

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).

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Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Is seirbhís sheisiúnach príobháideach í Naíonra Cois Cuan atá lonnaithe ar thailte Scoil Náisiúnta Eanach Cuan ar imeall cathar na Gaillimhe. Tairgtear clár cúraim agus oideachais na luath-óige (ECCE) agus cúram seisiúnach ó Luan go hAoine, ó 09.00 go dtí 12.00 uair an chloig. Tá 2 sheomra súgartha ag an réamhscoil, is é sin Naíonra Beag atá lonnaithe i seomra san ionad pobail ar thailte na scoile náisiúnta agus is seomra é Naíonra Mór atá suite in aonad réamhdhéanta taobh thiar den scoil náisiúnta. Feidhmíonn an tseirbhís sheisiúnach seo trí mheán na Gaeilge agus cuireann sí cultúr na hÉireann chun cinn. Ina theannta sin, cuirtear club bricfeasta ar fáil ó 8.00hrs go 8.50hrs agus seirbhís in aois scoile ó 13.30 go 17.00. Cuirtear curaclam súgartha-bhunaithe atá dírithe ar leasanna atá ag teacht chun cinn ar fáil. Bhí limistéir scíthe ciúin ar fáil do na páistí i ngach seomra súgartha. Tá rochtain roinnte ag an tseirbhís réamhscoile ar limistéar súgartha ainmnithe lasmuigh in aice leis an aonad réamhdhéanta. Ina theannta sin, tá rochtain ag na páistí faoi mhaoirseacht ar an bpáirc astro móna faoi iamh, an clós súgartha pobail, an pháirc peile, an chúirt cispheile agus an rian siúil pobail in aice leis an scoil le haghaidh siúlóidí dúlra, eachtraí agus taiscéalaíocht.

Soláthar foirne

Is é an soláthraí cláraithe an duine ainmnithe atá i gceannas agus tá leasduine ainmnithe i gceannas. Bhí 3 fhoireann ann, lena n-áirítear an soláthraí cláraithe, ag obair agus ag tabhairt aire do na leanaí sa tseirbhís. Tá mórdhámhachtain ar a laghad ag an 3 ball 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 coibhéseach. Tá fianaise dhoiciméadach ag an bhfoireann maidir le hoiliúint agus oideachas leanúnach. Ar lá na cigireachta, bhí an soláthraí cláraithe agus 2 bhall foirne san áitreabh ag obair leis na leanaí agus ag tabhairt aire dóibh.

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 chláraithe sábháilteacht agus folláine leanaí a chinntiú agus cloí leis na riachtanais seo. Tugann an tAcht seo údarás do Tusla measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh leis na rialacháin. Is é is aidhm le rialáil maidir le seirbhísí óige ná a chinntiú go seastar le cúram, sábháilteacht, agus folláine na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar na seirbhísí seo.

Pleanáiltear cigireachtaí ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta bunaithe ar na pointí seo a leanas:

- Stair chigireachta na seirbhíse
- Eolas ar bith a fhaightear maidir leis an tseirbhís
- Tá torthaí na cigireachta bunaithe ar:
- Eolas a fhaightear trí dhoiciméid a imscrúdú

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- Breathnú díreach
- Plé le baill foirne ábhartha

Ba chigireacht neamhfhógartha é seo, agus díródh ar rialachas sláinte, folláine agus forbairt an linbh agus sábháilteacht lena linn. Féadfaidh cigireacht díriú ar réimsí eile chomh maith, de réir mar is gá.

Tá na torthaí seo leagtha amach sna rialacháin ábhartha sa tuarascáil seo.

Baineadh úsáid as próiseas samplála chun measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh faoi rialachán 16 Taifead i ndáil le Seirbhís 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 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 soláthraí cláraithe, leis an bhfoireann agus leis na leanaí a bhí i láthair ar lá na cigireachta as a gcomhoibriú ar fad.

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 9 – Bainistíocht agus earcaíocht

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe-

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

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

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

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

(b) breithniú ar theistiméireachtaí ó fhoinsí iontaofa i gcás duine nach raibh aon fhostóirí air nó uirthi san am a caitheadh,

(c) breithniú ar an nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin a fuarthas ó Bhiúró Náisiúnta Grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána de réir Acht 2012 i leith an duine, agus

d) a chinntiú, a mhéid is indéanta, go soláthróidh duine, i gcás go raibh cónaí ar an duine i stát seachas an Stát ar feadh tréimhse ab fhaide ná 6 mhí as a chéile, grinnfhiosrúchán ag póilíní ó na húdaráis phóilíneachta sa stát sin.

