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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).

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TÚSLA An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach Child and Family Agency	Rialacháin an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) 2016 agus Rialacháin an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) (Leasú) 2016 QMS Ref: EYI-RRT12.1_IE V2.0 03/03/2023 Uimhir Aitheantais na Seirbhíse: TU2015GY167	1 de 10
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Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Is áitreabh saintógtha é Naíolann Arainn ar oileán Inís Mór, atá suite amach ó chósta thiar Chontae na Gaillimhe. Tá an réamhscoil pobail seo cláraithe mar sheirbhís cúraim lae iomlán. Cuireann an réamhscoil clár cúraim seisiúnach / Cúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige (ECCE) clár cúraim réamhscoile ar fáil ó 9.00hrs go 12.00hrs ó Luan go hAoine. Cuireann an tseirbhís an Ghaeilge dhúchais chun cinn agus cuireann sí cultúr gaelach an oileáin chun cinn. Cuireann an tseirbhís réamhscoile curaclam súgartha faoi stiúir leanaí ar fáil ag díriú ar leasanna atá ag teacht chun cinn. Bhí 4 sheomra súgartha ar an mbunurlár agus 2 ar an gcéad urlár den áitreabh. Bhí cistin ainmnithe ann, dhá oifig le cóiríocht sláintíochta in aice láimhe. Tá limistéir scíthe chiúin le suíocháin bhog agus mataí ar fáil do na páistí chun scíth a ligean nó diúltú do ghníomhaíocht más mian leo. Tá limistéar súgartha slán lasmuigh ainmnithe ar chúl agus taobh an áitribh le haghaidh taiscéalaíochta, aer úr, agus gníomhaíochtaí súgartha. Níl ach seirbhís sheisiúnach á feidhmiú ag an tseirbhís faoi láthair.

Soláthar foirne

Tá an soláthraí cláraithe sár uimhriúl agus ní ar an áitreabh ar bhonn laethúil. Bhí ball foirne amháin agus ball foirne breise atá maoinithe faoin gclár cúraim um rochtain agus cuimsiú ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí sa tseirbhís. Bhí fianaise dhoiciméadach ar fáil maidir le rannpháirtíocht na mball foirne in oiliúint agus oideachas.

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 saoraidí lena linn. Féadfaidh cigireacht díriú ar réimsí eile chomh maith, de réir mar is gá.

Tá na torthaí seo leagtha amach sa rialachán 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 sainaithnítear 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. Úsáidfean 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.

Buíochas

Is mian leis an gCigireacht buíochas a ghabháil leis an soláthraí cláraithe, 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.

(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 coibhéiseach léi sin, ar a laghad.

(6A) Ní bhainfidh mír (4) le fostaí soláthraí cláraithe más rud é - (a) go bhfaigheann an soláthraí cláraithe maoiniú chun an fostaí sin a fhostú de bhun scéime arna maoiniú ag an Aire ar a dtugtar an Múnla um Rochtain agus Cuimsitheacht, agus (b) go bhfostaítear an fostaí ar mhaithe le tacaíocht a chur ar fáil, de bhun na scéime dá dtagraítear i bhfomhír (a), do leanbh a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís chun páirt a ghlacadh sa chlár ar a dtugtar Clár cistiúcháin um Chúram agus Oideachas na Luathóige (ECCE)”

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1)(a) Ba é an soláthraí cláraithe an duine ainmnithe a bhí i gceannas agus bhí duine ar fáil le hionadaí de réir mar is gá.

(b) Tháinig an soláthraí cláraithe ar an láthair ag thart ar 10r.n agus bhí an duine atá ainmnithe mar leas-dhuine i gceannas ar fáil le linn na cigireachta.

Bhí trí chomhad foirne ar fáil maidir leis an soláthraí cláraithe, an leas duine atá i gceannas agus ball foirne amháin breise a sholáthraíonn tacaíocht aim a oibríonn le linn uaireanta oibríochta na seirbhíse. I measc na dtorthaí bhí an méid seo a leanas:

(2)(a) Fuarthas trí thagairtí ó iar-fhostóirí agus bailíochtaíodh iad.

(b) Fuarthas trí thagairt ó fhoirse seachas iarfhostóir agus bailíochtaíodh iad.

