

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

Tá an tseirbhís réamhscoile páirtaimseartha seo lonnaithe i scoil náisiúnta Scoil Cholm Cille i dTulach Bhaile na hAbhainn in iarthar chathair na Gaillimhe. Cuirtear cláir réamhscoile agus cúraim seisiúnach de chuid Chúram agus Oideachais na Luath-Óige (ECCE) ar fáil ó 09.00 go dtí 12.00 uair agus seirbhís pháirtaimseartha idir 09.00 agus 13.40, ó Luan go hAoine. Freastalaíonn an réamhscoil ar pháistí idir 2 bhliain agus 6 bliana d'aois. Ina theannta sin, cuirtear clár iarscoile ar fáil do pháistí in aois scoile. Oibríonn an réamhscoil ó sheomra ranga laistigh den scoil. Tá limistéar scíthe ciúin le tolg de mhéid na leanaí agus mataí boga ar fáil do leanaí chun scíth a ligean. Tá rochtain ag na páistí réamhscoile ar limistéar súgartha slán lasmuigh chun tosaigh ar an áitribh. Cuirtear curaclam réamhscoile ar fáil atá bhunaithe ar an súgartha agus dírithe ar leasanna atá ag teacht chun cinn. Tá an tseirbhís faoi rialú Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta agus cuireann sí an tseirbhís ar fáil trí mheán na Gaeilge.

Soláthar foirne

Tá seisear daoine fásta fostaithe ag an tseirbhís. Tá an soláthraí cláraithe neamh uimhriúil agus ní oibríonn sé sa réamhscoil. Tá duine i gceannas agus leas-duine i gceannas, beirt bhall foirne fóirithinte agus duine fásta a sholáthraíonn tacaíocht bhreise faoin tsamhail rochtana agus cuimsitheachta (AIMS). Ar an 14 Aibreán 2026 d'oibrigh an duine atá i gceannas, an t-ionadaí agus an duine fásta a chuir tacaíocht bhreise ar fáil go díreach leis na leanaí. Tá an soláthraí cláraithe mar chuid de bhord bainistíochta. Tá cáilíochtaí cuí bainte amach ag na daoine fásta atá ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige. Bhí taifid ar fáil de rannpháirtíocht an duine fásta i bhforbairt ghairmiúil 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 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
 - Breathnú díreach
 - Plé le baill foirne ábhartha

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Ba chigireacht neamh fhógartha é seo, agus díríodh ar rialachas, sláinte, folláine agus forbairt an linbh, áitreabh agus saoraidí lena linn. Féadfaidh cigireacht díriú ar réimsí eile chomh maith, de réir mar is gá.

Úsáideadh próiseas samplála chun measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh faoin Rialachán 15 Taifead ar leanbh réamhscoile.

Leagtar amach torthaí na cigireachta sa tuarascáil maidir leis an gcigireacht a eisítear mar dhréacht-tuarascáil ar dtús chuig an tseirbhís, agus bíonn deis ag an tseirbhís freagra a thabhairt ar thorthaí ar bith a luaitear inti. I gcás go sainaithnítear nach bhfuil ceanglais reachtúla á gcomhlíonadh, ní mór don soláthraí cláraithe léiriú a thabhairt ar an mbealach a réitíodh an neamhchomhlíonadh agus mar a chuirfear cosc ar an neamhchomhlíonadh amach anseo. Úsáidfear an plean um Ghníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach (CAPA) chun bonn eolais a chur le cinntí maidir le comhlíonadh le ceanglais rialála. I gcás nach n-éiríonn leis an soláthraí cláraithe na ceanglais reachtúla a chomhlíonadh, féadfar próiseas géaraithe a thosú.

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

Is í an Chigireacht a thiomsaíonn ábhar na tuarascála.

Buíochas

Is mian leis an gCigireacht buíochas a ghabháil, leis an duine i bhfeighil, leis an bhfoireann agus leis na leanaí a bhí i láthair ar lá na cigireachta as a gcomhoibriú ar fad.

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Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 9 – Bainistíocht agus earcaíocht

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe-

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

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

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

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

(b) breithniú ar theistiméireachtaí ó fhoinsí 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.

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

(4) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe, gan dochar do 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.