(4) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe, gan dochar do ghinearáltacht mhír (2) agus faoi réir mhíreanna (5) agus (6), go sealbhaíonn gach fostaí a bhíonn ag obair go díreach le leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís, mórdhámhachtain i gCúram agus Oideachas Luath-Óige ar Leibhéal 5 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó cáilíocht a mheasfaidh an tAire a bheith coibhéiseach léi sin, ar a laghad.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1)(a) Is í an soláthraí cláraithe an duine ainmnithe atá i gceannas agus bhí duine ainmnithe ann a bhí in ann ionadaíocht a dhéanamh.

(b) Bhí an soláthraí cláraithe ar an áitreabh nuair a tháinig an cigire luathbhlianta agus d'fhan sí ar an láthair ar feadh ré na cigireachta. Léirigh fianaise dhoiciméadach go raibh an soláthraí cláraithe nó an t-ionadaí ar fáil, ar an áitreabh, nuair a bhí na páistí réamhscoile i láthair.

(2) Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar chúig chomhad foirne ón soláthraí cláraithe, 3 ball foirne cúram leanaí réamhscoile agus foireann cúram leanaí amháin in aois scoile.

(a) Bhí 8 dteistiméireacht bhailíochtaithe scríofa le fáil ar chomhad ó iarfhostóir.

- (b) Bhí 2 thagairt bhailíochtaí scríofa le fáil ar chomhad ó fhoinse seachas iarfhóir.
- (c) Fuarthas nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána do gach 5 foirne.
Léirigh an tseirbhís freisin go gcomhlíonfar an Fógra Rialála Cigireachta Luathbhlianta lena gceanglaítear ar sheirbhísí grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána a athnuachan gach 3 bliana.
- (d) Bhí grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní riachtanach ag 2 den 5 ball foirne mar go raibh siad ina gcónaí agus ag obair lasmuigh den stát ar feadh tréimhse 6 mhí nó níos faide os cionn 18 mbliana d'aois.
- (4) Bhí an cháilíocht riachtanach cúraim leanaí i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige nó cáilíocht a mheas an tAire a bheith coibhéseach ag an 4 ball foirne a bhí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí réamhscoile.

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 11 - Leibhéal Foirne

(1) *Faoi réir an Rialacháin seo, áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh líon leordhóthanach aosach ann i gcónaí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.*

(3) *Faoi réir mhír (5), cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seisiúnach go gcomhlíonfar i gcónaí an cóimheas íosta idir aosaigh agus leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (3) de Chuid 2 de Sceideal 6 os coinne uimhreacha tagartha 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) áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seisiúnach go mbeidh, i gcás ina n-oibríonn an duine i gceannas an tseirbhís ina aonar, 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 i bhfeidhmiú na seirbhíse i gcónaí 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) Le linn thréimhse na cigireachta, chinntigh an soláthraí cláraithe go mbíonn líon leordhóthanach foirne ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí i gconaí.
- (3) Léirigh fianaise dhoiciméadach i bhfoirm taifid tinrimh leanaí agus uainchláir foirne gur cloíodh le cóimheasa leanaí agus daoine fásta.
Ar maidin na cigireachta, bhí 25 leanaí réamhscoile idir 2 bhliain 11 mhí agus 4 bliain 6 mhí d'aois.
Bhí 3 fhoireann cúram leanaí ann, san áireamh bhí an soláthraí cláraithe, ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí.
- (8)(c) Ní oibrítear an réamhscoil ina n-aonar. Bhí an soláthraí cláraithe agus 2 bhall foirne breise ar an láthair le linn uaireanta oibríochta.

Cuid IV – Faisnéis agus Taifid

Rialachán 16 – Taifead i ndáil le seirbhís réamhscoile

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn ar an bhfaisnéis seo a leanas i ndáil leis an tseirbhís:

(a) ainm, post, cáilíochtaí agus taithí an duine i bhfeighil agus ainm, post, cáilíochtaí agus taithí gach fostaí eile, gach oibrí eile nach n-íoctar agus gach conraitheora eile;

(g) na beartais, na nósanna imeachta agus na ráitis a cheanglaítear ar an tseirbhís a chothabháil de réir Rialachán 10;

(h) mionsonraí i dtaobh freastal ag gach leanbh réamhscoile ar bhonn laethúil;

(i) mionsonraí i dtaobh uainchláir foirne ar bhonn laethúil;

(j) mionsonraí i dtaobh aon chógas a thugtar do leanbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís agus toiliú sínithe ó thuismitheoir ina dteannta;

(k) mionsonraí i dtaobh aon tionóisc, aon díobháil nó aon teagmhas a bhainfidh do leanbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1)(a) Bhí ainm, post, cáilíochtaí agus taithí an duine atá i gceannas agus na mball foirne breise ar fáil ar chomhad sa tseirbhís.

