

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

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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 Neamh Bhainteach

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Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Tá an réamhscoil seo in áitreabh saintógtha in eastát tionsclaíochta i sráidbhaile Gaeltachta na Ceathrún Rua, Thiar, Co. na Gaillimhe. Cuireann an tseirbhís seo soláthar cúraim lae, páirtaimseartha ar fáil ó 8.00 uair go 17.30 agus 9.00 uair go 14.00 uair. Cuirtear cláir chúraim réamhscoile agus cláir chúraim sheisiúnaigh Chúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige (ECCE) ar fáil freisin ó 9.00 uair go 12.00 uair ó Luan go hAoine. Tá an tseirbhís cláraithe do leanaí réamhscoile idir 0 agus 6 bliana d'aois. Tá an tseirbhís cláraithe freisin chun freastal ar leanaí in aois scoile agus ar chlár iarscoile. Tá a chistin féin ag an áitreabh, áit a ndéantar príomhbhéilí leanaí a ullmhú, a chócaráil agus a stóráil ar an láthair. Tá cliabháin caighdeánaithe, leapacha cruachta agus mataí codlata ar fáil do na naíonáin agus do na leanaí do soláthar codlata. I ngach seomra súgartha, tá áiteanna scíthe ciúine le suíocháin ar mhéid an linbh agus mataí boga ar fáil do leanaí chun scíth a ligean nó diúltú do ghníomhaíocht más mian leis/léi é sin a dhéanamh. Tá limistéar súgartha slán lasmuigh os comhair an áitribh le haghaidh súgradh, taiscéalaíocht agus gníomhaíochtaí leanaí. Cuirtear curaclam réamhscoile leanbh lárnach ar fáil a dhíríonn ar spéiseanna atá ag teacht chun cinn. Ar lá na cigireachta, bhí 4 sheomra cúram leanaí in úsáid, mar atá, seomra súgartha Naíonáin agus Wobbler/ Toddlers, Naíonra 1 agus Naíonra 2. Ar lá na cigireachta, bhí seomra súgartha breise ag feidhmiú do chlár iarscoile do pháistí d'aois scoile amháin agus tiontaíodh Naíonra 2 tar éis lóin do chlár na bpáistí d'aois scoile. Tá an Naíolann á rialú ag Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta agus cuirtear oidhreacht agus cultúr Gaeltachta an cheantair chun cinn sa tseirbhís.

Soláthar foirne

Tá an soláthraí cláraithe sár-uimhriúil agus ní ar an áitreabh gach lá. Tá daoine ainmnithe i gceannas agus ionadaí ainmnithe i gceannas más gá. Ar lá na cigireachta, bhí an duine atá i gceannas, foireann chúnta amháin a ullmhaíonn, a chócaíonn agus a fhreastalaíonn ar na béilí agus na sneaiceanna, chomh maith le dhá duine dhéag do dhaoine fásta a bhí ag obair go díreach le na páistí a bhí ar an áitreabh. Tá naoi mball déag do fhoirne san iomlán seachas an soláthraí cláraithe, atá ag obair faoi láthair san áitreabh le *Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann (QQI)* ag Leibhéal 5 ar a laghad, Cúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige. Tá fianaise dhoiciméadach ag an bhfoireann ar oiliúint agus oideachas leanúnach.

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.

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. Úsáidfear an plean um Ghníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach (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 cigirí buíochas a ghabháil *leis an duine a bhí i gceannas*, 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.

(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:

