

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

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Teideal:	Cigire na Luathbhlianta

Údarás chun cigireacht a dhéanamh

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

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Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Tá an tseirbhís pháirtaimseartha seo suite ar chúl scoil náisiúnta 'Ghaelscoil De hÍde' i sráidbhaile Uarán Mór, Co. na Gaillimhe. Cuireann an naíonra clár cúraim luath óige agus cúraim sheisiúnaigh ar fáil do Chúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige (ECCE) le fócas bunaithe ar shúgradh, ó 8.25 uair an chloig go dtí 11.25 uair an chloig agus seirbhís pháirtaimseartha ó 8.25 uair go 13.25 uair, Luan go hAoine. Tá an t-áitreabh comhdhéanta de 2 fhoirgneamh modúlach le seomra súgartha, limistéar sláintíochta agus oifig i Seomra 1, seomra súgartha, seomra stórála/cistinéad agus limistéar sláintíochta i Seomra 2. Tá limistéar foscúil agus deic adhmaid ag nascadh an 2 aonad taobh amuigh. Freastalaíonn an réamhscoil ar pháistí idir 2 bhliain agus 8 mí agus 6 bliana d'aois. Cuireann an tseirbhís clár iarscoile ar fáil freisin ó 13.30 uair go 18.00 uair do pháistí atá in aois scoile. Tá áit scíthe ciúin le tolg ar mhéid an pháiste, leapacha boga, mataí ar fáil chun suí ar i ngach seomra súgartha do leanaí chun scíth a ligean codladh nó ghníomhaíochtaí a dhiúlú más mian leis/léi é sin a dhéanamh. Tá limistéar ainmnithe súgartha atá slán taobh amuigh ar chúl an áitribh.

Soláthar foirne

Tá an soláthraí cláraithe mar chuid de bhord bainistíochta agus ní ar an áitreabh gach lá. Tá triúr ball foirne ann seachas an soláthraí cláraithe. Tá Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann (QQI) ag an triúr ball foirne ag Leibhéal 5 go 6, i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige. Tá fianaise dhoiciméadach ag na baill foirne seo 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 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 *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.

Dhírigh an chigireacht ar scrúdú comhlíontadh faoi rialacháin 11,16,19,23,25 agus 26; mar sin féin, le linn an chigireacht sainithníodh neamhchomhlíonadh breise a raibh riosca ag baint leis faoi Rialachán 8, agus 9. Leagtar amach na torthaí sin laistigh den rialachán/na rialacháin ábhartha laistigh den tuarascáil seo.

Leagtar amach torthaí na cigireachta sa tuarascáil maidir leis an gcigireacht a eisítear mar dhréacht-tuarascáil ar dtús chuig an tseirbhís, agus bíonn deis ag an tseirbhís freagra a thabhairt ar thorthaí ar bith a luaitear inti. I gcás go sainithnítear nach bhfuil ceanglais reachtúla á gcomhlíonadh, ní mór don soláthraí cláraithe léiriú a thabhairt ar an mbealach a réitíodh an neamhchomhlíonadh agus mar a chuirfear cosc ar an neamhchomhlíonadh amach anseo. 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 gCigireacht buíochas a ghabháil leis an duine i bhfeighil, leis an bhfoireann agus leis na leanaí a bhí i láthair ar lá na cigireachta as a gcomhoibriú ar fad.

Cuid II - Clárú agus Clárú

Rialachán 8 - Fógra maidir le hathrú ar chúinsí

(1) Déanfaidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seachas seirbhís shealadach réamhscoile, faoi réir mhír (3), fógra i scríbhinn a thabhairt don Ghníomhaireacht maidir le haon athrú beartaithe ar na mionsonraí i ndáil leis an tseirbhís réamhscoile atá sa chlár de bhun alt 58C(2) den Acht nó de bhun Rialachán 7(2) 60 lá ar a laghad sula mbeartaítear go mbeadh éifeacht leis an athrú.

