

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

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Seoladh Cigireacht na Luathbhlianta:	Tusla – An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach, Cigireacht na Luathbhlianta, Stiúrthóireacht um Dhearbhú Cáilíochta, Foirgneamh Cliniciúil & Riaracháin, Bloc A - (An Chéad Urlár- An Chonair Ghlas), Páirc Mhuirlinne, Co. na Gaillimhe.			
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Tideal:	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

Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Is seirbhís seisiúnach é Naíonra Chluidín na mBabaí a oibrítear faoi rialachas Chomhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta. Cuirtear clár cúraim agus cúraim sheisiúnaigh ar fáil ó Luan go hAoine, ó 9.15 uair go 12.15 uair. Feidhmíonn an tseirbhís seisiúnach seo trí mheán na Gaeilge agus cuireann sí cultúr agus traidisiúin an cheantar Gaeltachta chun cinn. Cuirtear curaclam bunaithe ar shúgradh leanbh-lárnach ar fáil a dhíríonn ar spéiseanna atá ag teacht chun cinn. Tá an tseirbhís réamhscoile suite ar thailte Chumann Lúthchleas Gael (CLG) agus club Liathróid Láimhe i mBaile Chláir, Oirthear Chontae na Gaillimhe.

Tá seomra súgartha amháin ag an tseirbhís réamhscoile, oibrítear an Naíonra ó sheomra sa chlub CLG. Tá teacht ag an tseirbhís réamhscoile ar limistéar súgartha ainmnithe lasmuigh ar chúl an ionaid CLG. Tá teacht ag na páistí freisin faoi mhaoirseacht ar an bpáirc peile le haghaidh siúlóidí dúlra, taiscéalaíocht agus spraoi gach lá.

Soláthar foirne

Tá an soláthraí cláraithe sár-uimhriúil agus ní ar an áitreabh ar bhonn laethúil. Tá duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus tá leas-duine ainmnithe ann más gá agus nuair is gá. Bhí beirt bhall foirne ann ag obair agus ag tabhairt aire go díreach do na leanaí sa tseirbhís. Tá mórdhámhachtain ar a laghad ag an mbeirt bhall foirne seo i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige ag Leibhéal 5 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí, nó cáilíocht a mheasann an tAire a bheith coibhéiseach. Tá fianaise dhoiciméadach ag an bhfoireann ar oiliúint 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 chlárthaíte 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 díriodh ar rialachas, sláinte, folláine agus forbairt an linbh agus sábháilteacht lena linn. Féadfaidh cigireachtaí díriú ar réimsí eile chomh maith, de réir mar is gá. Dhírigh an chigireacht ar scrúdú a chomhlíonadh faoi rialacháin 9, 11, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, agus 28. Leagtar amach na torthaí seo laistigh de na rialacháin ábhartha laistigh den tuarascáil seo.

Baineadh úsáid as próiseas samplála chun measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh faoi rialachán 15 (Taifead ar Leanbh Réamhscoile).

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 Coiscitheach (CAPA) chun bonn eolais a chur le cinntí maidir le comhlíonadh le ceanglais rialála. I gcás nach n-éiríonn leis an soláthraí cláraithe na ceanglais reachtúla a chomhlíonadh, féadfar próiseas géaraithe a thosú.

Forchoimeádann an Chigireacht an ceart chun eagarthóireacht a dhéanamh ar fhreagraí a fhaightear ar chúiseanna éagsúla lena n-áirítear soiléireacht; iomláine; agus chun próisis riaracháin agus dlíthiúla a chomhlíonadh.

Is í an Chigireacht a thiomsaíonn ábhar na tuarascála.

Buíochas

Is mian leis an gCigire buíochas a ghabháil leis an duine i bhfeighil, leis an duine breise a bhí ag obair 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, 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 coibhéseach léi sin, ar a laghad.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1) (a)

Bhí duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus bhí duine ainmnithe in ann ionadaí a dhéanamh má bhí gá.

(b)

Bhí an duine a bhí i gceannas ar an áitreabh nuair a tháinig an cigire luathbhlianta agus d'fhan sí ar an láthair fad na cigireachta.

Léirigh fianaise dhoiciméadach go raibh an duine a bhí i gceannas nó an t-ionadaí ar fáil, san áitreabh, nuair a bhí na páistí réamhscoile i láthair.

Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar gach comhad foirne.

(2) (a)&(b)

Tháinig ceithre thagairt bhailíochtaíthe i scríbhinn ar chomhad don bheirt bhall foirne ó iarfhóistoir, nó ó fhoirse seachas fostóir.