(c) Bhí nochtadh Grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána ar fáil agus rinneadh athbhreithniú orthu maidir leis an soláthraí cláraithe agus beirt bhall foirne.

(d) Ní raibh grinnfhiosrúchán idirnáisiúnta póilíní ag teastáil, toisc nach raibh aon bhall foirne ina gcónaí i stát eile ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná sé mhí os cionn ocht mbliana déag d'aois.

(4) Bhí cáilíochtaí Cúram agus Oideachais na Luath-Óige ag an bhfoireann a bhí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí ó Leibhéal 5 go 8 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí.

(6)(A) Ní fhostaítear ach ball foirne amháin faoin tsamhail rochtana agus cuimsithe amháin chun tacaíocht bhreise a chur ar fáil.

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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)-

(c) cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seisiúnaí, i gcás go bhfuil an tseirbhís á hoibriú ag an duine i bhfeighil ina aonar nó ina haonar, go mbeidh an dara duine, atá eolach ar seirbhíse agus i riocht cúnamh a thabhairt don duine i bhfeighil chun an tseirbhís a oibriú, i gcóngar gairid don tseirbhís agus ar fáil chun freastal ar an tseirbhís i gcónaí d'fhonn cúnamh a thabhairt don duine i bhfeighil i gcás éigeandála.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Bhí líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta ag obair go díreach le páistí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís. Bhí ochtar leanaí agus beirt dhaoine fásta ag obair sa tseirbhís le linn uaireanta oibríochta seirbhíse seisiúin.
- (2) Chinntigh an soláthraí cláraithe go gcoinníodh an cóimheas íosta idir daoine fásta agus leanaí. Bhí beirt dhaoine fásta agus ochtar leanaí i láthair.
- (8)(c) Bhí an leasdhuine i gceannas agus duine tacaíochta breise ar fáil ar an láthair. Tá an soláthraí cláraithe in aice leis an tseirbhís agus is féidir teagmháil a dhéanamh leis más gá i gcás éigeandála.

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, agus

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:

- 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. Chaith beirt pháistí clúidíní, agus choinnigh an fhoireann a ndínit agus a bpríobháideacht agus iad ag athrú clúidín na leanaí.
- Spreagadh na naíonáin chun iad féin a bheathú agus cuireadh chun cinn iad a bheith neamhspleách agus tacaíocht a sholáthar nuair ba ghá.
- Breathnaíodh go raibh am béile ina thréimhse suaimhneach agus gan deifir ina raibh na páistí agus an fhoireann ina suí agus ag ithe le chéile.
- Bhí rogha ceapairí, torthaí, iógart ag na páistí ar fáil ag a dtuismitheoirí agus a gcaomhnóirí.
- Tairgeadh réimse gníomhaíochtaí súgartha agus foghlama dúshlánach ó thaobh na forbartha de agus tugadh faoi deara go raibh na páistí páirteach go hiomlán agus go raibh siad páirteach i ngach gníomhaíocht sna timpeallachtaí laistigh agus lasmuigh.
- Bhí an tsaoirse ag na páistí bogadh timpeall agus dul i ngleic le réimsí spéise éagsúla sa seomra súgartha.
- Bhí na páistí ag imirt amuigh faoin aer sa limistéar súgartha ainmnithe ar feadh cuid den mhaidin.

Ag Tacú le Caidrimh

- 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.
- Thug na daoine fásta moladh agus spreagadh, agus tugadh meas agus tacaíocht do na páistí agus iad ag roghnú rannpháirtíocht aonair agus ghrúpa i ngníomhaíochtaí.
- Breathnaíodh cur chuige an duine lárnach sa naionra, léirigh an fhoireann leibhéal cuí eolais ar leasanna na bpáistí, agus ar chumais aonair.
- Thug na daoine fásta moladh agus spreagadh, agus tugadh meas agus tacaíocht do na páistí agus iad ag roghnú rannpháirtíocht aonair agus ghrúpa i ngníomhaíochtaí.
- Breathnaíodh cur chuige an duine lárnach sa naionra, léirigh an fhoireann leibhéal cuí eolais ar leasanna na bpáistí, agus ar chumais aonair.