Faisnéis faoi Neamhchomhlíonadh

(1) Bhí duine nua i gceannas ar an tseirbhís ó Mheán Fómhair 2023, níor cuireadh an ghníomhaireacht ar an eolas faoin athrú ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile agus dá bhrí sin ní raibh an fhaisnéis sa chlár náisiúnta.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Coisctheach curtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Ar an 6/06/2024, 21/06/2024, agus 1/10/2024 chuir an duine atá i gceannas an méid seo a leanas in iúl.

Gníomhaíocht Cheartaitheach agus Choisctheach

Tá iarratas seolta chuig oifig na gníomhaireachta um athrú ar chúinsí chun na sonraí faoin duine atá i gceannas a athrú.

Doiciméid tacaíochta curtha isteach

Cuireadh cóip den ríomhphost don iarratas a cuireadh faoi bhráid na gníomhaireachta.

Nóta Achoimre

Tá an t iarratas ceadaithe agus an ceanglais ar an rialacháin comhlíonta.

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 9 – Bainistíocht agus earcaíocht

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1) (a) Bhí duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus bhí duine ainmnithe in ann ionadaíocht sa tseirbhís más gá.

(b) Go raibh an duine a bhí i bhfeighil san áitreabh nuair a tháinig an cigire luathbhlianta agus d'fhan sé ar an láthair ar feadh ré an iniúchta.

(2) (a)&(b) Bhí ceithre thagairt bhailíochtaí i scríbhinn do bheirt den triúr ball foirne ar fáil ar chomhad ó iarfhostóir nó ó fhoinse seachas iarfhostóir.

(c) Bhí nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána ar fáil ar chomhad don triúr ball foirne.

- (4) Léirigh fianaise dhoiciméadach go bhfuil an triúr ball foirne atá ag obair go díreach leis an leanaí sa tseirbhís, dámhachtain i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige ag Leibhéal 5 go Leibhéal 6 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó ar cháilíocht a mheasann an tAire a bheith coibhéiseach.

Non-Compliance Information

- (2)(a)(b) Ní raibh dhá thagairt bhailíochtaíthe i scríbhinn do bhall foirne amháin ar fáil ar chomhad ó iarfhostóir nó ó fhoinse seachas iarfhostóir.
- (2)(d) Ní raibh grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní ar fáil do bhall foirne amháin a chónaigh agus a d'oilbrigh níos faide ná sé mhí i stát seachas an stát seo ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná sé mhí agus é os cionn 18 mbliana d'aois.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Coiscteach curtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Ar an 6/06/2024 agus 21/06/2024, chuir an duine atá i gceannas an méid seo a leanas in iúl.

Gníomhaíocht Cheartaitheach agus Choiscteach

- (2) (a) (b) Tá na tagairt bailíochtaíthe a bhí ar iarraidh curtha i bhfeidhm.
- (2) (d) Tá iarratas curtha isteach ar an 29/05/2024 ar dheimhniú um chosaint leanaí do bhall foirne amháin.

Doiciméid tacaíochta curtha isteach

Cuireadh ríomhphost deimhnithe agus grianghraf den aighneacht isteach agus íocaíocht don deimhniú um chosaint leanaí. Cóipeanna de thagairtí.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Coiscteach curtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Tugann na gníomhaíochtaí a rinne an duine i gceannas aghaidh ar na neamhchomhlíonadh a shainaithnítear i Rialachán 9 (2) (a) agus (b). Tá na torthaí a doiciméadaíodh ag (2) (d) fós gan íoc toisc nach bhfuil aon fhianaise ann go bhfuil an deimhniú idirnáisiúnta um chosaint leanaí ann go fóill.

