

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

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Údarás chun cigireacht a dhéanamh

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

Coinníollacha, má bhaineann le hábhar	Cliceáil nó tapáil anseo chun téacs a chur isteach.
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Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Tá an tseirbhís réamhscoile lonnaithe ar thailte na bunscoile ar a dtugtar Scoil Bhuaile Beag sa Bhóil Bheag, Contae na Gaillimhe thiar. Cuirtear clár Cúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige (ECCE) agus clár cúraim seisiúnach ar fáil ó 08.30 go dtí 11.30 uair an chloig ó Luan go hAoine do leanaí idir 2 bhliain go 6 bliana d'aois.

Oibríonn an réamhscoil ó aonad modúlach ó taobh na scoile náisiúnta. Tá seomra súgartha mór amháin ann halla iontrála agus áiseanna sláintíochta. Tá limistéar scíthe ciúin ar fáil do na páistí chun scíth a ligean sa seomra súgartha más mian leo. Tá rochtain ag na páistí réamhscoile ar limistéar súgartha lasmuigh os comhair na scoile náisiúnta le haghaidh gníomhaíochtaí súgartha do pháistí, aer úr, agus taiscéalaíocht agus limistéar páirce glas a roinntear leis na páistí scoile ag amanna leithdháilte ar chúl. Tá an réamhscoil á reáchtáil trí mheán na Gaeilge, agus díríonn an curaclam ar spraoi agus ar spéiseanna speisialta na bpáistí chomh maith le modhanna Montessori.

Soláthar foirne

Is í an soláthraí cláraithe an duine ainmnithe atá i gceannas. Tá an soláthraí cláraithe ag feidhmiú ina aonar faoi láthair le huasmhéid de 11 leanbh ag aon am amháin. Tá duine fásta breise ann a bhfuil cur amach aici ar an tseirbhís a dhéanann ionadaíocht nuair is gá. Tá cáilíocht i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige ag Leibhéal 5-Leibhéal 6 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí ag na daoine fásta atá ag obair san áitreabh. Tá fianaise dhoiciméadach ag an bhfoireann maidir le hoiliúint agus oideachas leanúnach.

Modheolaíocht

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

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

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Ba chigireacht neamh fhógartha 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.

Úsáideadh próiseas samplála chun measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh faoin rialachán 15 Taifead Leanbh Reamhscoile .

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 gCigireacht buíochas a ghabháil leis an soláthraí cláraithe agus leis na leanaí a bhí i láthair ar lá na cigireachta as a gcomhoibriú ar fad.

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Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 9 – Bainistíocht agus earcaíocht

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe-

(a) go mbeidh sa tseirbhís duine i bhfeighil ainmnithe agus duine arna ainmniú nó arna hainmniú a bheidh ábalta gníomhú mar ionadaí de réir mar is gá,

(b) go mbeidh an duine i bhfeighil ainmnithe nó an duine arna ainmniú nó arna hainmniú dá dtagraítear i bhfomhír (a) san áitreabh gach tráth le linn na tréimhse ina mbeidh an tseirbhís réamhscoile á seoladh.

(2) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe gur duine oiriúnach inniúil gach fostaí, gach oibrí nach n-íoctar agus gach conraitheoir, agus cineál na riachtanas a bhíonn ar leanaí á chur san áireamh, lena n-áirítear trí na nithe seo a leanas a dhéanamh—

(a) breithniú ar theistiméireacht ó fhostóirí an duine san am a caitheadh, más ann, agus go háirithe ar theistiméireacht ón bhfostóir is déanaí, más ann,

(b) breithniú ar theistiméireachtaí ó fhoinsí 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.

(3) Déanfar na nósanna imeachta a shonraítear i mír (2) a chur i gcrích sula ndéanfar aon duine a cheapadh nó a shannadh nó sula gceadófar dó nó di rochtain a bheith aige nó aici ar leanbh nó teagmháil a bheith aige nó aici le leanbh a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

(4) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe, gan dochar do ghinearálacht 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 um Chomhlíonadh

(1)(a) Ba é an soláthraí cláraithe an duine ainmnithe a bhí i gceannas.

(b) Tá an soláthraí cláraithe ag feidhmiú na seirbhíse leis féin agus go raibh sé ar fáil le linn an phróisis iniúchta.

