuireadh an t-athrú seo ar sholáthar seirbhíse in iúl do rannóg clárúcháin na cigireachta i rith mhí Iúil/Lúnasa 2024 ach measadh go raibh an t-iarratas neamh-iomlán.

Bhí tuilleadh faisnéise ag teastáil chun an t-iarratas a cuireadh isteach ag an am sin a chomhlánú.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Gníomh Coiscitheach arna seoladh isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Ar an 18/3/2025, 2/4/2025 agus 1/5/2025 chuir an soláthraí cláraithe in iúl an méid seo a leanas

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach

Tá an tseirbhís réamhscoile tar éis filleadh ar sheirbhís seisiúin agus tá a n-iarratas ar sheirbhís pháirtaimseartha tarraingthe siar.

Tá an oifig um athrú cúinsí agus roinn SOORS curtha ar an eolas agus beidh an réamhscoil ag feidhmiú mar réamhscoil seisiúnach amach anseo.

Doiciméid Tacaíochta Curtha isteach

Ar an 2/04/2025 cuireadh ríomhphost isteach ón Óifig um Athrú ar Chuinsí go bhfuil an tseirbhís réamhscoile tar eis filleadh ar ais mar sheirbhís seisiúnach agus go bhfuil an t-iarratas ar sheirbhís pháirtaimseartha réamhscoile tarraingt siar.

Nóta Tráchtach Achomair

Tá athbhreithniú déanta ag an gCigire ar na gníomhartha agus ar an bhfianaise a cuireadh isteach. Tugadh aghaidh leordhóthanach ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a sainaitníodh faoi Rialachán 8 (1).

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,

(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

(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 coibhéseach léi sin, ar a laghad.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1)(a) Ba í an soláthraí cláraithe an duine atá ainmnithe i gceannas agus bhí duine ainmnithe in ann ionadaíocht a dhéanamh más gá.
- (b) Oibríonn an duine ainmnithe atá i gceannas (an soláthraí cláraithe) sa scoil náisiúnta, tá sí neamh-uimhriúil sa réamhscóile ach bhí sí ar fáil sa tseirbhís lá na cigireachta.
- (2) Bhí trí chomhad ar fáil agus rinne an cigire athbhreithniú orthu. I measc na dtorthaí bhí an méid seo a leanas le fáil:
- (a) Bhí trí cinn de na sé thagairtí bhailíochtaithe riachtanacha ar fáil ó iarfhostóir.
- (b) Bhí trí cinn de na sé thagairtí bailíochtaithe riachtanacha ar fáil ó fhoinse seachas iarfhostóir roimhe seo.
- (c) Fuarthas nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána don triúr duine fásta. Mar sin féin, níor chloígh an tseirbhís leis na frámaí ama athghrinnfhiosrúcháin mar atá leagtha amach san Fhógra Rialála Cigireachta Luathbhlianta, rud a cheanglaíonn ar sheirbhísí grinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána a athnuachan gach trí bliana. Féach ar an bhfaisnéis atá leagtha amach faoi rialachán 23 den tuarascáil seo, le do thoil.
- (d) Bhí grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní idir-náisiúnta ar fáil do dhuine fásta amháin a bhí ag obair sa tseirbhís agus a bhí ina chónaí i stát eile ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná sé mhí.
- (4) Tá mórdhámhachtain ar a laghad ag beirt as triúr daoine fásta atá ag obair sa tseirbhís i gCúram agus Oideachas Luath-óige ag Leibhéal 5 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó cáilíocht a mheasann an tAire a bheith coibhéseach.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

(4)

Ní raibh cáilíocht ag an mac léinn os cionn ocht mbliana déag d aois a bhí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí I Dámhachtain íosta i gCáilíocht agus i Cáilíochtaí Éireann (QQI) ag Leibhéal 5 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí, i gCúram agus in Oideachas na Luath-Óige nó cáilíocht a mheasann an tAire a bheith coibhéiseach.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Gníomh Coisctheach arna seoladh isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Ar an 11/3/2025, an 2/5/2025 agus an 9/5/2025 chuir an soláthraí cláraithe an méid seo a leanas in iúl.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach

The student remains working in the service under supervision and a new qualified staff member has commenced employment since March 2025.

Doiciméid Tacaíochta Curtha isteach

Rinneadh teastas cáilíochta do bhall foirne nua amháin a chrossheiceáil leis an Liosta de cháilíochtaí Luathbhlianta a aithníodh chun críocha riachtanais Rialacháin an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) 2016 a chomhlíonadh agus cuireadh Conarthaí Chlár Cúraim Leanaí DCYA faoi bhráid oifig na cigireachta luathbhlianta. Cuireadh uainchlár na foirne faoi bhráid oifig na cigireachta luathbhlianta chun láithreach an ball foirne nua sa réamhscoil a dhearbhu agus cuireadh an comhad foirne ábhartha isteach don bhall foirne nua.

