

# Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

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<b>Teideal:</b>	Cigire na Luathbhlianta

## Údarás chun cigireacht a dhéanamh

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

<b>Coinníollacha, má bhaineann le hábhar</b>	Neamh Bhainteach
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<b>TÚSLA</b> An Ghníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach Child and Family Agency	<b>Rialacháin an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) 2016 agus Rialacháin an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) (Leasú) 2016</b> <b>QMS Ref: EYI-RRT12.1_IE V2.0 03/03/2023 Uimhir Aitheantais na Seirbhíse: TU2015GY186</b>	<b>1 de 9</b>
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## Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Tá an t-áitreabh suite i sráidbhaile tuaithe i gConnamara san Fhairche. Freastalaíonn an réamhscoil phobail seo ar pháistí idir 2 bhliain agus 8 mí agus 6 bliana d'aois ó Luan go hAoine idir 9.00 uair agus 12.00 uair ar feadh 38 seachtain den bhliain. Cuirtear clár cúraim sheisiúnaigh ar fáil agus Clár Cúraim agus Oideachais na Luath-Óige (ECCE). Cuirtear an tseirbhís ar fáil trí mheán na Gaeilge agus tá síad faoi bainistíocht ag Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta. Tá limistéar scíthe ciúin ar fáil sa seomra súgartha chun cabhrú le leanbh scíth a ligean nó diúltú do ghníomhaíocht más mian leis/léi. Feidhmíonn an réamhscoil ó sheomra amhain atá suite san fhoirgneamh pobail. Tá teacht ag na páistí réamhscoile ar limistéar súgartha slán atá ainmnithe taobh amuigh agus tá aonad uile-aimsire le didéan ar chúl an áitribh. Cuireann an tseirbhís curaclam bunaithe ar shúgradh faoi stiúir leanaí ar fáil a dhíríonn ar théamaí atá ag teacht chun cinn agus ar spéiseanna na bpáistí.

## Soláthar foirne

Tá an soláthraí cláraithe sár-uimhriúil agus ní ar an áitreabh ar bhonn laethúil. Tá duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus ionadaí nuair is gá. Bhí Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann (QQI) ag beirt den fhoireann a bhí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí ag Leibhéal 5 ar laghad. Ina theannta sin, bhí 1 mhac léinn os cionn 18 mbliana d'aois ar thaithí oibre agus rinneadh maoirseacht uirthi i gcónaí. Tá fianaise dhoiciméadach ag an bhfoireann aosach 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 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 9, 11, 16, 19, 25, 26 agus 28. Leagtar amach na torthaí sin laistigh de 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 sainaitnítear 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 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*, an ball foirne breise, an mac léinn agus leis na leanaí a bhí i láthair ar lá na cigireachta as a gcomhoibriú ar fad.

## Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

### Rialachán 9 – Bainistíocht agus earcaíocht

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1)(a) Bhí duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus bhí duine ainmnithe ar fáil chun leas a bhaint as seirbhíse poiblí.

(b) Go raibh an duine ainmnithe a bhí i bhfeighil san áitreabh nuair a tháinig an cigire luathbhlianta agus d'fhan sí ar an láthair ar feadh ré an iniúchta. Léirigh fianaise dhoiciméadach go raibh an duine ainmnithe a bhí i gceannas agus an ionadaí ar fáil san áitreabh, nuair a bhí na leanaí réamhscoile i láthair.

(2)(a)&(b)

Bhí sé thagairt bhailíochtaíthe i scríbhinn ar chomhad maidir leis an 2 bhall foirne agus bhí mac léinn amháin ó fostóir nó foinse seachas iarfhostóir.

- (c) Go raibh nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána ar fáil i leith an 3 dhuine fásta.
  - (d) Ní raibh cónaí ar an triúr aosach i dtír lasmuigh den dlínse ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná 6 mhí as a chéile, agus os iad cionn 18 mbliana d'aois, dá bhrí sin, ní raibh grinnfhiosrúchán na póilíní riachtanach acu.
- (4) Bhí Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann (QQI) ag beirt den fhoireann a bhí ag obair go díreach leis na leibhéil 5 ar laghad. Bhí cóipeanna de na cáilíochtaí ar chomhad don bheirt bhall foirne.

## 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 ndéanfar, 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 cúnaimh 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) Léirigh na taifid tinrimh réamhscoile do na 3 sheachtain roimhe sin go raibh líon leordhóthanach foirne ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí. Bhí an cóimheas idir daoine fásta/páiste ceart agus coinnithe ar lá na cigireachta.
- (3) Bhí an cóimheas idir daoine fásta/leanaí ceart agus coinnithe ar lá an iniúchta.  
Bhí beirt bhall foirne ag obair go díreach le 15 páiste réamhscoile agus ag tabhairt aire dóibh.  
Bhí na páistí ar fad idir 3 bliana agus 5 bliana d'aois.