(6A) Ní bhainfidh mír (4) le fostaí soláthraí cláraithe más rud é - (a) go bhfaigheann an soláthraí cláraithe maoiniú chun an fostaí sin a fhostú de bhun scéime arna maoiniú ag an Aire ar a dtugtar an Múnla um Rochtain agus Cuimsitheacht, agus (b) go bhfostaítear an fostaí ar mhaithe le tacaíocht a chur ar fáil, de bhun na scéime dá dtagraítear i bhfomhír (a), do leanbh a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís chun páirt a ghlacadh sa chlár ar a dtugtar Clár cistiúcháin um Chúram agus Oideachas na Luathóige (ECCE)".

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Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1)(a) Bhí duine ainmnithe i bhfeighil agus leasduine ainmnithe i bhfeighil má bhí gá.
- (b) Le linn an iniúchta bhí an duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus an leas-duine i gceannas ar an láthair agus ar fáil le linn an iniúchta.
- (2) Bhí sé chomhad ar fáil maidir leis an soláthraí cláraithe, an duine atá i gceannas, beirt oibrí cúraim leanaí, ball foirne fóirithinte amháin agus duine fásta breise a sholáthraíonn tacaíocht tríd an tsamhail cúraim Rochtana agus Cuimsitheachta. I measc na dtorthaí bhí an méid seo a leanas:
- (2)(a) Fuarthas seacht dteistiméireacht ó fhostóirí roimhe seo agus bailíochtaíodh iad.
- (b) Fuarthas cúig thagairt ó fhoinsé seachas iarfhostóir agus bailíochtaíodh iad.
- (c) Fuarthas nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána do na seisear daoine fásta. Léirigh an tseirbhís freisin go gcomhlíontar an Fógra Rialála Cigireachta Luathbhlianta a éilíonn Seirbhísí chun Grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána a athnuachan gach trí bliana.
- (d) Bhí grinnfhiosrúcháin póilíní idirnáisiúnta ar fáil do dhuine fásta amháin, bhí an ball foirne ina gcónaí i stát eile ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná sé mhí mar dhuine fásta os cionn ocht mbliana déag d aois.
- (3) Cuireadh na nósanna imeachta a shonraítear i mír (2) i gcrích sula gceapadh, sula sanntar nó sula gceadaítear aon duine atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile rochtain ar na páistí.
- (4) Bhí cáilíochtaí Cúraim agus Oideachais Luath-Óige ag cúigear daoine fásta a oibríonn go díreach leis na leanaí réamhscoile ó Leibhéal 5 go 7 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí.
- (6A) Faigheann an réamhscoil maoiniú do bhall foirne amháin chun cúram a chur ar fáil faoin tSamhail Rochtana agus Cuimsithe

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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.
- (2) Faoi réir mhíreanna (4) agus (5), áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse cúraim lae iomláin nó seirbhíse cúraim lae pháirtaimseartha go mbeidh an cóimheas íosta idir aosaigh agus leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (3) de Chuid 1 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) di ag an uimhir thagartha sin go bhfuil sé sásta.
- (8) Gan dochar do mhíreanna (2) go (7)-
- 8(a) áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seachas seirbhís fhaireachais leanaí nó seirbhís réamhscoile seisiúnach go mbeidh 2 dhuine fásta ar a laghad san áitreabh i gcónaí,

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Le linn na cigireachta, d'oibrigh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta go díreach leis na leanaí a bhí i láthair.
- (2) Chinntigh an soláthraí cláraithe go gcoinníodh an cóimheas idir duine fásta agus leanbh i gcónaí fad is a bhí an tseirbhís réamhscoile i bhfeidhm. Bhí 3 daoine fásta (beirt oibrí cúraim leanaí agus tríú duine a fostaíodh chun tacaíocht bhreise a sholáthar faoin tsamhail cúraim rochtana agus cuimsitheachta) ag obair go díreach le 21 leanbh ar lá na cigireachta le linn na seirbhíse seisiúna agus le 14 leanbh don tseirbhís pháirtaimseartha.
- (8)(a) Chinntigh an soláthraí cláraithe go raibh beirt fhoireann ar an áitreabh fad is a bhí an réamhscoil ag feidhmiú.

