Tuarascáil Rialála na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Aitheantóir TUSLA:	TU2015KY092

Ainm na Seirbhíse:	Ionad Tacaiochta Teaghlaigh Bhaile an Fheirtéaraigh

Seoladh na Seirbhíse:	Baile an Fheirtéaraigh Thiar, Trá Lí, Co. Chiarraí

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Ainm an tSoláthraí Cláraithe:	Ray Mac Pháidín

Cineál na seirbhíse:	Lá Iomlán, Páirtaimseartha, Seisiúnach

Dáta(í) na Cigireachta:	23/09/2025

Líon na leanaí réamhscoile:	AM	20	PM	12

Seoladh na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta::	Áras an Phobail, Deans Lane, Trá Lí, Co. Chiarraí.
Cigireacht arna déanamh ag:	N. Reidy
Teideal:	Cigire Luathbhlianta

An tÚdarás chun Cigireacht a dhéanamh
Déanann Cigireacht Luathbhlianta Tusla cigireachtaí ar Sheirbhísí Luathbhlianta faoi Alt 58(J) den Acht um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (arna chur isteach ag Alt 92 den Acht fán nGníomhaireacht um Leanaí agus an Teaghlach, 2013).

Coinníollacha más infheidhme	N/B

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Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Tá an tseirbhís luathbhlianta seo, atá bunaithe sa phobal agus saindeartha, cláraithe chun cúram seisiúnach, páirtaimseartha agus lánaimseartha a sholáthar do leanaí idir 0 agus 6 bliana d'aois. Bíonn an tseirbhís ar oscailt idir 08:00 am agus 6:00 pm Luan go hAoine.

Tá dhá sheomra cúraim san fhoirgneamh, seomra codlata sa naíolann agus cóiríocht sláintíochta do gach ceann de na seomraí cúraim. Tá rochtain ag na páistí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís ar áiteanna súgartha amuigh faoi aer ar féidir teacht orthu ó na seomraí cúraim.

An Fhoireann

Tá 8 duine fásta sa tseirbhís. Níl an soláthraí cláraithe ná an t-oifigeach forbartha atá cleamhnaithe le Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta ag obair sa tseirbhís leis na páistí.

Bhí duine fásta amháin fostaithe faoi Scéim Tacaíochta na Samhla um Rochtain agus Cuimsiú (AIM).

Modheolaíocht

Is í Cigireacht Luathbhlianta Tusla an rialtóir reachtúil neamhspleách ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta in Éirinn. Sainmhíníonn Rialacháin an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) 2016 dualgas soláthraí cláraithe sábháilteacht agus folláine leanaí a chinntiú agus na rialacháin seo a chomhlíonadh. Tugann an tAcht seo an t-údarás do Tusla measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh na rialachán. Is é cuspóir na rialála maidir le seirbhísí luathbhlianta ná a chinntiú go gcloítear le cúram, sábháilteacht agus folláine na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar na seirbhísí sin. Déantar cigireachtaí ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta a phleanáil bunaithe ar an méid seo a leanas:

- Stair chigireachta roimhe seo
- Aon fhaisnéis a fhaightear maidir leis an tseirbhís

Tá torthaí na cigireachta bunaithe ar na nithe seo a leanas:

- Faisnéis a fhaightear trí mhionscrúdú ar cháipéisíocht
- Breathnóireacht dhíreach
- Plé leis an bhfoireann ábhartha

Níor fógraíodh an chigireacht seo agus díríodh ar réimse an rialachais/ sláinte, leasa agus forbartha leanaí/ sábháilteachta. Féadfaidh na cigireachtaí díriú ar réimsí eile freisin de réir mar is gá.