(2) Rinne an cigire athbhreithniú ar dhá chomhad; Ba iad an soláthraí cláraithe agus ball foirne breise a sholáthraíonn faoiseamh nuair is gá. I measc na dtorthaí bhí an méid seo a leanas:

(a) Fuarthas dhá thagairt scríofa ó iarfhostóirí agus bailíochtaíodh iad.

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- (b) Fuarthas dhá thagairt scríofa ó fhoinse seachas iarfhostóir agus bailíochtaíodh iad.
- (c) Fuarthas nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána don bheirt dhaoine fásta. Léirigh an tseirbhís freisin go gcomhlíontar an Fógra Rialála Cigireachta Luathbhlianta lena gceanglaítear ar sheirbhísí grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána a athnuachan gach trí bliana.
- (d) Ní raibh grinnfhiosrúcháin póilíní idirnáisiúnta ag teastáil, toisc nach raibh aon bhall foirne ina gcónaí i Stát eile ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná sé mhí mar dhuine fásta.
- (3) Cuireadh na nósanna imeachta a shonraítear i mír (2) i gcrích sular ceapadh aon duine, sular sannadh nó sular ceadaíodh rochtain a fháil ar leanbh a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.
- (4) Bhí cáilíochtaí Cúraim agus Oideachais Luath-Óige ag beirt dhaoine fásta a oibríonn go díreach leis na leanaí réamhscoile ó Leibhéal 5 go 6 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí.

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 11 - Leibhéal Foirne

- (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.*
- (3) Subject to paragraph (5), a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 2 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) therefore at that reference number is satisfied.*
- (8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)-*
- (c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.*

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Rinne cigire na luathbhlianta athbhreithniú ar na taifid tinrimh do na trí seachtaine roimhe sin, rud a léirigh go raibh líon leordhóthanach foirne ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí réamhscoile.
- (3) Bhí 1 ball foirne ag obair go díreach le 11 leanbh agus ag tabhairt aire dóibh le linn uaireanta cúraim seisiúnach. Bhí na páistí go léir idir 3 bliana agus 5 1/2 bliana d'aois.
- (8)(c) Oibríonn an soláthraí cláraithe an tseirbhís réamhscoile ina aonar, tá an dara duine breise ar fáil agus eolach ar oibriú na seirbhíse más gá.

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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)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(g)(h) & (i)

Rinne an cigire luathbhlianta athbhreithniú ar gach taifead déag do leanaí.

Bhí na hiontrálacha a ndearnadh athbhreithniú orthu fíorasach, comhsheasmhach agus cruinn.

Bhí an méid seo a leanas sna haon taifead déag do leanaí:

- Ainm agus dáta breithe an linbh.
- An dáta ar a d'fhreastail an leanbh ar an tseirbhís den chéad uair.
- An dáta ar a stop an leanbh ag freastal ar an tseirbhís (nuair is ábhartha).
- Ainm agus seoladh tuismitheora nó caomhnóra an linbh, agus uimhir theileafóin i gcás ina ndéanann an tuismitheoir sin nó

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- Is féidir teagmháil a dhéanamh le caomhnóir (nó le gaol nó cara an tuismitheora nó an linbh) le linn uaireanta oibríochta.
- Údarú / cead scríofa chun an leanbh a bhailiú.
- Déantar sonraí a thaifeadadh maidir le haon tinneas, ailléirge, nó riachtanas breise a bhí ag an leanbh, mar aon leis na riachtanais go léir faisnéis a bhaineann le cúram nó aire sonrach a sholáthar.
- Ainm agus uimhir theileafóin lia-chleachtóir cláraithe an linbh.
- Taifead ar aon vacsaínithe a bhí ag an leanbh.
- Cuireadh toiliú scríofa tuismitheora nó caomhnóra san áireamh chun ligean don leanbh leighis cuí a bheith aige cóireáil má bhí / tá éigeandáil ann.