Cuid IV – Faisnéis agus Taifid

Rialachán 15 – Taifead ar leanbh réamhscoile

- (1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seachas seirbhíse réamhscoile i lárionad buail isteach nó seirbhís réamhscoile shealadach go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn i leith gach linbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís ina mbeidh na sonraí seo a leanas:
- (a) ainm agus dáta breithe an linbh;
- (b) an dáta a d'fhreastail an leanbh ar an tseirbhís den chéad uair;
- (c) an dáta a scoir an leanbh de bheith ag freastal ar an tseirbhís;
- (d) ainm agus seoladh tuismitheora nó caomhnóra leis an leanbh agus uimhir theileafóin lenar féidir dul i dteagmháil leis an tuismitheoir nó leis an gcaomhnóir sin nó le gaol nó le cara leis an leanbh le linn uaireanta oibríochta na seirbhíse;
- (e) údarú chun an leanbh a bhailiú;

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(f) mionsonraí aon bhreitheachta, aon mhíchumais, aon ailléirge nó aon riachtanais speisialta ar an leanbh, mar aon leis an bhfaisnéis go léir is iomchuí maidir le cúram nó aire speisialta a sholáthar;

(g) ainm agus uimhir theileafóin lia-chleachtóir cláraithe an linbh;

(h) taifead ar imdhíontaí, más ann, a fuair an leanbh;

(i) toiliú i scríbhinn ó thuismitheoir chun cóireáil chuí liachta a chur ar an leanbh i gcás éigeandála.

(4) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoinneofar taifead i scríbhinn dá dtagraítear i mír (1) ar feadh tréimhse 2 bhliain ón dáta a scoirfidh an leanbh lena mbaineann sé de bheith ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

(5) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoinneofar taifead i scríbhinn dá dtagraítear i mír (2) ar feadh tréimhse 2 bhliain ón dáta a fhreastalóidh an leanbh ar an tseirbhís.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

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

Rinne an Cigire luathbhlianta athbhreithniú ar shampla de 12 taifead leanaí.

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

Bhí an méid seo a leanas sna dhá cheann déag d'taifead randamach do leanaí:

(a) Ainm agus dáta breithe an linbh.

(b) An dáta ar a d'fhreastail an leanbh ar an tseirbhís den chéad uair.

(c) An dáta ar a stop an leanbh ag freastal ar an tseirbhís (nuair is cuí).

(d) Ainm agus seoladh tuismitheora nó caomhnóra an linbh, agus uimhir theileafóin i gcás ina ndéanann an tuismitheoir sin nó is féidir teagmháil a dhéanamh le caomhnóir (nó le gaol nó cara an tuismitheora nó an linbh) le linn uaireanta oibríochta.

(e) Údarú / cead scríofa chun an leanbh a bhailiú.

(f) Déantar sonraí a thaifeadadh maidir le haon tinneas, ailléirge, nó riachtanas breise a bhí ag an leanbh, mar aon leis na riachtanais go léir faisnéis a bhaineann le cúram nó aire sonrach a sholáthar.

(g) Ainm agus uimhir theileafóin lia-chleachtóir cláraithe an linbh.

(h) Taifead ar aon vacsaínithe a bhí ag an leanbh.

(i) Cuireadh toiliú scríofa tuismitheora nó caomhnóra san áireamh chun ligean don leanbh leighis cuí a bheith aige cóireáil má bhí / tá éigeandáil ann.

(4) & (5)

Chuir an duine i gceannas comhairle agus fianaise dhoiciméadach ón athbhreithniú comhad le fios, go raibh córas ag an réamhscoil chun go gcoimeádfaí gach taifead ábhartha do leanaí ar feadh 2 bhliain ón dáta a stopann leanbh ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

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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.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Riachtanais Bhunúsacha:

(1)(a)

Éascaíodh foghlaim, forbairt agus folláine na bpáistí laistigh den tseirbhís trí ghníomhaíochtaí, idirghníomhaíochtaí, ábhair agus trealamh cuí a chur ar fáil, ag féachaint d'aois agus do chéim forbartha na leanaí.

- Bhí polasaí bia sláintiúil ag an tseirbhís agus tugadh faoi deara go raibh sneaiceanna/béile na bpáistí ildaite, cothaitheach agus éagsúil le ceapairí, fillteáin, salami, torthaí, iógart agus cácaí ríse. Breathnaíodh go raibh am béile ina ócáid shóisialta ina raibh an fhoireann agus na páistí ina suí le chéile ag ithe agus comhrá a dhéanamh.
- Bhí uisce inrochtana i rith an lae d'aon leanbh a raibh tart orthu.
- Spreagadh na páistí chun a bheith neamhspleách i súgradh agus i bhfoghlaim, agus iad ag tabhairt aire dá gcuid rudaí agus ag baint úsáid as an leithreas. Rinne an fhoireann maoirseacht agus caitheamh leis na páistí ar bhealach íogair fad is a d'úsáid na páistí an leithreas.
- Bhí deis ag na páistí gluaiseacht timpeall ag saor imirt sa seomra súgartha agus súgradh lena rogha bréagán agus ábhar súgartha.
- Bíonn deis ag na páistí súgradh taobh istigh agus lasmuigh ar bhonn laethúil.
- Le linn am scíthe/scíthe ciúin bhí na páistí le feicéal ag cleachta análú domhain agus ióga a chleachtadh leis na daoine fásta.