(c)

Bhí nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána ar fáil ar chomhad don bheirt bhall foirne.

(d)

Ní raibh gá le grinnfhiosrúchán na bpóilíní toisc nach raibh aon fhoireann ina gcónaí agus ag obair lasmuigh den dlínse ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná sé mhí roimhe sin.

(4)

Bhí an cháilíocht riachtanach cúraim leanaí i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige ag an mbeirt bhall foirne a bhí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí nó cáilíocht a mheasann an tAire a bheith comhionann.

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 11 - Leibhéal Foirne

(1) *Faoi réir an Rialacháin seo, cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta ann i gcónaí a oibríonn go díreach leis na leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.*

(3) *Faoi réir mhír (5), cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seisiúnaigh go gcomhlíonfar gach tráth an cóimheas íosta idir aosaigh agus leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (3) de Chuid 2 de Sceideal 6 os coinne uimhir thagartha áirithe a shonraítear i gcolún (1) den Chuid sin i leith raon aoise na leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (2) dá bhrí sin ag an uimhir thagartha sin.*

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

(c) cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seisiúnach, i gcás ina n-oibríonn an duine atá i bhfeighil na seirbhíse go haonarach, go mbeidh an dara duine a bhfuil cur amach aige ar oibriú na seirbhíse agus atá in ann cúnamh a sholáthar don duine atá i gceannas ag oibriú na seirbhíse, laistigh de gach tráth, laistigh d'achar gar don tseirbhís agus go mbeidh sé ar fáil chun freastal ar an tseirbhís chun cabhrú leis an duine atá i gceannas i gcás éigeandála.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1)

Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar an leabhar taifead tinrimh réamhscoile agus tugadh le fios go raibh líon leordhóthanach foirne ag obair go díreach leis na páistí ó osclaíodh iad don fhómhar.

(3)

Bhí an cóimheas idir daoine fásta / páiste ceart agus coinnithe ar lá na cigireachta.

Maidin na cigireachta, bhí 18 leanbh réamhscoile idir 2 bhliain 11 mhí agus 5 bliana d'aois, agus beirt bhall foirne ag obair go díreach leis na páistí agus ag tabhairt aire dóibh.

(8) (c)

Tá an soláthraí cláraithe sar- uimhriúil agus ní oibríonn sé an tseirbhís ar láimh amháin. Tá duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus ionadaí nuair is gá agus más gá ag obair sa tseirbhís réamhscoile.

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.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1)
Rinne an cigire athbhreithniú ar shampla de shé cinn d'ocht bhfoirm rollaithe déag do leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís faoi láthair. Bhí na sonraí a bhaineann le (1) (a) go (i) a dhoiciméadaithe ar gach taifead.

Cuid IV – Faisnéis agus Taifid

Rialachán 18 – Cóip den Acht, etc.

Cinnteoídh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoinneofar san áitreabh cóip de Chuid VIIA (a cuireadh isteach le halt 92 den Acht fán nGníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach, 2013 (Uimh. 40 de 2013)) den Acht agus de na Rialacháin seo agus beidh na cóipeanna a dúradh ar fáil lena n-íniúchadh san áitreabh—

- (a) ag tuismitheoir nó caomhnóir linbh a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís nó a bheartaíonn freastal ar an tseirbhís,*
- (b) ag fostaí, ag oibrí nach n-íoctar nó ag conraitheoir, agus*
- (c) ag duine údaraithe.*

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Bhí cóip de Chuid VIIA (a cuireadh isteach le halt 92 den Acht fán nGníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach, 2013 (Uimh. 40 de 2013)) den Acht agus de na Rialacháin seo ar fáil ar an mbord fógraí agus ar fáil do thuismitheoirí, caomhnóirí, fostaithe, oibríthe gan phá, conraitheoirí agus daoine údaraithe.

Cuid V - Cúram Linbh i Seirbhís Réamhscoile

Rialachán 19 - Sláinte, Leas agus Forbairt Linbh

(1) Cinnteoídh 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*
- (b) go mbeidh cleachtais chúraim chuí oiriúnacha ar bun sa tseirbhís réamhscoile, ag féachaint don líon leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís agus do chineál a riachtanas.*

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1) (a) (b)

- Cuireadh bia sláintiúil chun cinn laistigh den tseirbhís agus bhí polasaí bia sláintiúil ar fáil le hathbheithniú ach é a iarraidh. Rinne na tuismitheoirí agus na caomhnóirí béilí agus sneaiceanna cothaitheacha agus cuireadh ar fáil go rialta do na páistí iad sa seirbhís réamhscoile. I measc na sneaiceanna bhí cáis, ceapairí liamhás, cácaí ríse, píosaí torthaí agus iógart. Bhí fáil rialta ag na páistí ar a mbuidéil uisce le linn an tseisiúin.

