

# Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

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<b>Seoladh na Seirbhíse:</b>	Tir an Fhia, Leitir Mór, Co. na Gaillimhe.
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<b>Seoladh Cigireacht na Luathbhlianta:</b>	Cigireacht na Luathbhlianta, Stiúrtóireacht Cáilíochta agus Rialála, Foirgneamh Cliniciúil & Riaracháin, Bloc A - (An Chéad Urlár-An Chonair Ghlas), Páirc Mhuirlinne, Gaillimh
<b>Cigireacht déanta ag:</b>	F. Nic Dhonnacha
<b>Teideal:</b>	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).

<b>Coinníollacha, má bhaineann le hábhar</b>	Neamh Bhainteach
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## Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Tá an tseirbhís lonnaithe i Leitir Mór, Contae na Gaillimhe. Cuirtear cúram lae iomlán, cúram páirtaimseartha agus clár seisiúnach ar fáil do pháistí idir sé mhí agus sé bliana d'aois, ó Luan go hAoine ó 08:00 uair go 17:30 uair an chloig. Tá an tseirbhís suite i bhfoirgneamh saintógtha, a fhreastalaíonn ar cheithre sheomra réamhscoile agus seomra codlata amháin. Le linn na cigireachta bhí trí sheomra i bhfeidhm. Ina measc bhí: seomra na Leabha (raon aoise: aon mhí dhéag go hocht mí dhéag), seomra na Tachrán (raon aoise: bliain go leith go dhá bhliain go leith) le seomra idirnasctha a úsáidtear chun críocha codlata anois, seomra Montessori (raon aoise: trí nó cúig bliana). Ní raibh an ceathrú seomra i bhfeidhm ar lá na cigireachta agus úsáidtear é le haghaidh stórála faoi láthair. Tá cistin ainmnithe ann ina ndéantar na sneaiceanna agus na príomhbhéilí a ullmhú, a chócaráil agus a stóráil ar an láthair. Tá rochtain dhíreach ag na páistí ar an limistéar spraoi lasmuigh ar aghaidh an áitribh lena n-áirítear limistéar foscúil uile-aimsire le linn drochaimsire. Ina theannta sin, tá limistéar spraoi lasmuigh ar chúl an áitribh chomh maith. Cuirtear curaclam réamhscoile bunaithe ar spéiseanna atá ag teacht chun cinn agus Montessori ar fáil sa tseirbhís. Is seirbhís Gaeilge í an réamhscoil, agus tá an fhoireann agus na páistí fite fuaite i gcultúr agus oidhreacht na hÉireann sa cheantar Gaeltachta seo gach lá. Chomh maith leis sin, cuireann an réamhscoil clár iarscoile ar fáil do pháistí scoile ó 13.30 uair go 17.30 uair an chloig ó Luan go hAoine.

## Soláthar foirne

Tá trí duine dhéag do dhaoine fásta fostaithe ag an tseirbhís. Tá an soláthraí cláraithe mar chuid den bhord bainistíochta agus ní oibríonn sé sa tseirbhís. Le linn na cigireachta bhí an bainisteoir i láthair. D'oibrigh naonúr daoine fásta go díreach leis na páistí; Tá duine fásta amháin a bhí i láthair ag gabháil do chlár gníomhachtaithe socrúcháin oibre. Bhí duine fásta amháin ina mhac léinn os cionn ocht mbliana déag d'aois a bhí ag gabháil do thaithí oibre. Bhí foireann chúnta amháin a thug faoi dhualgais glantacháin agus ullmhúcháin bia i láthair sa tseirbhís. Chomh maith leis sin, bhí triúr ball foirne ann a oibríonn le clár iarscoile na bpáistí aois scoile.

## Modheolaíocht

Is í Cigireacht na Luathbhlianta, Tusla, rialtóir reachtúil neamhspleách ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta in Éirinn. Sainmhínítear i Rialachán an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) 2016 dualgas an tsoláthraí chlárach 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

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- Tá torthaí na cigireachta bunaithe ar:
- Eolas a fhaightear trí dhoiciméid a imscrúdú
- Breathnú díreach
- Plé le baill foirne ábhartha

Ba chigireacht fógartha/neamhfhógartha é seo, agus díríodh 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.

Dhírigh an chigireacht ar scrúdú comhlíonadh faoi rialacháin 9, 11, 15, 19, 23, 25, 26, agus 28; mar sin féin, le linn an chigireacht sainithníodh neamhchomhlíonadh breise a raibh riosca ag baint leis faoi Rialachan 29. Leagtar amach na torthaí sin laistigh den rialachán/na rialacháin ábhartha laistigh den 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 sainithnítear 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 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 gCigire buíochas a ghabháil leis an leis an duine l 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 iontaoifa 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 bainisteoir an duine a bhí i gceannas agus bhí duine ainmnithe ar fáil chun ionadaíocht a dhéanamh nuair a bhí sí as láthair.