Ag Tacú le Caidrimh

- Breathnaíodh go dtacaíonn na daoine fásta le foghlaim, forbairt agus folláine na bpáistí gach lá.
- Thug na daoine fásta aire do na páistí ar bhealach cineálta agus measúil. Breathnaíodh ar seo trí na daoine fásta ag baint úsáide guth le toin bhog, teanga dhearfach agus ag tairiscint moladh agus ag spreagadh go

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comhsheasmhach. Baineadh úsáid as straitéisí iompraíochta dearfacha le linn na n-idirghníomhaíochtaí go léir leis na leanaí.

- Cuireadh na páistí ar an eolas roimh ré faoi athruithe i ngníomhaíochtaí agus cuireadh na haistrithe i gcrích gan stró. Bhí corás príomh curamóir/ muinteoir le feiceal san áit le na páistí. Léirigh na daoine fásta tuiscint ar riachtanais, roghanna agus cumais gach linbh.
- Bhí dialann foghlama M'Aistear Foghlama ag gach páiste lena gcuid pictiúir, saothar ealaíne, téamaí agus tuairimí foghlama curtha le chéile. Cuirtear na dialanna seo i láthair do na dtuismitheoirí agus na gcaomhnóirí ag deireadh gach blian.
- Breathnaíodh ar na páistí ag súgradh taobh istigh agus sa limistéar súgartha a bhí ainmnithe lasmuigh. Bhí na páistí le feicéal ag canadh amhráin, ag súgradh le gníomhaíochtaí boird, ag súgradh taos, le nascóirí agus boird bioráin, agus bhí an rogha ag na páistí imirt sna réimsí sainmhínithe spéise dá rogha féin.
- Taobh amuigh faoin aer, breathnaíodh ar na páistí ag súgradh le feithiclí iompair, peile, ar thrí-rothaigh, rothair iar mhéid agus ceithre roth. Bhain roinnt páistí úsáid as a gcuid samhlaíochta agus iad ag ligean orthu a bheith ina meicneoirí ag socrú a gcuid rothair agus trí rotha agus chaith daoine eile roinnt ama ag tógáil bloiceanna.

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Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 24 - Seiceáil isteach agus amach agus taifead ar fhreastal

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

(3) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe-

(a) nach féidir le haon duine seachas—

(i) leanbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís,

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

(iii) fostaí, nó

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

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1) Thug leabhar taifead mionsonraí ar theacht agus imeacht na bpáistí chuig agus ón tseirbhís go laethúil. Bhí sé seo le feiceál ar córas leictreonacha fresin.

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

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

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Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair

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

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

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

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Chuir an tseirbhís fianaise ar fáil go raibh duine oilte i bhfreagróir garchabhrach (FAR) ar fáil do na leanaí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile. Bhí oiliúint reatha ag ceathrar ball foirne i bhfreagróir garchabhrach.
- (2)(a) Bhí mála garchabhrach ann, bhí soláthar d'earraí garchabhrach ann agus stóráladh é in áit fheiceálach sa seomra. Bhí na míreanna garchabhrach stóráilte go sábháilte, inrochtana go héasca agus dáta.
- (b) Léirigh an tseirbhís go raibh an mála garchabhrach feistithe go hiomlán agus go raibh sé ar fáil don páistí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

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Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 26 - Bearta maidir le sábháilteacht ó dhóiteán

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn—

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

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

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1)(a) Bhí taifead scríofa ar fáil de na druileanna dóiteáin míosúla a críochnaíodh sa tseirbhís. An druil tine deireanach a taifeadadh ar an 27/03/2026.

(b) Bhí taifid ar fáil maidir le líon, cineál agus cothabháil trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin le an tseirbhís bhliantúil dar dáta 11/02/2026.

