

# Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

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<b>Teideal :</b>	Cigire na Luathbhlianta		
<b>Údarás chun cigireacht a dhéanamh</b>			
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).			
<b>Coinníollacha, má bhaineann le hábhar</b>	Clliceáil nó tapáil anseo chun téacs a chur isteach.		

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## Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Cuireann an réamhscoil phríobháideach seo na roghanna ar fáil maidir le cúram lae iomlán agus soláthar cúraim pháirtaimseartha ó 8.00 go dtí 18.00 uair an chloig agus clár cúraim réamhscoile Cúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige (ECCE) agus clár seisiúnach ó 9.30 go dtí 12.30 uair an chloig, ó Luan go hAoine. Freastalaíonn an réamhscoil ar pháistí idir 0 mí agus 6 bliana d'aois. Ina theannta sin, cuirtear clár aoise scoile ar fáil ó 13.45 go dtí 18.00 uair an chloig. Cuirtear curaclam réamhscoile bunaithe ar súgradh atá dírithe ar Montessori agus ar spéiseanna atá ag teacht chun cinn ar fáil. Tá an tseirbhís réamhscoile lonnaithe ar a tailte féin, i sráidbhaile Furbo, iarthar chontae na Gaillimhe. Tá sé sheomra súgartha: an seomra Naíonán, an seomra Wobbler/Seomra corcra, an seomra do leanaí/Seomra buí, an Seomra Sóisearach Montessori/Seomra glas agus an seomra aoise scoile/Seomra bán ar an mbunurlár agus tá an Seomra Sinsearach Montessori/Seomra thuas agus an seomra in aois scoile ar an gcéad urlár. Tá aonad foscadh lasmuigh ann ar a dtugtar an Cnoc a úsáideann an Seomra thuas staighre/senior Montessori dhá lá sa tseachtain le haghaidh gníomhaíochtaí lasmuigh agus foghlama. Tá dhá sheomra codlata ainmnithe, le seacht leaba agus naoi leaba. Ina theannta sin, tá 28 leaba cruachta ar fáil do leanaí réamhscoile níos sine a dteastaíonn codladh uathu. Tá a chistin féin ag an áitreabh ina n-ullmhaíodh, cócaráilte agus stóráilte príomhbhéilí na bpáistí ar an láthair. Tá seomra bia ainmnithe in aice leis an gcistin a úsáideann na páistí. Tá rochtain ag na páistí réamhscoile ar limistéir súgartha slán lasmuigh éagsúla ar chúl agus taobh an áitribh agus ar an gCnoc, lena n-áirítear limistéar foscadh uile-aimsire le haghaidh gníomhaíochtaí súgartha leanaí, aer úr agus taiscéalaíocht.

## Soláthar foirne

Bíonn an soláthraí cláraithe ar an áitreabh gach lá. Tá 14 ball foirne san iomlán agus (beirt mhac léinn os cionn 18 mbliana d'aois a ndearnadh maoirseacht orthu i gcónaí) ag obair san áitreabh faoi láthair. Tá duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus tá ionadaí ainmnithe ann. Tá mórdhámhachtain ar a laghad ag aon bhall foirne déag i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige ag Leibhéal 5 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí, nó cáilíocht a mheasann an tAire a bheith comhionann. Tá fianaise dhoiciméadach ag an bhfoireann maidir le hoiliúint agus oideachas leanúnach. Ar lá na cigireachta, bhí naonúr ball foirne ag obair go díreach leis na páistí réamhscoile, lena n-áirítear an duine a bhí i gceannas. Bhí ball foirne amháin ag obair leis na páistí in aois scoile. Ina theannta sin, bhí mac léinn os cionn 18 mbliana d'aois ann a bhí faoi mhaoriseacht i gcónaí agus é ag tabhairt aire do na páistí. Ba é an duine a bhí i gceannas an cócaire ainmnithe a bhí ag ullmhú, ag cócaireacht, ag freastal ar bhéilí agus sneaiceanna do leanaí. Ina theannta sin, chabhraigh an duine atá i gceannas leis na codanna riaracháin den iniúchadh.

## Modheolaíocht

Is í Chigireacht 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 chláraithe 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.

Ar iniúchadh, sainaitníodh neamhchomhlíonadh breise a bhí ina riosca faoi Rialachán 9 agus faoi Rialachán 23. Tá na torthaí seo leagtha amach 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.

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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.

## Buíochas

Is mian leis an gCigireacht buíochas a ghabháil leis an duine i bhfeighil, leis an bhfoireann agus leis na leanaí a bhí i láthair ar lá na cigireachta as a gcomhoibriú ar fad.

## 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.

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(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 coibhéiseach léi sin, ar a laghad.

### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (a) Bhí duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus bhí duine ainmnithe ar fáil le hionadú sa seirbhís.

