

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

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Ainm na Seirbhíse:	Naíonra Iognáid		
Seoladh na Seirbhíse:	Scoil Iognáid, Bóithrín na Sliogán, Gaillimh, Co. na Gaillimhe		
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Ainm an tSoláthraí Chláraithe:	Gwen Uí Riain		
Cineál na Seirbhíse	Cúram Lae Iomlán, Páirtaimseartha, Seisiúnach		
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Seoladh na Cigireachta:	Oifig na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta, An Stiúrthóireacht um Cháilíocht agus Rialáil, Foirgneamh Cliniciúil agus Riaracháin, Bloc A - (1ú Urlár- Conair Ghlas), Páirc Mhuirlinne, Gaillimh.
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Teideal:	Cigire na Luathbhlianta

Údarás chun cigireacht a dhéanamh

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

Coinníollacha, má bhaineann le hábhar	Cliceáil nó tapáil anseo chun téacs a chur isteach.
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Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Tá Naíonra Iognáid, lonnaithe i mbunscoil Scoil Iognáid in iarthar chathair na Gaillimhe. Oibríonn an tseirbhís réamhscoile ó sheomra ranga sa scoil 'Seomra Gwen' agus oibríonn an dara seomra súgartha 'Seomra Creina' ó aonad réamhdhéanta le dhá sheomra spraoi agus áiseanna sláintíochta ar chúl an áitribh.

Cuireann an tseirbhís luathbhlianta clár Cúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige (ECCE) ar fáil faoi láthair, clár cúraim seisiúnach ó 09.00 go 12.00 agus clár cúraim pháirtaimseartha ó 09.00 go 13.30, ó Luan go hAoine, ar feadh 38 seachtaine den bhliain. Cuirtear seirbhís cúraim lae iomlán ar fáil ó 09.00 go 16.30. Freastalaíonn an tseirbhís ar leanaí idir 3 agus 6 bliana d'aois. Tá limistéir ciúin ar fáil sa dá sheomra réamhscoile agus tá deich leaba cruachta le haghaidh soláthar codlata. Tá rochtain ag na páistí ar limistéar súgartha ainmnithe taobh amuigh ar thailte na scoile ar thaobh an áitribh, úsáidtear limistéar foscadh uile-aimsire le linn drochaimsire agus baintear úsáid as limistéar féir glas agus giomnásiam na scoile más gá. Soláthraíonn an réamhscoil curaclam bunaithe ar spraoi atá dírithe ar na páistí, le fócas ar Montessori chomh maith. Cuirtear an clár cúraim leanaí ar fáil trí mheán na Gaeilge.

Soláthar foirne

Is í an soláthraí cláraithe an duine ainmnithe atá i gceannas agus tá sí ag obair sa tseirbhís ar bhonn laethúil. Tá leas-dhuine i gceannas más gá. Tá cúigear ball foirne ann, lena n-áirítear an soláthraí cláraithe, ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí. Tá mórdhámhachtain ar a laghad ag an gcúigear ball foirne i gCúram agus Oideachas Luath-Óige ag Leibhéal 5 go Leibhéal 8. Tá fianaise dhoiciméadach ag an bhfoireann maidir le hoiliúint 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 chlárúite 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 díriodh ar rialachas sláinte, folláine agus forbairt an linbh agus sábháilteacht lena linn. Féadfaidh cigireachtaí díriú ar réimsí eile chomh maith, de réir mar is gá.

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 Gníomh 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 soláthraí cláraithe, 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

(c) go mbeidh sa tseirbhís struchtúr soiléir bainistíochta ina dtugtar sainaitheantas do na línte údaráis agus cuntasachta sa tseirbhís agus do ról shonracha agus do fhreagrachtaí sonracha gach fostaí agus gach oibrí nach n-íoctar.

(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) Ba é an soláthraí cláraithe an duine ainmnithe i bhfeighil agus bhí duine ainmnithe ann a bhí in ann ionadaíocht a dhéanamh.

(b) Bhí an soláthraí cláraithe san áitreabh nuair a tháinig an cigire luathbhlianta agus d'fhan sé ar suíomh ar feadh ré na cigireachta.