- Bhí na boird agus na cathaoiréacha oiriúnach d'aoiseanna agus do chéimeanna forbartha na bpáistí.
- Bhí theacht neamhshrianta ag na páistí ar an leithreas agus ní raibh orthu fanacht leis an leithreas a úsáid. Chun príobháideacht agus dínit gach linbh a choinneal i gcónaí.
- Spreagadh agus tugadh tacaíocht do leanaí chun a bheith féinchabhrach agus scileanna sláinteachais phearsanta a fhorbairt.
- Bhí deiseanna ag na páistí go léir bogadh thart gan bhac agus a dtimpeallacht a fhiosrú, laistigh amuigh faoin aer.
- Bhí limistéar sa Naíonra le tolg meánmhéide na leanaí, agus cúisíní ar fáil a d'fhéadfadh a chur in oiriúint mar limistéar scíthe do na leanaí chun scíth a ligean nó díliostáil ó ghníomhaíochtaí más mian leo.
- Spreag an fhoireann na páistí chun idirghníomhú agus dul i ngleic le réimse ábhar, gníomhaíochtaí agus trealaimh sa timpeallacht, bunaithe ar roghanna, aois agus céim forbartha an pháiste.
- Breathnaíodh ar na páistí ón Naíonra ag súgradh le cláir shnáthaithe agus coirníní ag éisteacht le scéalta Micí Moncaí agus Bran ar Scoil agus ag féachaint ar leabhair.
- Bhí deis ag gach páiste súgradh amuigh faoin aer ar lá na cigireachta. Tugadh faoi deara na leanaí ag sleamhniú ar an sleamhnán, ag léim, a rith thart, ag spraoi le bloic thógála agus ag baint úsáide as an báisín gaineamh agus uirlisí. Chomh maith leis sin, tugadh faoi deara páistí agus baill foirne ag dul ar shiúlóid dúlra tríd an bpáirc peile chun sméara dubha a aimsiú, bláthanna, féileacáin agus cleití a fháil. D'fhéach na páistí le spleodar, plé agus spraoi iontach taobh amuigh.
- Nuair a labhair an cigire leis an bhfoireann, cuireadh in iúl di gur chuir siad tuismitheoirí ar an eolas faoi rudaí sa Naíonra ó bhéal gach lá. Tugadh eolas faoi eispéiris a linbh sa réamhscoil lena n-áirítear leasanna, roghanna an linbh gníomhaíochtaí súgartha a bhíonn ar siúl. Cuireadh an t-eolas seo ar fáil ag amanna bailithe nó trí ghlaonna gutháin.
- 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.
- Rinneadh ábhair ealaíne agus ceardaíochta na bpáistí a thiomsú i bhfillteáin leabhar crua (M'aistear Foghlama) agus tugadh do thuismitheoirí agus do chaomhnóirí ag deireadh na bliana iad.
- Bhí an limistéar súgartha lasmuigh ar chúl fairsing chun freastal ar líon na bpáistí a bhí ag freastal ar seirbhís poiblí. Chuir an timpeallacht súgartha lasmuigh gníomhaíochtaí agus deiseanna ar fáil d'aer úr, spaisteoireacht agus spraoi.

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 príomhdhoras isteach sa Naíonra daingnithe chun cosc a chur ar daoine neamhúdairithe theacht isteach nó ar imeacht gasiúr gan mhaoirseacht as an áitreabh.
- Stóráladh gach gníomhaire agus trealamh glantacháin go sábháilte agus as teacht na bpáistí sa seomra súgartha. Breathnaíodh sé go raibh gach bréagán agus trealamh súgartha sábháilte agus i riocht maith.
- Níor cuireadh bac ar dhoirse dóiteáin.
- Rinneadh teocht an tseomra súgartha a thaifeadadh agus a chothabháil laistigh de theocht an tseomra molta de 18°C -22°C.
- Bhí limistéir stórála taobh istigh de bhealach isteach an tseomra súgartha le crúcaí lipéadaithe ina n-aonar do chótaí agus málaí na bpáistí; rud a chuireann cosc ar ghuais turais.
- Rinneadh measúnuithe riosca doiciméadaithe laethúla don limistéar súgartha laistigh agus lasmuigh.
- Coinníodh taifid laethúla tinrimh do gach páiste a bhí ag freastal ar an Naíonra.