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.
- (2) Faoi réir mhíreanna (4) agus (5), cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse cúraim lae iomláin nó seirbhíse cúraim lae pháirtaimseartha go ndéanfar, gach tráth, an cóimheas íosta idir aosaigh agus leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (3) de Chuid 1 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) den Sceideal sin ag an uimhir thagartha sin sásta.
- (8) Gan dochar do mhíreanna (2) go (7)-
- (a) cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seachas seirbhís feighlíochta leanaí nó seirbhís réamhscoile seisiúnach go bhfuil 2 aosach ar a laghad san áitreabh i gcónaí.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Bhí líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta ag obair go díreach le leanaí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís. Bhí triúr daoine fásta ag obair go díreach le 27 páiste sa seirbhís seisiúnach ar maidin agus beirt daoine fásta ag tabhairt aire do 8 leanbh sa tseirbhís pháirtaimseartha.
- (2) Bhí an cóimheas idir daoine fásta/leanaí ceart agus coinnithe ar lá an iniúchta.
- (8)(a) Thug leabhar rolla na foirne le fios go raibh beirt daoine fásta ar fáil san áitreabh i gcónaí.

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 gceannas agus gach fostaí eile, oibrí agus conraitheoir neamhíochta;
- (b) mionsonraí faoin aicme seirbhíse agus faoi phróifíl aoise leanaí dá bhfuil an tseirbhís cláraithe chun seirbhísí a sholáthar;
- (c) sonraí an duine fhásta: cóimheasa leanaí sa tseirbhís;
- (d) an cineál cúraim nó cláir a sholáthraítear sa tseirbhís;
- (e) na saoráidí atá ar fáil;
- (f) na huaireanta oscailte agus na táillí;

(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) Taispeánadh na sonraí a leagtar amach ó (a) go (f) ar an mballa ag an mbealach isteach chuig an tseirbhís agus roinntear iad le tuismitheoirí sula dtosaíonn leanbh sa tseirbhís.
- (g) Rinne an cigire athbhreithniú ar shampla de bheartais, nósanna imeachta agus ráitis na seirbhíse a shonraítear i Sceideal 5 agus mheas an cigire gur leor iad. Bhí cóip chrua ar fáil san oifig réamhscoile.
- (h) Thug an cigire faoi deara gur taifeadadh na leanaí a bhí i láthair sa dá sheomra súgartha ar chúlchóip chrua ina raibh ainm iomlán an linbh agus a n-amanna teachta agus imeachta.
- (i) Bhí leabhar rolla foirne ar fáil agus rinne an cigire athbhreithniú air. Léirigh an leabhar rolla uaireanta uainchláir na mball foirne agus neamhláithreacht foirne ón tseirbhís.
- (j) Bhí sonraí maidir le cógas a tugadh do na leanaí réamhscoile a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís ar fáil má iarrtar sin. I measc na bhfoirmeacha bhí toiliú tuismitheora agus sonraí faoi chógas a riaradh. Níor riaradh aon chógas le déanaí.
- (k) I sampla de thaifid timpiste, gortaithe nó teagmhais a bhain le leanaí réamhscoile a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís, sonraíodh síniú tuismitheora sínithe tar éis don eachtra tarlú. Bhí cóip chrua ar fáil i ngach seomra súgartha agus coinníodh agus comhdaíodh cóip dhúblach sa chomhad seirbhíse.