(b) Bhí an bainisteoir ar fáil le linn na cigireachta.

(2) Bhí trí chomhad déag ar fáil agus rinne an cigire athbhreithniú orthu. Seo mar a bhí na torthaí:

- (a)&(b) Bhí sé thagairt bhailíochtaí scríofa is fiche ó iarfhostóirí nó ó fhoirse seachas iarfhostóir ar fáil maidir le daoine fásta a bhí ag obair sa tseirbhís.
- (c) Bhí nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána ar fáil maidir leis an trí dhuine dhéag fásta.
- (d) Bhí grinnfhiosrúchán idirnáisiúnta na bpóilíní ar fáil do dhuine fásta amháin a bhí ag obair sa tseirbhís agus a bhí ina chónaí i stát eile ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná sé mhí.
- (4) Bhí cáilíochtaí Cúraim agus Oideachais Luath-Óige ag naonúr aosach a bhí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí, ó Leibhéal 5 go Leibhéal 8 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó cáilíocht a mheasann an tAire a bheith comhionann.

## Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

### Rialachán 11 - Leibhéal Foirne

#### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Le linn na cigireachta d'oibrigh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta go díreach leis na leanaí a bhí i láthair.
- (2) Ar an 6/03/24 thug líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta aire do na leanaí sna trí sheomra cúraim. Coinníodh cóimheas rialála na ndaoine fásta a thugann aire do leanaí le linn na cigireachta i ngach seomra cúraim. Maidin na cigireachta, bhí 26 páiste i láthair.
- Bhí 4 leanbh idir 11 mhí agus 1 1/2 bhliain d'aois,
  - Bhí 12 leanbh idir 18 mí agus 2 1/2 bhliain d'aois,
  - Bhí 10 leanbh idir 3 agus 5 bliana d'aois,

Bhí naonóir ball foirne ag tabhairt aire dhíreach do na páistí seo.

Ar maidin, thug an bainisteoir cúnamh leis an gcuid riaracháin den chigireacht agus den fhaoiseamh cúram leanaí de réir mar ba ghá. Ina theannta sin, bhí mac léinn ón gcoláiste os cionn 18 mbliana d'aois, a ndearnadh maoirseacht uirthi agus í ag idirghníomhú leis na leanaí agus bhí cócaire/ glantóir ag an tseirbhís a thosaigh ar dualgas ag 12méan lae.

San iarnóin, bhí 25 páiste i láthair.

- Bhí 4 leanbh idir 11 mhí agus 1 1/2 bhliain d'aois,
- Bhí 9 leanbh idir 18 mí agus 2 1/2 bhliain d'aois,
- Bhí 12 leanbh idir 3 agus 5 bliana d'aois,

Bhí 9 mball foirne ann, ag tabhairt aire agus maoirseacht dhíreach do na leanaí seo. Chuir an bainisteoir seirbhíse cúnamh ar fáil leis an gcuid riaracháin den chigireacht agus den fhaoiseamh cúraim leanaí nuair ba ghá.

Chomh maith leis sin, bhí tiománaí na seirbhíse ag bailiú páistí scoile.

San iarnóin, bhí clár d'aois scoile agus triúr ball foirne ainmnithe faoina gcúram.

(8)(a) Léirigh leabhar rolla na foirne go raibh níos mó ná beirt daoine fásta ar fáil sa tseirbhís an t-am ar fad.

## Cuid IV – Faisnéis agus Taifid

### Rialachán 15 – Taifead ar leanbh réamhscoile

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seachas seirbhíse réamhscoile i lárionad buail isteach nó seirbhís réamhscoile shealadach go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn i leith gach linbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís ina mbeidh na sonraí seo a leanas:

(a) ainm agus dáta breithe an linbh;

(b) an dáta a d'fhreastail an leanbh ar an tseirbhís den chéad uair;

(c) an dáta a scoir an leanbh de bheith ag freastal ar an tseirbhís;

(d) ainm agus seoladh tuismitheora nó caomhnóra leis an leanbh agus uimhir theileafóin lenar féidir dul i dteagmháil leis an tuismitheoir nó leis an gcaomhnóir sin nó le gaol nó le cara leis an leanbh le linn uaireanta oibríochta na seirbhíse;

(e) údarú chun an leanbh a bhailiú;

(f) mionsonraí aon bhreiteachta, aon mhíchumais, aon ailléirge nó aon riachtanais speisialta ar an leanbh, mar aon leis an bhfaisnéis go léir is iomchuí maidir le cúram nó aire speisialta a sholáthar;

(g) ainm agus uimhir theileafóin lia-chleachtóir cláraithe an linbh;

(h) taifead ar imdhíontaí, más ann, a fuair an leanbh;

(i) toiliú i scríbhinn ó thuismitheoir chun cóireáil chuí liachta a chur ar an leanbh i gcás éigeandála.