(4)&(5) Chuir an duine i gceannas in iúl agus gur léirigh fianaise dhoiciméadach ón athbhreithniú comhad go bhfuil an réamhscoil go raibh córas aige chun go gcoimeádfaí gach taifead ábhartha do leanaí ar feadh dhá 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.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Riachtanais Bhunúsacha

(1)(a)

- Chuir na tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí sneaiceanna / béilí na bpáistí ar fáil. Bhí na páistí inann teacht go heasca ar a gcuid cupán uisce i rith an tseisiúin. Chuir an tseirbhís bia sláintiúil chun cinn.
- Bhí a gcuid sneaiceanna ag na páistí sa phríomh sheomra súgartha. Bhí na sneaiceanna ag breathnú sláintiúil, cothaitheach agus éagsúil, mar shampla, roinnt ceapairí le liamhás nó cáis, wraps, craicéir, iógart agus torthaí mionghearrtha.
- Bhain na páistí úsáid as an limistéar sláintiúchta taobh istigh agus tugadh cúnamh má bhí siad ag iarraidh.
- Bhí limistéar scíthe ar fáil sa seomra súgartha le tolg agus mataí bog in aice leis an limistéar léitheoireachta.

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- Bhí saoirse ag na páistí bogadh agus súgradh sna réimsí spéise éagsúla i rith an tseisiúin, agus an duine a bhí i gceannas ag maoirsiú na bpáistí an tam ar fad.
- Breathnaíodh ar na páistí ag súgradh le gaineamh sa rannóg súgartha mí shlachtmhara, bhí bloic a thógáil, bhí cuid gasiúr ag déanamh puzail, ag breathnú ar leabhair agus ag cleachtadh a gcuid scileanna reatha agus bratacha corcra á choinneáil acu chun tacaíocht a thabhairt le rith carthanachta sa cheantar níos déanaí an lá sin.

Ag Tacú le Caidrimh

- Rinne an duine i gceannas cumarsáid leanúnach leis na leanaí, chuir sí leideanna ar fáil nuair ba ghá agus thairg sí suaimhneas de réir mar ba gá.
- Bhí cead ag na páistí a gcuid gníomhaíochtaí féin a roghnú sa seomra súgartha agus d'fhéadfaidís a gcuid gníomhaíochtaí a athrú má bhí siad ag iarraidh. Thug an duine i gceannas le fios go n-imríonn siad taobh amuigh ar bhonn laethiúl.
- De réir mar a tháinig na tuismitheoirí chun a gcuid páistí a bhailiú, phléigh an duine a bhí i gceannas lá an linbh agus aon cheisteanna suntasacha a d'fhéadfadh teacht chun cinn le linn an tseisiúin.
- Bhí straic leabhar ag gach páiste chun a gcuid saothar ealaíne, smaointe agus téamaí a bhailiú le chéile agus tuairimí san áireamh.
- Ba é téama na seachtaine an samhradh / an gairdín agus spéiseanna na bpáistí féin.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 24 - Seiceáil isteach agus amach agus taifead ar fhreastal

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéanfaidh fostaí nó oibrí nach n-íoctar gach leanbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís a sheiceáil isteach sa tseirbhís agus amach aisti.

(3) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe-

(a) nach féidir le haon duine seachas—

(i) leanbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís,

(ii) duine atá ag fágáil leanbh den sórt sin ag an tseirbhís nó á bhailiú nó á bailiú ón tseirbhís,

(iii) fostaí, nó

(iv) oibrí nach n-íoctar, teacht isteach san áitreabh gan sin a bheith ceadaithe ag fostaí, agus

(b) go gcoimeádfar taifead laethúil i scríbhinn ar aon duine den sórt sin do theacht isteach san áitreabh.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1) Bhí leabhar taifead a thug mionsonraí ar theacht agus imeacht na bpáistí chuig an tseirbhís go laethúil ar fáil ar an láthair.

(3)(a) Chinntigh an soláthraí cláraithe nach ndeachaigh aon duine seachas na daoine atá leagtha amach i (i) go (iv) isteach sa tseirbhís gan ceadú roimh ré. Bhí cead scríofa ag an duine atá i gceannas ar gach cuairteoir a taifeadadh.

(b) Bhí taifead scríofa ar fáil ag taifeadadh na gcuairteoirí go léir ag an mbealach isteach chuig an tseirbhís.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh duine atá oilte ar gharchabhair do leanaí ar fáil láithreach i gcónaí do na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoil.

(2) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh bosca garchabhrach do leanaí a bhfuil an trealamh cuí ann—

(a) stóráilte go sábháilte in áit fheiceálach san áitreabh ar féidir teacht air gan dua, agus

(b) ar fáil i gcónaí do na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Chuir an tseirbhís fianaise ar fáil go raibh beirt bhall foirne oilte i ngarchabhair do leanaí agus go raibh siad ar fáil do na páistí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.
- (2)(a) Bhí bosca garchabhrach ann, stóráilte go sábháilte, le teacht easca ar agus in áit fheiceálach sa seomra spraoi.
- (b) Léirigh an tseirbhís go raibh an bosca garchabhrach feistithe go hiomlán agus ar fáil do na páistí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile agus na míreanna ar fad laistigh den dáta.