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

- Ó 10.45 am, bhí a gcuid sneaiceanna ag na páistí a sholáthair na tuismitheoirí agus na caomhnóirí ina raibh ceapairí, pancóga, waffles, crackers, cácaí ríse, arán donn, pasta, arbhar ar an gcób, cáis agus liamhás, píosaí torthaí, iógart le huisce le nól.
- Ag 12.15pm, bhí an chuid eile dá sneaiceanna ag páistí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís pháirtaimseartha. Chinntigh an soláthraí cláraithe go raibh bia leordhóthanach cothaitheach ag gach leanbh a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís pháirtaimseartha agus 2 ghrúpa bia ar a laghad don dara béile seo de réir an dea-chleachtais (Treoirlínte Bia agus Cothaithe).
- Bhí an polasaí maidir le bia sláintiúil ar fáil do thuismitheoirí agus do chaomhnóirí.
- Bhí uisce i bhfoirm bhuidéil na bpáistí féin ar fáil ar bhord íseal do pháistí chun 'féinfhrestail' a dhéanamh sna seomraí súgartha agus sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh (nuair is gá).
- Tairgeadh / úsáideadh soithí agus uirlisí le linn amanna sneaiceanna leanaí.
- D'úsáid na páistí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís an leithreas go neamhspleách nó le cúnamh éigin ó dhaoine fásta de réir mar ba ghá. Tugadh faoi deara go raibh na páistí ag níochán a lámha, sular itheadh siad sneaiceanna na maidine agus tar éis leithris, súgradh míshlachtmhar agus súgradh amuigh faoin aer.
- D'fhéadfadh na páistí bogadh thart gan bhac ina seomraí súgartha agus bhí deis ag na páistí ar fad am súgartha lasmuigh a dhéanamh.
- I ngach ceann de na seomraí súgartha, bhí deis ag na páistí scíth a ligean nó scíth a ligean le suíocháin bhoga in áiteanna ainmnithe cluthar. Bhí leapacha cruachta ag an soláthraí cláraithe a thug deis do pháistí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís pháirtaimseartha scíth a ligean nó codladh. Bhí suíocháin do dhaoine fásta i ngach seomra súgartha chun éascaíocht a dhéanamh do bhall foirne a bhí ar a chompond le páiste.
- Bhí an limistéar súgartha lasmuigh ainmnithe ar thaobh an áitribh sách fairsing chun freastal ar líon na bpáistí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís. Baineann na páistí agus an fhoireann úsáid as an bpáirc astro turf béal dorais agus limistéar ar thailte na scoile náisiúnta ag slíotáin ama leithdháilte más gá.

Tacú le Caidreamh

- Rinne an fhoireann cúraim leanaí bainistiú leanúnach ar iompar leanaí ar bhealach dearfach, le béim ar threisiú agus spreagadh dearfach.
- Tugadh faoi deara go raibh an fhoireann cúraim leanaí comhbhách, cineálta agus tacúil ina n-idirghníomhaíochtaí leis na leanaí.
- Moladh, spreagadh agus éisteadh leis na páistí agus tugadh faoi deara go raibh na daoine fásta ag idirghníomhú go rialta leis na páistí laistigh agus lasmuigh.
- Cuireadh timpeallacht shuaimhneach shuaimhneach ar fáil do na páistí. Breathnaíodh aistrithe réidh agus meabhrúcháin mhín agus bhí aithne ag na leanaí ar a gcúramóirí a thug suaimhneas, toin ísle, cineáltas agus caidrimh tacaíochta dóibh.
- D'oibrigh an tseirbhís i gcomhpháirtíocht le tuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí agus bhí polasaí doras oscailte aici. Labhraíodh le tuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí go neamhfhoirmiúil ar bhonn laethúil agus eagraíodh cruinnithe foirmiúla múinteoirí tuismitheoirí más gá. Taispeánadh eolas faoin tseirbhís agus eolas ginearálta ar na cláir fógraí taobh istigh de na seomraí súgartha. Rinne an fhoireann cumarsáid le tuismitheoirí ar bhonn neamhfhoirmiúil ag amanna fágála agus bailiúcháin trí ghlaonna gutháin, cruinnithe agus ríomhphoist. Bhí a bhfillteán féin ag gach páiste, agus bhailigh an fhoireann dialann ranga le téamaí, saothar ealaíne, grianghraif agus breathnóireachtaí san áireamh.
- D'fhéadfadh na páistí bogadh thart faoi shaoirse ina seomraí súgartha, tugadh tacaíocht dóibh idirghníomhú go cuí lena gcomhscoláirí agus bhí siad muiníneach agus compordach ina dtimpeallacht.
- Ar lá na cigireachta, bhí deis ag na páistí ar fad a bheith ag súgradh taobh istigh agus sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh.
- Bhí na páistí i Seomra 1 ag imirt le puzail, míreanna mearaí, cluichí meaitseála agus le cláir chéadfacha. Cé gur breathnaíodh ar na páistí i Seomra 2 ag déanamh ealaíona agus ceardaíochta, ag canadh amhráin aicsin, ag snáitheáil, ag boird bioráin, agus d'imir roinnt páistí sa chúinne baile ag baint úsáid as a gcuid samhlaíochta.
- Bhí an fhoireann agus na páistí go léir sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh ar chúl agus ar thaobh an áitribh. Bhí siad le feicéal ag súgradh le huisce agus gaineamh agus thóg paistí eile bloiceanna – bhí siad ag rith, ag ruaigeadh agus ag úsáid rothair chothromaíochta. Bhí gach páiste gléasta mar is cuí don aimsir ar an lá le cótaí agus hataí.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 23 - Sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas linbh a chosaint