(b) Bhí an duine i gceannas ar an áitreabh nuair a tháinig an cigire luathbhlianta agus d'fhan sé ar an láthair ar feadh ré na cigireachta. Léirigh uainchláir foirne go raibh an duine ainmnithe i gceannas nó an t-ionadaí ar fáil, ar an áitreabh, nuair a bhí na páistí réamhscoile i láthair.
- (2) Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar gach 14 chomhad foirne agus 2 chomhad mac léinn ar lá na cigireachta. Áiríodh leis seo an soláthraí cláraithe, an duine atá i gceannas/cócaire, ball foirne in aois scoile, duine fóirithinte agus deichniúr ball foirne a oibríonn go díreach leis na páistí réamhscoile.

(a) Ocht dteistiméireacht dhéag bhailíochtaithe scríofa, a bhí ar fáil ar chomhad, ó iarfhostóir.

(b) Bhí ceithre thagairt bhailíochtaithe scríofa déag, a bhí ar fáil ar chomhad, ó fhoirse seachas an fostóir roimhe seo.

(c) Fuarthas nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána maidir le 14 ball foirne agus beirt mhac léinn os cionn 18 mbliana d'aois. Mar sin féin, níor chloígh an tseirbhís leis na frámaí ama ath-ghrinnfhiosrúcháin mar atá leagtha amach i bhFógra Rialála na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta, rud a d'éiligh ar sheirbhísí grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána a athnuachan gach trí bliana. Féach an fhaisnéis atá leagtha amach faoi rialachán 23 den tuarascáil seo, le do thoil.

(d) Ceathrar de 5 dhuine fásta a bhí ina gcónaí lasmuigh den dlínse, ar feadh níos faide ná 6 mhí, agus iad os cionn 18 mbliana d'aois an grinnfhiosrúcháin póilíní riachtanach ar fáil ar chomhad.
- (4) Bhí Cáilíocht agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann (QQI) ag Leibhéal 5 ar a laghad, i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige, ag aon duine déag den cheithre dhuine dhéag d'aois. Bhí cóipeanna de na cáilíochtaí ar chomhad do na baill foirne seo. Ní raibh cáilíocht ag teastáil ón gcócaire cistine agus ón mball foirne in aois scoile.

### Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

- (2)(d) Ní raibh an grinnfhiosrúcháin póilíní riachtanach ar fáil ar dhuine de 5 dhuine de 5 duine fásta a bhí ina gcónaí agus ag obair i stát seachas an stát seo agus iad os cionn 18 mbliana d'aois ar feadh níos mó ná 6 mhí.
- (4) Níor léirigh duine fásta amháin a bhí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí réamhscoile fianaise ar an méid seo a leanas:

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- Dámhachtain íosta i gCáilíocht agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann (QQI) ag Leibhéal 5 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí, i gCúram agus 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 10/09/2025, chuir an soláthraí cláraithe an méid seo a leanas in iúl

### Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach

- (1) (d)Fuarthas grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní don duine fásta amháin nach raibh an grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní riachtanach aige ar lá na cigireachta. Déanfar athbhreithniú críochnúil ar gach comhad foirne amach anseo agus gheobhaidh tú grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní riachtanach d'aon fhoireann a chónaigh nó a d'oibrigh i stát ar feadh níos mó ná sé mhí os cionn ocht mbliana déag d'aois.
- (4) Cuireadh iarratas chuig an DCEDIY ar aitheantas luathbhlianta do dhuine fásta amháin a bhí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí réamhscoile.

### Doiciméid Tacaíochta Curtha isteach

- (2)(d) Cuireadh cóip den grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní a bhí ag teastail.
- (4) Cuireadh cóip den litir ón Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige (DCEDIY) isteach agus an choibhéis cháilíochta leagtha amach.

## 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 sainithníodh faoi Rialachán 9 (2)(d) agus (2) (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), áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse cúraim lae iomláin nó seirbhíse cúraim lae pháirtaimseartha gurb é an cóimheas íosta idir aoisigh agus leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (3) de Chuid 1 de Sceideal 6 os coinne uimhreacha tagartha áirithe a shonraítear i gcolún (1) den Chuid sin i leith raon aoise na leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (2) de ag an uimhir thagartha sin i gcónaí sásta.

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

(a) cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seachas seirbhís fhaireachais leanaí nó seirbhís réamhscoile seisiúnach go mbeidh 2 dhuine fásta ar a laghad san áitreabh i gcónaí,

### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1) Chinntigh an soláthraí cláraithe go raibh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta ag obair leis na leanaí réamhscoile. Ar maidin na cigireachta, bhí 44 páiste réamhscoile i láthair.