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 seomra súgartha Naíonra geal agus ildaite le saothar ealaíne na bpáistí agus áiseanna foghlama maisithe i nGaeilge. Bhí taispeántas amhairc ar fáil a thaispeánann léaráid ghrianghrafadóireachta de ghrianghraif teaghlaigh na bpáistí.
- I measc na réimsí spéise a raibh acmhainní leordhóthanacha acu bhí limistéar ealaíne agus ceardaíochta, boird agus cathaoireacha íseal leibhéil le haghaidh gníomhaíochtaí boird, limistéar ról imirt le réimse leathan cultacha, cúinne cistine, teach agus siopa. Limistéar tógála, limistéar le puzail, mireanna mearaí, litearthachta, trealamh bréige agus ionramhála.
- Bhí sleamhnán mór lárionad gníomhaíochta, báisín uisce, boinn, bhíoma cothromaíochta, rocker, scútair, trírothaigh agus liathróidí.
- Bhí dóthain suíocháin sa limistéar lasmuigh do na páistí agus don fhoireann chun scíth a ligean agus taitneamh a bhaint as an radharc ar Chuan na Gaillimhe.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 23 - Sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas linbh a chosaint

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

- Bhí an bealach isteach chuig an tseirbhís daingnithe go cuí le córas chun monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar iontráil agus ar imeacht daoine chuig an tseirbhís. Chuir na pointí iontrála agus imeachta inmheánacha agus seachtracha cosc ar leanaí dul amach nó ar dhaoine neamhúdairithe rochtain a fháil ar an tseirbhís.
- Bhí an limistéar lasmuigh daingnithe le fálú agus geataí slán.
- Rinneadh maoirseacht ar na páistí le linn na cigireachta agus taifeadadh a dteacht agus a n-imeacht chuig an tseirbhís ar leabhar taifead tinrimh laethúil na seirbhíse.
- Coinníodh na hábhair agus an trealamh súgartha ar fud na seirbhíse i riocht maith.
- Bhí gníomhairí glantacháin stóráilte suas go hard i rochtain do na páistí réamhscoile.

Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

- Cothabháladh an tseirbhís i riocht glan agus sláinteachais.
- Bhí na háiseanna sláintíochta feistithe go cuí le gallúnach leachtach, tuáillí páipéir láimhe agus boscaí bruscair coise líneáilte.
- Nigh na páistí agus na daoine fásta a lámha ag eatrainmh chuí tar éis gníomhaíochtaí, tar eis a bheith ag an leithris agus roimh am béile.

Riarachán Cógais:

- Níor tugadh aon chógas ar lá na cigireachta.

Codladh Sábháilte:

- Bhí spás le fail sa seomra naíonra chun scíth a thógail nó chun scíth a ligean nuair a roghnaíonn na gasiúr é a dhéanamh.

Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin:

- Rinneadh na druileanna dóiteáin ar bhonn míosúil.
- Bhí na doirse dóiteáin gan bhac ar fud an áitribh.
- Bhí an pointe tionóil dóiteáin le feicéal chun tosaigh don fhoirgnimh.

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) Bhí cúrsa garchabhrach cuí FAR (Garchabhrach Freagróir) ag duine fásta amháin a bhí ag obair sa tseirbhís agus bhí an duine ar fáil do na páistí réamhscoile. Aithnítear go bhfuil tuilleadh oiliúna á eagrú do bheirt bhall foirne sna seachtainí amach romhainn.
- (2) Bhí bosca garchabhrach atá feistithe go cuí ar fáil i seomra súgartha an Naíonra.
 - (a) Stóráladh an bosca garchabhrach go sábháilte in áit fheiceálach sa tseirbhís.
 - (b) Bhí an bosca garchabhrach ar fáil do na leanaí sa tseirbhís le soláthairtí leordhóthanacha.

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 taifid ar fáil chun a thaispeáint go ndearnadh druileanna dóiteáin míosúla sa tseirbhís. Tharla an druil dóiteáin deireanach ar an 22/09/2025.

(b) Bhí taifead ar líon, cineál agus cothabháil an trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin agus an chórais aláraim deataigh ar fáil. Reáchtáladh an tseirbhís cothabhála córais aláraim deataigh agus trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin is déanaí faoi seach ar an 3/07/2025 agus an 6/07/2025.