(4) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoinneofar taifead i scríbhinn dá dtagraítear i mír (1) ar feadh tréimhse 2 bhliain ón dáta a scoirfidh an leanbh lena mbaineann sé de bheith ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

(5) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoinneofar taifead i scríbhinn dá dtagraítear i mír (2) ar feadh tréimhse 2 bhliain ón dáta a fhreastalóidh an leanbh ar an tseirbhís.

## Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Rinne an cigire athbhreithniú ar shampla de dhá cheann déag de ceathracha dó fhoirm rollaithe do leanaí atá ag freastal orthu faoi láthair. Rinneadh na sonraí a bhaineann le (1) (a) go (j) a dhoiciméadú ar gach taifead.
- (4)&(5) Chuir an soláthraí cláraithe in iúl agus léirigh fianaise dhoiciméadach ó athbhreithniú comhad, go Coinníodh taifid leanaí ar feadh 2 bhliain ón dáta a stopann leanbh ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

## 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:

### Riachtanais Bhunúsacha

- Bhí polasaí bia sláintiúil ag an tseirbhís ach é a iarraidh.
- Tugadh go leor ama do gach páiste a gcuid sneaiceanna agus béilí a ithe agus taitneamh a bhaint astu gan a bheith faoi dheifir. Bhí an t-atmaisféar le linn am béilí shuaimhneach, le hidirghníomhú sóisialta taitneamhach i measc na bpáistí agus na foirne.
- D'ith na páistí ó sheomra na Lápadáin agus seomra Montessori a bpríomh bhéilí sa seomra bia agus bíonn a gcuid sneaiceanna agus béilí ag na páistí níos óige sa seomra Babaí. D'ullmhaigh comhlacht bia béal dorais na béilí, cócaráladh iad, agus stóráladh iad ar an láthair i gcistin na seirbhíse. Bhí dhá bhéile agus dhá sneaiceanna ag na páistí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís ar bhonn cúram lae iomlán agus páirtaimseartha. Bhí béile te curtha ar fáil ag na páistí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís cúram lae iomlán. Thug an té a bhí i gceannas le fios gur chinntigh an fhoireann go raibh dhá ghrúpa bia i ngach sneaic bhéile. Thug an soláthraí cláraithe le fios go raibh soláthar bia sa chistin, d'aon pháiste a dteastaíonn bia breise uathu.
- Bhí na huirlisí, sceanra agus soithí a úsáideadh le haghaidh ithe agus ól oiriúnach d'aoiseanna agus do chéim forbartha na bpáistí.

- Spreag agus thacaigh an fhoireann leis na páistí a bheith neamhspleách fad is a bhí súgradh saor in aisce, gníomhaíochtaí boird, saothar ealaíne agus súgradh samhlaíochta acu.
- D'athraigh aon pháiste déag ó sheomra na Leanbh agus seomra na Tachrán a clúidíní ar bhonn rialta, go tráthúil, sa limistéar ainmnithe clúidín. Coinníodh príobháideachtas agus dínit na bpáistí fad is a d'úsáid na páistí na leithris agus le linn nósanna imeachta athraithe clúidín.
- Bhí rochtain neamhshrianta ag na páistí ar an leithreas agus ní raibh orthu fanacht leis an leithreas a úsáid. Spreagadh agus tacaíodh le leanaí chun féinchabhrach agus scileanna sláinteachais phearsanta a fhorbairt.
- Bhí na táblaí agus na cathaoireacha oiriúnach d'aoiseanna agus do chéimeanna forbartha na bpáistí. Bíonn neart deiseanna ag páistí iad féin a bhogadh, a gcuid scileanna atá ag teacht chun cinn a chleachtadh agus a fheabhsú, amhail comhordú agus cothromaíocht. Bhí deiseanna ag na páistí ar fad a dtimpeallacht a fhiosrú. D'ith na páistí a gcuid sneaiceanna agus príomhbhéilí agus bhí saoirse gluaiseachta acu laistigh dá seomra súgartha. Bhí deis ag na páistí ar fad spraoi taobh amuigh le haghaidh aclaíocht fhisiciúil agus gluaiseachta agus aer úr.