- Bhí 12 leanbh idir 1 bhliain agus 2 bhliain d'aois,
- Bhí 6 leanbh idir 2 agus 3 bliana d'aois,
- Bhí 26 leanbh idir 3 agus 6 bliana d'aois.

(2) Coinníodh an cóimheas íosta idir daoine fásta agus leanaí le linn na cigireachta.

Bhí naonúr ball foirne ag tabhairt aire dhíreach do na leanaí seo.

Chuidigh an bainisteoir leis an taobh riaracháin den iniúchadh agus rinneadh maoirseacht ar mhac léinn amháin agus é ag idirghníomhú leis na páistí.

(8)(a) Ó athbhreithniú ar uainchlár na seirbhíse, ba léir go gcinntíonn an tseirbhís réamhscoile go bhfuil beirt dhaoine fásta ar an áitreabh le linn oibriú na seirbhíse cúraim lae iomlán ó Luan go hAoine.

Ina theannta sin, bhí duine fásta amháin ag tabhairt aire dhíreach do 11 leanbh in aois scoile ar chlár campa samhraidh.

## 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) Éascaíodh foghlaim, forbairt agus folláine na bpáistí laistigh den tseirbhís trí gníomhaíochtaí, idirghníomhaíochtaí, ábhair agus trealamh cuí a chur ar fáil, ag féachaint d'aois agus do chéim forbartha na leanaí.

#### Riachtanais Bhunúsacha na Leanaí:

- Chaith na daoine fásta leis na páistí ar bhealach comhbhách agus measúil, agus baineadh úsáid as straitéisí iompraíochta dearfacha le linn idirghníomhaíochtaí.
- Rinne na daoine fásta comhrá leis na páistí ar bhealach íogair, d'úsáid siad toin bhog gutha, chuaigh siad i ngleic leis na páistí ag a leibhéal agus d'fhreagair siad go pras dá gcuid leideanna chun cúnamh agus compord a fháil sa timpeallacht laistigh agus lasmuigh.
- Thug na daoine fásta moladh agus spreagadh. Bhí meas agus tacaíocht ar na páistí ina rogha rannpháirtíochta aonair agus grúpa i gníomhaíochtaí.
- Breathnaíodh cur chuige an duine lárnach i ngach seomra cúraim. Léirigh an fhoireann leibhéal cuí eolais ar spéiseanna agus ar chumais aonair na bpáistí. Cuireadh na páistí ar an eolas agus chuathas i gcomhairle leo roimh ré faoi athruithe sna gníomhaíochtaí. Cuireadh na haistrithe sa chlár cúraim i gcrích go comhtháite ar bhealach socair sna seomraí cúraim.
- Spreagadh na páistí chun a bheith neamhspleách i súgradh agus i bhfoghlaim, agus iad ag tabhairt aire dá gcuid rudaí agus ag baint úsáide as an leithreas. Rinne an fhoireann maoirseacht agus caitheamh leis na páistí ar bhealach íogair fad is a d'úsáid na páistí an leithreas.
- Spreagadh agus tugadh tacaíocht do na páistí chun a gcuid riachtanas cúraim phearsanta féin a bhainistiú.
- Athraíodh leanaí a chaith clúidín go rialta agus coinníodh a bpríobháideacht agus a ndán le linn an nós imeachta.
- Tugadh aire do chodladh an naíonáin ar bhonn aonair agus cuireadh limistéar agus gníomhaíochtaí eile ar fáil do pháistí nár theastaigh uathu codladh.

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- Bhí dhá sheomra codlata ainmnithe do pháistí níos óige a chodail i leapacha agus rinneadh seomra súgartha Seomra Buí a athchóiriú tar éis am dinnéir d'aon cheann de na páistí níos sine a bhí tuirseach agus a raibh scíth nó codladh ag teastáil uathu. Baineadh úsáid as leapacha cruachta le línéadach leapa aonair do gach leanbh.
- Breathnaíodh go raibh am béile ina thréimhse suaimhneach agus gan deifir. Tairgeadh codanna breise do na páistí má d'iarr siad níos mó. Bhí béilí agus sneaiceanna ag na páistí go léir ó na seomraí súgartha ar an mbunurlár ina seomraí súgartha, agus chuaigh na páistí ón gcéad urlár go dtí an seomra bia le haghaidh a bpríomhbhéilí.
- Cuireadh réimse gníomhaíochtaí súgartha agus foghlama ar fáil do na páistí. Breathnaíodh go raibh na páistí rannpháirteach go hiomlán agus go raibh siad san áireamh i ngach gníomhaíocht sna timpeallachtaí laistigh agus lasmuigh.
- Breathnaíodh ar na páistí ag éisteacht le scéalta agus ag idirghníomhú leis na daoine fásta, ag súgradh le feithiclí iompair, bábóg, cultacha, ealaín agus ceardaíocht agus ag gníomhaíochtaí boird.
- Tugadh faoi deara go raibh saoirse ag na páistí sa seomra leanbh crawláil, rolladh nó siúl ar na mataí boga sa seomra. Breathnaíodh orthu ag imirt sa linn snámha liathróid, ag imirt le sórtálaithe cruth agus ag suí leis an bhfoireann ar an urlár ag féachaint ar leabhair.
- Bhí deis ag na páistí go léir súgradh ina limistéir súgartha lasmuigh ainmnithe ar lá na cigireachta. Chonacthas na páistí ag súgradh ar thrírothaigh, ag dreapadh ar an ionad gníomhaíochta, ag rith, ag tóráil, ag suí ar na suíocháin i gcruth muisiriún agus ag súgradh ar an sábh.