- (1)(a) Ba é an leas bainisteoir seirbhíse ná an duine ainmnithe a bhí i gceannas agus bhí daoine eile ainmnithe ann a bhí in ann teacht i láthair agus ionadaíocht a dhéanamh de réir mar ba ghá.
- (b) Le linn tréimhse na cigireachta, bhí an leas bhainisteoir ar an áitreabh le linn sheisiún na maidine agus d'éascaigh sí an chigireacht agus bhí an leas bhainisteoir eile ar an áitreabh don seisiún tráthnóna agus bhí siad i láthair don chruinniú ag deireadh na cigireachta.
- Deimhníodh go raibh 20 ball foirne ag obair sa tseirbhís, ina measc an soláthraí cláraithe, an bainisteoir seirbhíse, an leasbhainisteoir, an fhoireann cúram leanaí agus an fhoireann cistine.
- Déanadh athbhreithniú ar gach comhad ar lá na cigireachta.
- (2)(a) Bhí 37 tagairt scríofa agus bailíochtaithe go cuí ar fáil ón bhfostóir is déanaí de chuid an duine fásta.
- (b) Bhí 3 thagairt scríofa agus bailíochtaithe go cuí ar fáil ó fhoinse seachas d'fhostóirí na ndaoine fásta atá ag obair sa tseirbhís.
- (c) Bhí nochtadh Ghrinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána ar fáil don fhoireann go léir a bhí ag obair sa tseirbhís.
- (d) Ní raibh gá le nochtadh Grinnfhiosrúcháin Idirnáisiúnta Póilíní toisc nach raibh na daoine fásta a bhí ag obair sa tseirbhís lasmuigh den dlíne ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná sé mhí.
- (4) Bhí 19 duine fásta ag obair go díreach le leanaí a raibh dámhachtain ar a laghad faighte acu i Cúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige ag Leibhéal 5 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó ar cháilíocht mheas an tAire a bheith coibhéiseach.

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 11 - Leibhéal Foirne

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Ar lá na cigireachta d'oibrigh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta go díreach leis na leanaí a bhí i láthair.
- (2) Ar lá na cigireachta, thug an duine a bhí i gceannas, agus 12 duine fásta aire do 54 leanbh ar maidin agus 8 24 páiste a bhí faoi chúram na ndaoine fásta tráthnóna.
Thosaigh ball foirne breise ó 12.00 uair chun clúdach lóin agus faoiseamh a chur ar fáil sna seomraí súgartha. Chabhraigh an bainisteoir leis an gcuid riaracháin den iniúchadh. Ina theannta sin, bhí an cócaire seirbhíse ag ullmhú, ag cócaireacht agus ag freastal ar na béilí agus na sneaiceanna sa tseirbhís réamhscoile.
San iarnóin, ó 13.30 uair agus 14.30 uair go dtí 18.00 uair an chloig, bhí clár scoile ann do cheithre pháiste déag a bhí in aois scoile agus triúr daoine fásta ainmnithe faoina gcúram.
- (8)(a) Léirigh leabhar rolla na mbaill foirne go raibh níos mó ná beirt daoine fásta ar fáil sa tseirbhís I gconaí.

Cuid V - Cúram Linbh i Seirbhís Réamhscoile

Rialachán 19 - Sláinte, Leas agus Forbairt linbh

(1) *Cinnteoideh 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:

Riachtanais Bhunúsacha Leanaí:

- Bhí polasaí bia sláintiúil ar fáil ach é a iarraidh agus fuair tuismitheoirí cóip den lámhleabhar seirbhíse leis na polasaithe agus na nósanna imeachta ag am clárúcháin.
- Tugadh cúnamh do na páistí óga iad féin a bheathú de réir mar ba ghá. Tugadh neart moladh do na naíonáin iad féin a bheathú agus ardú céime a fháil le bheith neamhspleách. Cuireadh uirlisí cuí gréithe agus beathaithe ar fáil i ngach seomra. Tugadh faoi deara go raibh na tréimhsí seo suaimhneach agus gan aon brú ar aon duine deifir a dhéanamh.

- Tugadh moladh do na páistí a bheith neamhspleách i súgradh agus i bhfoghlaim, agus iad ag tabhairt aire dá gcuid giuirléidí agus iad ag úsáid an leithreas. Rinne an fhoireann maoirseacht ar na leanaí agus chaith siad go hógair leis na páistí le linn athruithe clúidín agus ag dul ag an leithris. Athraíodh clúidíní go minic agus ar bhonn aonair. Chaith deichniúr páistí clúidín lá na cigireachta. Spreagadh agus tugadh tacaíocht do na páistí chun a gcúram pearsanta agus a gcuid sróin féin a bhainistiú de réir mar a bheadh oiriúnach dá n-aois agus dá leibhéal forbartha.
- Freastalaíodh ar chodladh an naíonán ar bhonn aonair agus cuireadh réimse gníomhaíochtaí ar fáil do leanaí nár theastaigh uathu codladh.
- Tugadh spreagadh agus moladh do na naíonáin iad féin a bheathú agus a bheith neamhspleách. Cuireadh uirlisí cuí gréithe agus beathaithe ar fáil i ngach seomra.