## Ag Tacú le Caidrimh

- Thacaigh an tseirbhís le leanaí chun caidrimh dhearfacha a chruthú agus a chothú le siblíní, piaraí agus leanaí eile, trí dheiseanna a chur ar fáil do gníomhaíochtaí agus spraoi i ngrúpaí beaga agus móra, rud a d'fhág feasacht shóisialta mhéadaithe, comhoibriú, obair foirne, agus mothú muintearais.
- D'fhreagair an fhoireann do naíonáin ar bhealach tráthúil agus cuí nuair a ghlaigh siad nó nuair a d'éirigh siad trína chéile.
- Breathnaíodh ar na páistí ó sheomra Montessori ag am ciorcail ag éisteacht le scéalta, ag canadh amhráin aicsin, agus ag imirt cluichí meaitseála. Breathnaíodh ar na páistí ag rith, ag ruaigeadh, ag imirt liathróide, ag rothaíocht ar thrírothaigh sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh.
- Breathnaíodh ar na páistí ó sheomra na Tachrán, ag súgradh saor in aisce, ag féachaint ar leabhair, ag tógáil agus ag comhrá le chéile. Breathnaíodh ar na páistí ag súgradh taobh amuigh, ag rith, ag léimneach agus ag iniúchadh. Bhí na páistí ag dreapadh ar an ionad gníomhaíochta, ag súgradh sa teach súgartha agus ag pedalling trírothaigh.
- Breathnaíodh ar na páistí sa seomra Naíonáin ag rolladh agus ag lámhacán ar an mata bog, ag féachaint ar leabhair feirme, ag súgradh le bréagáin cheoil agus ag idirghníomhú leis an bhfoireann agus iad ar fad ina suí ar an urlár bog. Bhí saoirse ag na páistí dul ag lámhacán trí thollán, rolladh agus dreapadh ar mataí boga agus taitneamh a bhaint as an tsaoirse gluaiseachta. Tugadh na páistí faoi deara sa limistéar foscúil lasmuigh níos déanaí sa lá.

- Rinne an fhoireann cumarsáid le tuismitheoirí ar bhonn neamhfhoirmiúil ag amanna fágála agus bailiúcháin agus trí fheidhm chlár cumarsáide idirghníomhach cúram leanaí na seirbhíse agus trí straic leabhair próifíle i seomra Montessori.
- Bhí córas lárnach oibríthe i bhfeidhm do gach páiste chun tacú lena bhforbairt agus chun bonn eolais a chur faoi phleanáil an churaclaim. Ba é ról an phríomhoibrí ná idirchaidreamh a dhéanamh le tuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí.
- Tugadh aire do na páistí ar bhealach cineálta séimh. Tugadh faoi deara an fhoireann ag labhairt leis na páistí ag a n-airde, ag éisteacht go haireach agus ag freagairt ar bhealach ciúin, socair agus íogair.

## 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 córas slán i bhfeidhm ag an doras isteach chun monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar theacht isteach agus imeacht sábháilte na leanaí chuig agus ón áis cúraim leanaí.
- Daingníodh na limistéir lasmuigh le fálú, ballaí teorann agus geataí chun na páistí laistigh a chosaint.
- Stóráladh gníomhairí glantacháin i gceantar daingnithe lasmuigh de na leanaí.
- Déanann an tseirbhís measúnú riosca laethúil a thaifeadadh agus a chothabháil don timpeallacht laistigh agus lasmuigh.
- Coinníodh na cathaoireacha arda i riocht leordhóthanach le húmacha sábháilteachta feistithe i seomra na mBabaí.
- Fuarthas áiseanna stórála agus ní raibh teacht ag na páistí orthu.

##### Rialú Ionfhabhtuithe:

Clliceáil nó tapáil anseo chun téacs a chur isteach.

- Coinníodh an tseirbhís i riocht glan. Bhí sceidil ghlantacháin críochnaithe ar fáil. Glanadh boird agus dromchlaí oibre go rialta.
- Nigh na páistí a lámha ag eatrainmh chúí tar éis gníomhaíochtaí, leithris agus roimh am béile.
- Stóráileadh earraí bia meatacha na bpáistí agus foirmle na naíonán i gceart sa chuisneoir seirbhíse.
- Bhí modh cúí ar fáil chun góbáin an naíonán a steiriliú. Stóráileadh na góbáin i gcoimeádáin lipéadaithe ina n-aonar.

- Cuireadh cliabháin agus leapacha meánmhéide aonair ar fáil do na páistí. Bhí coimeádáin lipéadaithe ar fáil chun earraí glana leapa agus cúraim phearsanta a stóráil sna seomraí.

## Dáileadh Cógas:

- Níor riaradh aon chógais ar lá na cigireachta.
- Bhí taifid ar fáil agus coinníodh iad i ngach seomra cúraim chun cógais a riaradh
- Bhí cóip chrua den pholasaí seirbhíse ar fáil ach é a iarraidh.