(4) Bhí taifid ar fáil chun a thaispeáint go ndearnadh druileanna dóiteáin míosúla sa tseirbhís. Tharla an druil dóiteáin taifeadta deireanach ar an 22/09/2025.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Bhí clúdach árachais ar fáil do 20 páiste réamhscoile. Bhi an polasaí bailí go dtí an 11/09/2026.

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015GY167
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Name of Service:	Naiolann Arann
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Address of Service:	Mainistir, Cill Rónáin, Inis Mór, Oileáin Árann, Co. Galway
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Eircode:	H91 D344
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Name of Registered Provider:	Geraldine Ni Ghioll
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	09/10/2025
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No of pre-school children:	AM	8	PM	N/A
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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.
Inspection undertaken by:	F Nic Dhonnacha
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Authority to Inspect

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

Conditions if applicable	Not applicable
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Description of service

Naíolann Arainn is a purpose-built premises on Inís Mór island, located off the west coast of county Galway. This community preschool is registered as a full day care service. The preschool offers a sessional care programme/ Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) pre-school care programme from 09.00 to 12.00 from Monday to Friday. The service promotes the native Irish language and promotes the Irish culture of the island. The preschool service offers a child led play-based curriculum focusing on emerging interests. There are 4 playrooms on the ground floor and 2 on the first floor of the premises. There are a designated kitchen/utility and 2 offices with adjacent sanitary accommodation. Quiet rest areas with soft seating and matting are available for the children to relax or opt out of an activity if they wish to. There is a designated secure outdoor play area to the rear and side of the premises for exploration, fresh air and play activities. The service is currently only operating a sessional service.

Staffing

The registered provider is supernumerary and not on the premises on a daily basis. One staff member and an additional staff member who is funded under the access and inclusion programme (AIM) of care were working directly with the children in the service. Documentary evidence was available of the staff members engagement in 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, safety, premises and facilities. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

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.

Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, person in charge, additional support person and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that-

- (a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required,
- (b) at all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on, the designated person in charge or the named person referred to in subparagraph (a) is on the premises.

(2) A registered provider shall ensure that each employee, unpaid worker and contractor is suitable and competent taking into consideration the nature of the needs of children, including by-

- (a) consideration of references from the person's past employers, if any, and in particular the most recent employer, if any,
- (b) consideration of references from reputable sources in the case of a person who has no past employers,
- (c) consideration of the vetting disclosure received from the National Vetting Bureau of the Garda Síochána in accordance with the Act of 2012 in respect of the person, and
- (d) ensuring, insofar as is practicable, that where a person has lived in a state other than the State for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months, he or she provides police vetting from the police authorities in that state.

(4) A registered provider shall ensure that, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), each employee working directly with children attending the service holds at least a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

(6A) Paragraph (4) shall not apply to an employee of a registered provider where - (a) the registered provider receives funding for the employment of the employee pursuant to a scheme funded by the Minister and known as the Access and Inclusion Model, and (b) the employment of the employee is for the purpose of providing support, pursuant to the scheme referred to in subparagraph (a), for a child attending the service to enable the child to participate in the programme known as the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) funding Programme."

Compliance Information

- (1)(a) The registered provider was the designated person in charge and there was a person available to deputise as required.
- (b) The registered provider arrived onsite at approximately 10am and the person who was assigned as deputy person in charge was also available throughout the inspection.

Three staff files were available in respect of the registered provider, the person in charge and one additional staff member who provides AIM support who works during the service's hours of operation. The findings included the following:

- (2)(a) Three references were sourced from past employers and were validated.
- (b) Three references were obtained from a source other than a past employer and were validated.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures were available and reviewed in respect of the registered provider and 2 staff members.
- (d) International police vetting was not required, as no member of staff had lived in another state for a period longer than 6 months over the age of 18 years of age.
- (4) The staff working directly with the children held Early Childhood Care and Education qualifications ranging from Level 5 to 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications.
- (6)(A) One staff member was employed solely under the access and inclusion model to provide additional support.

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)-*
 - (c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.*

Compliance Information

- (1) There were an adequate number of adults working directly with children attending the service. There were 8 children and 2 adults working in the service during the operational hours of a sessional service.

- (2) The registered provider ensured that the minimum ratio of adults to children was maintained.
- (8) (c) The deputy person in charge and an additional support person were available on site. The registered provider was within close proximity of the service and could be contacted if required in the event of an emergency.