Rialú Ionfhabhtuithe:

- Bhí dhá bháisín níocháin agus dhá leithreas sa limistéar sláintíochta in aice leis an seomra súgartha, do na páistí réamhscoile le húsáid. Ina theannta sin, bhí báisín láimhe níocháin sa mbreis sa seomra súgartha.
- Le linn na cigireachta, tugadh cúnamh agus spreagadh do na páistí a lámha a níocháin sula n-itheann siad, tar éis leithris, tar éis dóibh fíochán a úsáid, tar éis dóibh a bheith ag súgradh taobh amuigh agus ar dhul isteach nó amach as an tseirbhís réamhscoile.
- Bhí soláthar fíochán ar fáil go héasca laistigh agus sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh.
- Bhí cuisneoir sa seomra súgartha, chun earraí meatacha a stóráil ó bhoscaí/ málaí lóin na bpáistí. Tairgeadh plátaí agus sceanra a bhí oiriúnach d'aois do gach páiste ag am sneaiceanna.
- Diúscaíodh dramhaíl i mboscaí bruscair le cois orthu i ngach seomra súgartha agus sna limistéir sláintíochta agus dá bhrí sin ní raibh teacht ag na páistí uirthi.

Dáileadh Cogas:

- Níor riaradh aon chógas ar lá na cigireachta

Coladh Sábháilte:

- Bhí tolg ar mhéid an pháiste le cúisíní in aice na leabharlainne ina bhféadfadh páiste scíth a thógail agus scíth a ligean.

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:

Chuir an tseirbhís fianaise ar fáil go raibh duine a oilte i ngarchabhair do leanaí, a bhí ar fáil do na leanaí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile. Chuir an tseirbhís fianaise ar fáil go raibh oiliunt ar 1 bhall foirne i ngarchabhar do leanaí agus go raibh sí ar fáil do na leanaí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

(2) (a)

Bhí 1 bhosca garchabhrach mór ag an tseirbhís agus bhí míreanna ábhair ann go dtí seo. Stóráladh é in áit a bhí feiceálach agus teacht éasca ar i seomra súgartha an Náionra.

(b)

Léirigh an tseirbhís go raibh an bosca garchabhrach lánfheistithe agus ar fáil do na páistí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile gach lá.

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 taispeánt in áit fheiceálach san áitreabh.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1) (a)

Coimeádadh taifid scríofa ar dhruileanna dóiteáin i ndáil le haon dhruileanna dóiteáin a tharla san áitreabh. Léirigh taifid gur déanadh an taifead druil dóiteáin deireanach ar an 31/08/2023.

(b)

Bhí taifid ar fáil maidir le líon, cineál agus cothabháil trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin an seirbhíse bhliantúil dheireanach dar dáta 24/05/2023.) Bhí taifid ar fáil maidir le líon, cineál agus cothabháil trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin le an tseiceáil seirbhíse bhliantúil dheireanach dar dáta 24/05/2023.

Ba é an dáta seirbhíse bliantúil deireanach ná an tuarascáil suiteála don chóras aláraim deataigh agus braite dóiteáin a déanadh ar 4/03/2023.

(4)

Bhí fógra ann in áit feiceálach sa tseirbhís ar a leagtar amach na nósanna imeachta atá le leanúint má thiteann dóiteán amach.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Bhí árachas leordhóthanach ag an tseirbhís le dáta éaga 27/11/2023 do sheirbhís cúraim sheisiúnaigh le 22 leanbh agus san áireamh bhí an méid seo a leanas -

- árachas dliteanais phoiblí.
- árachas in aghaidh dóiteáin agus gadaíochta.
- árachas foirgneamh.
- árachas le haghaidh turais a dhéantar mar chuid den soláthar seirbhíse.

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015GY177
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Name of Service:	Naíonra Chlúidín na mBabáí
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Address of Service:	Ionad Pobail Bhaile an Chláir, Baile Chláir, Co. Galway
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Eircode:	H91 THH4
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Name of Registered Provider:	Ray Mac Pháidín
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Service type:	Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	05/09/2023
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No of pre-school children:	AM	18	PM	N/A
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Tusla – Child and Family Agency, Early Years Inspectorate, Quality Assurance Directorate, Clinical & Administration Building, Block A - (1st Floor- Green Corridor), Merlin Park, Co. Galway.
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Inspection undertaken by:	F. Nic Dhonnacha
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Title:	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).