(c) Bhí struchtúr bainistíochta a bhí soiléir i bhfeidhm agus léirigh an fhoireann go raibh siad ar an eolas faoi

seo.

- (2)(a) Bhí ocht gcinn de dheich dtagairtí bailíochtaithe i scríbhinn ar chomhad ó iarfhostóir.
- (b) Bhí dhá cheann de na deich dtagairtí bailíochtaithe scríofa ar chomhad ó fhoinsé iontaoifa.
- (c) Go bhfuarthas nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána don chúigear ball foirne. Léirigh an tseirbhís freisin go gcomhlíonadh Fógra Rialála na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta lena n-éilítear ar sheirbhísí grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána a athnuachan gach trí bliana. Bhí nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána ar fáil ar chomhad don triúr ball foirne.
- (d) Bhí grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní ar fáil do dhuine amháin den bheirt foirne a bhí ina gcónaí agus ag obair níos faide ná sé mhí i stát seachas an Stát ar feadh níos faide ná sé mhí agus iad os cionn 18 mbliana d'aois.
- (4) Léirigh fianaise dhoiciméadach go raibh mórdhámhachtain i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige ag Leibhéal 5-8 nó os a chionn ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó cáilíocht a mheas an tAire a bheith coibhéiseach faighte ag an gcúigear ball foirne a bhí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí réamhscoile sa tseirbhís agus a thug aire dóibh.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

Ní raibh an grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní riachtanach ag ball foirne amháin a bhí ina chónaí agus ag obair in dhá stát éagsúla lasmuigh d'Éirinn ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná sé mhí agus í os cionn ocht mbliana déag d'aois.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Gníomh Coisctheach arna seoladh isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Ar an 18/07/2025 chuir an soláthraí cláraithe an méid seo a leanas in iúl.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach

Fuarthas grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní do bhall foirne amháin a bhí ina chónaí agus ag obair i dhá stát lasmuigh den stát seo díreach tar eis an iniúchadh. Déanfaidh an tseirbhís réamhscoile athbhreithniú níos críochnúla ar curriculum vitae gach fostaí nua sa todhchaí agus gheobhaidh siad grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní más gá sula n-oibríonn siad sa tseirbhís réamhscoile.

Doiciméid Tacaíochta Curtha isteach

Ar an 25/06/2025 cuireadh grianghraf de chruthúnas íocaíochta le dáta 22/06/2025 isteach do cheann de dhá dheimhniú imréitigh póilíneachta.

Ar an 2/07/2025 cuireadh grianghraf de chruthúnas íocaíochta le dáta 27/06/2025 isteach den dara dheimhniú imréitigh póilíneachta.

Nóta Tráchtacha Achomair

Tá athbhreithniú déanta ag an gchigire ar na gníomhartha agus ar an bhfianaise a cuireadh isteach. Tugadh aghaidh leordhóthanach ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a sainaitníodh faoi Rialachán 9 (2)(d).

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 11 - Leibhéal Foirne

- (1) *Faoi réir an Rialacháin seo, áiríteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile i gcónaí.*
- (3) *Faoi réir mhíreanna (4) agus (5), áiríteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse cúraim lae iomlán nó seirbhíse cúraim lae pháirtaimseartha go mbeidh i gcónaí an cóimheas íosta idir daoine fásta 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) di ag an uimhir thagartha sin sásta.*

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1) Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar na taifid tinrimh réamhscoile le haghaidh na 3 seachtaine roimhe sin, rud a léiríonn go raibh líon leordhóthanach foirne ag obair go díreach leis na páistí.
- (3) Bhí an cóimheas duine fásta/leanbh ceart agus coinnithe ar lá na cigireachta. Bhí cúigear ball foirne ag obair go díreach agus ag tabhairt aire do tríocha naoi 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