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 was 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 children were encouraged to be independent in play and learning, whilst caring for their belongings and using the toilet.
- The staff supervised and treated the children in a sensitive manner while the children used the toilet. Two children wore nappies and the staff maintained their dignity and privacy while changing the children.
- The infants were encouraged to feed themselves and promoted to be independent while providing support when necessary.
- Mealtime was observed to be a relaxed and unhurried period where the children and staff sat and ate together.
- The children had a selection of sandwiches, fruit and yogurts all provided by their parents/guardians.
- The children were offered a range of developmentally challenging play and learning activities and the children were observed to be fully engaged and included in all activities in the indoor and outdoor environments.
- The children had the freedom to move about and engage with various interest areas in the playroom.
- The children played outdoors in the designated play area for part of the morning.

Supporting Relationships

- 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.
- 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 the naionra. 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 playroom.
- The parents and guardians were notified of the child's progress throughout the day- themes, activities and interactions. Discussions were made at the doorstep, via phone calls or by emails.
- Each child had their own learning journal with themes, activities and observations included. These journals were presented to parents and guardians at the end of each year.
- The theme of the week was Autumn and Halloween. The children were observed painting and making pictures with autumn colours.

Physical and Material Environment:

- The indoor and outdoor environments were appropriately resourced with a range of developmentally challenging equipment and materials.
- The Naionra playroom was bright and colourful displaying the children's artwork and illustrated learning aids in Irish. A visual display was available demonstrating a photographic illustration of the children's family photographs.
- Adequately resourced areas of interest included an art and crafts area, low level tables and chairs for tabletop activities, a dress up area with a large range of costumes, a kitchen, home and shop corner, a construction area, an area with puzzles, jigsaws, literacy, pretend and manipulative equipment.
- The outdoor area located to the side and rear of the service accommodated a large activity centre slide, water basin, tyres, balance beam, rocker, scooters, tricycles and balls.

- The outdoor area had adequate seating for the children and staff to rest and enjoy the view of 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 to the service was appropriately secured with a system to monitor people's entry and exit to the service. The internal and external entry and exit points prevented children exiting or unauthorised persons accessing the service.
- The outdoor area was secured with fencing and secure gates.
- The children were supervised during the inspection and their arrival and departure to the service was recorded on the service daily attendance record book.
- The play materials and equipment throughout the service were maintained in good condition.
- Cleaning agents were stored up high in accessible to the pre-school children.

Infection Control:

- The service was maintained in a clean and hygienic condition.
- The sanitary facilities were appropriately equipped with liquid soap, hand paper towels and lidded, lined pedal operated bins.
- Both the children and the adults washed their hands at appropriate intervals after activities, toileting and before mealtime.

Administration of Medication:

- No medication was administered on the day of inspection.

Safe Sleep:

- A cosy rest area was available in the naionra playroom for the children to take a rest, to relax when they choose to.

Fire Safety:

- The fire drills were carried out monthly.
- The fire doors were unobstructed throughout the premises.
- The fire assembly point was noticeable to the front of the building.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 25 - First aid

- (1) A registered provider shall ensure that a person trained in first aid for children is, at all times, immediately available to the children attending the pre-school service.
- (2) A registered provider shall ensure that a suitably equipped first aid box for children-
- (a) is safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises, and
 - (b) is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.

Compliance Information

- (1) One adult working in the service had appropriate FAR (First Aid Responder) first aid course and was available to the preschool children. It was acknowledged that further training is being arranged for 2 staff members in the next few weeks.
- (2) A suitably equipped first aid box was available in the Naíonra playroom.
- (a) The first aid box was stored safely in a conspicuous position in the service.
 - (b) The first aid box was available to the children in the service with adequate supplies.

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) Records were available to demonstrate that monthly fire drills were carried out in the service. The last recorded fire drill took place on the 22/09/2025.

- (b) A record of the number, type and maintenance for the firefighting equipment and the smoke alarm system were available. The most recent smoke alarm system and firefighting equipment maintenance service took place respectively on the 3/07/2025 and 6/07/2025.
- (4) Fire action notices demonstrating the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were displayed throughout the service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

Up to date insurance cover was available for 20 pre-school children. The policy was valid until the 11/09/2026.