Nóta Tráchtacha Achomair

Tá athbhreithniú déanta ag an gcigire ar na gníomhartha agus ar an bhfianaise a cuireadh isteach. Tugadh aghaidh leordhóthanach ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a sainaitníodh faoi Rialachán 9 (4).

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 11 - Leibhéal Foirne

(1) Faoi réir an Rialacháin seo, cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh gach tráth líon leordhóthanach de dhaoine fásta ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

(2) Faoi réir mhíreanna (4) agus (5), cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse cúraim lae iomláine nó seirbhíse cúraim lae páirtaimseartha go gcomhlíonfar gach tráth an cóimheas íosta idir daoine fásta agus leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (3) de Chuid 1 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) den Chuid sin ag an uimhir thagartha sin sásta sin.

(8) Gan dochar do mhíreanna (2) go (7)-

(a) cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhísí réamhscoile seachas seirbhís feighlíochta leanaí nó seirbhís réamhscoile seisiúnach go bhfuil 2 dhuine fásta ar a laghad san áitreabh i gcónaí,

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1) Le linn na cigireachta, d'oibrigh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta go díreach leis na páistí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

(2) Coinníodh an cóimheas idir duine fásta agus leanbh ar lá na cigireachta. Thug beirt dhaoine fásta aire do shé leanbh déag ar maidin agus thug beirt dhaoine fásta aire do thriúr páistí tráthnóna. Bhí na páistí go léir idir 3 bliana agus 5 bliana d'aois.

Ina theannta sin, chuidigh an soláthraí cláraithe leis an gcuid riaracháin den iniúchadh.

Duine fásta amháin agus mac léinn amháin os cionn 18 mbliana d'aois a bhí faoi mhaoirseacht agus a bhí ar shocrúchán oibre cúram leanaí sa tseirbhís réamhscoile, bhí siad ag obair leis na páistí sa réamhscoil.

Bhí na páistí go léir idir 3 bliana agus 5 bliana d'aois.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

(8)(a) Ní raibh an cigire luathbhlianta in ann a mheas an raibh beirt den fhoireann ar an áitreabh fad is a bhí an réamhscoil ag feidhmiú. Ní raibh aon taifead le fáil.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Gníomh Coisctheach arna seoladh isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Ar an 1/5/2025 chuir an soláthraí cláraithe an méid seo a leanas in iúl.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach

Tá bileog le haghaidh síniú isteach agus amach ar fáil do gach ball foirne sa scoil, tá sé ar fáil sa seomra foirne ar bhonn laethúil agus síníonn an fhoireann sa réamhscoil an bhileog tinrimh foirne sa tseirbhís réamhscoile. Beidh siad ag coinnéal leabhar tinrimh sa réamhscoil as seo amach.

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Doiciméid Tacaíochta Curtha isteach

Cuireadh cóip den bhileog tinrimh foirne réamhscoile faoi bhráid oifig na cigireachta luathbhlianta.

Nóta Tráchtach Achomair

Tá athbhreithniú déanta ag an gcigire ar na gníomhartha agus ar an bhfianaise a cuireadh isteach. Tugadh aghaidh leordhóthanach ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a sainaitníodh faoi Rialachán 11 (8) (a).

Cuid IV – Faisnéis agus Taifid

Rialachán 16 – Taifead i ndáil le seirbhís réamhscoile

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn ar an bhfaisnéis seo a leanas i ndáil leis an tseirbhís:

(h) mionsonraí i dtaobh freastal ag gach leanbh réamhscoile ar bhonn laethúil;

(i) mionsonraí i dtaobh uainchlár foirne ar bhonn laethúil;

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(h) Rinneadh sonraí tinreamh leanaí a thaifeadadh go cruinn i leabhar rolla tinrimh leanaí.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

(i) Níor coinníodh sonraí na n-uainchlár foirne sa tseirbhís réamhscoile. Cé go n-aithnítear gur thaifead duine fásta amháin a tinreamh ar bhonn laethúil, ní raibh aon taifead tinrimh ag an dara duine fásta.

Ní raibh aon fhianaise ann go raibh an t-am a tháinig an ball go dtí an tseirbhís agus a d'imigh siad, sosanna foirne, saoire bhliantúil na ionadaithe a tháinig ag freastal ar na bpáistí sa seomra súgartha.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Gníomh Coisctheach arna seoladh isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Ar an 1/5/2025 agus an 12/05/2025 chuir an soláthraí cláraithe an méid seo a leanas in iúl.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach

Tá bileog sínithe isteach agus amach na foirne sa seomra foirne le húsáid go laethúil sa scoil agus síníonn an fhoireann réamhscoile taifead tinrimh na foirne sa naionra

Doiciméid Tacaíochta Curtha isteach

Cuireadh cóip den bhileog tinrimh foirne réamhscoile faoi bhráid oifig na cigireachta luathbhlianta.

Nóta Tráchtach Achomair

Tá athbhreithniú déanta ag an gcigire ar na gníomhartha agus ar an bhfianaise a cuireadh isteach. Tugadh aghaidh leordhóthanach ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a sainaitníodh faoi Rialachán (16)(i).