Ina theannta sin, bhí mac léinn os cionn 18 mbliana d'aois ar shocrúchán oibre ar feadh 2 sheachtain.

- (8)(c) Ní oibrítear an tseirbhís ar lámh amháin, toisc go raibh duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus ball foirne breise atá ag obair sa tseirbhís réamhscoile.

## 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;
- (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) sonraí faoi aon tionóisc, díobháil nó teagmhas a bhaineann le leanbh réamhscoile atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1)(a) Bhí ainm agus cáilíocht an duine i gceannas agus ball foirne breise ar fáil ar Clár na bhfógraí sa seomra súgartha.
- (h) Rinneadh sonraí faoi thinreamh leanaí a thaifeadadh go cruinn.
- (i) Bhí leabhar rolla foirne ar fáil ar bhonn laethúil.
- (j) Bhí cáipéisíocht ar fáil chun cógas a riaradh do leanbh, dá mbeadh gá leis, agus gur chóir do thuismitheoirí cógas a riaradh a fhianú agus a shíniú i gconaí.
- (k) Taifeadadh sonraí faoi thimpistí agus teagmhais agus bhí fianaise ar fáil go raibh thuismitheoirí ar an eolas tar éis timpiste nó eachtra a bhain lena leanbh.

## Cuid V - Cúram Linbh i Seirbhís Réamhscoile

### Rialachán 19 - Sláinte, leas agus forbairt linbh

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe, le linn dó nó di a bheith ag soláthar seirbhís réamhscoile—

(a) go ndéanfar foghlaim, forbairt agus leas gach linbh a urasú laistigh de shaol laethúil na seirbhíse réamhscoile trí na gníomhaíochtaí cuí, an idirghníomhaíocht chuí, na hábhair chuí agus an trealamh cuí a sholáthar, ag féachaint d'aois agus do chéim forbartha an linbh.

#### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1)(a)

#### RIACHTANAIS BHUNÚSACHA:

- D'ith na páistí agus an fhoireann a gcuid sneaiceanna le chéile, bhí am ag na páistí taitneamh a bhaint as a gcuid bia gan a bheith faoi dheifir. Bhí polasaí bia sláintiúil ar fáil ach é a iarraidh. Tugadh faoi deara go raibh an bia a chuir na tuismitheoirí/ caomhnóirí ar fáil cothaitheach le ceapairí, liamhás agus cáis, arán donn, iógart, pasta, agus píosaí torthaí. Bhí teacht ag na páistí ar a gcuid uisce an t-am ar fad agus chuir an fhoireann buidéal bhreise uisce ar fáil más gá.
- Cuireadh oiliúint leithris ar gach páiste agus chuaigh siad ag an leithris go neamhspleách nó le cúnaimh éigin de réir mar ba ghá.
- Rinne na baill foirne maoirseacht ar níochán lámh na bpáistí roimh agus tar éis am sneaiceanna, tar éis leithris, tar éis dóibh a srón a shéideadh, tar éis súgradh míshlachtmhar, agus tar éis súgradh lasmuigh.
- Rinne an fhoireann bainistiú leanúnach ar iompar leanaí ar bhealach cúmasach agus dearfach.
- D'imir gach páiste taobh amuigh faoin aer den chuid is mó don am ar lá na cigireachta.

#### Tacú le Caidrimh.

- Thug an fhoireann aird dhearfach ar na páistí. Freagraíodh leideanna leanaí le haghaidh cúnaimh go minic ar bhealach cineálta agus comhbhách. Chuir an fhoireann leibhéal cuí maoirseachta ar fáil agus iad ag tacú le neamhspleáchais na bpáistí. Tugadh faoi deara na ball foirne ag labhairt leis na páistí ag a n-airde, ag éisteacht go haireach agus ag freagairt ar bhealach ciúin, socair agus íogair.
- Spreagadh na páistí de réir a leibhéal neamhspleáchais féin agus iad ag beathú, ag tabhairt aire dá gcuid giuirléidí, ag cur tascanna i gcrích, agus ag úsáid an leithris. Bhog na páistí go léir go saor agus d'aistrigh siad trí na gníomhaíochtaí ón taobh istigh go dtí an timpeallacht lasmuigh.
- Rinne an fhoireann cumarsáid le tuismitheoirí ar bhonn neamhfhoirmiúil ag amanna fágála agus bailiúcháin trí ghlaonna gutháin, cruinnithe agus ríomhphoist más gá. Bhí a n-iris foghlama féin ag gach

páiste, agus thiomsaigh an fhoireann dialann ranga le téamaí, saothar ealaíne, grianghraif agus breathnóireachtaí san áireamh.