## Timpeallacht Fhisiciúil agus Ábhartha:

- Cuireadh acmhainní cuí ar na timpeallachtaí laistigh agus lasmuigh le raon trealamh agus ábhair atá dúshlánach ó thaobh forbartha de. Bhí na seomraí cúraim geal agus ildaite, le saothar ealaíne na bpáistí agus áiseanna foghlama maisithe i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge araon. Bhí taispeántas amhairc ar fáil a thaispeánann léaráid ghrianghrafadóireachta de ghnáthamh na bpáistí, atá sa rang inniu, fúmsa agus mothúcháin.
- Bhí réimsí spéise leordhóthanacha ag gach seomra súgartha, lena n-áirítear limistéar ealaíne agus ceardaíochta, táblaí agus cathaoireacha ísealleibhéil le haghaidh gníomhaíochtaí boird, limistéar gléasta suas le réimse leathan cultacha, cistin, cúinne siopa agus tábla dúlra. Bhí rogha leabhar i ngach seomra agus spás suíocháin bog chun scíth a ligean agus scíth a ligean.

- Bhí na haonaid seilfeanna ag freastal ar choimeádáin lipéadaithe ina n-aonar le raon mór trealamh tógála, litearthachta, bréige agus ionramhála.
- Bhí na boird agus na cathaoireacha oiriúnach d'aois agus d'oirfeadh siad d'aois na bpáistí i ngach seomra. Bhí bréagáin bhreise agus ábhair súgartha ar fáil agus rothlaíodh iad ar bhonn séasúrach.

## Limistéar Súgartha Lasmuigh

- Bhí na limistéir sábháilte agus slán le ballaí teorann agus fála le dromchla ionsúcháin tionchair agus cosáin choincréite. Bhí ionad mór gníomhaíochta sa limistéar súgartha atá suite ar chúil na seirbhíse le limistéar dreapadóireachta, rothair sleamhnáin, pedal agus cothromaíochta. Bhí seid stórála ann le bréagáin bhreise éagsúla agus ábhair súgartha. Bhí an limistéar súgartha lasmuigh ar thaobh an áitribh in aice leis an seomra leanbh, na Toddlers agus an seomra Montessori. I measc na n-earraí bhí tithe súgartha adhmaid, siopa a bhí cosúil leis an siopa pobail áitiúil, ionad gníomhaíochta, rothair bhrú, carranna coise, sábhha agus sleamhnáin.
- Ina theannta sin, bhí limistéar ar fáil le féar saorga, le balla teorann a bhí slán agus fálú.
- Ar chúil an áitribh ar fad tá limistéar ar a dtugtar an Cnoc, le bealach isteach thríd tolláin sna bhfáltaí. Aithníodh go n-úsáideann na páistí agus na daoine fásta an limistéar seo ar an Máirt agus ar an Déardaoin. Cuimsíonn an limistéar seomra gairdín adhmaid le boird, cathaoireacha, ábhair súgartha agus trealamh spraoi. Tá dromchla féir sa gceantar seo agus tá sé slán le ballaí teorann agus breathnaíonn sé amach ar Chuan na Gaillimhe.

## Cuid 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 réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís a chosaint agus cinntoidh sé nó sí go mbeidh timpeallacht na seirbhíse sábháilte.

### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

#### Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

- Bhí an doras isteach sa réamhscoil slán chun cosc a chur ar rochtain neamhúdaráithe ag duine nó ar imeacht gan mhaoirseacht ag leanbh réamhscoile.  
Bhí na limistéir súgartha lasmuigh daingnithe le fálú, ballaí agus geataí ionas nach bhféadfadh daoine neamhúdaráithe rochtain a fháil ar an limistéar nó dul isteach sa limistéar nó nach bhféadfadh leanaí imeacht gan mhaoirseacht.

Bhí córas slándála ag na doirse isteach sa chistin, sa seomra bia, san oifig, sa seomra foirne agus sna seomraí sláintiúchá do dhaoine fásta amháin.