Cinnteoídh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéanfar gach beart réasúnach chun sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas linbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís a chosaint agus cinnteoídh sé nó sí go mbeidh timpeallacht na seirbhíse sábháilte.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

- Bhí córas slán isteach sa phríomhdhoras iontrála chun tosaigh.
- Bhí an limistéar súgartha seachtrach lasmuigh slán ionas nach bhféadfadh páistí an ceantar a fhágáil gan mhaoirseacht.
- Fuarthas an limistéar lasmuigh le fálú agus geataí.
- Ní raibh aon bhac ar dhoirse na tine sna seomraí súgartha.
- Stóráladh gach gníomhaire glantacháin as bealach na páistí.
- Bhí córas i bhfeidhm chun a chinntiú go gcoimeádfai taifid laethúla tinrimh do na leanaí go léir a bhíonn ag freastal ar an réamhscoil, idir seisiún sheisiúnacha agus pháirtaimseartha.
- Tugadh faoi deara go raibh gach bréagán agus trealamh súgartha sábháilte agus i riocht maith do leanaí.
- Ní raibh aon chlaiseanna ná locháin sa limistéar lasmuigh chun aon ghuais nó baol féideartha ar leanbh réamhscoile.

Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

- Bhí uisce te, gallúnach leachtach, tuáillí páipéir láimhe, boscaí bruscair a oibrítear le cos ar fáil sna háiseanna sláintíochta.
- Nigh an fhoireann agus na páistí a lámha ag eatraimh chuí lena n-áirítear: tar éis súgradh míshlachtmhar, súgradh lasmuigh agus tar éis leithris agus roimh am béile.
- Glanadh na bréagáin agus na hábhair go léir go héasca agus coinneoidh I cúí mhaith iad ar fad.

Dáileadh Cógas:

- Níor riaradh aon chógas ar lá na cigireachta.

Coladh Sábháilte:

- Léirigh an fhoireann eolas maith ar an treoir cothrom le dáta maidir le codladh sábháilte. Bhí an polasaí seirbhíse ar fáil chun bonn eolais a chur faoin gcleachtas.

- Bhí leapacha cruachta agus mataí urláir ar fáil le haghaidh soláthar codlata agus bhí línéadach leapa cuí ar fáil do na páistí.
- Bhí suíocháin bhoga, mataí urláir agus cúisíní boga sna seomra súgartha do leanbh chun sos a ghlacadh, scíth a ligean má roghnaíonn siad.
- Ní dheachaigh aon pháiste a chodladh lá na cigireachta. Tugadh faoi deara go raibh an fhoireann agus na páistí ag léamh scéalta ag am scíthe chun sos a thógail.

Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin:

- Críochnaíonn an tseirbhís druileanna dóiteáin míosúla chun tacú leis an aslonnú sábháilte i gcás dóiteáin.
- Níor cuireadh aon bac ar bhealaí éalaithe éigeandála.
- Bhí an pointe tionóil dóiteáin le feiceáil go soiléir sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh os comhair an naíonra.

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. Chuir an tseirbhís fianaise ar fáil go raibh duine a oileadh i ngarchabhar do leanaí ar fáil i gcónaí do na leanaí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile. Bhí oiliúint reatha i ngarchabhair do leanaí ag ball foirne amháin agus bhí oiliúint gharchabhrach ag ball foirne amháin le modúl péidiatraiceach.
- (2) (a) Bhí bosca garchabhrach le míreanna ábhair laistigh de dháta, stóráilte go sábháilte, inrochtana go héasca agus stóráilte in áit fheiceálach sna seomraí súgartha.
(b) Léirigh an tseirbhís go raibh bosca garchabhrach feistithe go hiomlán sna seomraí súgartha agus go raibh sé ar fáil leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

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) Bhí taifead scríofa do na druileanna dóiteáin míosúla a bhí déanta ar fáil sa tseirbhís. Taifeadadh an druil dóiteáin deireanach ar an 22/05/2024.