Cuid V - Cúram Linbh i Seirbhís Réamhscoile

Rialachán 19 - Sláinte, leas agus forbairt linbh

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe, le linn dó nó di a bheith ag soláthar seirbhís réamhscoile—

(a) go ndéanfar foghlaim, forbairt agus leas gach linbh a urasú laistigh de shaol laethúil na seirbhíse réamhscoile trí na gníomhaíochtaí cuí, an idirghníomhaíocht chuí, na hábhair chuí agus an trealamh cuí a sholáthar, ag féachaint d'aois agus do chéim forbartha an linbh.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1)(a) Riachtanais Bhunúsacha

- Chuir an tseirbhís bia sláintiúil chun cinn agus cuireadh bia agus sneaiceanna a sholáthraigh tuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí ar fáil ag eatraimh rialta le linn na seirbhíse seisiúna agus páirtaimseartha. Bhí an dara lón ag na páistí a d'fhreastail ar bhonn páirtaimseartha le meascán de ceapairí, torthaí, craiceír agus iógart dá mbéile am lóin.
- Bhí deochanna agus cupáin na bpáistí ar fáil ó stáisiún deochanna a bhí ar fáil i rith an tseisiúin má bhraith siad go raibh tart orthu ag céim ar bith.
- Bhí an t-atmaisféar le linn am béile suaimhneach, le hidirghníomhaíocht shóisialta thaitneamhach idir na páistí agus an fhoireann.
- Spreag agus thacaigh an fhoireann leis na páistí a bheith neamhspleách. Bhí deis ag leanaí iad féin a bheathú le maoirseacht.
- Bhí na boird agus na cathaoireacha oiriúnach d'aois agus do chéimeanna forbartha na bpáistí.
- Bhí rochtain gan srian ag na páistí ar an leithreas agus ní raibh gá dóibh fanacht leis an leithreas a úsáid.
- Bhí deiseanna ag na páistí go léir bogadh faoi shaoirse agus a dtimpeallacht a iniúchadh, laistigh agus lasmuigh.

CAIDRIMH TACAÍOCHTA

- Léirigh na baill foirne cinealtas agus íogaireacht ina n-idirghníomhaíochtaí leis na páistí. Mar shampla, rinne na daoine fásta cumarsáid dhearfach leis na páistí agus shuigh siad in aice leo le linn cleachtaí boird, áit ar breathnaíodh orthu ag tairiscint cuddles, focla suaimhneach, agus ag canadh le chéile.
- D'oibrigh an fhoireann agus na tuismitheoirí i gcomhpháirtíocht laistigh den tseirbhís. Bhain siad úsáid as foirm phróifíl linbh ina raibh faisnéis luachmhar ag na baill foirne faoi rudaí a thaitin leis an linbh, nach dtaitníonn leo, gnáthamh laethúil, leasanna agus teaghlach agus go leor eile.

- Tar éis plé a dhéanamh leis na daoine fásta, cuireadh in iúl don chigire gur chuir siad eolas laethúil ar fáil do thuismitheoirí ó bhéal faoi eispéiris a bpáiste sa réamhscoil, lena n-áirítear rudaí is maith leo, spéiseanna agus roghanna an pháiste agus gníomhaíochtaí súgartha a bhí i gceist. Cuireadh an fhaisnéis seo ar fáil ag amanna bailithe agus trí theachtaireachtaí téacs, trí ghlaonna teileafóin, agus trí ríomhphost. Bhí nuachtlitir, córas ríomhphoist agus traic leabhar próifíle leanaí aonair ag an tseirbhís, a ghabh gníomhaíochtaí agus eispéiris an pháiste le fianaise grianghrafadóireachta agus príomhbhreathnóireachtaí a rinne na dhaoine fásta. Bhí téama na seachtaine bunaithe ar an Earrach, breathnaíodh ar na páistí ag foghlaim faoi Lá Fhéile Pádraig, an aimsir, agus ag insint scéalta.

CLÁR GNÍOMHAÍOCHTAÍ

- Bhí na gníomhaíochtaí faoi stiúir leanaí agus bhí deis ag na páistí an ceannaireacht a ghlacadh, a dtuairimí a chur in iúl agus rogha aclaíochta a dhéanamh maidir lena rannpháirtíocht i ngníomhaíochtaí agus i measúnú a dhéanamh ar threalamh súgartha i rith an tseisiúin.
- Breathnaíodh ar pháistí ar leith (cúntóirí beaga) ag fáil na lóin ón gcuisneoir, ag fiafraí cé leis é agus ag cur na málaí lóin ar an mbord, agus chuir na páistí eile a gcuid cupáin ar an mbord.
- Tugadh faoi deara go raibh deiseanna spraíúla ag gach páiste chun a gcuid riachtanas foghlama a fheabhsú i ngach réimse forbartha.
- Feabhsaíodh forbairt fhisiciúil le gníomhaíochtaí mínmhótair ar nós snáithitheadh, ag baint úsáide as boird bioráin, ollscil mhótair trí léim agus rith. Forbairt chognaíoch trí súgradh samhlaíochta sa chúinne baile, breathnaíodh ar roinnt páistí ag déanamh tae. Forbairt teanga, trí scéalaíocht, Lá Fhéile Pádraig a phlé agus trí idirghníomhaíocht shóisialta agus comhrá lena chéile. Breathnaíodh ar forbairt mhothúchánach ar an mbealach a d'imir na páistí cluichí le chéile. Bhí forbairt céadfach le feicéal trí iniúchadh ag na huigeachtaí agus na tógálacha éagsúla ag amanna sneaiceanna agus béile.