Déantar torthaí cigireachta a dhoiciméadú sa tuarascáil chigireachta a eisítear den chéad uair i ndréachtfhormáid don tseirbhís agus deis ann freagra a thabhairt ar aon torthaí. Nuair a shainaithnítear ceanglais reachtúla nach bhfuil á gcomhlíonadh, ní mór don soláthraí cláraithe a léiriú conas a cheartaigh sé an neamhchomhlíonadh agus cuirfidh sé cosc ar aon neamhchomhlíonadh tarlú arís. Úsáidfear an Plean um Ghníomh Ceartaitheach agus um Ghníomh Coisctheach (CAPA) chun bonn eolais a chur faoi chinntí maidir le comhlíonadh na gceanglas rialála. Sa chás go dteipeann ar an soláthraí cláraithe na ceanglais reachtúla a chomhlíonadh, féadfar tús a chur le próiseas maidir le géarú.

Forchoimeádann an chigireacht an ceart chun eagarthóireacht a dhéanamh ar na freagraí a fhaightear ar chúiseanna lena n-áirítear soiléireacht, iomláine agus comhlíonadh na bpróiseas riaracháin agus dlíthiúil.

Is é an comhlacht cigireachta a thiomsaíonn ábhar na tuarascála.

Admhálacha

Is mian leis an gcigire aitheantas a thabhairt do chomhoibriú an duine atá i gceannas, na foirne agus na leanaí a bhí i láthair lá na cigireachta.

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,

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 go mbeidh gach fostaí, oibrí gan phá agus conraitheoir oiriúnach agus inniúil agus cineál na riachtanas atá ag leanaí á chur i gcuntas, lena n-áirítear-

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

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

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

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

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

Faisnéis maidir le comhlíonadh

(1)

(a) Tá duine i bhfeighil ainmnithe agus ionadaithe arna n-ainmniú sa tseirbhís. I gcás nach mbeidh an duine nó an ionadaí san áitreabh, tá duine ainmnithe eile ann atá ábalta gníomhú mar ionadaí.

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

(2) Rinneadh iniúchadh ar na comhaid foirne i leith gach duine de na 8 duine fásta atá ag gabháil leis leis an tseirbhís.

(a) As na 16 thagairt a bhí ag teastáil, bhí 10 dtagairt le taifid bailíochtaithe ar fáil ó fhostóirí roimhe seo.

(b) Bhí sé cinn de na sé cinn déag de na teistiméireachtaí i scríbhinn a raibh fianaise fíoraithe leo ar fáil ó fhoinse seachas iar-fhostóir.

(c) Fuarthas nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána don seisear sin. Bhí an soláthraí cláraithe ar an eolas faoi na frámaí ama maidir le grinnfhiosrúchán a dhéanamh arís atá leagtha amach i bhFógra Rialála na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta, lena gceanglaítear ar sheirbhísí grinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána a athnuachan gach trí bliana.

(d) Bhí grinnscrúdú póilíní ar chomhad do dhuine fásta amháin a raibh cónaí air lasmuigh den dlínse ar feadh tréimhse níos faide ná 6 mhí as a chéile agus a raibh gá leis.

(4) Bhí cáilíochtaí ábhartha i gCúram agus Oideachas Luath-Óige ag Leibhéal 5 nó os a chionn ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó cáilíocht a mheasann an tAire a bheith coibhéiseach ag na daoine fásta a bhí ag obair go díreach le leanaí.