(b) Bhí taifead ar fáil a léirigh líon, cineál agus cothabháil an trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin agus aláraim dheataigh ar an áitreabh. Rinneadh seirbhísiú ar an trealamh comhraicthe dóiteáin ar an 4/09/2023, agus rinneadh seirbhísiú ar an gcóras aláraim deataigh ar an 4/09/2023.

(4) Taispeánadh fógra gníomh dóiteáin scríofa a léiríonn na nósanna imeachta a bhí le leanúint i gcás tine ag doras teach na seirbhíse.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Bhí árachas ag an tseirbhís do sheirbhís pháirtaimseartha le 44 leanbh réamhscoile ar a mhéad agus seirbhís d'aois scoile le huasmhéid 46 leanbh scoile d'aois a raibh dáta éaga 27/03/2025 acu.

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015GY181
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Name of Service:	Naionra Ghaelscoil De hÍde
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Address of Service:	Gaelscoil De hÍde, Ard na Mara, Uarán Mór, Co. Galway.
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Eircode:	H91 R2RV
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Name of Registered Provider:	Ray O'Donnchadha
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Service type:	Part Time
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Date of Inspection:	28/05/2024
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No of pre-school children:	AM	27	PM	8
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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, 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

This part time service is located to the rear of 'Ghaelscoil De hÍde' national school in the village of Oranmore, Co. Galway. The preschool offers an Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and sessional care programme with a play-based focus, from 8.25hrs to 11.25hrs and a part time service from 8.25 hrs to 13.25hrs, Monday to Friday. The premises consists of 2 modular buildings with a playroom, sanitary area and office in Seomra 1, a playroom, a storage room/kitchenette and sanitary area in Seomra 2. There is a sheltered area and wooden decking interlinking the 2 units outside. The preschool caters for children aged between 2 years and 8 months and 6 years. The service also offers an afterschool programme from 13.30hrs to 18.00hrs for school aged children. Quiet rest areas with child size couches, soft matting and stackable beds are available in each playroom for children to rest/sleep or opt out of an activity if he/ she wishes to do so. There is a designated secure outdoor play area to the rear of the premises.

Staffing

The registered provider is part of a board of management committee and not on the premises daily. There are three staff excluding the registered provider. The three staff hold a Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) at a Level 5 to 6, in Early Childhood Care and Education. These staff have documentary evidence of ongoing 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 inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under regulations 11,16,19,23,25,26 and 28; however, on inspection additional non-compliance which posed a risk was identified under Regulation 8 and 9. These findings are outlined within the relevant regulations within this report.

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

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

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

Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part II - Registration and Register

Regulation 8 - Notification of change in circumstances

(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a temporary pre-school service shall, subject to paragraph (3), notify the Agency in writing of any proposed change in the details in relation to the pre-school service contained in the register pursuant to section 58C(2) of the Act or Regulation 7(2) at least 60 days before it is proposed that the change would take effect.

Non-Compliance Information

(1) The service had a new person in charge since September 2023, the agency was not notified of the change to the preschool service and therefore the information was not contained in the national register.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On the 6/06/2024 and 21/06/2024 the person in charge advised of the following.

Corrective and Preventive Action

An application has been sent to the agency's change in circumstances office to change the details on the person in charge.

Supporting documentation submitted

A supporting email of the application submitted was sent to the office of the early years inspectorate.

Summary Comment

The change of circumstances has been approved and this requirement has been met.

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 deputize in the service if required.
- (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.
- (2)(a)&(b) Four written validated references for two of the three staff members were available on file from a past employer or a source other than a past employer.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosure was available on file for the three staff members.
- (4) Documentary evidence indicated that the three staff working directly with and caring for the pre-school children in the service, had obtained an award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 to Level

6 on the National Framework of Qualifications or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

Non-Compliance Information

- (2)(a)(b) Two written validated references for one staff member were not available on file from a past employer or a source other than a past employer.
- (2)(d) Police vetting was not available for one staff member who lived and worked longer than six months in a state other than this state for longer than six months while over the age of 18 years.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On the 6/06/2024 and 21/06/2024 the registered provider advised of the following.