Conditions if applicable	Not applicable
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Description of service

Naíonra Chluidín na mBabaí is a sessional service operated under the governance of Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta. An Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and sessional care programme is offered Monday to Friday, from 9.15hrs to 12.15hrs. This sessional service operates through the medium of Irish and promotes the Irish culture and traditions of the Gaeltacht region. A child centred play-based curriculum focusing on emerging interests was provided. The pre-school service is located on the grounds of a Gaelic Athletics Association (GAA) and Handball club in Claregalway, East of County Galway.

The pre-school service operates 1 playroom namely an Naíonra from a room in the GAA club house. The pre-school service has access to a designated outdoor play area to the back of the GAA club house. The children also have access under supervision to the football pitch for nature walks, exploration and fun.

Staffing

The registered provider is supernumerary and not on the premises on a daily basis. There is a designated person in charge and there is a named deputy person if and when required. There were two staff not including the registered provider working and caring directly for the children in the service. These two staff hold at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework, or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent. The staff have documentary evidence of on-going training and education.

Methodology

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

- Previous inspection history
- Any information received in relation to the service

The findings on inspection are based on:

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

This inspection was unannounced and focused on the area of governance, health, welfare and development of child and safety. The inspections may also focus on other areas as required. The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under regulations 9, 11, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, and 28. These findings are outlined within the relevant regulations within this report.

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 person in charge, additional staff member and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

- (1) A registered provider shall ensure that-
- (a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required,
 - (b) at all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on, the designated person in charge or the named person referred to in subparagraph (a) is on the premises, and
- (2) A registered provider shall ensure that each employee, unpaid worker and contractor is suitable and competent taking into consideration the nature of the needs of children, including by-

- (a) consideration of references from the person's past employers, if any, and in particular the most recent employer, if any,*
- (b) consideration of references from reputable sources in the case of a person who has no past employers,*
- (c) consideration of the vetting disclosure received from the National Vetting Bureau of the Garda Síochána in accordance with the Act of 2012 in respect of the person, and*
- (d) ensuring, insofar as is practicable, that where a person has lived in a state other than the State for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months, he or she provides police vetting from the police authorities in that state.*
- (4) A registered provider shall ensure that, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), each employee working directly with children attending the service holds at least a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.*

Compliance Information

(1)(a)

There was a designated person in charge and there was a named person able to deputise.

(b)

The person in charge was on the premises when the early years inspector arrived and remained on site for the duration of the inspection.

Documentary evidence indicated that either the person in charge or deputy were available, on the premises, when the pre-school children were present.

All staff files were reviewed.

(2)(a)&(b)

Four written validated references on file for the two staff were from a past employer, or a source other than a past employer.

(c)

Garda vetting disclosures were available on file for the two staff members.

(d)

Police vetting was not required as no staff lived and worked outside the jurisdiction for longer than six consecutive months.

(4)

The two staff working directly with the children held the required childcare qualification in Early Childhood Care and Education 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.

(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 pre-school attendance records book was reviewed and indicated that an adequate number of staff were working directly with the children since opening for the autumn.

(3)

The adult / child ratio was correct and maintained on the day of inspection.

On the morning of the inspection, there were 18 pre-school children between 2 years 11 months and 5 years of age, with two staff working directly with and caring for the children.

(8) (c)

The registered provider is supernumerary and does not operate the service single handedly. There is a designated person in charge and a deputy when and if required working in the pre-school service.

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.*

Compliance Information

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

Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 18 – Copy of Act etc.

A registered provider shall ensure that a copy of Part VIIA (inserted by section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013 (No. 40 of 2013)) of the Act and of these Regulations is kept on the premises and the said copies shall be open to inspection on the premises by-

- (a) a parent or guardian of a child attending or proposing to attend the service,*
- (b) an employee, unpaid worker or contractor, and*
- (c) an authorised person.*

Compliance Information

A copy of Part VIIA (inserted by section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013 (No. 40 of 2013)) of the Act and of these Regulations was available on the notice board and available for parents, guardians, employees, unpaid workers, contractors, and authorised persons.