- Tugadh faoi deara na páistí agus an fhoireann sa timpeallacht lasmuigh le haghaidh am súgartha agus foghlama agus le haghaidh am sneaiceanna. Bhí na páistí le feicéal ag súgradh le h-uisce, boilgeoga agus cuid acu ag súgradh le sluaistí créfóg, buicéid, rámhainní agus scuaba ar mhéid an pháiste. Tugadh faoi deara iad ag cur uisce ar na bláthanna a bhí curtha acu féin. Iad ag ceistiú agus ag plé an dul chun cinn a bhí déanta acu go dtí seo. Bhí roinnt páistí ag rothaíocht ar tarracóirí agus chuaigh siad ar na scútaír chomh maith. Cé gur imir páistí eile le gaineamh chun caisleáin á dhéanamh, bhain siad úsáid as buicéid agus cruthanna éagsúla ag an am ceanna bhain siad úsáid as a gcuid samhlaíochta an fhad is a bhí siad ag spraoi.

## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

### Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair

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

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

- (a) stóráilte go sábháilte in áit fheiceálach san áitreabh ar féidir teacht air gan dua, agus
- (b) ar fáil i gcónaí do na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Sholáthair an tseirbhís fianaise go raibh duine a oileadh i ngarchabhair do leanaí ar fáil i gcónaí do na leanaí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile. Bhí oiliúint reatha ag ball foirne amháin i ngarchabhair do leanaí.
- (2) (a) Bhí 1 bhosca garchabhrach, i seomra súgartha an Naíonra, le hearraí ar fad stóráilte go sábháilte, inrochtana go héasca agus in áit fheiceálach ar an gcomh-aireacht comhdaithe.
- (b) Léirigh an tseirbhís go raibh an bosca garchabhrach feistithe go hiomlán, le míreanna inneachair ar fáil do na páistí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

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

(1) *Cinnteoigh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn—*

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

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

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

#### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) (a) Coimeádadh agus coinníodh taifead i scríbhinn sa tseirbhís le haghaidh druileanna dóiteáin míosúla agus an taifead deireadh a déanadh ná ar an 10/6/2024.
- (b) Coinníodh taifead ar líon, ar chineál agus ar chothabháil trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin dar dáta Bealtaine 2024.
- Coinníodh taifead ar stair na seirbhíse don chóras braite deataigh agus aláraim dóiteáin sa seirbhís réamhscoile dar dáta 27/10/2023.
- (4) Bhí fógra maidir leis na nósanna imeachta a bhí le leanúint i gcás dóiteáin ar taispeáint go feiceálach sa tseirbhís ar chlár na bhfógraí i seomra súgartha an Naíonra.

## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

### Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

#### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Chuir an naíonra clúdach árachais cuí ar fáil do sheirbhís seisiúnach an Naíonra le h-uasmhéid de 22 páiste le dáta éaga an 27/11/2024.

# Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

## Pre School

<b>TUSLA Identifier:</b>	TU2015GY186		
<b>Name of Service:</b>	Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta na Fairche		
<b>Address of Service:</b>	Ionad Pobail na Fairche, An Fhairche, An Fhairche, Co. Galway.		
<b>Eircode:</b>	F12 CD93		
<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Ray Mac Pháidín		
<b>Service type:</b>	Sessional		
<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	12/06/2024		
<b>No of pre-school children:</b>	AM	15	PM No.
<b>Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:</b>	Tusla – Child and Family Agency, Early Years Inspectorate, Quality Assurance Directorate, Clinical & Administration Building, Block A - (1st Floor- Green Corridor), Merlin Park, Co. Galway.		
<b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>	F. Nic Dhonnacha		
<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Inspector		
<b>Authority to Inspect</b>			
The Tusla Early Years Inspectorate carries out inspections of Early Years Services under Section 58(J) of the Child Care Act 1991 (as inserted by Section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013).			
<b>Conditions if applicable</b>	Not applicable		

### Description of service

The premises is in Clonbur a rural village in Connemara. This community pre-school caters for children aged between 2 years and 8 months and 6 years from Monday to Friday between 9.00hrs and 12.00hrs for 38 weeks of the year. An Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme and sessional care programme is offered. The service is delivered through the medium of Irish and is under the governance of Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta. There is a quiet rest area available in the playroom to facilitate a child to rest or opt out of an activity if he/she wishes to. The pre-school operates from a room located in the community building. The pre-school children have access to a designated secure outdoor play area and an all-weather sheltered unit to the rear of the premises. The service offers a child led play-based curriculum focusing on emerging themes and the children's interests.