Bhí an tseirbhís bhliantúil dheireanach dar dáta 11/02/2026 ag an gcóras aláraim braite deataigh agus dóiteáin don áitreabh.

(4) Taispeánadh fógraí laistigh den seomra súgartha maidir leis na nósanna imeachta a bhí le leanúint i gcás dóiteáin sa seomra súgartha san áitreabh.

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Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Chuir an tseirbhís réamhscoile fianaise ar fáil ar árachas leordhóthanach do 22 leanbh ag aon am amháin, le haghaidh seirbhíse páirtaimseartha le dáta éaga 27/03/2027. An t-árachas a chlúdaíodh -

- dliteanas poiblí,
- timpiste phearsanta,
- in aghaidh tine agus gadaíochta,
- foirgnimh,
- turais a dhéantar mar chuid den soláthar seirbhíse.

Cuid VII - Ceanglais maidir le háitribh agus Spás

Rialachán 29 - Áitribh

Cinnteoideh soláthraí cláraithe maidir le háitreabh na seirbhíse—

- (b) go mbeidh sé slán sábháilte,*
- (c) go mbeidh soilsiú, téamh agus aeráil leordhóthanach ann,*
- (d) go ndéanfar é a ghlanadh, a chothabháil agus a dheisiú, de réir mar is gá, agus*
- (e) go mbeidh saoráidí sláintíochta atá leordhóthanach agus oiriúnach feistithe ann.*

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (b)
Bhí córas sábháilte agus slán i bhfeidhm ag an mbealach isteach chuig an réamhscoil agus bhí geata agus fálú nua suiteáilte go daingean sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh os comhair an áitribh.
- (c)
Bhí an seomra súgartha réamhscoile geal go leor le solas nádúrtha na gréine ó na fuinneoga agus ón limistéar iontrála gloine lena n-áirítear soilsiú saorga feadánach.
D'fhéadfaí na fuinneoga a oscailt chun aeráil leordhóthanach a cheadú agus teocht an tseomra a choinneáil idir 18-22 °C.
- (d)

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- Bhí an seomra súgartha glan agus dea-chothabháilte agus bhí taifid ghlantacháin ar fáil ach iad a iarraidh.
- (e)
- Bhí an limistéar sláintíochta laistigh den seomra súgartha réamhscoile. Bhí dhá leithreas, dhá báisín níos álainn, boscaí bruscair coise, gallúnach leachtach agus tuáillí páipéir. Bhí báisín níos álainn breise ar fáil sa seomra súgartha. Bhí rochtain ag an bhfoireann ar leithreas agus báisín níos álainn sa scoil náisiúnta.

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TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015GY187
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Name of Service:	Naionra CNNG Cholm Cille
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Address of Service:	An Tualach, Baile na hAbhainn, Co. Galway
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Eircode:	H91 T224
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Name of Registered Provider:	Ray Mac Pháidín
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Service type:	Part Time
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Date of Inspection:	14/04/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	21	PM	14
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Inspection undertaken by:	F. Nic Dhonnacha
Title:	Early Years Inspector

Authority to Inspect

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

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Description of service

This part time pre-school service is in Scoil Cholm Cille national school in Tully, Ballinahown, west of Galway city. An Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) pre-school and sessional care programme are provided from 09.00 to 12.00 and a part time service between 09.00 and 13.40, Monday to Friday. The pre-school caters for children aged between 2 and 6 years of age. Additionally, an afterschool programme is offered to school aged children. The preschool operates from a classroom within the school. A quiet rest area with child size couches and soft matting are available for children to rest. The pre-school children have access to a secure outdoor play area at the front of the premises. A child centred play-based pre-school curriculum focusing on emerging interests is provided. The service is under the governance of Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta and provides the service through the medium of Irish.

Staffing

Six adults are employed by the service. The registered provider is supernumerary and does not work in the service. There is a person in charge and deputy person in charge, two relief staff members and an adult who provides additional support under the Access and Inclusion Model of care (AIMS). On the 14th of April 2025, the person in charge, deputy and an adult who provided additional support worked directly with the children. The registered provider is part of a board of management. The adults working directly with the children have obtained appropriate qualifications in Early Childhood Care and Education. Records were available of the adult's engagement in continuing professional development.

Methodology

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

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

The findings on inspection are based on:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the *person in charge*, 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.