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Cuid V - Cúram Linbh i Seirbhís Réamhscoile

Rialachán 20 – Saoráidí chun scíth a ligean agus súgradh a dhéanamh

1) Faoi réir an Rialacháin seo, cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe—

(b) go mbeidh saoráidí leordhóthanacha oiriúnacha ann chun go bhféadfaidh leanbh réamhscoile a scíth a ligean i gcaitheamh an lae, agus i gcás seirbhís réamhscoile thar oíche, i gcaitheamh an lae agus na hoíche.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

20(1)(b) Ní raibh aon áiseanna leordhóthanacha ann do na páistí réamhscoile idir trí agus cúig bliana d'aois chun scíth a ligean nó codladh le linn oibriú na n-uaireanta seirbhíse páirtaimseartha. Admhaíodh gur cheannaigh an soláthraí cláraithe ceithre leaba, línéadach agus éadaí leapa do na páistí réamhscoile tar éis na cigireachta.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Gníomh Coisctheach arna seoladh isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Ar an 2/4/2025 agus an 1/5/2025 chuir an soláthraí cláraithe an méid seo a leanas in iúl.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach

Rinne an soláthraí cláraithe teagmháil leis an oifig um Athrú ar Chúinsí agus leis an roinn SOORS chun a chur in iúl dóibh nach raibh siad ag feidhmiú mar sheirbhís pháirtaimseartha a thuilleadh.

Ní theastaíonn an trealamh agus na hábhair a cheannaítear le haghaidh soláthar codlata i seirbhís pháirtaimseartha a thuilleadh toisc nach n-oibreoidh an tseirbhís ach mar sheirbhís seisiúnach amach anseo.

Doiciméid Tacaíochta Curtha isteach

Fuarthas ríomhphost dar dáta 2/04/2025 ón Oifig um Athrú ar Chúinsí go bhfuil an tseirbhís réamhscoile tar éis fillleadh ar sheirbhís seisiúnach amháin.

Nóta Tráchtacha Achomair

Leis na gníomhartha agus leis an bhfianaise a chuir an soláthraí cláraithe isteach, ceartaíodh an neamhchomhlíonadh maidir leis an gcuid seo (1)(b) de Rialachán 20.

uid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 23 - Sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas linbh a chosaint

Cinntoidh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéanfar gach beart réasúnach chun sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas linbh réamhscoilez a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís a chosaint agus cinntoidh sé nó sí go mbeidh timpeallacht na seirbhíse sábháilte.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

- Rinneadh na doirse agus na geataí inmheánacha agus seachtracha a dhaingniú go cuí chun cosc a chur ar leanaí rochtain a fháil ar limistéir neamhshábháilte, dul amach gan mhaoirseacht nó rochtain neamhúdairithe a cheadú ar an áitreabh.
- Coinníodh na hábhair agus an trealamh le linn na seirbhíse i riocht maith.
- Bhí limistéir stórála daingnithe chun cosc a chur ar na páistí rochtain a fháil ar an ábhar taobh istigh.
- Rialaíodh an t-uisce te sna báisíní níocháin ar fud na seirbhíse gan dul thar 43°C chun an baol go ndéanfaí páiste réamhscoile a sheachaint.

Rialú Ionfhabhtuith:

- Coinníodh na timpeallachtaí laistigh agus lasmuigh i riocht glan agus sláinteachais.
- Bhí na háiseanna sláintíochta feistithe go cuí le huisce reatha te, gallúnach leachtach agus tuáillí páipéir láimhe agus triomadóirí láimhe chun dea-chleachtais sláinteachais láimhe a chur chun cinn.
- Níochán na páistí agus na daoine fásta a lámha ag eatrainmh chúí tar éis gníomhaíochtaí, leithris agus roimh am béile.
- Bhí fíocháin ar fáil go héasca agus inrochtana do na páistí i ngach seomra súgartha.
- Níor chaith aon leanbh clúidín ar lá na cigireachta.
- Bhí fuinneoga oscailte chun aeráil leordhóthanach a cheadú sa seomra súgartha i rith an lae.
- Bhí sé le feicéal go raibh an fhoireann ag glanadh go minic sa seomra súgartha agus coinníodh taifid ar gach rud.