- Cuireadh bia sláintiúil chun cinn laistigh den réamhscoil agus bhí polasaí bia sláintiúil ar fáil ar iarratas. Ag thart ar 11.20 uair an chloig, chuir a dtuismitheoirí agus a gcaomhnóirí a gcuid sneaiceanna ar fáil do na páistí. Bhí rogha ceapairí, rollaí aráin, arán donn, cáis, iógart, liamhás, agus píosaí torthaí acu le haghaidh lón.
- Bhí an príomhbhéile ag na páistí a bhí ag freastal ar bhonn páirtaimseartha ag thart ar 13.00, bhí ceapairí, pasta torthaí agus iógart acu. Na páistí a bhí ag freastal ar an t seirbhís cúram lae iomlán bhí beilé te acu thimpeall 14.00 uair an chloig, ina raibh pasta bolognaise le glasraí agus uisce nó bainne le n ól.
- Ag thart ar 16.00hrs bhí ceapairí cáise, crackers agus torthaí curtha ar fáil ag an tseirbhís ag na páistí.
- Tairgeadh uirlisí agus sceanra cuí do na páistí ag am sneaiceanna a bhí oiriúnach dá n-aois agus dá gcéimeanna forbartha.
- Bhí uisce óil ar fáil i gcónaí agus inrochtana do na páistí nuair a bhíonn tart orthu taobh istigh agus lasmuigh.
- Cuireadh oiliúint leithris ar na páistí go léir agus cuireadh leithreas orthu go neamhspleách nó le cúnamh éigin de réir mar is gá.
- D'fhéadfadh na páistí bogadh faoi shaoirse ina seomraí súgartha, tugadh tacaíocht dóibh idirghníomhú go cuí lena gcomhghleacaithe agus bhí siad muiníneach agus compordach ina dtimpeallacht.
- Ar lá na cigireachta, bhí deis ag na páistí go léir súgradh sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh.

CAIDRIMH TACAÍOCHTA

- Nuair a labhair an cigire leis an bhfoireann, cuireadh in iúl di gur chuir siad eolas laethúil ar fáil do thuismitheoirí faoi eispéiris a bpáiste sa réamhscoil. Cuireadh an fhaisnéis seo ar fáil ag amanna bailithe, trí theachtaireachtaí téacs, trí ríomhphost agus trí ghlaonna teileafóin.
- Pléadh foghlaim agus príomhbhreathnuithe na bpáistí le thuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí agus coimeádadh taifid doibh.

- Bhí córas oibrithe tábhachtacha i bhfeidhm do gach leanbh chun tacú lena bhforbairt agus chun bonn eolais a chur faoi phleanáil an churaclaim. Ba é ról an phríomhoibrí ná idirchaidreamh a dhéanamh le tuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí na bpáistí.
- Baineadh úsáid as straic leabhar foghlama aonair chun próifíl gach linbh a bhí ag freastal ar an réamhscoil a ghabháil. Ghabh an fhoireann réimsí spéise, straitéisí agus spriocanna foghlama gach páiste ag taispeáint téamaí éagsúla a bhí i gceist, grianghraif den pháiste agus a ngníomhaíochtaí ealaíne agus ceardaíochta.
- I measc sampla de théamaí sna straic leabhair foghlama bhí téamaí faoi clúdaithe go dtí seo - gach rud fúmsa, mo chuid céadfaí, mo phriontaí láimhe, mothúcháin, dineasáir, am an gheimhridh, spraoi praiseach, Spraoi sa sneachta, bolb, an Cháisc, an tEarrach, an Nollaig, an zú, mo theaghlach, agus an ghrian.
- Thug an fhoireann aire do na páistí ar bhealach cineálta agus séimh. Breathnaíodh ar an bhfoireann ag caint agus ag comhrá leis na páistí ag a n-airde, ag éisteacht go cúramach agus ag freagairt ar bhealach ciúin, socair agus íogair.
- Breathnaíodh ar na páistí ag saor imirt, ag am ciorcail, ag comhaireamh, ag éisteacht le scéalta, ag canadh amhráin mar ullmhúchán do lá na céime, ag glacadh sealanna, ag meaitseáil míreanna le pictiúir, ag comparáid contrártha, ag tógáil bloic, ag déanamh bhfreagra agus ag nascadh le chéile.
- Sa limistéar lasmuigh, bhí na páistí ag rith, ag tóraíocht cluichí, ag imirt le raicéad agus liathróidí, ag léim, ag súgradh le ribíní agus ag caitheamh fáinní plaisteacha.