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

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

(6A) Paragraph (4) shall not apply to an employee of a registered provider where - (a) the registered provider receives funding for the employment of the employee pursuant to a scheme funded by the Minister and known as the Access and Inclusion Model, and (b) the employment of the employee is for the purpose of providing support, pursuant to the scheme referred to in subparagraph (a), for a child attending the service to enable the child to participate in the programme known as the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) funding Programme."

Compliance Information

(1)(a) There was a designated person in charge and a named deputy person in charge if necessary.

(b) During the inspection, the named person in charge and the deputy person in charge were onsite and available during the inspection.

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- (2) Six files were available in respect of the registered provider, person in charge, two childcare workers, one relief member of staff and an additional adult who provides support through the Access and Inclusion Model of care. The findings included the following:
- (2)(a) Seven references were sourced from past employers and validated.
- (b) Five references were obtained from a source other than a past employer and validated.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for all six adults. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew garda vetting every three years.
- (d) International police vetting was available for 1 adult, as this adult had lived in another state for a period longer than 6 months while over the age of 18 years of age.
- (3) The procedures specified in paragraph (2) have been carried out prior to any person being appointed, assigned or allowed access with a child attending the pre-school service.
- (4) Five adults who work directly with the preschool children held Early Childhood Care and Education qualifications ranging from Level 5 to 7 on the National Framework of Qualifications.
- (6A) The preschool receives funding for one member of staff to provide care under the Access and Inclusion Model.

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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) During the inspection, an adequate number of adults worked directly with the children in attendance.
- (2) The registered provider ensured that the adult to child ratio was maintained at all times while the preschool service was in operation. Three adults (two childcare workers and a third person who was employed to provide additional support under the access and inclusion model of care) were working directly with 21 children on the day of inspection during the sessional service and with 14 children for the part time service.
- (8)(a) The registered provider ensured that there were two staff on the premises while the pre-school was operating.

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Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 15 – Record of pre-school child

(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a pre-school service in a drop-in centre or a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a record in writing is kept in respect of each pre-school child attending the service containing the following particulars:

- (a) the name and date of birth of the child;*
- (b) the date on which the child first attended the service;*
- (c) the date on which the child ceased to attend the service;*
- (d) the name and address of a parent or guardian of the child and a telephone number where that parent or guardian or a relative or friend of the child can be contacted during the hours of operation of the service;*
- (e) authorisation for the collection of the child;*
- (f) details of any illness, disability, allergy or special need of the child, together with all the information relevant to the provision of special care or attention;*
- (g) the name and telephone number of the child's registered medical practitioner;*
- (h) record of immunisations, if any, received by the child;*
- (i) written parental consent for appropriate medical treatment of the child in the event of an emergency.*

(4) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing referred to in paragraph (1) is retained for a period of 2 years from the date on which the child to whom it relates ceases to attend the service.

(5) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing referred to in paragraph (2) is retained for a period of 2 years from the date on which the child attends the service.

Compliance Information

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

- A sample of 12 children's records were reviewed by the early years Inspector.
- The entries reviewed were factual, consistent and accurate.
- The twelve random children's records contained the following:
 - The name and date of birth of the child.
 - The date on which the child first attended the service.
 - The date on which the child stopped attending the service (where relevant).
 - The name and address of the child's parent or guardian, and a telephone number where that parent or guardian (or a relative or friend of the parent or child) can be contacted during the hours of operation.
 - Written authorisation / permissions for collecting the child.

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- Details are recorded of any illness, allergy, or additional need(s) the child had, together with all the information relevant to the provision of specific care or attention.
- The name and telephone number of the child's registered medical practitioner.
- A record of any immunisations the child has had.
- Written parental or guardian consent was included to allow the child to have appropriate medical treatment if there was / is an emergency.

(4) & (5) The person in charge advised and documentary evidence from file review indicated, that the pre-school had a system to allow all relevant children's records be kept for 2 years from the date a child stops attending the service.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 19 - Health, welfare and development of child

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

(a) each child's learning, development and well-being is facilitated within the daily life of the pre-school service through the provision of the appropriate activities, interaction, materials and equipment, having regard to the age and stage of development of the child.