Dáileadh Cógas:

- Níor tugadh aon chógas ar lá na cigireachta.

Coladh Sábháilte:

Bhí cúinne ciún ag an tseirbhís do na páistí chun breathnú ar leabhar nó seasamh amach as ghníomhaíocht más mian leo.

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin:

- Bhí na bealaí ealaithe agus bealaí amach saor ó bhac agus bhí comharthaí shoiléir ar fáil chun na bealaí aslonnaithe dóiteáin a bhí taobh istigh a aithint.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta

- Bhí grinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána ar fáil do thriúr daoine fásta. Mar sin féin, níor dátaíodh ceann de na nochtuithe grinnfhiosrúcháin seo laistigh de na trí bliana roimhe sin de réir Fhógra Rialála na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta 'EYI-RN12.3 Athnuachan Grinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána'. Léirigh an tseirbhís gur comhlíonadh an Fhógra Rialála Cigireachta Luathbhlianta lena n-éilítear ar sheirbhísí grinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána a athnuachan gach trí bliana do bheirt den triúr daoine fásta atá ag obair sa tseirbhís.

Gníomh arna sheoladh isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Ar an 1/5/2025 agus an 9/05/2025 chuir an soláthraí cláraithe an méid seo a leanas in iúl.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta

Tá an cóip is nua do grinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána faighte agus coinnithe ar chomhad sa scoil anois.

Doiciméid Tacaíochta Curtha isteach

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta

Cuireadh an chóip is nua de grinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána chuig oifig chigireacht na luathbhlianta.

Nóta Tráchtacha Achomair

Tá athbhreithniú déanta ag an gcigire ar na gníomhartha agus ar an bhfianaise a cuireadh isteach. Tugadh aghaidh leordhóthanach ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a sainaitníodh faoi Rialachán 23 pointe 1.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair

- (1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh duine atá oilte ar gharchabhair do leanaí ar fáil láithreach i gcónaí do na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoil.
- (2) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh bosca garchabhrach do leanaí a bhfuil an trealamh cuí ann—
- (a) stóráilte go sábháilte in áit fheiceálach san áitreabh ar féidir teacht air gan dua, agus
- (b) ar fáil i gcónaí do na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Chuir an tseirbhís fianaise ar fáil go raibh beirt dhaoine fásta oilte i gcúrsa garchabhrach ar fáil le linn uaireanta oibriúcháin na seirbhíse do na leanaí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.
- (2)(a) Bhí bosca garchabhrach sa seomra súgartha agus ag doras an limistéar súgartha lasmuigh le míreanna ábhair laistigh de dháta, stóráilte go sábháilte, a bhí éasca le teacht ar agus stóráilte in áit fheiceálach.
- (b) Léirigh an tseirbhís go raibh na boscaí garchabhair feistithe go hiomlán agus ar fáil do na leanaí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 26 - Bearta maidir le sábháilteacht ó dhóiteán

- (1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn—
- (a) ar aon druil dóiteáin a dhéantar san áitreabh, agus
- (b) ar líon, cineál agus taifead cothabhála an trealaimh chun dóiteán a chomhrac agus na n-aláram deataigh san áitreabh.
- (4) Déanfar fógra i dtaobh 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) Bhí taifead scríofa ar fáil de na druileanna dóiteáin míosúla a cuireadh i gcrích sa tseirbhís. An druil dóiteáin deireanach a taifeadadh dar dáta 27/02/2025.
- (b) Go raibh taifid ar fáil maidir le líon, cineál, agus cothabháil trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin le an tseirbhís bhliantúil dar dáta 09/09/2024.
- Bhí an tseirbhís bhliantúil dheireanach ag an gcóras aláraim braite deataigh agus dóiteáin don áitreabh dar dáta 09/12/2024.
- (4) Bhí fógraí a thaispeáint laistigh den sheirbhís le na nósanna imeachta a bhí le leanúint i gcás tine sa seirbhís.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

Cinnteoídh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh an tseirbhís réamhscoile faoi árachas leordhóthanach.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Bhí árachas leordhóthanach ag an tseirbhís réamhscoile le haghaidh seirbhíse páirtaimseartha le dáta éaga 30/06/2025. Chlúdaigh an t-árachas na nithe seo a leanas;

- dliteanas poiblí,
- timpiste phearsanta,
- in aghaidh tine agus goid,
- foirgnimh,
- turais a dhéantar mar chuid den soláthar seirbhíse.

Cuid VII - Ceanglais maidir le hÁitribh agus Spás

Rialachán 30 - Ceanglais íosta maidir le spás

(1) Faoi réir mhíreanna (2) go (6), cinnteoídh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh spás urláir atá leordhóthanach agus saor ó chonstaicí ar fáil san áitreabh do leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile chun obair, súgradh agus gluaiseacht a dhéanamh.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1) (2)

Thomhais an cigire an seomra súgartha sa tseirbhís réamhscoile, bhí spás urláir glan leordhóthanach ar fáil mar seo a leanas.

