

# 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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Coinníollacha, má bhaineann le hábhar

Neamh Bhainteach

## Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Tá an tseirbhís réamhscoile pháirtaimseartha seo lonnaithe i scoil náisiúnta Cholm Cille ar an Tulla i mBaile na hAbhainn, in iarthar chathair na Gaillimhe. Cuirtear clár réamhscoile agus cúraim sheisiúnaigh um Chúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige (ECCE) ar fáil ó 9.00 uair go 12.00 uair, agus seirbhís pháirtaimseartha idir 9.00 uair agus 14.00 uair an chloig ó Luan go hAoine. Freastalaíonn an réamhscoil ar pháistí idir 2 bhliain 8 mí agus 6 bliana d'aois. Ina theannta sin, cuirtear clár iarscoile ó 13.30 uair go 18.00 uair an chloig ar fáil do pháistí atá in aois scoile. Baintear úsáid as seomra ranga sa scoil don seomra súgartha. Tá limistéar scíthe ciúin le cathaoireacha boga méid na leanaí agus mataí ar fáil chun scíth a ligean nó gníomhaíochtaí a dhúiltiú más mian leis/ léi é sin a dhéanamh. Tá teacht ag na páistí réamhscoile ar limistéar súgartha lasmuigh chun tosaigh ar an áitribh atá slán, le haghaidh gníomhaíochtaí súgartha leanaí, aer úr, agus taiscéalaíocht. Cuirtear curaclam réamhscoile ar fáil a dhíríonn ar spéiseanna na leanaí atá ag teacht chun cinn. Tá an tseirbhís faoi smacht ag Chomhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta agus cuireann siad an tseirbhís ar fáil trí mheán na Gaeilge.

## Soláthar foirne

Níl an soláthraí cláraithe ar an áitreabh gach lá. Tá duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus tá ionadaí ainmnithe ann chomh maith. Léiríonn fianaise dhoiciméadach go bhfuil mórdhámhachtain ar a laghad ag triúr ball foirne i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige ag Leibhéal 5 go Leibhéal 7 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí, nó cáilíocht a mheasann an tAire. Tá fianaise dhoiciméadach ag an bhfoireann ar oiliúint agus oideachas leanúnach.

## Modheolaíocht

Is í Cigireacht na Luathbhlianta, Tusla, rialtóir reachtúil neamhspleách ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta in Éirinn. Sainmhínítear i Rialacháin an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) 2016 dualgas an tsoláthraí 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

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- Breathnú díreach
- Plé le baill foirne ábhartha

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

Dhírigh an chigireacht ar scrúdú comhlíontadh faoi rialacháin 9, 11,19,23,25,26, 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 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. Úsáidfean an plean um Ghníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach (CAPA) chun bonn eolais a chur le cinntí maidir le comhlíonadh le ceanglais rialála. I gcás nach n-éiríonn leis an soláthraí cláraithe na ceanglais reachtúla a chomhlíonadh, féadfar próiseas géaraithe a thosú.

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

Is í an Chigireacht a thiomsaíonn ábhar na tuarascála.

## Buíochas

Is mian leis an 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 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) Go raibh duine ainmnithe i gceannas agus go raibh duine ainmnithe in ann leas a bhaint as an 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 sé thagairt bhailíochtaithe i scríbhinn do thriúr ball foirne ar fáil ar chomhad ó iarfhostóir nó ó

fhoirse seachas iarfhóistí.

- (c) Bhí nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána ar fáil ar chomhad don triúr ball foirne.
- (d) Ní raibh gá le grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní toisc nach raibh aon bhall foirne ina chónaí agus ag obair níos faide ná sé mhí i stát eile seachas an Stát seo ar feadh tréimhse is faide ná sé mhí agus é os cionn 18 mbliana d'aois.
- (4) Léirigh fianaise dhoiciméadach go bhfuair an triúr ball foirne a oibríonn go díreach leis na leanaí réamhscoile sa tseirbhís agus atá ag tabhairt aire dóibh, mórdhámhachtain i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige ag Leibhéal 5 nó os a chionn ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó ar cháilíocht a mheasann an tAire a bheith comhionann.

## Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

### Rialachán 11 - Leibhéal Foirne

- (1) Faoi réir an Rialacháin seo, cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta ann i gcónaí a oibríonn go díreach leis na leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.
- (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) (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 leordheonach daoine fásta ag obair go díreach le na leanaí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís. Bhí triúr daoine fásta ag obair go díreach le sé pháiste déag ar maidin agus beirt daoine fásta ag tabhairt aire d'aon ghasiúr déag tráthnóna.
- (2) Bhí an cóimheas idir daoine fásta/leanaí ceart agus coinnithe ar lá an iniúchta.  
Bhí 3 bhall foirne ag obair go díreach le 16 leanbh agus ag tabhairt aire dóibh ar maidin lá na cigireachta.
- (8)(a) Thug leabhar rolla na foirne le fios go raibh beirt daoine fásta ar fáil san áitreabh i gcónaí.