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## Coladh Sábháilte:

- Bhí seomra codlata ainmnithe amháin ar fáil do na naíonáin le codladh agus tiontaíodh seomra na Tachrán tar éis am lóin le haghaidh soláthar codlata.
- Bhí líon leordhóthanach cliabháin meánmhéide caighdeánacha sna limistéir chodlata chun go mbeadh na naíonáin inan codladh. Bhí leapacha ar leibhéal íseal ar fáil do pháistí os cionn dhá bhliain d'aois.
- Coinníodh teocht an tseomra codlata idir 16-20 céim celsius le linn na cigireachta. Bhí teirmiméadar ar fáil don fhoireann chun teocht an tseomra a thomhas agus monatóireacht a dhéanamh orthu.
- Rinne an fhoireann breathnóireachtaí codlata na bpáistí a thaifeadadh gach deich nóiméad agus coinníodh taifid. I measc na dtuairimí sin do na páistí bhí: dath, suíomh, teocht an tseomra, análú agus aon ghníomhartha feabhais a rinneadh.
- Bhí limistéar scithe laistigh de gach ceann de na seomraí súgartha le tolg de mhéid leanaí ar fáil a d'fhéadfaí a chur in oiriúint mar limistéar scithe do na páistí chun scíth a ligean nó díliostáil ó ghníomhaíochtaí más mian leo.

## Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin:

- Bhí na bealaí amach I gcas tine glan ó bhac ar fud na seirbhíse.
- Bhí taifid scríofa de dhruileanna dóiteáin míosúla ar fáil.
- Bhí pointí cóimeála dóiteáin inaitheanta go héasca.
- Bhí taifid d'oiliúint sábháilteachta dóiteáin cothrom le dáta ar fáil.

## Turas:

- Níor tharla aon turas ar lá na cigireachta. Bhí polasaí turas ag an tseirbhís ach é a iarraidh.

## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

### Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh duine atá oile 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) Sholáthair an tseirbhís fianaise go raibh duine a oileadh i ngarchabhair do leanaí ar fáil i gcónaí do na leanaí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile. Bhí oiliúint reatha ag naonúr ball foirne sa chúrsa (Freagróir Garchabhrach) do leanaí.
- (2)(a) Bhí bosca garchabhrach i ngach seomra súgartha le míreanna ábhair laistigh de dháta, stóráilte go sábháilte, inrochtana go héasca agus stóráilte in áit fheiceálach.
- (b) Léirigh an tseirbhís go raibh na boscaí garchabhrach lánfheistithe agus ar fáil do na leanaí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

### Rialachán 26 - Bearta maidir le sábháilteacht ó dhóiteán

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn—

(a) ar aon druil dóiteáin a dhéantar san áitreabh, agus

(b) ar líon, cineál agus taifead cothabhála an trealaimh chun dóiteán a chomhrac agus na n-aláram deataigh san áitreabh.

(4) Déanfar fógra i dtaobh na nósanna imeachta a bheidh le leanúint i gcás dóiteáin a chur ar taispeáint in áit fheiceálach san áitreabh.

#### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1)(a) Bhí taifead scríofa ar fáil de na druileanna dóiteáin míosúla a cuireadh i gcrích sa tseirbhís. An druil dóiteáin inár taifeadh go deireanach ná ar dáta an 4/03/2024.
- (b) Bhí taifid don seirbhís bhliantúil ar fáil maidir le líon, cineál agus cothabháil trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin ar dáta 26/10/2023.

Bhí an tseirbhís bhliantúil dheireanach ag an gcóras aláraim deataigh agus braite dóiteáin don áitreabh ar an 26/10/2023 .

- (4) Taispeánadh fógraí aslonnaithe laistigh den seirbhís do na nósanna imeachta a bhí le leanúint i gcás tine san áitreabh.

## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

### Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

#### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Bhí cumhdach árachais cothrom le dáta ar fáil do 31 leanbh réamhscoile. Tá an polasaí bailí go dtí an 27 Márta 2024.

## Cuid VII - Ceanglais maidir le Háitribh agus Spás

### Rialachán 29 - Áitribh

*Cinnteoigh soláthraí cláraithe maidir le háitreabh na seirbhíse—*

*(d) go ndéanfar é a ghlanadh, a chothabháil agus a dheisiú, de réir mar is gá, agus*

#### Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

- (d) Bhí fianaise ann go raibh taise / caoineach ar uasteorainn an tseomra fóntais, an tsleáil agus ballaí l leithreas foirne agus an seomra slíús a raibh gá le tuilleadh cothabhála agus deisiúcháin imscrúdaithe gairmiúla. Sainaithníodh an limistéar fóntais agus eisíodh neamhchomhlíonadh ar an tuarascáil roimhe seo dar dáta 30/6/2022.

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

Ar an 4/4/2024, chuir an duine atá i gceannas an méid seo a leanas in iúl.

#### **Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach**

Rinneadh teagmháil le sealbhóir an léasa (Údarás na Gaeltachta) agus thug innealtóir cuairt ar an láthair ar an 15/3/2024 chun na hoibreacha a theastaíonn ar an bhfoirgneamh a fhiosrú. Thug oibrí sinsearach cuairt ar an láthair ar an 4/4/2024. Tá an Naíolann ag fanacht leis an tuarascáil deiridh ón dá pháirtí agus dáta tosaithe agus críochnaithe do na hoibreacha atá dlite a fháil.