Ainmneacha Seomraí	Méadair Chearnacha	Cineál Seirbhíse	Cineál Seirbhíse	Sceideal 6 Raon Aoise	Spás glan don Urláir	Cóimheasa Leanaí agus daoine Fásta	Uaslíon na bpáistí do raon aoise
Bóin Dé Naíonra seomra súgartha	72 m ²	Seisiúnach	2 bhliain 8 mí go 6 bliana d'aois	3-6 bliana d'aois	1.818 méadar cearnach	1: 11	22
				3-6 bliana d'aois	2.3 méadar cearnach Le haghaidh seirbhíse páirtaimseartha	1:8	31

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015GY035
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Name of Service:	Bóin De
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Address of Service:	Scoil Bhride, National School, Mionloch, Co. Galway
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Eircode:	H91 YD63
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Name of Registered Provider:	Maire De Brun
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Service type:	Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	10/03/2025
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No of pre-school children:	AM	16	PM	3
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Tusla - Child and Family Agency, Early Years Inspectorate, Quality Assurance Directorate, Clinical & Administration Building, Block A- (1st Floor-Green Corridor), Merlin Park, Galway
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Inspection undertaken by:	F. Nic Dhonnacha
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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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

This preschool service Bóin Dé is located in a classroom in Scoil Bhríde national school, Mionloch, county Galway. The preschool offers an Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and sessional care programmes from 8.30hrs to 11.30hrs and a part time service from 11.30 to 13.30, Monday to Friday. The service consists of one playroom with sanitary areas. The preschool caters for a maximum of 22 children at any one time. There are secure outdoor play areas to the sides and rear of the premises, which the service shares with the school-aged children. The preschool offers a child centred play-based curriculum based on the children's emerging interests.

Staffing

The registered provider is working in the national school and is onsite on a daily basis. The registered provider is the designated person in charge but is supernumerary. Three adults in total work in the service. The deputy person in charge works in the service on a daily basis. One adult and one student over the age of eighteen years were working in the preschool service.

The adult and registered provider hold a Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) at a minimum of a Level 5, in Early Childhood Care and Education. The adult staff have documentary evidence of ongoing training and education.

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 and safety. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under
Regulation 11 Staffing Levels,
Regulation 19 Health, Welfare and the Development of the Child,
Regulation 25 First Aid,
Regulation 26 Fire Safety Measures,
Regulation 28 Insurance,
Regulation 30 Minimum Space Requirement.

However, on inspection additional non-compliance which posed a risk was identified under
Regulation 8 Registration,
Regulation 9 Management and Recruitment
Regulation 23 Safeguarding Health, Safety and Welfare of the Child.
These findings are outlined within the relevant regulation 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.

Additional Information

On the 10th of March 2025

A referral was made to the Services Operating Outside of Registration Status (SOORS) department as the service was operating outside of their registration status.

On the 19th of March 2025

SOORS department acknowledged contact had been made with the preschool service.

On the 20th of March 2025

The registered provider responded to SOORS, and a decision was made to revert to the registered sessional service. The operation of the part-time preschool service has ceased.

On the 2nd of April 2025

The Change in Circumstances Office acknowledged the registered providers decision to withdraw the application for a part time service.

Acknowledgement

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, staff member, student and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part II - Registration and Register

Regulation 8 - Notification of change in circumstances

(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a temporary pre-school service shall, subject to paragraph (3), notify the Agency in writing of any proposed change in the details in relation to the pre-school service contained in the register pursuant to section 58C (2) of the Act or Regulation 7(2) at least 60 days before it is proposed that the change would take effect.

Non-Compliance Information

- (1) The service was operating outside its registration status on the day of inspection.
- An additional part time service was in operation from 11.30am to 13.30pm. The staff advised it was in operation since September 2024. This change in service provision was notified to the inspectorate's registration department during July/August 2024 but the application was deemed incomplete as further information was required to complete the application that was submitted at that time.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On the 2/4/2025 and 1/5/2025 the registered provider advised of the following

Corrective and Preventive Action

The preschool service has reverted back to a sessional service and has withdrawn their application for a part time service.

The change in circumstances office and the SOORS dept have been informed and the preschool will operate as a sessional preschool going forward.

Supporting documentation submitted

On 02/04/2025 an email was submitted from the Change in Circumstances office that the preschool service had reverted to a sessional service and withdrawn the application for a preschool part-time service.

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliance identified under Regulation 8 (1) has been adequately addressed.

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*

(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 registered provider was the designated person in charge and a named person was able to deputise if required.
- (b) The designated person in charge works in the national school; she is supernumerary but was available during the inspection in the service.
- (2) Three files were available and reviewed by the inspector the registered provider the deputy person in charge and the student. The findings included the following:
- (a) Three of the required six validated references were available from a past employer.
- (b) Three of the required six validated references were available from a source other than a past employer.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for all three adults on the day of inspection. However, the service did not adhere to the re-vetting timeframes as outlined in the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice, requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years. Please refer to the information outlined under Regulation 23 of this report.
- (d) International police vetting was available for one adult working in the service who had lived in another state for a period longer than six months.