## 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 Ginearálta

- D'ith na páistí agus an fhoireann a gcuid sneaiceanna agus béile 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 agus an fhoireann ar fáil cothaitheach le ceapairí, liamhás agus cáis, wraps, waffles, iógart 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.
- D'athraigh an fhoireann na clúidíní de réir riachtanais na bpáistí go tráthúil. Coinníodh príobháideacht agus dínit na bpáistí fad is a d'úsáid na páistí na leithris agus le linn athrú clúidín.
- Bhí saoirse ag na páistí bogadh thart sa seomra súgartha agus amuigh faoin aer san áit spraoi taobh amuigh.

#### Tacú le Caidreamh

- Thug an cigire faoi deara go raibh an fhoireann ag tacú le foghlaim, forbairt agus folláine na bpáistí. Thug an fhoireann aird dhearfach ar na páistí. Tugadh faoi idirghníomhaíochtaí le leanaí ar bhonn duine le duine agus ar bhonn grúpa, cuireadh gach comhrá agus gníomhaíocht i gcrích ag a leibhéal.
- Shuigh na daoine fásta leis na páistí ag am béilí agus le linn gníomhaíochtaí bunaithe ar shúgradh. Freagraíodh leideanna leanaí le haghaidh cúnamh go sciopaí agus chuir an fhoireann in iúl ar bhealach cineálta agus comhbhách. Chuir an fhoireann leibhéal cuí maoirseachta ar fáil agus iad ag tacú le neamhspleáchas na bpáistí. 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.
- Bhí saorseacht ag na páistí go léir bogadh thart nuair a theastaigh uathu agus d'aistrigh siad thart trí na gníomhaíochtaí ón taobh istigh go dtí an timpeallacht taobh amuigh gan aon stró.

- Rinne an fhoireann cumarsáid le tuismitheoirí ar bhonn neamhfhoirmiúil ag amanna fágála agus bailiúcháin trí ghlaonna gutháin, cruinnithe agus ríomhphoist. Bhí a n-iris foghlama féin ag gach páiste agus thiomsaigh an fhoireann dialann ranga le téamaí, saothar ealaíne, grianghraif agus breathnóireachtaí san áireamh.
- D'fhéadfadh na páistí bogadh thart faoi shaoirse ina Seomra 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 súgradh sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh.

## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

### Rialachán 23 - Sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas linbh a chosaint

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

#### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

##### Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

- Bhí córas rochtana slán ann, isteach sa phríomhdhoras iontrála tosaigh.
- Bhí an limistéar súgartha seachtrach lasmuigh slán ionas nach bhféadfadh páistí an ceantar a fhágáil gan mhaoirseacht.
- Daingníodh an limistéar lasmuigh le ballaí coincréite, fálú agus geataí.
- Ní raibh aon bhac ar dhoirse na tine sa seomra súgartha.
- Stóráladh gach gníomhaire glantacháin dorochtana do na páistí.
- Bhí córas i bhfeidhm chun a chinntiú go gcoimeádfaí taifid laethúla tinrimh do na leanaí go léir, ag freastal ar an réamhscoil.
- Rialáodh teocht an tseomra súgartha go teirmeastatúil, lena chinntiú go raibh na teochtaí idir 18°C agus 22°C.
- 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.
- Nígh 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.
- Bhí limistéar ainmnithe clúidín sa scoil le rochtain chomhroinnte don naíonra.
- Bhí na bréagáin agus na hábhair go léir inghlanta go héasca agus coinníodh i riocht maith iad.

## 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 sa seomra súgartha do leanbh chun sos a ghlacadh, scíth a ligean agus 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 baint usáid as ceol binn agus ag cleachtadh ióga le haghaidh am scíthe agus léigh siad leabhar fresin.

## Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin:

- Déanann an tseirbhís cleachtadh ar druileanna dóiteáin míosúla chun tacú leis an aslonnú sábháilte i gcás dóiteáin.
- Ní raibh bac ar bhealaí éalaithe éigeandála sa tseirbhís.
- 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) Choir 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 ag beirt bhall foirne i ngarchabhar do leanaí.
- (2)(a) Bhí bosca garchabhrach le míreanna ábhair laistigh de dháta, stóráilte go sábháilte, in áit éasca le theacht ar agus stóráilte in áit fheiceálach sa seomra súgartha.
- (b) Léirigh an tseirbhís go raibh bosca garchabhrach feistithe go hiomlán sa seomra súgartha agus ar fáil do na leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

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

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

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

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

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

#### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1)(a) Bhí taifead scríofa ar fáil do na druileanna dóiteáin míosúla a déanadh sa tseirbhís. Taifeadadh an druil dóiteáin deireanach ar an 8/04/2024.
- (b) Bhí taifead ar fáil a léirigh líon, cineál agus cothabháil an trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin agus alárim dheataigh ar an áitreabh. Rinneadh seirbhísiú ar an trealamh comhraicthe dóiteáin ar an 27/11/2024, agus rinneadh seirbhísiú ar an gcóras alárim deataigh ar an 27/11/2023.