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) Coimeádadh taifead i scríbhinn do na druileanna dóiteáin míosúla a dhéantar sa tseirbhís. Bhí an druil dóiteáin míosúil deireanach déanta ar an 13/04/2026.
- (b) Coinníodh taifead ar líon, cineál agus cothabháil trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin leis an tseirbhís bhliantúil dheireanach dar dáta 11/08/2025.
Bhí an cothabháil bhliantúil don chóras aláram deataigh déanta ar an 19/5/2026.

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- (4) Bhí fógra faoi na nósanna imeachta a bhí le leanúint i gcás tine ar taispeáint go feiceálach sa seomra réamhscoile.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Bhí árachas leordhóthanach ar fáil do sheirbhís sheisiúnach do 22 leanbh ar a mhéad le dáta éaga 27/11/2026.

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TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015GY173
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Name of Service:	Naionra Chait
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Address of Service:	Scoil Buaile Beag, Bearnna, Co. Galway
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Eircode:	H91WY28
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Name of Registered Provider:	Cait Ni Chathain
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Service type:	Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	14/05/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	10	PM	No.
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Early Years Inspectorate, Quality Assurance Directorate, Clinical & Administration Building, Block A- (1st Floor-Green Corridor), Merlin Park, Galway.
Inspection undertaken by:	F Nic Dhonnacha
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Authority to Inspect

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

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Description of service

The pre-school service is located on the grounds of the primary school known as Scoil Bhuaile Beag in Boley Beg, east County Galway. An Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme and sessional care programme is offered from 8.30hrs to 11.30hrs, Monday to Friday for children aged between 2 years and 8 months to 5 years. The preschool operates from a modular unit to the side of the national school. There is one large playroom an entrance hall and sanitary facilities. A quiet rest area is available for the children to rest and relax in the playroom if they choose. The preschool children have access to an outdoor play area in the front of the national school for children's play activities, fresh air, and exploration and a green park area which is shared with the school children at allocated times to the rear. The preschool is run through the medium of Irish, and the curriculum focuses on the childrens play and special interests along with methods of Montessori.

Staffing

The registered provider is the designated person in charge. The registered provider is operating single handedly currently with a max of 11 children at any one time. There is an additional adult who is familiar with the service who offers relief when necessary. The adults working in the premises, hold a qualification in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5- Level 6 on the National Qualifications Framework. 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

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

A sampling process was used to assess compliance under regulation 15 Record of a Pre School Child.

Inspection findings are documented in the inspection report which is first issued in draft format to the service with an opportunity to respond to any findings. Where statutory requirements are identified as not being met, the registered provider must demonstrate how they have rectified the non-compliance and will prevent any non-compliance from re occurring. The Corrective Action and Preventive Action plan (CAPA) will be used to inform decisions about compliance with regulatory requirements. Where the registered provider fails to meet the statutory requirements an escalation process may be commenced.

The inspectorate reserves the right to edit responses received for reasons including clarity, completeness and compliance with administrative and legal processes.

The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.

Acknowledgments

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

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Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that-

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

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

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

(3) The procedures specified in paragraph (2) shall be carried out prior to any person being appointed, assigned or allowed access to or contact with a child attending the pre-school service.

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

Compliance Information

(1)(a) The registered provider was the designated person in charge.

(b) The registered provider is operating the service by herself and was available during the inspection process.

Two files were reviewed by the inspector; they were the registered provider and an additional staff member who provides relief when necessary. The findings included the following:

(2)(a) Two references were sourced from past employers and validated.

(b) Two references were obtained from a source other than a past employer and validated.

(c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for the two adults. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew garda vetting every three years.

(d) International police vetting was not available, as no member of staff had lived in another state for a period

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longer than six months as an adult.

- (3) The procedures specified in paragraph (2) have been carried out prior to any person being appointed, assigned or allowed access with a child attending the pre-school service.
- (4) Two adults who work directly with the preschool children held Early Childhood Care and Education qualifications ranging from Level 5 to 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

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.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5), a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 2 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) therefore at that reference number is satisfied.