## **Doiciméid Tacaíochta Curtha isteach**

Ríomhphost ina leagtar béim ar na cuairteanna ar an láthair a thug an t-innealtóir agus an t-oibrí sinsearach ó Údarás na Gaeltachta go dtí seo chun an obair atá le déanamh a fhiosrú.

## **Nóta Tráchta Achomair**

Leagtar béim sna gníomhartha agus san fhianaise a cuireadh isteach ar an imscrúdú leanúnach ar na hoibreacha atá dlite le haghaidh cothabhála agus deisiúcháin faoi Rialachán 29 (d) ach níor cuireadh aon dáta tosaithe ná dáta críochnaithe isteach go dtí seo. Tá an neamhchomhlíonadh fós gan réiteach agus déanfar athbhreithniú air ar an gcéad iniúchadh eile.

# Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

## Pre School

<b>TUSLA Identifier:</b>	TU2015GY169
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<b>Name of Service:</b>	Naíolann na n Oileán
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<b>Address of Service:</b>	Tir an Fhia, Lettermore, Co. Galway.
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<b>Eircode:</b>	H91 YE86
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<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Peadar Ó Maoláin
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<b>Service type:</b>	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	06/03/2024
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<b>No of pre-school children:</b>	AM	26	PM	25
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<b>Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:</b>	Early Years Inspectorate, Quality and Regulation Directorate, Clinical & Administration Building, Block A - (1st Floor- Green Corridor), Merlin Park, Galway.
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<b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>	F.Nic Dhonnacha
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<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Inspector
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### Authority to Inspect

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

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

The service is located in Leitir Mór, County Galway. A full day, part time and a sessional programme of care is offered for children ranging from six months to six years of age, Monday to Friday from 08:00hrs to 17:30hrs.

The service is located in a purpose built, building that accommodates four preschool rooms and one sleep room. During the inspection three rooms were in operation. These included: the Baby room (age range: eleven months to eighteen months), the Toddler room (age range: one and a half to two and a half years) with an interconnecting room which is used for sleep purposes now, the Montessori room (age range: three to five years). The fourth room was not in operation on the day of inspection and is used for storage at present. There is a designated kitchen where the snacks and main meals are prepared, cooked, and stored on site. The children have direct access to the outdoor play area to the front of the premises which includes an all-weather sheltered area during inclement weather. Additionally, there is an outdoor play area to the rear of the premises.

A preschool curriculum based on emerging interests and Montessori is provided in the service. The preschool is an Irish speaking service, and the staff and children are emersed in the Irish culture and heritage of the surrounding Gaeltacht region daily. Additionally, the preschool offers an afterschool programme for the school aged children from 13.30hrs to 17.30hrs Monday to Friday.

### Staffing

Thirteen adults are employed by the service. The registered provider is part of a board of management and does not work in the service. During the inspection the manager was present. Nine adults worked directly with the children; one adult who was present is engaged in work placement activation programmes. One adult was a student over the age of eighteen who was engaged in work experience. One auxiliary staff who undertook cleaning and food preparation duties was present in the service. Additionally, there were three staff who work with the school age children's afterschool programme.

### Methodology

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate is the independent statutory regulator of early years services in Ireland. The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 define the duty of a registered provider to ensure the safety and well-being of children and to comply with these regulations. This Act also gives Tusla the authority to assess compliance with the regulations. The purpose of regulation in relation to early years services is to ensure that the care, safety, and well-being of children attending such services is upheld. Inspections of early years services are planned based on the following:

- Previous inspection history

- Any information received in relation to the service

The findings on inspection are based on:

- Information obtained through examination of documentation
- Direct observation
- Discussion with relevant staff

This inspection was unannounced and focused on the area of governance, health, welfare and development of child, safety, premises and facilities. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under regulations 9,11,15,19,23,25,26, and 28 however, on inspection additional non-compliance which posed a risk was identified under Regulation 29. 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 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 manager was the person in charge and there was a named person available to deputise in their absence.
- (b) The manager was available throughout the inspection.
- (2) Thirteen files were available and reviewed by the inspector. The findings included the following:
- (a)&(b) Twenty-six written validated references from past employers or a source other than a past employer were available in respect of adults working in the service.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures were available in respect of the thirteen adults.
- (d) International police vetting was available for one adult working in the service who had lived in another state for a period longer than six months.