Stóráladh na gníomhairí glantacháin agus an trealamh go léir inaccessible agus as teacht na leanaí.

Breathnaíodh go raibh na bréagáin agus an trealamh súgartha go léir sábháilte agus i riocht maith.

Bhí cordaí dall daingnithe le dúntóirí agus dá bhrí sin ní raibh siad inrochtana do pháiste réamhscoile.

Bhí doirse dóiteáin ar fud an fhoirgnimh gan bhac.

## Rialú Ionfhabhtuithe:

- Bhí trí limistéar athraithe clúidíní ainmnithe:
  - Ceann do na páistí atá ag freastal ar an seomra Naíonán,
  - Ceann do na páistí atá ag freastal ar an Seomra corcra/na wobblers,
  - Ceann do na páistí atá ag freastal ar an Seomra buí/toddler.
- Lipéadaíodh earraí na bpáistí le haghaidh clúidín a athrú.
  - Bhí uachtair bhacainn na bpáistí lipéadaithe go soiléir ina n-aonar agus stóráilte laistigh dá limistéir athraithe clúidíní a bhi ainmnithe.
- Breathnaíodh ar na seomraí súgartha a choinneáil aeráilte go leordhóthanach leis na fuinneoga fágtha ar oscailt agus teocht an tseomra a choinneáil ag na leibhéil riachtanacha.
- Bhí soláthairtí leordhóthanacha fíocháin indiúscartha ar fáil go héasca sna seomraí súgartha.
- Bhí boscaí bruscair coise ar fáil ar fud an áitribh chun dramhaíl a dhiúscairt go sábháilte.

## Dáileadh Cógas:

- Níor tugadh aon chógas ar lá na cigireachta.
- Stóráladh cógais inaccessible do na páistí réamhscoile.
- Bhí cógais a scrúdaíodh laistigh den dáta.
- Thug an fhoireann le fios go ndéanfaí seiceáil ar uachtair ghréine ar bhonn bliantúil.

## Coladh Sábháilte:

- Bhí dhá sheomra codlata ainmnithe, ceann in aice leis an seomra Baby ina raibh seacht leaba do pháistí faoi bhun dhá bhliain d'aois agus ceann in aice leis an seomra corcra/na wobblers le naoi leaba. Ina theannta sin, bhí leapacha cruachta ar fáil do sholáthar codlata do leanaí níos sine sa seomra buí/na naíonáin a rinneadh athchóiriú agus a rinneadh fabhrach do chodladh tar éis lóin gach lá.
- Bhí am scíthe ainmnithe ag leanaí níos sine.
- Bhí spásanna sábháilte agus compordacha ag an tseirbhís do na páistí óga chun luí, rolladh, lamhachán, iad féin a tharraingt suas, iniúchadh a dhéanamh agus a bheith cosanta ó leanaí a bhí níos soghluaiste.

# Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

- Bhí teirmiméadar ar fáil sna seomraí codlata agus úsáideadh é mar mhodh chun teocht an tseomra codlata a thaifeadadh. Bhí polasaí codlata na seirbhíse ar fáil agus chuir an fhoireann in iúl dóibh go raibh siad ar an eolas agus an polasaí a léamh.
- Bhí línéadach agus blaincíd ainmnithe ag gach leanbh a bhí nite ar an láthair gach seachtain nó de réir mar is gá.

## Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

### Sábhálteacht Ghinearálta

1. Bhí grinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána ar fáil do 16 duine fásta san iomlán. Mar sin féin, níor tugadh dáta nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin amháin laistigh de na trí bliana roimhe sin i gcomhréir leis an bhFógra Rialála Cigireachta Luathbhlianta 'EYI-RN12.3 Athnuachan ar Ghrinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána'.

## Gníomh arna sheoladh isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Ar an 10/09/2025 chuir an soláthraí cláraithe an méid seo a leanas in iúl

### Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach

#### Sábhálteacht Ghinearálta

Cuireadh iarratas isteach ar ghrinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána. Déanfar athbhreithniú ar gach comhad foirne amach anseo agus déanfar grinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána a athnuachan do gach ball foirne laistigh de na tréimhsí ama molta.

### Doiciméid Tacaíochta Curtha isteach

#### Sábhálteacht Ghinearálta

Cuireadh cóip de nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána do bhall foirne amháin faoi bhráid oifig chigireachta na luathbhliana.

## Nóta Tráchta Achomair

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

## 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) Aithníodh go raibh cúigear ball foirne tar éis tabhairt faoi oiliúint garchabhrach do Fhreagróirí Garchabhrach (FAR) agus go raibh siad ar fáil do na páistí sa tseirbhís réamhscoile.
- (2)(a) Stóráladh bosca garchabhrach atá feistithe go cuí i limistéar atá inaitheanta go héasca sa phríomhoifig ar an príomh urlar.
- (b) Bhí an bosca garchabhrach ar fáil le húsáid ag na daoine fásta i gcás éigeandála.