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

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

Compliance Information

- (1) The attendance records for the previous three weeks were reviewed by the early years' inspector, indicating that an adequate number of staff were working directly with the pre-school children.
- (2) There was 1 staff member working directly with and caring for 11 children who attended the sessional care hours. All the children were aged between 3 years and 5 ½ years of age.
- (8)(c) The registered provider operates the preschool service single handedly, an additional second person is available and familiar with the operation of the service if required.

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)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(g)(h) &(i) All 11 children's records were reviewed by the early years inspector.

The entries reviewed were factual, consistent and accurate.

The 11 children's records contained the following:

- The name and date of birth of the child.
- The date on which the child first attended the service.
- The date on which the child stopped attending the service (where relevant).
- The name and address of the child's parent or guardian, and a telephone number where that parent or guardian (or a relative or friend of the parent or child) can be contacted during the hours of operation.
- Written authorisation/permissions for collecting the child.
- Details are recorded of any illness, allergy, or additional need(s) the child had, together with all the information relevant to the provision of specific care or attention.

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- The name and telephone number of the child's registered medical practitioner.
- A record of any immunisations the child has had.
- Written parental or guardian consent was included to allow the child to have appropriate medical treatment if there was/is an emergency.

(4) & (5) The person in charge advised and documentary evidence from file review indicated, that the pre-school had a system to allow 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

Compliance Information

Basic Needs

(1)(a)

- The parents/guardians provided the children's snacks/meals and each child had a sippy cup filled with water they could access throughout the session. Healthy eating was promoted by the service.
- The children had their snack in the main playroom. The snack observed was healthy and nutritious and varied for example, some sandwiches with ham or cheese, wraps, crackers, yogurts and chopped fruit.
- The children used the sanitary area indoors and assistance was provided if requested.
- A rest area was available in the playroom with a couch soft matting and cushions adjacent to the reading area.
- The children had the freedom to move and play in the varied interest areas throughout the session, while the person in charge supervised the children.
- The children were observed playing with sand in the messy play section, building blocks, making puzzles, looking at books and practicing their running skills while holding a purple flag to support a charity run in the area later that day.

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Supporting Relationships

- The person in charge continuously communicated with the children, provided prompts when necessary and offered reassurance as required.
- The children were allowed to choose their own activities in the playroom and could change their activities if they wished. The person in charge advised that they play outside on a regular basis.
- As the parents arrived to collect their children the person in charge would discuss the child's day and any significant issues that may have arisen during the session.
- Each child had a scrapbook/journal to capture their artwork, ideas and themes collated together and observations included.
- The theme of the week was summertime/the garden and the childrens own interests.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 24 - Checking in and out and record of attendance

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that each pre-school child attending the service is checked in and out of the service by an employee or an unpaid worker.

(3) A registered provider shall ensure that-

(a) no person other than-

(i) pre-school child attending the service,

(ii) a person dropping or collecting such a child,

(iii) an employee, or

(iv) an unpaid worker, can enter the premises without his or her entry being approved by an employee, and

(b) a daily record in writing is kept of the entry on the premises of any such person.

(4) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing referred to in paragraph (3)(b) is retained for a period of one year from the date to which it relates.

Compliance Information

(1) A record book detailed the children's arrival and departure to and from the service daily was available onsite.

(3) (a) The registered provider ensured that no person other than the persons outlined in (i) to (iv) entered the service without prior approval. All visitors recorded had written approval by the person in charge.

(b) A written record was available recording all visitors at the entrance to the service.

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Part VI - Safety

Regulation 25 - First aid

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

Compliance Information

- (1) The service provided evidence that two staff members were trained in first aid for children and were available to the children attending the pre-school service.
- (2)(a) There was a first aid box, safely stored, easily accessible and in a conspicuous position in the kitchen.
- (b) The service demonstrated that the first aid bag was fully equipped and available to the children attending the pre-school service and items were within date.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures

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

Compliance Information

- (1)(a) A record in writing was kept and maintained in the service of the monthly fire drills. The last monthly fire drill was dated 13/04/2026.
- (b) A record was maintained of the number, type and maintenance of firefighting equipment with the last annual service dated 11/08/2025.
- The annual maintenance for the services smoke and fire detection system was dated 19/5/2026.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was conspicuously displayed in the pre-school room.

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Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

Adequate insurance was available for a sessional service to a maximum of 22 children with an expiry date of 27/11/2026.