- (4) Nine adults working directly with the children held Early Childhood Care and Education qualifications ranging from Level 5 to 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications 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) During the inspection an adequate number of adults worked directly with the children in attendance.
- (2) On the 6/03/24 an adequate number of adults cared for the children in the three care rooms. The regulatory ratio of adults caring for children was maintained during the inspection in each care room.
- On the morning of the inspection, there were 26 children present.
- 4 children were aged 11 months to 1 ½ years,
  - 12 children were aged between 18 months to 2 ½ years,
  - 10 children were aged between 3 to 5 years,
- There were 8 staff directly caring for these children.
- In the morning, the manager provided assistance with the administration part of the inspection and childcare relief as required. Additionally, there was a college student over the age of 18 years, who was supervised when interacting with the children and a service chef/ cleaner who commenced duty at 12md.
- In the afternoon, there were 25 children present.
- 4 children were aged between 11 months to 1 ½ years,
  - 9 children were aged between 18 months to 2 ½ years,
  - 12 children were aged between 2 to 3 years,

There were 8 staff, directly caring for and supervising these children. The service manager provided assistance with the administration part of the inspection and childcare relief when required.

Additionally, the service driver was collecting school aged children.

In the afternoon, there was a school aged programme with 3 staff members designated to their care.

(8)(a) The staff roster demonstrated that more than two adults were available in the service at all times.

### Part IV – Information and Records

#### Regulation 15 – Record of pre-school child

*(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a pre-school service in a drop-in centre or a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a record in writing is kept in respect of each pre-school child attending the service containing the following particulars:*

*(a) the name and date of birth of the child;*

*(b) the date on which the child first attended the service;*

*(c) the date on which the child ceased to attend the service;*

*(d) the name and address of a parent or guardian of the child and a telephone number where that parent or guardian or a relative or friend of the child can be contacted during the hours of operation of the service;*

*(e) authorisation for the collection of the child;*

*(f) details of any illness, disability, allergy or special need of the child, together with all the information relevant to the provision of special care or attention;*

*(g) the name and telephone number of the child's registered medical practitioner;*

*(h) record of immunisations, if any, received by the child;*

*(i) written parental consent for appropriate medical treatment of the child in the event of an emergency.*

*(4) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing referred to in paragraph (1) is retained for a period of 2 years from the date on which the child to whom it relates ceases to attend the service.*

*(5) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing referred to in paragraph (2) is retained for a period of 2 years from the date on which the child attends the service.*

#### Compliance Information

(1) A sample of twelve of forty-two enrolment forms for children that are currently attending were reviewed by the inspector. The details relating to (1) (a) to (j) were documented on each record.

(4)&(5) The registered provider advised and documentary evidence from file review indicated, that all relevant children's records were kept for 2 years from the date a child stops attending the service.

### 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

##### Basic Needs

- The service had a healthy eating policy on request.
- Each child was given enough time to eat and enjoy their snacks and meals without being rushed. The atmosphere during mealtimes was relaxed, with pleasant social interaction among the children and staff.
- The children from the Wobbler/ Toddler room and Montessori room ate their main meals in the dining room while the younger children have their snacks and meals in the Baby room. The meals were prepared by a food company next door, cooked, and stored on site in the service kitchen. The children attending the service on a full day care and part time basis had two meals and two snacks. The children attending the full day care service had a hot meal provided by the service. The person in charge advised that the staff ensured that each meal snack had two food groups. The registered provider advised that there was a supply of food in the kitchen, for any child requiring additional food.
- The crockery, cutlery and drinking utensils used were suitable for the children's ages and stage of development.
- The staff encouraged and supported the children to be independent while they had free play, tabletop activities, pretend play, artwork, and imaginative play.
- Eleven children from the Baby room and Toddler room had their nappies changed on a regular basis, in a timely manner, in the designated nappy changing area. The children's privacy and dignity was maintained while the children used the toilets and during nappy changing procedures.
- The children had unrestricted access to the toilet and did not have to wait to use the toilet.
- Children were encouraged and supported to develop self-help and personal hygiene skills.
- The tables and chairs were suitable for the children's ages and stages of development. Children have plenty of opportunities to move themselves, to practice and improve their emerging skills, such as co-ordination and balance. All the children had opportunities to explore their environment. On the day of

inspection, the children ate together for their snacks and main meals and had the freedom of movement within their respective playroom.

- All the children had the opportunity to play outside for physical exercise and movement.

### Supporting Relationships

- The service supported children in forming and sustaining positive relationships with siblings, peers, and other children, by providing opportunities for small and large group activities and play, leading to increased social awareness, co-operation, collaboration, teamwork, and a sense of belonging.
- Staff responded to infants in a timely and appropriate way when they cried or became upset.
- The children from the Montessori room were observed at circle time listening to stories, singing action songs, and playing matching games. The children were observed running, chasing, playing ball, riding on tricycles in the outdoor play area to the front of the premises.
- The children from the Toddler room were observed, at free play, looking at books, at construction and chatting together. The children were observed playing outside, running, jumping, and exploring. The children were climbing on the activity centre, playing in the playhouse and pedalling tricycles.
- The children in the Babies room were observed rolling and crawling on the soft matting, looking at farm books, playing with musical toys and interacting with the staff while they all sat on the soft matting. The children had the freedom to crawl through a tunnel, roll and climb on soft matting and enjoy the freedom of movement. The children were observed in the outdoor sheltered area later in the day.
- The staff communicated with parents on an informal basis at drop off and collections times and through the service's childcare interactive communication application and via profile scrapbooks in the Montessori room.
- A key worker system was in place for each child to support their development and to inform curriculum planning. The role of the key worker was to liaise with parents and guardians.
- The children were cared for in a kind and gentle manner. The staff were observed speaking to the children at their height, listening attentively and responding in a quiet, calm, and sensitive manner.