TIMPEALLACHT FHSICIÚIL AGUS ÁBHARTHA:

- Bhí na seomraí súgartha geal agus fairsing; bhí na ceantair glan agus ildaite.
- Bhí trealamh agus ábhair súgartha inrochtana saor in aisce agus ar fáil do na páistí ar sheilfeanna ísle.
- Bhí rogha suíocháin agus táblaí ísle ann le haghaidh gníomhaíochtaí boird.
- Bhí suíocháin bhog i bhfoirm tolg, cúisíní agus mata sna seomraí súgartha ina bhféadfadh leanbh scíth a ligean agus scíth a ligean má roghnaíonn siad.
- Bhí leapacha cruachta ar fáil le haghaidh soláthar codlata d'aon leanbh a raibh scíth nó codladh ag teastáil uathu le linn na seirbhíse cúraim lae páirtaimseartha agus lae iomlán.

Míreanna sna seomraí súgartha san áireamh.

- Bhí seilfeanna íseal ag leibhéil na bpaistí le boscaí cruthanna, ábhar snáithithe, naisc, nascóirí, bloic, cuntair, puzail, crúiscíní, babhlaí, lasc ama, criáin, páipéar, marcóirí, ealaín agus ceardaíocht, péinteanna, ainmhithe, dineasáir, agus figuríní do na páistí réamhscoile.

- Bhí cúinne baile, le míreanna bia, uirlisí agus soithí, bábóg, cliabháin, feithiclí iompair lena n-áirítear gluaisteáin, trucaílí, clóis feirme, leabharlanna, dineasáir agus limistéir ról imirt le eadaigh gléasadh suas ar fáil.
- Le feicéal ar na ballaí bhí póstaer oideachais agus saothar ealaíne, ábhair spéise, téamaí, áiseanna amhairc agus cláir scéalta. I measc na dtaispeántas bhí grianghraif teaghlaigh, balóidí lá breithe, mothúcháin, córas eochairoibrithe, scátháin ár gcairt aimsire, laethanta na seachtaine, mo chéad lá ag an naionra, Cody an Catepillar, Saol ré na mbeach meala, Rialacha ár ranga, cruthanna, uimhreacha, Faoin bhfarraige, An Trá agus radhairc ó chathair na Gaillimhe (An tSiúlóid Fhada).

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 i bpríomhdhoras tosaigh na scoile agus bhí doirse na réamhscoile slán.
- Bhí an limistéar súgartha lasmuigh slán ionas nach bhféadfadh páistí an limistéar a fhágáil gan mhaoirseacht.
- Bhí na doirse dóiteáin sna seomraí súgartha gan bhac.
- Stóráladh na gníomhairí glantacháin go léir in ait nach raibh teacht ag na páistí orthu.
- Bhí córas i bhfeidhm lena chinntiú go gcoimeádfá taifid laethúla tinrimh do na páistí go léir, ag freastal ar an réamhscoil.
- Rinneadh teocht an tseomra súgartha a rialú go teirmeastatach, chun a chinntiú go raibh na teochtaí cothabháilte idir 18 ° C agus 22 ° C.
- Breathnaíodh go raibh na bréagáin agus an trealamh súgartha go léir sábháilte agus i riocht maith do leanaí.
- Ní raibh aon phoill ná locháin sa limistéar lasmuigh a bhí ina chúis le haon ghuais nó riosca féideartha don leanbh réamhscoile.

Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

- Cuireadh soláthar uisce te, gallúnach láimhe leachtach agus tuáillí páipéir indiúscartha ar fáil do shaoráidí níocháin láimhe.
- Le linn na cigireachta, tugadh cúnamh agus spreagadh do na páistí a lámha a ní roimh ithe, tar éis leithreas, tar éis fíochán a úsáid, agus tar éis dóibh súgradh amuigh faoin aer.
- Coinníodh na bréagáin agus an trealamh súgartha i riocht glan agus sláinteachais.
- Breathnaíodh go gcoinníodh na seomraí súgartha aeráilte go leordhóthanach leis na fuinneoga fágtha ar oscailt agus teochtaí an tseomra á gcoinneáil ag na leibhéal riachtanacha.
- Bhí taifid ghlantacháin ag an tseirbhís do na hábhair, an trealamh agus an troscán.