Non-Compliance Information

- (4) The student over the age of eighteen who was working directly with the children did not have a Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) at Level 5 on the National Framework of Qualifications, Care and Early Childhood Education or a qualification considered by the Minister to be equivalent.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On the 11/3/2025, 2/5/2025 and the 9/5/2025 the registered provider advised of the following.

Corrective and Preventive Action

The student remains working in the service under supervision and a new qualified staff member has commenced employment since March 2025.

Supporting documentation submitted

A qualification certificate for one new staff member was cross checked with the List of Early Years qualifications recognised for the purposes of meeting the requirements of the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 and DCYA Childcare Programme Contracts was submitted to the office of the early years inspectorate. The staff roster was submitted to the office of the early years inspectorate to confirm the new staff members presence in the preschool and the relevant staff file was submitted for the new staff member.

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliance identified under Regulation 9 (4) has been adequately addressed.

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.

(8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)-

(a) a registered provider of a pre-school service other than a child-minding service or a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times.

Compliance Information

- (1) During the inspection an adequate number of adults worked directly with the children attending the service.
- (2) The adult to child ratio was maintained on the day of inspection. Two adults cared for sixteen children in the morning and two adults cared for three children in the afternoon. All children were from 3 years to 5 years of age.

In addition, the registered provider assisted with the administration part of the inspection.

One adult and one student over the age of 18 years who was supervised and was on a childcare work placement in the preschool service, were working with the children in the preschool.

All the children were aged between 3 years to 5 years.

Non-Compliance Information

- (8)(a) No records were available to assess whether there were two staff working on the premises while the pre-school was operating.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On the 1/5/2025 the registered provider advised of the following.

Corrective and Preventive Action

A sign-in-and-out sheet is available for all staff in the school; it was available in the staff room on a daily basis and the staff in the preschool sign the staff attendance sheet in the preschool service.

Supporting documentation submitted

A copy of the preschool staff attendance sheet was submitted to the office of the early years inspectorate.

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliance identified under Regulation 11 (8) (a) has been adequately addressed.

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;*

Compliance Information

(h) Details of children's attendance was accurately recorded in a child attendance record book.

Non-Compliance Information

- (i) Details of staff rosters were not maintained in the preschool service. While it is acknowledged that one adult recorded her attendance on a daily basis, the second adult had no record of attendance, there was no evidence of the time of arrival to, and departure from the service, staff breaks, annual leave and substitutions in conjunction with the children's attendance in the playroom.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On the 1/5/2025 and the 12/05/2025 the registered provider advised of the following.

Corrective and Preventive Action

There is a staff sign in and out sheet in the staff room for staff to use on a daily basis in the school and the preschool staff sign the staff attendance record in the Naionra.

Supporting documentation submitted

A copy of the staff attendance sheet for the week commencing 5/05/2025 was submitted to the office of the early year's inspectorate.

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliance identified under Regulation (16)(i) has been adequately addressed.

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.

Compliance Information

Basic Needs (1)(a)

- The service promoted healthy eating and food and snacks supplied by parents and guardians were provided at regular intervals during the sessional and part-time service. The children who attended on a part time basis had a second lunch with a mixture of sandwiches, fruit, crackers and yogurts provided by their parents and guardians for their lunch time meal.
- Children had the opportunity to feed themselves with supervision.
- The children's drinks and sippy cups were available from a drinks station within their reach throughout the session should they feel thirsty at any stage.
- The atmosphere during mealtimes was relaxed, with pleasant social interaction among the children and staff.
- The staff encouraged and supported the children to be independent. Children had the opportunity to feed themselves with supervision.
- The tables and chairs were suitable for the children's ages and stages of development.
- The children had unrestricted access to the toilet and did not have to wait to use the toilet.
- All the children had opportunities to move about freely and explore their environment, both indoors and outdoors.

SUPPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

- The staff members demonstrated warmth and sensitivity in their interactions with the children. For example, the adults communicated positively with the children and sat beside them during tabletop exercises, where they were observed offering cuddles, reassuring words, and singing together.
- Staff and parents worked in partnership within the service. The use of child profile form gave the staff members valuable information about the child's likes, dislikes, daily routine, interests, and family.
- Following discussion with the adults, the inspector was informed that they verbally provided parents with daily information on their child's experiences in the preschool including the child's likes, interests and preferences and play activities engaged in. This information was provided at collection times and via text messages, by phone calls, and by email. The service had a newsletter, email system and individual child profile scrapbook, which captured the child's activities and experiences with documentary/photographic evidence and key adult observations. The theme of the week was based on Springtime, the children were observed learning about St Patricks Day, the weather, and telling stories.