Ag Tacú le Caidrimh Timpeall Leanaí:

- Léirigh an fhoireann leibhéal cuí eolais ar roghanna, spéiseanna agus cumais aonair na bpáistí. Bhí gach ball foirne ina phríomhoibrí ina sanntar duine ainmnithe do gach leanbh atá freagrach go príomha astu agus a thacaíonn lena bhfoghlaim agus lena bhforbairt fhiar iomlán laistigh den timpeallacht réamhscoile. Lean an fhoireann ceannaireacht na bpáistí sna seomraí súgartha agus tugadh tacaíocht do na páistí i súgradh aonair agus i súgradh grúpa. Cuireadh na leanaí ar an eolas roimh ré faoi aon aistrithe agus chuaigh siad i gcomhairle leo maidir leis an gclár cúraim agus foghlama a sheachadadh. Roinneadh breathnóireachtaí laethúla na bpáistí le na tuismitheoirí ar iarratas trí ghlaonna gutháin, ríomhphoist nó cuairteanna ar leac an dorais. D'oibrigh an fhoireann i ngach seomra go héifeachtach chun an clár cúraim agus foghlama a éascú do na paistí. Rinne an fhoireann cumarsáid neamhfhoirmiúil le tuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí le linn tréimhsí fágála agus bailithe ón tseirbhís. Thug na cigirí faoi deara go ndearna an fhoireann idirghníomhú ar bhealach dearfach le tuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí.
- Rinne an fhoireann leabhar próifíle m'aistear foghlama do gach páiste, ag taispeáint 'turas an linbh' ag baint úsáide as breathnóireachtaí agus samplaí d'obair linbh san áireamh. I measc na dtéamaí go dtí seo bhí lámhchlónna, cruthanna, dathanna, mo theaghlach, an geimhreadh, an Nollaig, Lá Fhéile Vailintín agus go leor eile.
- Thug an fhoireann aird dhearfacha ar na páistí. Thug na cigirí faoi deara go raibh an fhoireann ag comhrá leis na páistí ar bhealach cineálta agus measúil, ag labhairt leis na páistí ag a leibhéal féin le glór binn bhog.

Bhí sé le feicéal gur usáid an fhoireann straitéisí iompraíochta dearfacha le linn idirghníomhaíochtaí idir an fhoireann agus na leanaí ar lá na cigireachta. Moladh na páistí go minic nuair a rinne siad rud dearfach agus tugadh miniú doibh I gconaí má bhí aon cheist acu.

- Bhí na páistí ag spraoi, ag inseacht scéalta ag am ciorcail, ag tógáil, ag nascadh, ag spraoi sa gcuine baile, agus ag sórtáil ábhar cruachta. D'imir na páistí cluichí agus puzail. Chothaigh siad, agus chóirigh siad bábóigí, d'imir siad cluichí le bréagáin an domhain bhig, d'imir siad le gluaisteáin agus bréagáin sa mbáisín gainimh. Bhain siad taitneamh as dathú saothar ealaíne agus ceardaíochta, snáithe agus súgradh céadfach. Ar lá na cigireachta, sna ceantair lasmuigh, bhí na páistí le feicéal ag rith, ag leanacht a chéile, ag sórtáil, agus ag iniúchadh, ag marcaíocht ar thrí-rothaigh, ag imirt peile agus ag spraoi le paraisiúit. Bhain na páistí am ag súgradh sa halla pobail in aice láimhe agus sa limistéar súgartha ainmnithe lasmuigh. Tugadh faoi deara go raibh forbairt déanta san áit spraoi atá sa bhféar taobh amuigh tugadh faoi deara go raibh teach crainn le limistéar dreapadóireachta agus sleamhnáin ann I measc trealamh eile.