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

## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

### Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

#### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Bhí árachas ag an tseirbhís do sheirbhís pháirtaimseartha le h uasmhéid de 22 leanbh réamhscoile agus seirbhís d'aois scoile le uasmhéid 24 leanbh le dáta éaga 27/03/2025.

# Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

## Pre School

<b>TUSLA Identifier:</b>	TU2015GY187		
<b>Name of Service:</b>	Naionra CNNG Cholm Cille		
<b>Address of Service:</b>	An Tualach, Baile na hAbhainn, Co. Galway.		
<b>Eircode:</b>	H91T224		
<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Ray Mac Pháidín		
<b>Service type:</b>	Part Time		
<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	09/05/2024		
<b>No of pre-school children:</b>	AM	16	PM 11
<b>Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:</b>	Early Years Inspectorate, Quality and Regulation Directorate, Clinical & Administration Building, Block A - (1st Floor- Green Corridor), Merlin Park, 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

This part time pre-school service is located 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 programmes are provided from 9.00hrs to 12.00hrs, and a part time service between 9.00hrs and 14.00 hrs Monday to Friday. The pre-school caters for children aged between 2 years 8 months to 6 years of age. Additionally, an afterschool programme from 13.30hrs to 18.00hrs is offered to school aged children. A classroom in the school is utilised for the playroom. A quiet rest area with child size couches and soft matting are available for children to rest or opt out of an activity if they wishes to do so. The pre-school children have access to a secure outdoor play area at the front of the premises, for children's play activities, fresh air, and exploration. 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

The registered provider is not on the premises daily. There is a named person in charge and there is a named designated deputy. Documentary evidence indicates that 3 staff hold at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 to Level 7 on the National Qualifications Framework, or a qualification deemed by the minister. The staff have documentary evidence of on-going training and education.

### Methodology

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

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

The findings on inspection are based on:

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

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

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under regulations 9,11,19,23,25,26 and 28. 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 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) Six written validated references for 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.
- (d) Police vetting was not required as no staff member 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.
- (4) Documentary evidence indicated that the three staff working directly with and caring for the pre-school children in the service, had obtained a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 or

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

### Part III – Management and Staff

#### Regulation 11 - Staffing levels

*(1) Subject to this Regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that there is at all times an adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the pre-school service.*

*(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)(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 sixteen children in the morning and two adults caring for eleven children in the afternoon
- (2) The adult/child ratio was correct and maintained on the day of inspection.  
There was 3 staff members working directly with and caring for 16 children on the morning of the inspection.
- (8)(a) The staff roster indicated that two adults were available on the premises at all times.

### 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 and meal 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 and staff was observed to be nutritious with a variety of sandwiches, ham and cheese, wraps, waffles, yogurts, and fruit pieces. The children had access to their water at all times and the staff provided extra bottles of water if necessary.
- The staff changed the nappies in accordance with the children's needs in a timely manner. The children's privacy and dignity were maintained while the children used the toilets and during nappy changing.
- The children had the freedom to move around in the playroom and outdoors.

##### Supporting Relationship

- The inspector observed the children's learning, development and well-being being supported by the staff. The staff treated the children with positive regard. Interactions with children were undertaken on a one-to-one and in a group basis, each conversation and activity was completed at their level.
- The adults sat with the children at mealtime and during play-based activities. 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 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. Each child had their own learning journal and the staff collated a classroom journal with themes, artwork, photographs and observations included.
- The children could move about freely in their Playroom, 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 in the outdoor play area.

### 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 concrete walls, fencing and gates.
- The fire doors in the playroom 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.
- The playroom temperature was thermostatically controlled, to ensure the temperatures were maintained between 18°C to 22°C.
- 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.
- There was a designated nappy changing area in the school with shared access for the naíonra.
- All toys and materials were easily cleanable and maintained in good condition.

### 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, then listening to soft calm music while practicing yoga for 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. Two staff members had current training in first aid for children.
- (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 playroom.
- (b) The service demonstrated that a first aid box was fully equipped in the playroom and available to the children attending the pre-school service.

### Part VI - Safety

#### Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures

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

#### Compliance Information

- (1)(a) 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 8/04/2024.
- (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 27/11/2024, and the smoke alarm system was serviced on the 27/11/2027.
- (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 22 preschool children and a school aged service with a maximum of 24 school aged children with an expiry date of 27/03/2025.