Compliance Information

Basic Needs (1)(a)

- (1)(a) The children's learning, development and well-being was facilitated within the service through the provision of appropriate activities, interactions, materials and equipment, having regard to the age and stage of development of the children.
- The service had a healthy eating policy and the children's snacks/meal were observed to be colourful, nutritious and varied with sandwiches, wraps, salami, fruit, yogurts and rice cakes. Mealtime was observed to be a social occasion where the staff and children sat together to eat and chat.
 - Water was accessible throughout the day for any child who was thirsty.
 - The children were encouraged to be independent in play and learning, whilst caring for their belongings and using the toilet. Staff supervised and treated the children in a sensitive manner while the children used the toilet.
 - The children had the opportunity to move around freely in the playroom and to play with their choice of toys and play materials.
 - The children had the opportunity to play both indoors and outdoors on a daily basis.

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- During relaxation/quiet rest time the children were observed to practice deep breathing exercises and yoga with the adults.

Supporting Relationships

- The children's learning, development and well-being was observed to be supported by the adults.
- The adults cared for the children in a kind and respectful manner. This was observed through the adults using soft tones of voice, positive language and offering praise and encouragement consistently. Positive behavioural strategies were used during all interactions with the children.
- The children were notified in advance of changes in activities and the transitions were completed with ease. A key person system was observed in place. The adults demonstrated an understanding of each child's needs, preferences and capabilities.
- Each child had a learning journal "Mo Aistear Foghlama" with their pictures, artwork, themes and learning observations all collated together. These journals are presented to the parents and guardians at the end of each year.
- The children were observed to play both indoors and in the designated outdoor play area. They were singing songs, playing with tabletop activities, play dough, connectors and pin boards and the children had the choice to play in the defined interest areas of their choice. While outdoors the children were observed to play with transport vehicles, footballs, on tricycles, balance bikes and four wheelers. Some children used their imagination while pretending to be mechanics fixing their bikes and trikes while others spent some time building blocks.

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Part VI - Safety

Regulation 24 - Checking in and out and record of attendance

- (1) *A registered provider shall ensure that each pre-school child attending the service is checked in and out of the service by an employee or an unpaid worker.*
- (3) *A registered provider shall ensure that-*
- (a) *no person other than-*
 - (i) *pre-school child attending the service,*
 - (ii) *a person dropping or collecting such a child,*
 - (iii) *an employee, or*
 - (iv) *an unpaid worker, can enter the premises without his or her entry being approved by an employee, and*
 - (b) *a daily record in writing is kept of the entry on the premises of any such person.*

Compliance Information

- (1) A record book detailed the children's arrival and departure to and from the service daily. Additionally, the records were available electronically in the service.
- (3)(a) The registered provider ensured that no person other than the persons outlined in (i) to (iv) entered the service without prior approval. All visitors recorded had written approval by the person in charge.
- (b) A written record was available recording all visitors at the entrance to the service.

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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 responder (FAR) was available to the children attending the pre-school service. Four staff had current training in first aid responder.
- (2)(a) There was a first aid bag had a supply of first aid items and was stored in a conspicuous area in the room. The first aid items were safely stored, easily accessible and in date.
- (b) The service demonstrated that the first aid bag was fully equipped and available to the children attending the pre-school service.

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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 was available of the monthly fire drills completed in the service. The last recorded fire drill was dated 27/03/2026.
- (b) Records were available in relation to the number, type and maintenance of fire-fighting equipment with the annual service dated 11/02/2026. The smoke and fire detection alarm system for the premises had the last annual service dated 11/02/2026.
- (4) Notices were displayed within the playroom of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire in the premises.

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Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

The preschool service provided evidence of adequate insurance for 22 children at any one time, for a part time service with an expiry date of 27/03/ 2027. The insurance covered -

- public liability,
- personal accident,
- against fire and theft,
- buildings,
- outings undertaken as part of the service provision.

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Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 - Premises

A registered provider shall ensure that the premises of the service are-

- (b) safe and secure,*
- (c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated*
- (d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and*
- (e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.*

Compliance Information

- (b)
- A safe and secure system was in place at the entrance to the preschool and a new gate and fencing had been securely installed in the outdoor play area to the front of the premises.
- (c)
- The preschool playroom was adequately bright with natural sunlight from the windows and glass entrance area including tubular artificial lighting.
 - The windows could open to allow adequate ventilation whilst maintaining the room temperature between 18-22 °C.
- (d)
- The playroom was clean and well maintained with cleaning records were available on request.
- (e)
- The sanitary area was within the preschool playroom. Two toilets, two wash hand basins, foot pedal operated bins, liquid soap and paper towels. An additional wash basin was available in the playroom.
 - The staff had access to a toilet and wash basin in the national school.