Cuid V - Cúram Linbh i Seirbhís Réamhscoile

Rialachán 22 – Bia agus Deoch

Cinnteoídh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh bia agus deoch atá leordhóthanach oiriúnach agus taoisleannach éagsúil ar fáil do gach leanbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- Chuir an tseirbhís bia leordhóthanach cothaitheach ar fáil do na leanaí a bhí i láthair. Bhí biachlár nua 3 seachtaine ar fáil i ngach seomra súgartha, sa gcistin, le cur síos ama agus na béilí a cuirtear ar fáil do na páistí. Tairgeadh uisce agus bainne leis na béilí agus na sneaiceanna gach lá.
- Ag 8.00 uair go 9.00 uair an chloig tairgeadh rogha gránaigh agus tósta don bhricfeasta do na páistí.
- Ag 10.30 uair cuireadh éagsúlacht sútha talún torthaí agus bananaí ar fáil mar sneaiceanna na maidine.
- Ag 12 méanlae, cuireadh glasraí, mairteoil mhionaithe agus pasta ar fáil ag am dinnéar.
- Ag 14.30 uair an chloig cuireadh dingeacha fátaí agus pónairí ar fáil.
- Ag 16.30 uair tugadh torthaí agus scoilteoirí éagsúla má bhíonn ocras ar pháiste ar bith sular bailítear iad san iarnóin.
- Bhí cuisneoir ainmnithe ann chun earraí bia meatacha a stóráil go sábháilte ó bhoscaí lóin na pháistí, dá n-amanna sneaiceanna i seomraí súgartha an naíonra.

- Tugadh bia breise do na páistí nuair a bhíonn siad ag iarradh. Tugann roinnt páistí beatha eagsúla isteach ón baile agus coinnítear é sa gcuisneoir.

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 neamhúdraithe ag duine nó ar imeacht gan mhaoirseacht ag leanbh réamhscoile.
- Daingníodh na limistéir sheachtracha lasmuigh le ballaí teorann, fálú agus geataí ionas nach bhféadfadh daoine neamhúdraithe rochtain a fháil ar an gceantar nó dul isteach ann nó nach bhféadfadh leanaí imeacht gan mhaoirseacht.
- Bhí córas slándála ag na doirse isteach sa chistin, sa seomra fónais, san oifig, sna seomraí stórála agus sna seomraí sláintíochta do dhaoine fásta amháin.
- Stóráileadh gach gníomhaire agus trealamh glantacháin dorochtana agus as teacht na bpáistí.
- Breathnaíodh ar gach bréagán agus trealamh súgartha a bheith sábháilte agus i riocht maith.
- Daingníodh cordaí dallóga ag dúntóirí agus dá bhrí sin ní raibh teacht ag páiste réamhscoile orthu.
- Níor cuireadh bac ar dhoirse dóiteáin ar fud an fhoirgnimh.

Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

- Cuireadh soláthar uisce te, gallúnach láimhe leachtach agus tuáillí páipéir láimhe indiúscartha ar fáil d'áiseanna níocháin lámh.
- Le linn na cigireachta, tugadh cúnamh agus spreagadh do na páistí a lámha a ní sula n-itheann siad, tar éis clúidín a athrú, tar éis dul ag an leithris, tar éis fíochán a úsáid, agus tar éis dóibh a bheith ag spraoi amuigh faoin aer.

- Bhí dhá limistéar ainmnithe do clúidín a athrú, le báisíní láimhe atá ainmnithe. Athraíodh na páistí a bhí i clúidíní go tráthúil, ar bhonn rialta. Chaith an fhoireann a raibh baint acu le hathrú clúidín naprún agus lámhainní indiúscartha. Bhí bosca bruscair séalaithe aerdhíonach cos ann chun clúidíní a dhiúscairt.
- Clíceáil nó tapáil anseo chun téacs a chur isteach. Bhí na mataí a bhí in úsáid le haghaidh clúidín a athrú glan agus slán. Bhí lipéadú aonair ar ghiuirléidí na bpáistí le haghaidh athrú clúidín. Ba léir go raibh uachtar bacainní na bpáistí lipéadaithe agus stóráilte ina n-aonar laistigh dá limistéir ainmnithe clúidíní.
- Tugadh faoi deara go gcoinneofaí na seomraí súgartha aeráilte go leordhóthanach agus fágadh na fuinneoga ar oscailt agus teocht an tseomra á gcothabháil ag na leibhéil riachtanacha.
- Bhí taifid ghlantacháin ag an tseirbhís do na hábhair, an trealamh, na feistis agus an línéadach. Coinníodh na bréagáin agus an trealamh súgartha i riocht glan sláinteachais.