### 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:

- A secure system was in place at the entrance door to monitor the safe entry and exit of the children to and from the childcare facility.
- The outdoor areas were secured with fencing, boundary walls and gates to protect the children within.
- Cleaning agents were stored in a secured area out of reach of the children.
- The service records and maintains a daily risk assessment for the indoor and outdoor environment.
- The highchairs were maintained in adequate condition with fitted safety harnesses in the Baby room.
- Storage facilities were secured and inaccessible to the children.

##### Infection Control:

- The service was maintained in a clean condition. Completed cleaning schedules were available. Tabletops and work surfaces were regularly cleaned.
- The children washed their hands at appropriate intervals after activities, toileting and before mealtime.
- The children's perishable food items and infant formula were stored correctly in the service fridge.
- An appropriate method was available to sterilise the infant's soothers. The soothers were stored in individually labelled containers.
- The children were provided with individual standard sized cots and beds. Labelled containers were available for storing clean bedlinen and personal care items.

##### Administration of Medication:

- No medications were administered on the day of inspection.
- Records were available and maintained in each care room of the administration of medication
- There was a hard copy of the service policy available on request.

##### Safe Sleep:

- One designated sleep room was available for the infants to sleep and the Toddler room was converted after lunch time for sleep provision.
- The sleep areas had an adequate number of standard sized cots for the infants to sleep. Low level beds were available for children over two years of age.

- The sleep room temperatures were maintained between 16-20 degrees Celsius during the inspection. A thermometer was available for staff to measure and monitor the room temperatures.
- The children's sleep observations were recorded by staff every ten minutes and records were maintained. These observations included the children's: colour, position, room temperature, breathing and any remedial actions taken.
- There was a cosy area within each of the playrooms with child sized couches provided which could be adapted as a rest area for the children to rest or opt out of activities if they so wished.

### Fire Safety:

- The fire exits and passageways were clear from obstruction throughout the service.
- Written records of completed monthly fire drills were available.
- Fire assembly points were readily identifiable.
- Records of up-to-date fire safety training were available.

### Outing:

- No outings occurred on the day of inspection. The service had an outing policy available on request.

## Part VI - Safety

### Regulation 25 - First aid

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

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

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

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

### Compliance Information

- (1) The service provided evidence that a person trained in first aid for children was available at all times to the children attending the pre-school service. Nine staff had current training in (First Aid Responder) course for children.
- (2)(a) There was a first aid box in each playroom with content items within date, safely stored, easily accessible and stored in a conspicuous position.
- (b) The service demonstrated that the first aid boxes were fully equipped and available to the children attending the pre-school service.

### Part VI – Safety

#### Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures

- (1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of-
- (a) any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and
  - (b) the number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises.

#### Compliance Information

- (1)(a) A written record was available of the monthly fire drills completed in the service. The last recorded fire drill was dated 4/03/2024.
- (b) Records were available in relation to the number, type, and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment with the annual service dated 26/10/2023.
- The smoke and fire detection alarm system for the premises had the last annual service dated 26/10/2023.
- (4) Evacuation 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

Up to date insurance cover was available for 31 pre-school children. The policy is valid until the 27th of March 2024.

### Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

#### Regulation 29 - Premises

*A registered provider shall ensure that the premises of the service are-*  
*(d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and*

#### Non-Compliance Information

(d) There was evidence of damp / mildew on the ceiling of the utility room, the ceiling and walls of a staff toilet and the sluice room that needed further professional investigation maintenance and repair. The utility area was identified, and a non-compliance was issued on the previous report dated 30/6/2022.

#### Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On the 4/4/2024 the person in charge advised of the following.

#### Corrective and Preventive Action

The lease holder (Údarás na Gaeltachta) has been contacted and an engineer made an onsite visit on the 15/3/2024 to investigate the works required on the building. A senior workman made an onsite visit on the 4/4/2024. The creche is awaiting the final report from both parties with a commencement and completion date for works due.

#### Supporting documentation submitted

An email highlighting the onsite visits to date by the engineer and senior workman from Údarás na Gaeltachta to investigate the works due to be carried out.

#### Summary Comment

The actions and evidence submitted highlight the ongoing investigation of the works due for maintenance and repair under Regulation 29 (d) however no commencement or completion date has been submitted to date. The noncompliance remains outstanding and will be reviewed on next inspection.