## 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 taifeadta deireanach dar dáta 25/06/2025.
- (b) Bhí taifid ar fáil maidir le líon, cineál agus cothabháil an trealaimh chomhraicthe dóiteáin leis an tseirbhís bhliantúil dar dáta 3/07/2025.
- Bhí an tseirbhís bhliantúil dheireanach ag an gcóras aláraim braite deataigh agus dóiteáin don áitreabh dar dáta 3/07/2025.
- (4) Taispeánadh fógraí laistigh den sheirbhís na nósanna imeachta a bhí le leanúint i gcás dóiteáin sa

áitreabh.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

**Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:**

Bhí clúdach árachais leordhóthanach ar fáil do 85 leanbh réamhscoile. Tá polasaí bailí go dtí an 27/03/2026.

# Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

## Pre School

<b>TUSLA Identifier:</b>	TU2015GY089		
<b>Name of Service:</b>	An Chéad Eitilt		
<b>Address of Service:</b>	Knockanavoddy, Furbo, Spiddal, Co. Galway		
<b>Eircode:</b>	H91 YF57		
<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Linda Richardson		
<b>Service type:</b>	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional		
<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	31/07/2025		
<b>No of pre-school children:</b>	AM	44	PM 29
<b>Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:</b>	Tusla - Child and Family Agency, Early Years Inspectorate, Quality Assurance Directorate, Clinical & Administration Building, Block A- (1st Floor-Green Corridor), Merlin Park, Galway		
<b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>	F Nic Dhonnacha		
<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Inspector		
<b>Authority to Inspect</b>			
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		

### Description of service

This private preschool offers the options of full day care and part time care provision from 8.00hrs to 18.00hrs and an Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) pre-school care programme and sessional programme from 9.30hrs to 12.30hrs, from Monday to Friday. The preschool caters for children aged between 0 months and 6 years of age. Additionally, a school age programme from 13.45hrs to 18.00hrs is offered. A child centred play based preschool curriculum focusing on Montessori and emerging interests is provided. The preschool service is located on its own grounds, in the village of Furbo, west county Galway. There are 6 playrooms: the Baby room, Wobbler room/ Seomra corcra, Toddler room/Seomra buí, Junior Montessori/Seomra glas and School age room/Seomra bán all on the ground floor and the Senior Montessori/Seomra thuas staighre and school aged room are on the first floor. There is an outdoor sheltered unit called the Hill that the Seomra thuas staighre/senior Montessori use two days a week for outdoor activities and learning. There are 2 designated sleep rooms, with 7 cots in one and 9 cots in the other. Additionally, 28 stackable beds are available for older preschool children requiring sleep. The premises has its own kitchen where children's main meals were prepared, cooked and stored on site. There is a designated dining room adjacent to the kitchen used by the children. The preschool children have access to various secured outdoor play areas at the rear and side of the premises and on the Hill, which includes an all-weather sheltered area for children's play activities, fresh air and exploration.

### Staffing

The registered provider is on the premises daily. There are a total of 14 staff and 2 students over the age of 18 years (who were supervised at all times by qualified staff) currently working in the premises. There is a named person in charge and there is a named designated deputy. Eleven staff hold 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. The staff have documentary evidence of on-going training and education. On the day of inspection, there were 9 staff working directly with the preschool children which included the person in charge. There was 1 staff member working with the school aged children. In addition, there was a student over the age of 18 years caring for the children. The person in charge was the designated cook preparing, cooking, serving children's meals and snacks. In addition, the person in charge assisted with the administration parts of the inspection.

### 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.

On inspection additional non-compliance which posed a risk was identified under Regulation 9 and 23. 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 registered provider, 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

(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) There was a designated person in charge and there was a named person available to deputise in the service.

(b) The person in charge was on the premises when the early years inspector arrived and remained on site for the duration of the inspection. Staff rosters indicated that either the designated person in charge or deputy were available, on the premises, when the pre-school children were present.

- (2) All 14 staff and 2 student files were reviewed on the day of inspection. This included the registered provider, person in charge/cook, school age staff member, relief person and 10 staff who work directly with the preschool children.
- (a) Eighteen written validated references, available on file were from a past employer.
  - (b) Fourteen written validated references, available on file were from a source other than the past employer.
  - (c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for 14 staff and 2 students over the age of 18. 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) Four of 5 adults who lived outside the jurisdiction, for longer than 6 months, while over the age of 18 years had the required police vetting available on file.
- (4) Eleven of the 14 adults held a Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) at a minimum of a Level 5, in Early Childhood Care and Education. Copies of qualifications were on file for these staff members. The cook and school age staff member did not require a qualification.