Dáileadh Cógas:

- Stóráileadh cógas as an mbealach ar na páistí réamhscoile. Níor tugadh aon chógas ar lá na cigireachta.

Coladh Sábháilte:

- Bhí seomra codlata ainmnithe in aici le seomra na mBabaí ina raibh 7 cliabháin do soláthar codlata na leanaí faoi 2 bhlian d aois. Ina theannta sin, bhí leapacha cruachta ar fáil do sholáthar codlata leanaí níos sine agus athraítear thart Seomra na Lápadáin le haghaidh spás codladh tar eis am lón.

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) Ar athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar chomhaid na foirne, bhí fianaise ann a léirigh go raibh 13 bhall foirne oilte i ngarchabhair do leanaí, Cúrsa Freagartha Garchabhrach (FAR), agus duine ar fáil do na leanaí i gcónaí.
- (2)(a) Bhí na caibinéid garchabhrach ann le míreanna ábhair laistigh de dháta, in áit éasca le theacht ar agus ar fáil in áit fheiceálach i ngach seomra súgartha.
- (b) Bhí na caibinéid garchabhrach lonnaithe go sábháilte sna seomraí súgartha agus bhí siad easca le theacht orthu i gcónaí.

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.

Bhí an druil dóiteáin a taifeadh go deireanach ar an 20/02/2024.

(b) Rinneadh an trealamh comhraicthe dóiteáin a sheirbhísiú ar bhonn bliantúil, an dáta is déanaí na an 13/06/2023, agus coinníodh taifead ar líon, cineál agus cothabháil an trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin agus rinneadh seirbhísiú ar na halárim dheataigh san áitreabh an 1/02/2023.

D'admhaigh an té a bhí i gceannas go raibh an tseirbhís ag fanacht ar an innealtóir dóiteáin chun freastal ar na halárim agus rinneadh an tseirbhís ar an 29/02/2024.

(4) Taispeánadh fógraí ar bhallaí gach seomra súgartha faoi na nósanna imeachta a bhí le leanúint i gcás tine san áitreabh.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Bhí deimhniú árachais reatha ar fáil sa tseirbhís ar lá na cigireachta.

Bhí cumhdach árachais leordhóthanach ag an soláthraí cláraithe do 98 leanbh réamhscoile, le dáta éaga an 27/11/2024.

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015GY168		
Name of Service:	Ionad Cúram Leanaí na Ceathrún Rua		
Address of Service:	An Cheathrú Rua, Co. Galway.		
Eircode:	H91 K3VW		
Name of Registered Provider:	Ray Mac Pháidín		
Service type:	Full Day		
Date of Inspection:	27/02/2024		
No of pre-school children:	AM	54	PM 24
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 & F Kelly		
Title:	Early Years Inspectors		

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 pre-school is in a purpose-built premise in an industrial estate in the Gaeltacht village of Carraroe, West, Co. Galway. This service offers a full day-care, part-time care provision from 8.00hrs to 17.30 and 9.00hrs to 14.00hrs. The Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) pre-school care programmes and sessional care programmes is also offered from 9.00hrs to 12.00hrs Monday to Friday. The service is registered for pre-school children aged 0 to 6 years of age. The service is also registered to cater for school age children and afterschool programme. The premise has its own kitchen, where children's main meals are prepared, cooked, and stored on site. Standardized cots, stackable beds and sleep mats are available for the babies and children's, sleep provision. In each playroom, quiet rest areas with child size seating and soft matting are available for children to rest or opt out of an activity if he/ she wishes to do so. There is a secure outdoor play area to the front of the premises for children's play, exploration, and activities. A child centred play-based pre-school curriculum focusing on emerging interests is provided. On the day of inspection, there were 4 childcare rooms in use, namely Babies and Wobbler/ Toddlers room, Naíonra 1 and Naíonra 2. On the day of inspection, an additional playroom was solely operating for school aged children's afterschool programme and also Naíonra 2 was converted after lunch for the school aged children's programme. The creche is governed by Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta and the Irish language heritage and culture of the area is promoted in the service.