### Staffing

The registered provider is supernumerary and not on the premises daily. There is a designated person in charge and a deputy person when required. Two of the staff working directly with the children held Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) at a minimum of a Level 5. Additionally, 1 student over the age of 18 years was on work experience and was always supervised. The adult 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 Childcare 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 9, 11, 16, 19, 25, 26 and 28; The 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*, additional staff member, student 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 available to deputise in the service.
- (b) The designated 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 both the designated person in charge and deputy were available on the premises when the pre-school children were present.
- (2)
- (a)&(b) Six written validated references were on file in respect of the 2 staff and 1 student were from a past employer or a source other than a past employer.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures were available in respect of the 3 adults.
- (d) The 3 adults did not live in a country outside the jurisdiction for longer than 6 consecutive months, while over the age of 18 years therefore did not have the required police vetting.
- (4) Two of the staff working directly with the children held Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) at a minimum of a Level 5. Copies of the qualifications were on file for the 2 staff.

### 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 for the previous 3 weeks indicated that an adequate number of staff were working directly with the children. The adult/child ratio was correct and maintained on the day of inspection.
- (3) The adult/child ratio was correct and maintained on the day of inspection.  
There were 2 staff working directly with and caring for 15 preschool children.  
All the children were aged between 3 years to 5 years.  
Additionally, there was a student over the age of 18years on a work placement for 2 weeks.
- (8)(c) The service is not operated single-handedly, as there was a designated person in charge and an additional staff member working in the pre-school service.

## 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;*
- (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 and qualification of the person in charge and additional staff member was available on the notice board in the playroom.
- (h) Details of children’s attendance was accurately recorded.
- (i) A staff roster was available on a daily basis.
- (j) Documentation was available for the administering of medication to a child, should it be required, and that administration of medication should be witnessed and signed by parents.
- (k) Details of accidents and incidents were recorded and there was evidence available that parents were informed following an accident or incident involving their child.

### 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

(1)(a)

#### BASIC NEEDS:

- The children and staff ate their snacks together, the children had time to enjoy their food without being rushed. There was a healthy eating policy available on request. The food provided by the parents/guardians was observed to be nutritious with a variety of sandwiches, ham and cheese, brown bread, yogurts, pasta, and fruit pieces. The children had access to their water at all times and the staff provided extra bottles of water if necessary.
- All children were toilet trained and either toileted independently or with some assistance as required.
- The staff members supervised children's hand washing before and after snack time, after toileting, after blowing their noses, after messy play, and after outside play.
- Children's behaviour was consistently managed in a competent and positive manner by the staff.
- All children played predominately outdoors on the day of inspection.

#### Supporting Relationships.

- The staff treated the children with positive regard. Children's cues for assistance were responded to promptly and the staff communicated in a kind and caring manner. Staff provided an appropriate level of supervision whilst supporting the children's independence. The staff member was observed speaking to the children at their height, listening attentively and responding in a quiet, calm, and sensitive manner.
- The children were encouraged in accordance with their own level of independence while they were feeding, caring for their belongings, completing tasks, and using the toilet. All the children freely moved and transitioned through the activities from the indoor to the outdoor environment.
- The staff communicated with parents on an informal basis at drop off and collections times via phone calls, meetings and emails if necessary. Each child had their own learning journal, and the staff collated a classroom journal with themes, artwork, photographs and observations included.

- The children and staff were observed in the outdoor environment for snack time play time and learning. The children were observed playing with water, bubbles and some played with clay shovels, buckets, child size spades and brushes. They were observed watering the flowers they had planted previously questioning and discussing their progress to date. Some children pedalled tractors and went on scooters. While others played with sand using their imagination while making castles using buckets and using mould to make shapes.

### 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 had current training in first aid for children.
- (2)(a) There was 1 first aid box, in the Naíonra playroom, with items all safely stored, easily accessible and in a conspicuous position on the filing cabinet.
- (b) The service demonstrated that the first aid box was fully equipped, with content items in date 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 record in writing was kept and maintained in the service for monthly fire drills with the last record dated 10/6/2024.
- (b) A record was maintained of the number, type, and maintenance of firefighting equipment dated May 2024.
- A record was maintained of the service history for the smoke detection and fire alarm system in the preschool service dated 27/10/2023.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was conspicuously displayed in the service on the notice board in the Naíonra playroom.

### Part VI - Safety

#### Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

#### Compliance Information

The preschool provided adequate insurance cover for a sessional Naíonra service with a max number of 22 children with an expiry date of 27/11/2024.