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

- Activities were child led, and children had the opportunity to take the lead, express their views and exercise choice in relation to their engagement in activities and in assessing play equipment throughout the session.
- Specific children (little helpers) were observed getting the lunches from the fridge, asking who owned it and placing it on the table, while others placed their sippy cups on the table.
- All children were noted to have playful opportunities to enhance their learning needs across all developmental areas.
- Physical development was enhanced by fine motor activities such as threading, using pin boards, gross motor skill through jumping and running.
- Cognitive development by imaginative play in the home corner, some children were observed making tea.
- Language development, by storytelling, discussing Saint Patrick's Day and through social interaction and conversation with each other.
- Emotional development was observed by the way the children played games together.
- Sensorial development by exploring was observed by the different textures and tastes at snack and mealtimes.

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-
- (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.

Non-Compliance Information

20(1)(b) There were no adequate facilities for the preschool children aged three to five years of age to take a rest or sleep during the operation of the part time service hours. It was acknowledged that the registered provider purchased four stackable beds, linen and bedding for the preschool children following the inspection.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On the 2/4/2025 and 1/5/2025 the registered provider advised of the following.

Corrective and Preventive Action

The registered provider contacted the Change in Circumstances office and the SOORS dept to inform them that they were no longer operating as a part time service.

The equipment and materials purchased for sleep provision in a part time service is no longer required as the service will only operate as a sessional service going forward.

Supporting documentation submitted

An email dated 02/04/2024 was received from the Change in Circumstances office that the preschool service has reverted to a sessional service only.

Summary Comment

The actions and the evidence submitted by the registered provider have corrected the non-compliance for this part (1)(b) of Regulation 20.

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 internal and external doors and gates were appropriately secured to prevent children from accessing unsafe areas, exiting unsupervised or allowing unauthorised access to the premises.
- The materials and equipment throughout the service were maintained in good condition.
- Storage areas were secured to prevent the children accessing the contents within.
- The hot water in the wash hand basins throughout the service was regulated not to exceed 43°C to avoid the risk of scalding a preschool child.

Infection Control:

- The indoor and outdoor environments were maintained in a clean and hygienic condition.
- The sanitary facilities were appropriately equipped with warm running water, liquid soap and hand paper towels and hand dryers to promote good hand hygiene practices.
- Both the children and the adults washed their hands at appropriate intervals after activities, toileting and before mealtime.
- Tissues were readily available and accessible to the children in each playroom.
- No child wore a nappy on the day of inspection.
- Windows were open to allow adequate ventilation in the playroom throughout the day.
- Active cleaning by staff in the playroom was observed and accurate records maintained.

Administration of Medication:

- No medication was administered on the day of inspection.

Safe Sleep:

- The service had a quiet cosy corner for the children to rest relax or take time away from an activity if they choose to.

Fire Safety:

- The fire exits and passageways were clear from obstruction and clear signage was available to identify the fire evacuation routes within the service.

- A fire assembly point was identifiable at the side of the preschool.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety

1. Garda vetting was available for three adults. However, one of these vetting disclosures was not dated within the previous three years in adherence to the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice 'EYI-RN12.3 Renewal of Garda Vetting' on the day of inspection. The service demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years for two of the three adults working in the service.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On the 1/5/2025 and 9/05/2025 the registered provider advised of the following.

Corrective and Preventive Action

An up-to-date Garda vetting has been obtained and a copy has been placed on file in the preschool.

Supporting documentation submitted

A copy of the most recent Garda vetting disclosure was sent to the office of the early year's inspectorate on the 9/05/2025.

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliance identified under Regulation 23 point 1 has been adequately addressed.

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) The service provided evidence that two adults trained in first aid responder (FAR) first aid course, were available during the operating hours of the service for the children attending the pre-school service.

- (2)(a) There was a first aid box accessible in the playroom and at the door to the outdoor play area with content items within date, safely stored, easily accessible and stored in a conspicuous position.
- (b) The service demonstrated that the first aid boxes were fully equipped and available to the children attending the pre-school 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 firefighting 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 of the monthly fire drills completed in the service. The last recorded fire drill was dated 27/02/2025.
- (b) Records were available in relation to the number, type, and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment with the annual service dated 09/09/2024. The smoke and fire detection alarm system for the premises had the last annual service dated 09/12/2024.
- (4) Notices were displayed within the service of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire in the service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

The preschool service had adequate insurance for a part time service with an expiry date of 30/06/2025. The insurance covered the following;

- public liability,
- personal accident,
- against fire and theft,
- buildings,
- outings undertaken as part of the service provision.

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.

Compliance Information

(1) (2) The inspector measured the playroom in the preschool service, adequate clear floor space was available as follows.

Room Names	Square Metres	Service Type	Service age range of pre-school children in the room	Schedule 6 Age Range	Clear Floor Space	Adult Child Ratios	Maximum number of children for age range
Bóin Dé Naíonra playroom	72 m ²	Sessional	2 years 8 months to 6 years of age	3-6 year of age	1.818 square metres	1: 11	22max
				3-6 years	2.3 square metres For a part time service	1:8	31