Administration of Medication:

- Níor tugadh aon chógas ar lá na cigireachta.

Coladh Sábháilte:

- Cuireadh limistéar scíthe agus ciúin ar fáil sna seomraí súgartha chun éascú le leanbh scíth a ligean nó diúltú as gníomhaíocht más mian leis/léi. Níor chodail na páistí i Seomra Gwen a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís ar bhonn páirtaimseartha ar lá na cigireachta, bhí na páistí le feicéal ag ligean scíth agus ag tógáil sos le linn am scéalaíochta.

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 ngarchabhair do leanaí agus ar fáil do na páistí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile. Bhí oiliúint reatha ag ceathrar ball foirne i ngarchabhair do leanaí agus bhí oiliúint garchabhrach péidiatraiceach ag ball foirne amháin.
- (2)(a) Bhí dhá bhosca garchabhrach le míreanna ábhair laistigh de dháta, stóráilte go sábháilte, inrochtana go héasca agus stóráilte in áit fheiceálach sna seomraí súgartha.
- (b) Léirigh an tseirbhís go raibh bosca garchabhrach feistithe go hiomlán i ngach ceann den dá sheomra súgartha, agus ar fáil do na páistí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 26 - Bearta maidir le sábháilteacht ó dhóiteán

(1) *Cinntoidh 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 de na druileanna dóiteáin míosúla a cuireadh i gcrích sa tseirbhís. Bhí an druil dóiteáin dheireanach dar dáta 4/06/2025.

(b) Coimeádadh taifead ar líon, cineál agus cothabháil an trealaimh chomhraicthe dóiteáin leis an tseirbhís dheireanach dar dáta 17/01/2025.

Coinníodh taifead den chóras braite deataigh agus dóiteáin san áitreabh leis an tseirbhís bhliantúil dheireanach dar dáta 4/06/2025.

(4) Fógra i dtaobh na nósanna imeachta a bhí le leanúint i gcás dóiteáin a thaispeánt go feiceálach sa tseirbhís ar clár na bhfógraí sa seomra súgartha.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Bhí árachas ag an tseirbhís le haghaidh seirbhís cúraim lae iomlán le huasmhéid de 44 leanbh réamhscoile le dáta éaga 31/08/2025.

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier: TU2015GY223

Name of Service: Naíonra Iognáid

Address of Service: Scoil Iognáid, Bóithrín na Sliogán, Gaillimh, Co. Galway

Eircode: H91 E364

Name of Registered Provider: Gwen Uí Riain

Service type: Full Day, Part Time, Sessional

Date of Inspection: 05/06/2025

No of pre-school children:	AM	39	PM	12

Address of the Early Years Inspectorate: Early Years Inspectorate,
Quality and Regulation Directorate,
Clinical & Administration Building,
Block A - (1st Floor- Green Corridor),
Merlin Park, Galway

Inspection undertaken by: F Nic Dhonnacha

Title: Early Years Inspector

Authority to Inspect

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

Conditions if applicable Not applicable

Description of service

Naíonra Iognáid, is in Scoil Iognáid a primary school, in the west of Galway city. The preschool service operates from a classroom in the school Seomra Gwen and the second playroom Seomra Creina is operated from a prefabricated unit with two rooms and sanitary facilities to the rear of the premises. The early years' service currently offers an Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme, a sessional care programme from 09.00 to 12.00 and a part-time care programme from 09.00 to 13.30, Monday to Friday, for 38 weeks of the year. A full day care full day service is provided from 09.00 to 16.30. The service caters for children aged 3 to 6 years of age. The preschool has quiet rest areas available in each playroom and 10 stackable beds for sleep provision. The children have access to a designated outdoor play area on the school grounds to the side of the premises, the use of an all-weather sheltered area during inclement weather, the use of a green grass area and the school gymnasium if necessary. The pre-school provides a child centred play-based pre-school curriculum, with a focus on Montessori. The programme of care is offered through the medium of Irish.