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann
Rialachán 11 - Soláthar foirne
(1) Faoi réir an Rialacháin seo, áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta i gcónaí ag obair 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 gcomhlíonfar gach tráth an cóimheas íosta idir daoine fásta agus leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (3) de Chuid 1 de Sceideal 6 os coinne uimhreach tagartha áirithe a shonraítear i gcolún (1) den Chuid sin i leith raon aoise na leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (2) den Chuid sin ag an uimhir thagartha sin.* *Gan dochar do mhíreanna (2) go (7)-* *(a)cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhísí réamhscoile seachas seirbhís feighlíochta leanaí nó seirbhís réamhscoile seisiúnach go bhfuil 2 dhuine fásta ar a laghad san áitreabh i gcónaí,*
Faisnéis maidir le comhlíonadh
(1) Tráth na cigireachta, tugadh faoi deara go raibh líon leordhóthanach foirne ag obair go díreach le leanaí. (2) Cloíodh leis na cóimheasa riachtanacha idir daoine fásta agus leanaí sna 2 sheomra cúraim a bhí i bhfeidhm an lá sin freisin. Sa Naíolann bhí beirt dhaoine fásta ag tabhairt aire do 11 leanbh idir 11 mhí agus 3 bliana d'aois (1 leanbh faoi bhun 1 bhliain d'aois) ag freastal ar bhonn cúram lae iomláin. Sa Naíonra, bhí beirt daoine fásta ag tabhairt aire do 13 leanbh idir 2 bhliain, 10 mí agus 4 bliana d'aois ag freastal ar bhonn seisiúnach agus páirtaimseartha. (8) (a) D'áirithigh an soláthraí cláraithe go raibh beirt daoine fásta ar a laghad ar an láthair i gcónaí le linn uaireanta oibríochta.

Cuid V - Cúram Leanaí sa tSeirbhís Réamhscoile
Rialachán 19 - Sláinte, leas agus forbairt leanaí
(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe, le linn seirbhís réamhscoile a sholáthar-   *(a) go n-éascaítear foghlaim, forbairt agus dea-bhail gach linbh laistigh de shaol laethúil na seirbhíse réamhscoile trí na gníomhaíochtaí, an idirghníomhaíocht, na hábhair agus an trealamh cuí a sholáthar, ag féachaint d'aois agus do chéim forbartha an linbh, agus*

Faisnéis maidir le comhlíonadh

(1)(a)

Bunriachtanais: -

- Rinneadh freastal go rialta ar riachtanais leithris agus sláinteachais na bpáistí i rith an lae. Thug an fhoireann tacaíocht agus spreagadh do na páistí maidir leis na leithris a úsáid as a stuaim féin de réir mar a bhí gá leo.
- Rinneadh clúidíní a athrú go pras de réir mar a bhí gá leis i rith an lae. Labhair an fhoireann leis na páistí agus rinne siad idirghníomhú leo agus na clúidíní á n-athrú.
- Bhí na hamanna béile a breathnaíodh suaimhneach agus gan deifir.
- Cuireann na tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí an bia go léir a chaitear sa tseirbhís ar fáil.
- I measc an bhia a breathnaíodh le linn na cigireachta bhí rogha torthaí, iógart, ceapairí, brioscaí agus i measc an bhia te bhí anraithí baile, spaghetti Bolognese, prátaí agus glasraí.
- Bhí na béilí socair, na páistí a bhí críochnaithe sula ndeachaigh daoine eile ag imirt lena mbréagáin ab rogha leo.
- Chuidigh an fhoireann leis na páistí óga iad a bheathú de réir mar a bhí gá leis.
- Bhí líon leordhóthanach cathaoireacha beathaithe ag an tseirbhís do líon na bpáistí a raibh gá acu leo.
- Breathnaíodh go raibh an fhoireann le linn na cigireachta cúramúil, cineálta, aireach agus tacúil do riachtanais na leanaí.
- Labhair an fhoireann leis na páistí i nguth íseal bog, ag teacht síos go dtí a leibhéal féin agus iad ag labhairt leo.
- Bhí mataí boga agus suíocháin bhoga sna seomraí cúraim chun cabhrú le páistí ar mian leo scíth a ligean nó gan páirt a ghlacadh i ngníomhaíocht de réir mar a theastaigh uathu le linn an tseisiúin.
- Bhí limistéar fairsing faoi dhúnta sa naíolann a úsáideadh do na páistí níos óige, cuid acu a bhí ag crawláil agus nach raibh ag siúl fós. Bhí rogha mataí boga, cúisíní agus réimse bréagán agus ábhar súgartha ann.