### Non-Compliance Information

- (2) (d) One of 5 adults who lived and worked in a state other than this state while over the age of 18 years for longer than 6 months did not have the required police vetting available on inspection.
- (4) One adult working directly with the preschool children, did not show evidence of the following:
- A minimum award in Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) at a Level 5 on the National Framework of Qualifications, in Early Childhood Care and Education or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

### Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On 10/09/2025 the registered provider advised of the following

#### **Corrective and Preventive Action**

- (2) (d) Police vetting has been obtained for the 1 adult who did not have the required police vetting on the day of inspection. All staff files will be reviewed thoroughly going forward and the required police vetting will be obtained for any staff who lived or worked in a state for longer than 6 months over the age of 18 years.
- (4) An application was sent to the DCEDIY for early years recognition for 1 adult who was working directly with the preschool children.

#### **Supporting documentation submitted**

- (2)(d) A copy of the required police vetting was submitted.

(4) A copy of the letter from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) with the qualification equivalence outlined.

### Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliance identified under Regulation 9 (2)(d) and (2) (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, 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.*

### Compliance Information

(1) The registered provider ensured that an adequate number of adults were working with the preschool children.

On the morning of the inspection, there were 44 preschool children present.

- 12 children were aged 1 year to 2 years,
- 6 children were aged between 2 to 3 years,
- 26 children were aged between 3 to 6 years.

(2) The minimum ratio of adults to children was maintained throughout the inspection.

There were 9 staff directly caring for these children.

The manager assisted with the administrative side of the inspection, and 1 student was supervised while interacting with the children.

(8)(a) From review of the service roster, it was evident that the preschool service ensures that 2 adults are on the premises during the operation of the full day care service Monday to Friday.

Additionally, 1 adult was caring directly for 11 school aged children on summer camp programme.

### 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*

#### Compliance Information

(1)(a) The children's learning, development and well-being were facilitated within the service through the provision of appropriate activities, interactions, materials and equipment, having regard to the age and stage of development of the children.

#### Basic Needs of Children:

- The adults treated the children in a caring and respectful manner and positive behavioural strategies were used during interactions.
- The adults conversed with the children in a sensitive manner, used soft tones of voice, engaged with the children at their level and responded promptly to their cues for assistance and comfort in the indoor and outdoor environment.
- The adults offered praise and encouragement. The children were respected and supported in their choice of individual and group engagement in activities.
- A key person approach was observed in each care room. The staff demonstrated an appropriate level of knowledge of the children's interests and individual capabilities. The children were notified and consulted in advance of changes in the activities. The transitions in the programme of care were completed cohesively in a calm manner in the care rooms.
- The children were encouraged to be independent in play and learning, whilst caring for their belongings and using the toilet. Staff supervised and treated the children in a sensitive manner while the children used the toilet.
- The children were encouraged and supported to manage their own personal care needs.
- Children who wore a nappy were changed regularly whilst maintaining their privacy and dignity during the procedure.

- The infant's sleep was attended to on an individual basis and an alternative area and activities were offered for children who did not wish to sleep. There were 2 designated sleep rooms for younger children who slept in cots and the Seomra Buí playroom was converted after dinner time for any of the older children who were tired and required a rest or sleep. Stackable beds were used with individual bed linen for each child.
- Mealtime was observed to be a relaxed and unhurried period. Extra portions were offered to the children if they requested more. All children from the playrooms on the ground floor had their meals and snacks in their playrooms, while the children from the first floor went to the dining room for their main meals.
- The children were offered a range of developmentally challenging play and learning activities. The children were observed to be fully engaged and included in all activities in the indoor and outdoor environments.
- The children were observed listening to stories and interacting with the adults, playing with transport vehicles, dolls, costumes, arts and crafts and at tabletop activities.
- The children in the baby room were observed to have the freedom to crawl, roll or walk on the soft matting in the room. They were observed to play in the ball pool, play with shape sorters and sat with the staff on the floor looking at books.
- All the children had the opportunity to play in their designated outdoor play areas on the day of inspection. The children were observed playing on tricycles, climbing on the activity centre, running, chasing, sitting on the mushroom shaped seats and playing on the see-saw.

### Physical and Material Environment:

- The indoor and outdoor environments were appropriately resourced with a range of developmentally challenging equipment and materials. The care rooms were bright and colourful displaying the children's artwork and illustrated learning aids in both English and Irish. A visual display was available demonstrating a photographic illustration of the children's routine, who is in the class today, all about me and emotions.
- Each playroom had adequately resourced areas of interest including an arts and crafts area, low level tables and chairs for tabletop activities, a dress up area with a large range of costumes, a kitchen, shop corner and nature table. Each room had a selection of books and a soft seating area to rest and relax.
- The shelving units accommodated individually labelled containers with a large range of construction, literacy, pretend and manipulative equipment.
- The tables and chairs were age appropriate and suited the age range of children in each room. Extra toys and play materials were available and rotated on a seasonal basis.