Staffing

The registered provider is the designated person in charge and is working in the service daily. There is a deputy person in charge if required. There are 5 staff including the registered provider working directly with the children. All 5 staff hold at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 to Level 8. 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 and safety. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

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 *registered provider, 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
- (c) there is a clear management structure in the service that identifies the lines of authority and accountability in the service and the specific roles and responsibilities of each employee and unpaid worker.

(2) A registered provider shall ensure that each employee, unpaid worker and contractor is suitable and competent taking into consideration the nature of the needs of children, including by-

- (a) consideration of references from the person's past employers, if any, and in particular the most recent employer, if any,
- (b) consideration of references from reputable sources in the case of a person who has no past employers,
- (c) consideration of the vetting disclosure received from the National Vetting Bureau of the Garda Síochána in accordance with the Act of 2012 in respect of the person, and
- (d) ensuring, insofar as is practicable, that where a person has lived in a state other than the State for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months, he or she provides police vetting from the police authorities in that state.

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

Compliance Information

(1)(a) The registered provider was the designated person in charge and there was a named person able to deputise.

(b) The registered provider was on the premises when the early years inspector arrived and remained on site for the duration of the inspection.

(c) There was a clear management structure in place and staff reported being aware of this.

(2)(a) Eight of 10 written validated references on file were from a past employer.

(b) Two of 10 written validated references on file were from a reputable source.

(c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for all five staff. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew garda vetting every 3 years. Garda vetting disclosures were available on file for the 3 staff members.

- (d) Police vetting was available for 1 of 2 staff members who lived and worked longer than 6 months in a state other than the State for longer than six months while over the age of 18 years.
- (4) Documentary evidence indicated that the five 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 5-8 or above on the National Framework of Qualifications or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

Non-Compliance Information

One of 2 staff members who lived and worked in 2 different states outside of Ireland while over the age of 18 years of age did not have the required police vetting for those states.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

On 18/07/2025 the registered provider advised of the following.

Corrective and Preventive Action

Police vetting for one staff member who lived and worked in 2 states outside of this state was obtained immediately following inspection.

The preschool service will review all new future employees curriculum vitae more thoroughly and police vetting will be obtained if required prior to working in the preschool service.

Supporting documentation submitted

On the 25/06/2025 a photograph of proof of payment dated 22/06/2025 for one of two police clearance certificates was submitted.

On the 2/07/2025 a photograph of the receipt of payment dated 27/06/2025 for the second police clearance certificate was submitted.

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliance identified under Regulation 9 (2)(d) has been adequately addressed.

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.

Compliance Information

- (1) The pre-school attendance records were reviewed for the previous 3 weeks indicating an adequate number of staff were working directly with the children.
- (3) The adult/child ratio was correct and maintained on the day of inspection.
There was 5 staff members working directly with and caring for 39 children.

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)

- Healthy eating was promoted within the pre-school and a healthy eating policy was available on request. At approx. 11.20hrs, the children had their snacks provided by their parents and guardians. The Snacks consisted of a selection of sandwiches, bread rolls, brown bread, cheese, yogurts, ham and pieces of fruit.
- The children attending on a part time basis had their main hot meal at approx. 14.00hrs which consisted of pasta bolognaise with vegetables and water or milk to drink.
- At approx. 16.00hrs the children had sandwiches of cheese, crackers and fruit supplied by the service.
- Appropriate crockery and cutlery were offered to the children at snack time suitable for their ages and stages of development.
- Drinking water was always available and accessible for the children when thirsty both indoors and outdoors.

- All the children were toilet trained and either toileted independently or with some assistance as required.
- The children could move about freely in their Playrooms, they were supported to interact appropriately with their peers and were confident and comfortable in their environment.
- On the day of inspection, all the children had the opportunity to play in the outdoor play area.

SUPPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

- On speaking with staff, the inspector was informed that they provided parents with daily information on their child's experiences in the pre-school. This information was provided at collection times, via text messages, by email and by phone calls.
- The children's learning and key observations were discussed with parents and guardians and records were maintained.
- A key worker system was in place for each child to support their development and to inform curriculum planning. The role of the key worker was to liaise with parents and guardians.
- Individual learning journals were used to capture the profile of each child attending the pre-school. Each child's areas of interest, strategies and learning goals were captured by the staff showing various themes engaged in, photographs of the child and their art and craft activities. A sample of themes in the learning journals covered to date included - all about me, my senses, my handprints, emotions, dinosaurs, wintertime, messy play, fun in the snow, caterpillars, easter, spring, Christmas, the zoo, my family and the sun.
- The children were cared for by the staff in a kind and gentle manner. The staff were observed speaking to the children at their level, listening attentively and responding in a quiet, calm and sensitive manner.
- The children were observed at free play, at circle time, counting, listening to stories, singing songs in preparation for graduation day, taking turns, matching items with pictures, comparing opposites, building blocks, puzzle making and connecting.
- In the outdoor area, the children engaged in running, chasing games, playing with rackets and balls, jumping, playing with ribbons and throwing plastic rings.

PHYSICAL AND MATERIAL ENVIRONMENT:

- The playrooms were bright and spacious; the areas were clean and colourful.
- Play equipment and materials were freely accessible and available to the children on low shelves.
- There was a selection of child sized seating and low tables for tabletop activities.

- There was child size soft seating in the form of couches, cushions and matting in the playrooms where a child could rest and relax if they choose to.
- Stackable beds were available for sleep provision for any child who required a rest or sleep during the part time and full day care service.

Items in the Playrooms included.

- Low level shelving with boxes of shapes, threading material, links, connectors, blocks, counters, puzzles, jugs, bowls, timers, crayons, paper, markers, art and crafts, paints, animals, dinosaurs, and figurines were accessible to the preschool children. A home corner, with food items, utensils and crockery, dolls, cots, transport vehicles including cars, trucks, farmyards, libraries, dinosaurs and dress up areas.
- Displayed on the walls were educational posters and artwork, topics of interest, themes, visual aids and story boards. Displays included family photographs, birthday ballons, emotions, key worker system, mirrors our weather chart, days of the week, my first day at the naionra, Cody the Caterpillar, Life cycle of the Honeybee, Our class rules, shapes, numbers, Under the Sea, An Trá and scenes from Galway city (The Long Walk).

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 of the school and the preschool doors were secure.
- The external outdoor play area was secure so that children could not leave the area unsupervised.
- 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 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:

- Hand washing facilities were provided with a supply of warm water, liquid hand soap and disposable paper hand towels.
- During the inspection, the children were assisted and encouraged to wash their hands prior to eating, after toileting, after using a tissue and after playing outdoors.
- The toys and play equipment were maintained in a clean and hygienic condition.
- The playrooms were observed to be kept adequately ventilated with the windows left open whilst maintaining the room temperatures at the required levels.
- The service had cleaning records for the materials, equipment and furnishings.

Administration of Medication:

- No medication was administered on the day of inspection.

Safe Sleep:

- A rest and quiet area were provided in the playrooms to facilitate a child to rest or opt out of an activity if he or she chose. The children in Seomra Gwen who were attending the service on a part time basis did not sleep on the day of inspection, but the children were observed to rest and relax during story time.
- Seomra Gwen was converted and made conducive for rest and sleep purposes for the children attending the service on a full day care basis. No child was observed going to sleep however the staff and children sat together for quiet time and relaxed while some children looked at books for a short period of time. Stackable beds and individual bed linen were available if required. It was acknowledged that most children remaining in the service would be starting school in September.

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 to the children attending the pre-school service. Four staff members had current training in first aid for children and one staff member had paediatric first aid training.
- (2)(a) There were two first aid boxes with content items within date, safely stored, easily accessible and stored in a conspicuous position in the playrooms.
- (b) The service demonstrated that a first aid box was fully equipped in each of the two playrooms and available to the children attending the pre-school service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures

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

Compliance Information

- (1)(a) A written record was available of the monthly fire drills completed in the service. The last fire drill was dated 04/06/2025.
- (b) A record was maintained of the number, type and maintenance of firefighting equipment with the last service dated 17/01/2025.
- A record was maintained of the smoke and fire detection system in the premises with the last annual service dated 4/06/2025.

(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 playroom.

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 full day care service with a max of 44 preschool children with an expiry date of 31/08/2025.