(g) Bhí cóip de na beartais, nósanna imeachta agus ráitis seirbhíse is déanaí ar chomhad ag an soláthraí cláraithe sa tseirbhís réamhscoile.

(h) Bhí leabhar taifead tinrimh leanaí ar fáil ar an láthair agus coimeádadh taifead cruinn ar na leanaí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís sheisiúnach.

(i) Coinníodh taifead ar fhreastal na foirne sa tseirbhís.

(j) Bhí taifid dhoiciméadaithe go soiléir ar fáil maidir le riarachán cógais sa tseirbhís le sínithe tuismitheoirí agus plean cúraim don gasiúr nuair a bhí gá.

(k) Rinne an cigire athbhreithniú ar shampla de thaifid timpiste agus teagmhais, léirigh na cáipéisí fianaise ar shíniú na dtuismitheoirí agus taifead soiléir ar an timpiste nó ar an eachtra a tharla agus síniú an bhainisteora atá i gceannas.

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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

(1)(a)

- Chuir na tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí sneaiceanna/béilí ar fáil do na páistí agus bhí a gcuid cupáin líonta le huisce. D'fhéadfadh gach páistí rochtain a fháil orthu i rith an tseisiúin sheisiúnach. Chuir an tseirbhís bia sláintiúil chun cinn agus bhí polasaí bia sláintiúil ar fáil ach é a iarraidh.
- Bíonn a gcuid sneaiceanna/béile ag na páistí sa timpeallacht faoi dhíon áit a suíonn siad in éineacht leis an bhfoireann agus an t-am seo á úsáid acu mar dheis chun idirghníomhaíochtaí sóisialta leis na páistí a fheabhsú. Bhí na sneaiceanna/béile a breathnaíodh sláintiúil agus cothaitheach agus éagsúil, mar shampla, bhí ceapairí cáise ag roinnt páistí.
- Bhí rochtain ag na páistí ar éadaí agus butáisi báistí dá a gcuid ama taobh amuigh ar threalamh eagsúla. Bhí éadaí breise ar fáil má bhí athrú éadaí ag teastáil ó na páistí le linn an tseisiúin.
- Bhain na páistí úsáid as na limistéir sláintiúcháta taobh istigh le maoirseacht agus cúnamh má iarrtar orthu. Níor chaith aon leanbh clúidín ar lá na cigireachta.
- Bhí limistéir scíthe ar fáil taobh istigh sa dá fhoirgneamh le tolg bog in aice leis na limistéir léitheoireachta.
- Bhí an saor imirt ag na páistí sna ceantair a raibh spéis acu sa timpeallacht faoi dhíon

Ag Tacú le Caidrimh

- Chonacthas na páistí ag dul ar thuras chuig an mbosca poist áitiúil áit ar sheol gach páiste cárta Nollag a bhí déanta le lámh chuig a seoladh baile. D'fhoghlaim na páistí faoin tseirbhís phoist agus faoi dhualgais an máistrí poist. Tar éis an taithí seo, thug na páistí agus an fhoireann cuairt ar an séipéal áitiúil béal dorais, áit ar inis an soláthraí cláraithe scéal na Nollag do na páistí agus d'fhéach siad ar máinséar na Nollag ar an altair sa séipéal. An t-am ar fad bhí na páistí faoi mhaoirseacht radharc agus fuaime. Léirigh an fhoireann tuiscint mhaith ar a bpolasaí turas.