### Outdoor Play Area

- The areas were safe and secure with boundary walls and fencing with an impact absorbing surface and concrete paths. The play area located to the rear of the service accommodated a large activity centre with climbing area, slide, pedal and balance bikes. There was a storage shed with various extra toys and play materials. The outdoor play area to the side of the premises adjacent to the baby room, Toddlers and Montessori room was adequately resourced with play equipment. Items included wooden playhouses, a shop that resembled the local community shop, an activity centre, push bikes, foot pedalled cars, see-saws and slides.
- Additionally, there was an area available with artificial grass, with a secure boundary wall and fencing.
- To the rear of the entire premises is an area called the Hill, with a tunnel entrance through the hedging. It was acknowledged the children and adults use this area on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The area includes a wooden garden room with tables, chairs, play materials and equipment. The area has a grass surface and is secure with boundary walls and over looks Galway Bay.

### 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 into the pre-school was secure to prevent unauthorised access by a person or the unsupervised exiting by a pre-school child.
- The external outdoor play areas were secured by fencing, walls and gates so that unauthorised persons could not access or enter the area or children could not exit unsupervised.
- The doors into the kitchen, dining room, office, staff room and adult only sanitary rooms had a system of security.
- All cleaning agents and equipment were stored inaccessible and out of children's reach.
- All toys and play equipment were observed to be safe and in good condition.
- Blind cords were secured by fasteners and thereby inaccessible to a pre-school child.

- Fire doors throughout the building were unobstructed.

### Infection Control:

- There were 3 designated nappy changing areas: one for the children attending the Baby room, one for the children attending the Seomra corcra/the wobblers and one for the children attending the Seomra buí/toddler room.
- The children's belongings for nappy changing were individually labelled.  
The children's barrier creams were clearly individually labelled and stored within their designated nappy changing areas.
- The playrooms were observed to be kept adequately ventilated with the windows left open whilst maintaining the room temperatures at the required levels.
- Adequate supplies of disposable tissues were readily available in the playrooms.
- Foot pedaled lidded bins were available throughout the premises for the safe disposal of waste.

### Administration of Medication:

- No medication was administered on the day of inspection.
- Medication was stored inaccessible to the pre-school children.
- Medicines examined were within date.
- Staff advised suncreams were checked on an annual basis.

### Safe Sleep:

- There were 2 designated sleep rooms, one adjacent to the Baby room which had 7 cots for children under 2 years of age sleep provision. A second sleep room adjacent to the seomra corcra/the wobblers had 9 cots. Additionally, there were stackable beds available for older children's sleep provision in the seomra buí/the toddlers which was converted and made conducive for sleep after lunch each day.
- Older children had designated relaxation time.
- The service had safe and comfortable spaces for the younger toddlers to lie, roll, creep, crawl, pull themselves up, explore and to be protected from children who were more mobile.
- A pod thermometer was available in the sleep rooms and used as the method of recording the sleep room temperature. The service sleep policy was available and staff advised they were aware and read the policy.
- Each child had designated linen and blankets which were washed onsite weekly or as required.

### Non-Compliance Information

#### General Safety:

1. Garda vetting was available for 16 adults in total. However, 1 vetting disclosure was not dated within the previous 3 years in adherence to with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice 'EYI-RN12.3 Renewal of Garda Vetting'

### Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On the 10/09/2025 the registered provider advised of the following

#### Corrective & Preventive Action

#### General Safety:

An application was submitted for garda vetting. All staff files will be reviewed in the future and garda vetting will be renewed for all staff within the recommended timeframes.

#### Supporting documentation submitted

#### General Safety:

A copy of a garda vetting disclosure for 1 staff member 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 23 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) It was acknowledged that 5 staff had undertaken First Aid Responder (FAR) first aid training and were available to the children in the preschool service.

(2)(a) A suitably equipped first aid box was stored in a readily identifiable area in the main office on the ground floor.

(b) The first aid box was available for use by the adults in the event of an emergency.

## 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 of the monthly fire drills completed in the service. The last recorded fire drill was dated 25/06/2025.
- (b) Records were available in relation to the number, type and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment with the annual service dated 3/07/2025.
- The smoke and fire detection alarm system for the premises had the last annual service dated 3/07/2025.
- (4) Notices were displayed within the service of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire in the premises.

## Part VI - Safety

### Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

#### Compliance Information

Adequate insurance cover was available for 85 pre-school children. The policy is valid until the 27/03/2026.