Corrective and Preventive Action

- (2)(a) (b) References which were missing have been put in place.
- (2)(d) An application has been submitted on the 29/05/2024 for a child protection certificate for one staff member.

Supporting documentation submitted

A confirmation email and photograph of the submission and payment for the child protection certificate was submitted. Copies of references.

Summary Comment

The actions taken by the registered provider address the non-compliances identified in Reg 9 (2) (a) and (b). The findings documented at (2) (d) remains outstanding as there is no evidence of the international child protection certificate as yet.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 11 - Staffing levels

- (1) Subject to this Regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that there is at all times an adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the pre-school service.*
- (2) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), a registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 1 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is satisfied.*
- (8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)-*
- (a) a registered provider of a pre-school service other than a child-minding service or a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times.*

Compliance Information

- (1) There were an adequate number of adults working directly with children attending the service. There were three adults working directly with 27 children in the morning sessional service and two adults caring for 8 children in the part time service.
- (2) The adult/child ratio was correct and maintained on the day of inspection.
- (8)(a) The staff roster indicated that two adults were available on the premises at all times.

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;*
 - (b) *details of the class of service and the age profile of children for which the service is registered to provide services;*
 - (c) *details of the adult: child ratios in the service;*
 - (d) *the type of care or programme provided in the service;*
 - (e) *the facilities available;*
 - (f) *the opening hours and fees;*
 - (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) The particulars outlined from (a) to (f) were displayed on the wall at the entrance to the service and shared with parents before a child commences in the service.
- (g) A sample of the policies, procedures and statements of the service specified in Schedule 5 were reviewed and deemed adequate by the inspector. A hard copy was available in the preschool office.
 - (h) The inspector observed that the children in attendance in the two playrooms were recorded on a hard back copy which included the full name of the child and their arrival and departure times.
 - (i) A staff roster was available and reviewed by the inspector. The roster demonstrated the staff members rostered hours and staff absences from the service.
 - (j) Details of medication administered to the pre-school children attending the service were available if requested. The forms included parental consent and details of medication administered. No medication was administered recently.

- (k) A sample of an accident, injury or incident records involving pre-school children attending the service detailed a signed parental signature after the incident occurred. A hard copy was available in each playroom and a duplicate copy was maintained and filed in the service file.

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

- From 10.45 am, children had their snacks which were supplied by the parents and guardians which consisted of sandwiches, pancakes, waffles, crackers, rice cakes, brown bread, pasta, corn on the cob, cheese and ham, fruit pieces, yogurts with water to drink.
- At 12.15pm, children attending the part time service had the remainder of their snacks. The registered provider ensured that as per best practice (Food and Nutritional guidelines) that each child attending the part time service had adequate and nutritious food and at least 2 food groups for this second meal.
- The healthy eating policy was available for parents and guardians to view.
- Water in the form of the children's own bottles was available on a low table for children to 'self-serve' in the playrooms and in the outdoor play area (when required).
- Crockery and plates were offered / used during children's snack times.
- The children attending the service used the toilet independently or with some assistance by adults as required. The children were observed washing their hands, before eating their morning snack and after toileting, messy play and outdoor play.
- The children could move about freely in their playrooms and all the children had the opportunity for outdoor playtime.
- In each of the playrooms, the children had the opportunity to rest or relax with soft seating in designated cosy areas. The registered provider had stackable beds providing children attending the part time service

the opportunity to rest or sleep. There was adult seating in each playroom to facilitate a staff member comforting a child.

- The designated outdoor play area to the side of the premises was sufficiently spacious to accommodate the numbers of children attending the service. The children and staff have the use of the astro turf pitch next door and an area on the national school grounds at allocated time slots if required.