Staffing

The registered provider is supernumerary and not on the premises daily. There are named people in charge and named deputies in charge if required. On the day of inspection, the person in charge, one auxiliary staff who prepares, cooks and serves the meals and snacks. Twelve adults who worked directly with the children were present. There are a total of 19 staff excluding the registered provider, currently working in the premises with a Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) at a minimum of a Level 5, Early Childhood Care and Education. The staff have documentary evidence of on-going 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.

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 inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the 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) The service manager was the designated person in charge and there was a named persons who were able to deputise as required.
- (b) During the period of inspection, the deputy manager was on the premises during the morning session and facilitated the inspection and the manager was on the premises for the afternoon session and was present for the closing meeting at the end of the inspection.
- It was confirmed that there were 20 members of staff working within the service, which included the registered provider, service manager, deputy manager, childcare staff, and kitchen staff.
- (2)(a) There were 37 written and appropriately validated references available from the adult's most recent employer.

- (b) There was 3 written and appropriately validated reference available from a source other than recent employer for the adults working in the service.
- (c) Garda Vetting disclosures were available for all the staff working in the service.
- (d) Police Vetting disclosures were not required as the adults working in the service had not lived outside the jurisdiction for a period of over six months.
- (4) There were 19 adults working directly with children who had obtained at least an 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.

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) On the day of inspection an adequate number of adults worked directly with the children in attendance.
- (2) On the day of inspection, the person in charge, and 12 adults cared for 54 children in the morning and 8 adults cared for 24 children in the afternoon.

An additional staff member commenced from 12.00hrs to provide lunch cover and relief in the playrooms. The manager assisted with the administration part of the inspection. Additionally, the service cook was preparing, cooking and serving the meals and snacks in the preschool service.

In the afternoon, from 13.30hrs and 14.30hrs to 18.00hrs, there was a school aged programme with fourteen children and three adults designated to their care.
- (8)(a) The staff roster demonstrated that more than two adults were available in the service at all times.

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 of Children:

- A healthy eating policy was available on request and parents received a copy of the service handbook with the policies and procedures at enrolment.
- Assistance was given to the younger children to feed themselves as required. The infants were encouraged to feed themselves and promoted to be independent. Appropriate crockery and feeding utensils were provided in each room. These periods were observed to be relaxed and unhurried.
- The children were encouraged to be independent in play and learning, whilst caring for their belongings and using the toilet. Staff supervised the children and treated the children in a sensitive manner during nappy changes and toileting. Nappies were changed frequently and on an individual basis. Ten children wore a nappy on the day of inspection. The children were encouraged and supported to manage their own personal care and nasal care appropriate to their age and level of development.
- 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.
- The infants were encouraged to feed themselves and promoted to be independent. Appropriate crockery and feeding utensils were provided in each room.

Supporting Relationships Around Children:

- The staff demonstrated an appropriate level of knowledge of the children's preferences, interests, and individual capabilities each staff member was a key worker where each child is assigned a named person who is primarily responsible for them and who supports their overall learning and development within the preschool environment. The staff followed the children's lead in the playrooms and the children were supported in individual and group play. The children were notified in advance of any transitions and consulted in the delivery of the programme of care and learning. The children's daily observations were shared with parents on request via phone calls, emails or doorstep visits.

The staff in each room worked effectively to facilitate the programme of care and learning. The staff communicated informally with parents/guardians during drop off and collection periods from the service.

The inspectors observed that staff interacted in a positive manner with parents and guardians.

- Staff collated for each child a profile scrapbook my learning journal, showing the ‘child’s journey’ using observations and including samples of a child’s work.
- The themes to date included handprints, shapes, colours, my family, winter, Christmas , Valentines Day and many more .
- The staff treated the children with positive regard. The inspectors observed the staff conversing with the children in a kind and respectful manner, speaking to the children at their level in soft gentle tones of voice. Positive behavioural strategies were used during interactions observed between the staff and children on the day of inspection. The staff gave positive praise to the children following episodes of kindness and good efforts.
- The children were observed to free play, at story time, at circle time, at construction building, connecting, at pretend kitchen, and sorting stacking materials. The children played games and puzzles. They fed, and dressed baby dolls, played with small world toys, played with cars and toys in the sand basin. They enjoyed art and craft work colouring, threading, and sensory play. In the outdoor areas, the children were observed running, chasing, sorting, and exploring, riding on tricycles, playing football and with parachutes. The children were observed playing in the nearby community hall and in the designated outdoor play area. The outdoor play area has been developed since the last inspection and a new treehouse with a climbing area and slides attached was noted in the grass area.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 22 – Food and drink

A registered provider shall ensure that adequate and suitable, nutritious and varied food and drink is available for each pre-school child attending the pre-school service.