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*

(1) A registered provider shall, in providing a pre-school service, ensure that-

- (b) appropriate and suitable care practices are in place in the pre-school service, having regard to the number of children attending the service and the nature of their needs.*

Compliance Information

Basic Needs

(1)(a)(b)

- Healthy eating was promoted within the service and a healthy eating policy was available for review on request. Nutritious meals and snacks were made by the parents and guardians and provided at regular times to the children. Snacks included cheese, ham sandwiches, rice cakes, fruit pieces, crackers and yogurts. The children had regular access to their water bottles throughout the session.

- The tables and chairs were suitable for the children’s ages and stages of development.
- The children had unrestricted access to the toilet and did not have to wait to use the toilet. The privacy and dignity of each child was respected at all times.
- Children were encouraged and supported to develop self-help and personal hygiene skills.
- All the children had opportunities to move about freely and explore their environment, both indoors and outdoors.
- There was a cosy area within the playroom with a child sized couch, and cushions provided which could be adapted as a rest area for the children to rest or opt out of activities if they so wished.
- The staff encouraged children to interact and to engage with a range of materials, activities, and equipment in the environment, based on the child’s choices, age and stage of development.
- The children from the Naíonra were observed playing with threading boards and beads along with listening to stories Micí Moncaí and Bran ar Scoil and looking at books.
- All children had the opportunity to play outdoors on the day of inspection. The children were observed sliding on the slide, jumping, chasing, building blocks, and using the sand table and utensils. Also, the children and staff were observed going on a nature walk through the football pitch to find blackberries, flowers, butterflies, and feathers. The children watched with great excitement, discussions and fun.
- On speaking with staff, the inspectors were informed that they verbally provided parents with daily information on their child’s experiences in the pre-school including the child’s interests, preferences and play activities engaged in. This information was provided at collection times or by phone calls. Information about the service and general information was displayed on the notice board, inside the main door and a copy is given to parents when a child enrolls in the service.
- 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.
- The children’s art and craft materials were collated into scrap book folders (M’Aistear Foghlama) and given to parents and guardians at the end of the year.
- The outdoor play area to the rear was spacious to accommodate the numbers of children attending the service. The outdoor play environment provided activities and opportunities for fresh air, exercise, and discovery.

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 main entrance door into the pre-school playroom was secured to prevent unauthorized access by a person or the unsupervised exiting by a pre-school child.
- All cleaning agents and equipment were stored inaccessible and out of children's reach in the playroom.
- All toys and play equipment were observed to be safe and in good condition.
- Fire doors were unobstructed.
- The temperature of the playroom was recorded and maintained within the recommended room temperature of 18°C -22°C.
- There were storage areas inside the entrance of the playroom with individually labelled hooks for the children's coats and bags; thereby preventing a trip hazard.
- Daily documented risk assessments were carried out for the indoor and outdoor play area.
- Daily records of attendance were kept for all of children attending the playroom.

Infection Control:

- There were 2 wash hand basins and 2 toilets in the sanitary area adjacent to the playroom, for the pre-school children to use. Additionally, there was a separate wash hand basin in the playroom.
- During the inspection, the children were assisted and encouraged to wash their hands prior to eating, after toileting, after using a tissue, after playing outdoors and on entry/ exiting the pre-school service.
- A supply of tissues was readily available indoors and in the outdoor play area.
- There was a fridge in the Naíonra playroom, for the storage of perishable items from the children's lunch boxes/ bags. Each child was offered age-appropriate plates and cutlery at snack time.
- Waste was disposed of in foot pedalled lidded bins in each playroom and in the sanitary areas and thereby inaccessible to the children.

Administration of Medication:

- No medication was administered on the day of inspection.

Safe Sleep:

- There was a child size couch with cushions beside the library where a child could rest and relax.

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 to the children attending the pre-school service. The service provided evidence that 1 staff was trained in first aid for children and was available to the children attending the pre-school service.

(2)(a)
The service had 1 large first aid box with content items in date. It was stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position in the Naíonra playroom.

(b)
The service demonstrated that the first aid box was 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 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) Written records of fire drills were kept in relation to any fire drills that took place in the premises. Records indicated the last fire drill record was dated on 31/08/2023.
- (b) Records were available in relation to the number, type, and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment with the last annual service check dated 24/05/2023. The last annual service date was the installation report for the smoke and fire detection alarm system dated 4/03/2023.
- (4) Notices were displayed within the service of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire in the premises.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

The service had adequate insurance with an expiry date 27/11/2023 for a sessional care service with 22 children and included the following -

- public liability insurance.
- insurance against fire and theft.
- buildings insurance.
- insurance for outings undertaken as part of the service provision.