Supporting Relationship

- Children's behaviour was consistently managed in a positive manner by the childcare staff, with an emphasis on positive reinforcement and encouragement.
- The childcare staff were observed to be caring, kind and supportive in their interactions with the children.
- Children were praised, encouraged, and listened to and it was observed that the adults interacted regularly with the children both indoors and in the outdoor environment.
- A relaxed and calm environment was provided for the children. Smooth transitions and gentle reminders were observed and the children knew their carers who offered them reassurance, low tones, kindness and supporting relationships.
- The service operated in partnership with parents and guardians and had an open-door policy. Parents and guardians were spoken to informally on a daily basis and formal parent teacher meetings were also arranged if required. Information about the service and general information was displayed on the notice boards inside the playrooms. The staff communicated with parents on an informal basis at drop off and collections times via phone calls, meetings, and emails. Each child had their own zip lock folder, and the staff collated a classroom journal with themes, artwork, photographs, and observations included.
- The children could move about freely in their playrooms, they were supported to interact appropriately with their peers and were confident and comfortable in their environment.
- On the day of inspection, all the children had the opportunity to play indoors and in the outdoor play area.
- The children in Seomra 1 were observed playing with puzzles, jigsaws, matching games and with sensory boards.
- While the children in Seomra 2 were observed making arts and crafts, singing action songs, threading games, at pin boards, while some children played in the home corner using their imagination.
- All staff and children were observed in the outdoor play area to the rear and side of the premises. The children were observed playing with water and sand while others built blocks , were running, chasing and

using balance bikes. All children were dressed appropriately for the weather on the day with coats and hats.

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:

- There was a secure access system, into the main entrance front door.
- The external outdoor play area was secure so that children could not leave the area unsupervised.
- The outdoor area was secured with fencing and gates.
- The fire doors in the playrooms were unobstructed.
- All cleaning agents were stored inaccessible to the children.
- A system was in place to ensure that daily records of attendance were kept for all of the children, attending the pre-school both sessional and part time.
- All toys and play equipment were observed to be safe and in good condition for children.
- There were no pits or ponds in the outdoor area to cause any hazard or potential risk to the pre-school child.

Infection Control:

- Warm water, liquid soap, hand paper towels, pedal operated waste bins were available in the sanitary facilities.
- The staff and children washed their hands at appropriate intervals which included: after messy play, outdoor play and after toileting and prior to mealtime.
- All toys and materials were easily cleaned and maintained in good condition.

Administration of Medication:

- No medication was administered on the day of inspection.

Safe Sleep:

- Staff demonstrated a good knowledge of the up-to-date guidance on safe sleep. The service policy was available to inform practice.

- Stackable beds and floor mats were available for sleep provision and appropriate bed linen were available for the children.
- The playroom had soft wipeable seating, floor mats and cushions for a child to take a break, rest and relax if they choose.
- No child went to sleep on the day of inspection. The staff and children were observed reading a story and having relaxation time.

Fire Safety:

- The service completes monthly fire drills to support the safe evacuation in the event of a fire.
- Emergency exits were unobstructed.
- The fire assembly point was clearly visible in the outdoor play area to the front of the naíonra.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 25 - First aid

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

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

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

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

Compliance Information

- (1) The service provided evidence that a person trained in first aid for children was available at all times to the children attending the pre-school service. One staff member had current training in first aid for children and one staff had first aid training with a paediatric module.
- (2)(a) There was a first aid box with content items within date, safely stored, easily accessible and stored in a conspicuous position in the playrooms.
- (b) The service demonstrated that a first aid box was fully equipped in the playrooms and available to the children attending the pre-school service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures

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

Compliance Information

- (1)(a) A written record for the completed monthly fire drills was available in the service. The last fire drill was recorded as taking place on the 22/05/2024.
- (b) A record was available demonstrating the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms on the premises. The firefighting equipment was serviced on the 4/09/2023, and the smoke alarm system was serviced on the 4/09/2023.
- (4) A written fire action notice demonstrating the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed at the entrance door of the service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

The service had insurance for a part-time service with a max of 44 preschool children and a school aged service with a maximum of 46 school aged children with an expiry date of 27/03/2025.