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- Ar a bhfilleadh ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile. Léirigh an fhoireann meas agus íogaireacht ina n-idirghníomhaíochtaí leis na páistí. Rinne na baill foirne cumarsáid dhearfach go leanúnach ag baint úsáide as toin bhog agus mhín, agus thug siad suaimhneas de réir mar a iarradh é.
- Bhí córas oibríthe lárnacha i bhfeidhm sa tseirbhís le ball foirne ainmnithe a bhí freagrach as dlúth chaidreamh a chruthú leis na páistí agus lena dtuismitheoirí. De réir mar a tháinig na tuismitheoirí chun a gcuid páistí a bhailiú, phléigh ball foirne lá an linbh leis na tuistí agus aon cheisteanna suntasacha a d'fhéadfadh teacht chun cinn le linn an tseisiúin.
- Bhí leabhar scríbhneoireachta ag gach páiste lena gcuid saothar ealaíne, smaointe agus téamaí curtha le chéile agus tuairimí ón bhfoireann san áireamh. Líonadh gach straic leabhar i rith na bliana agus bronnar é ar gach tuismitheoir/caomhnóir ag an Nollaig agus ag deireadh na scoil bhliana.
- Chuir an fhoireann in iúl don chigire luathbhlianta go n-imríonn na páistí amuigh faoin aer ar bhonn laethúil, i gceann de na limistéir iomadúla atá ar fáil dóibh, an limistéar súgartha ainmnithe, an pháirc astro móna iata, an cosán siúlóide, an limistéar súgartha cispheile iata a roinntear leis na páistí scoile nó sa chlós súgartha pobail atá suite ar thailte na scoile áit a mbainfidh siad leas iomlán as an trealamh agus na taitneamhachtaí faoi mhaoirseacht aosach.

Timpeallacht Fhisiciúil agus Ábhartha

Seomra Spraio Naíonra Bheag

- Bhí seomra súgartha an Naíonra Bheag san ionad pobail ar thaobh áitreabh na scoile. Bhí an seomra seo geal agus ildaite le go leor áiteanna spéise do na páistí.
- Ina measc seo bhí limistéar ealaíne agus ceardaíochta, limistéar tógála, leabharlann agus limistéar scíthe, teach bábóg, deilbhíní agus limistéar súgartha bréige, limistéar cluichí agus puzail.
- Bhí seilfeanna íseal ag leibhéil íseal sa seomra ina raibh bréagáin agus ábhair súgartha na bpáistí stóráilte ag leibhéal íseal agus ag teacht go héasca do na páistí.
- Bhí póstaer oideachasúil, pictiúir, saothar ealaíne agus líníochtaí na bpáistí ar taispeáint ag leibhéal íseal do na páistí a fheiceáil.

Seomra Spraio Naíonra Mhór

- Bhí an seomra súgartha seo suite san fhoirgneamh réamhdhéanta. Spás mór a bhí ann le réimsí spéise éagsúla. Ina measc seo bhí limistéar leabharlainne, limistéar le suíocháin bog, seilfeanna íseal leibhéil le bréagáin agus ábhair súgartha, limistéar tógála le cnónna, boltaí agus uirlisí, crann Nollag le soilse sióga,

cúinne baile le trealamh agus uirlisí cistine. Bhí limistéar ealaíne agus ceardaíochta, limistéar siopa agus bábóg, bugaí agus cathaoireacha arda ann.

- Bhí boird agus cathaoireacha íseal leibhéil ar fáil chun freastal ar aois agus céim forbartha na bpáistí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.
- Bhí póstaeir oideachasúla, le saothar ealaíne, líníochtaí agus leideanna amhairc ar taispeáint sa seomra súgartha, le téamaí agus grianghraif teaghlaigh ag leibhéal íseal do na páistí le fheiceáil.

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) Bhí oiliúint suas go dáta ag foireann amhain i gcúrsa garchabhrach FAR (Freagróir Garchabhrach) agus bhí fianaise ar fáil ón leabhar taifead tinrimh foirne chun a chur in iúl don chigire go raibh ball foirne amhain ar a laghad ar fáil do na páistí le linn uaireanta oibríochta na seirbhíse seisiúna má bhí gá.
- (2)(a) Stóráladh bosca garchabhrach feistithe oiriúnach in áit fheiceálach i ngach seomra súgartha.
- (b) Bhí an bosca garchabhrach ar fáil i ngach seomra súgartha le húsáid ag na daoine fásta i gcás éigeandála.

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-áláram deataigh san áitreabh.

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1)(a) Bhí taifid ar fáil chun a thaispeáint go ndearnadh druileanna dóiteáin míosúla sa tseirbhís. Tharla an druil dóiteáin taifeadta deireanach ar an 14/11/2025 agus an 8/12/2025.