Compliance Information

- The service provided adequate and nutritious food for the children in attendance. A new 3 weekly menu was available in each playroom, kitchen, outlining the timing and meals provided to the children. Water and milk were offered with the meals and snacks.
- At 8.00hrs to 9.00 hrs the children were offered a choice of cereal and toast for breakfast.

- At 10.30hrs a variety of fruit strawberries and bananas were provided as the morning snack.
- At 12md pasta, vegetables and minced beef were provided at lunch.
- At 14.30hrs potato wedges and beans were provided.
- At 16.30hrs a variety of fruit and crackers were given if a child was hungry before collection by parents in the afternoon.
- There was a designated fridge for the safe storage of perishable foodstuffs from children’s lunch boxes, for their snack times in the naíonra playrooms.
- Additional food was given when requested by the children. Some children bought their preferred food types from home.

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 boundary walls, fencing and gates so that unauthorised persons could not access or enter the area or children could not exit unsupervised.
- The doors into the kitchen, utility room, office, storage rooms 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.
- Blinds cords were secured by fasteners and thereby inaccessible to a pre-school child.
- Fire doors throughout the building were unobstructed.
- A new tree house with slides and climbing frame has been installed and maintained in line with the manufacturer’s instructions and specifications.

Infection Control:

- Hand washing facilities were provided with a supply of warm water, liquid hand soap and disposable paper hand towels.
- During the inspection, the children were assisted and encouraged to wash their hands prior to eating, after nappy changing, after toileting, after using a tissue, and after playing outdoors.
- There were two designated nappy changing areas with designated wash hand basins. The children in nappies were changed in a timely manner, on a regular basis. Staff involved in nappy changing wore a disposable apron and gloves. There was a foot pedalled airtight sealable bin for the disposal of nappies. The changing mats were clean and intact. 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.
- The service had cleaning records for the materials, equipment, furnishings, and linen. The toys and play equipment were maintained in a clean and hygienic condition.
- Adequate supplies of disposable tissues were readily available in each of the playrooms and were accessible when required by the staff and children.

Administration of Medication:

- Medication was stored inaccessible to the pre-school children.
- No medication was given on the day of inspection.

Safe Sleep:

- There was a designated sleep room adjacent to the Baby room which had 7 cots for children under 2 years of age, sleep provision. Additionally, there were stackable beds available for older children's sleep provision and the Wobbler/Toddler room was converted for this purpose after lunch time.
- Children were observed sleeping on demand following cues and signs of tiredness. While older children had designated relaxation, chill out 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 room and used as the method of recording the sleep room temperature and necessary any remedial action when temperatures were above 20 °C and below 16 °C.
- The bed linen and blankets were washed on a daily basis and replaced with fresh linen.

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) On review of the staff files, there was evidence to indicate that there were 13 staff members trained in first aid for children, First Aid Response Course (FAR), available to the children at all times.
- (2)(a) There was a first aid cabinet with content items within date, easily accessible and available in a conspicuous position in each playroom.
- (b) The first aid cabinets were safely located in the playrooms and were easily accessible at all times.

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 on the 20/02/2024.
- (b) The firefighting equipment was serviced on an annual basis, most recently on the 13/06/2023, and a record was maintained of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and the smoke alarms in the premises were serviced on the 1/02/2023.
- It was acknowledged by the person in charge that the service was waiting for the fire engineer to service the alarms and the service was carried out on the 29/02/2024.
- (4) Notices were displayed on the walls of each playroom 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

A current insurance certificate was available for inspection on the day of inspection.

The registered provider had adequate insurance cover for 98 pre-school children, with an expiry date of the 27/11/2024.