- (b) Bhí taifead le fáil ar líon, cineál agus cothabháil an trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin agus an chórais aláraim deataigh. Bhí an tseirbhís cothabhála trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin is déanaí ar siúl an 14/08/2025. Bhí an tseirbhís cothabhála aláraim dóiteáin is déanaí ar siúl an 14/08/2025.
- (4) Taispeánadh fógraí gníomhaíochta dóiteáin a léiríonn na nósanna imeachta atá le leanúint i gcás dóiteáin/tine ar na cláir fógraí sa dá sheomra súgartha sa tseirbhís.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Bhí clúdach árachais leordhóthanach ag an tseirbhís réamhscoile do 33 leanbh a bhí ag freastal ar sheirbhís sheisiúnach le dáta éaga 27/11/2026.

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

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| TUSLA Identifier: | TU2015GY178 | | |
| Name of Service: | Naíonra Cois Cuan | | |
| Address of Service: | Community Centre, Annaghdown, Co. Galway | | |
| Eircode: | H91 TYV5 | | |
| Name of Registered Provider: | Mary Furey | | |
| Service type: | Sessional | | |
| Date of Inspection: | 16/12/2025 | | |
| No of pre-school children: | AM | 25 | PM n/a |
| 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). | | | |
| Conditions if applicable | Not applicable | | |

Description of service

Naíonra Cois Cuan is a privately operated sessional service located on the grounds of Annaghdown National School on the outskirts of Galway city. An Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and sessional care programme is offered Monday to Friday, from 09.00 to 12.00. The preschool operates 2 playrooms namely Naíonra Beag which is in a room in the community centre on the grounds of the national school and Naíonra Mór is a room located in a prefabricated unit behind the national school. This sessional service operates through the medium of Irish and promotes the Irish culture. Additionally, a breakfast club from 08.00 to 8.50 and school aged service from 13.30 to 17.00 is provided. A child centred play-based curriculum focusing on emerging interests is provided. Quiet rest areas were available for the children in each playroom. The pre-school service has shared access to a designated outdoor play area adjacent to the prefabricated unit. Additionally, the children have access under supervision to the enclosed astro turf pitch, the community playground, football pitch, basketball court and community walking track adjacent to the school for nature walks, adventures and exploration.

Staffing

The registered provider is the designated person in charge and there is a named deputy person in charge. There were 3 staff including the registered provider working and caring for the children in the service. These 3 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. On the day of inspection, the registered provider and 2 staff members were on the premises working with and caring for the children.

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 inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

A sampling process was used to assess compliance under regulation 16 Record in Relation to Pre-School Service.

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*, 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.

(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 registered provider is the designated person in charge and there was a named person able to deputise.
- (b) The registered provider 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 registered provider or deputy were available, on the premises, when the pre-school children were present.
- (2) Five staff files were reviewed- the registered provider, 3 preschool child care staff and one school aged childcare staff.
- (a) Eight written validated references were available on file from a past employer.
 - (b) Two written validated references were available on file from a source other than a past employer.
 - (c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for all 5 staff.

The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew garda vetting every 3 years.

- (d) Two of the 5 staff members had the required police vetting as they lived and worked outside the state for a period of 6 months or longer over the age of 18 years.
- (4) The 4 staff working directly with the preschool 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) At all times during the period of the inspection, the registered provider ensured that an adequate number of staff were working directly with the children.
- (3) Documentary evidence in the form of child attendance records and staff rosters indicated that adult child ratios were adhered to.

On the morning of the inspection, there were 25 pre-school children aged between 2 years 11 months to 4 years 6 months.

There were 3 childcare staff including the registered provider working directly with the children.
- (8)(c) The preschool is not operated single handedly. The registered provider and 2 additional staff members were onsite during the hours of operation.

Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 16 – Record in relation to pre-school service

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of the following information in relation to the service:

- (a) the name, position, qualifications and experience of the person in charge and of every other employee, unpaid worker and contractor;*
- (g) the policies, procedures and statements the service is required to maintain in accordance with Regulation 10;*
- (h) details of attendance by each pre-school child on a daily basis;*
- (i) details of staff rosters on a daily basis;*
- (j) details of any medication administered to a pre-school child attending the service with signed parental consent;*
- (k) details of any accident, injury or incident involving a pre-school child attending the service.*

Compliance Information

- (1)(a) The name, position, qualifications and experience of the person in charge and the additional staff members was available on file in the service.
- (g) The registered provider had a copy of the most recent up to date service policies, procedures and statements on file in the preschool service.
- (h) There was a child attendance record book available onsite with accurate recording maintained of the children attending the sessional service.
- (i) There was a record maintained of the staff attendance in the service.
- (j) Clearly documented records were available of the administration of medications in the service with parental signatures and a care plan where necessary.
- (k) A sample of 8 accident and incident records were reviewed by the inspector, the documentation showed evidence of parental signature and a clear record of the accident or incident that occurred and a signature of the manager in charge.

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

(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 sessional session. Healthy eating was promoted by the service. A healthy eating policy was available on request.
- The children have their snack/meal in the indoor environment where they sit together with the staff while using this time as an opportunity to enhance social interactions with the children. The snacks/meal observed was healthy and nutritious and varied for example, some children had sandwiches of cheese, ham or jam, brown bread, wraps, yogurts and chopped fruit.
- The children had access to outdoor clothing and rain gear with wellington boots for their time in the outdoor environment. Spare clothes were available if the children required a change of clothing during the session.
- The children used the sanitary areas indoors with supervision and assistance if requested. No child wore a nappy on the day of inspection.
- Rest areas were available indoors in both buildings with soft couches adjacent to the reading areas.
- The children had the freedom to move and play in the areas that took their interests in the indoor environment

Supporting Relationships

- The children were observed going on an outing to the local post box where each child sent a handmade Christmas card to their home address. The children learnt about the post service and the post man's duties. Following this experience the children and staff paid a visit to the local church next door where the registered provider told the story of Christmas to the children and they each looked at the Christmas crib

on the alter in the church. All the time the children were supervised by sight and sound. The staff demonstrated good understanding of their outing policy.

- On their return to the preschool service. The staff demonstrated warmth and sensitivity in their interactions with the children. The staff members continuously communicated positively using soft and gentle tones and offered reassurance as required.
- A key worker system was in place in the service with a named staff member assigned the responsibility for creating close relationships with the children and their parents. As the parents arrived to collect their children a staff member would discuss the child's day and any significant issues that may have arisen during the session.
- Each child had a scrapbook with their artwork, ideas and themes collated together and observations by the staff included. Each scrapbook was filled over the course of the year and is presented to each parent/guardian at the at Christmas and at the end of the school year.
- The staff advised the early years inspector that the children play outdoors on a daily basis, in one of the many areas available to them, the designated play area, enclosed astro turf pitch, walking path, enclosed basketball play area which is shared with the school children or in the community playground which is located on the school grounds where they have full use of the equipment and amenities under adult supervision.

Physical and Material Environment

Naionra Beag playroom

- Naionra Beag playroom was in the community centre to the side of the school premises. This room was bright and colourful with many interest areas for the children.
- These included an arts and crafts area, construction area, library and rest area, dolls house, figurines and pretend play area, games and puzzles area.
- The room had low level shelving where the children's toys and play materials were stored at low level and at easy reach for the children.
- Educational posters, paintings, the children's artwork and drawings were on display at low level for the children to see.

Naíonra Mór playroom

- This playroom was situated in the prefabricated building. It was a large space with various interest areas. These included a library area, soft seating area, low level shelves with toys and play materials, a construction area with nuts, bolts and tools, a Christmas tree with fairy lights, a home corner with kitchen crockery pretend equipment and utensils. There were an arts and crafts area, shop area and dolls, buggies and highchairs.
- Low level tables and chairs were available to suit the age and stage of the development of the children attending the service.
- There were educational posters, artwork, drawings and visual prompts on display in the playroom, with themes and family photos at low level for the children to see.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 25 - First aid

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

Compliance Information

- (1) One staff had up to date training in FAR (First Aid Responder) first aid course and evidence was available from the staff attendance record book to inform the inspector that at least 1 staff member was available to the children during the hours of operation of the sessional service if required.
- (2)(a) A suitable equipped first aid box was stored in a conspicuous area in each playroom.
- (b) The first aid box was available in each playroom for use by the adults in the event of an emergency.

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) Records were available to demonstrate that monthly fire drills were carried out in the service. The last recorded fire drill took place on the 14/11/2025 and 8/12/2025.
- (b) A record of the number, type and maintenance for the firefighting equipment and the smoke alarm system were available. The most recent firefighting equipment maintenance service took place on the 14/08/2025. The most recent fire alarm maintenance service took place on the 14/08/2025.
- (4) Fire action notices demonstrating the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were displayed on the notice boards in both playrooms in the service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

The preschool service had adequate insurance cover for 33 children attending a sessional service with an expiry date of 27/11/2026.