- Bhí na bréagáin sa dá sheomra cúraim ar fáil agus inrochtana ag na páistí ar sheilfeanna oscailte ísle agus ar an urlár le go bhféadfadh na páistí rochtain a fháil orthu go neamhspleách le linn an tseisiúin.
- Breathnaíodh na páistí ag baint taitnimh as gníomhaíochtaí ar nós, mar shampla, puzail urláir a dhéanamh leis an mbosca pictiúr de na puzail ar an urlár leo, páirt a ghlacadh in am scéalaíochta, agus nuacht an lae a éascú do na páistí.
- Nuair a tháinig an cigire chun an cigireacht a dhéanamh, bhí na páistí sa naíolann ag imirt sa limistéar lasmuigh a raibh rochtain dhíreach air ón seomra.
- Cuireadh ar chumas na bpáistí súgradh sna limistéir lasmuigh leis an mata bog faoina gcosa i rith an lae.
- Bhí na seomraí geal agus aerúil agus maisithe go ildaite le cuid d'obair ealaíne na bpáistí.

Cuid V - Cúram Leanaí sa tSeirbhís Réamhscoile

Rialachán 20 - Saoráidí scíthe agus súgartha

(1) Faoi réir an rialacháin seo, cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe-

(b) go bhfuil saoráidí leordhóthanacha oiriúnacha ann do leanbh réamhscoile chun sos a ghlacadh i rith an lae, agus i gcás seirbhís réamhscoile thar oíche, i rith an lae agus na hoíche.

Faisnéis maidir le comhlíonadh

(1) (b)

- Bhí 5 leaba chaighdeánacha sa seomra codlata sa naíolann agus tochtanna uiscedhíonacha iontu a bhí glan, daingean agus den mhéid ceart do na leaba.
- Bhí leapacha inchruachta ar fáil do na páistí níos sine agus mata urláir amháin. Chuir an duine i bhfeighil in iúl don chigire go raibh sé beartaithe aici leapacha breise inchruachta agus/nó mataí urláir a cheannach do na páistí níos sine.
- Ar lá na cigireachta thug an cigire faoi deara gur éascaíodh riachtanas codlata agus scíthe na bpáistí.
- Sa seomra codlata sa naíolann, tarraingíodh na dallóga chun timpeallacht suaimhneach a chur chun cinn.
- Sa Naionra, thug an cigire faoi deara gur éascaíodh am scíthe do na páistí a d'fhan ar bhonn cúram páirtaimseartha lae iomláin. Tarraingíodh na dallóga, seinneadh ceol sa chúlra agus luigh na páistí ar na leapacha inchruachta, ar an tolg vinile, agus ar mata urláir leis an bhfoireann i mbun maoirseachta.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 23 - Sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leanaí a chosaint

Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéantar gach beart réasúnach chun sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas leanaí réamhscoile atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís a chosaint agus go bhfuil timpeallacht na seirbhíse sábháilte.

Faisnéis maidir le comhlíonadh

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

- Taifeadadh teocht an uisce te ag na báisíní níocháin faoin teocht riachtanach.

  Céimeanna Celsius
- Bhí doirse inmheánacha daingnithe chun cosc a chur ar leanaí dul isteach i limistéir neamhshábháilte.
- Bhí na doirse seachtracha daingnithe chun cosc a chur ar leanaí imeacht gan mhaoirseacht
- Fuarthas nach raibh bac ar na doirse dóiteáin.
- Téann cuairteoirí go dtí an oifig chun cead isteach a fháil.

Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

- Bhí soláthar uisce te, gallúnach láimhe leachtach, tuáillí páipéir indiúscartha agus boscaí bruscair le clúdaigh coise ag gach ceann de na doirtil le go bhféadfadh na páistí agus an fhoireann lámha a ní go héifeachtach.
- Bhí bosca séalaithe, líneáilte, a bhí á oibriú ag na coise, in úsáid le haghaidh naipcíní úsáidte sa seomra athraithe naipcíní ainmnithe.
- Rinneadh na seomraí a aeráil trí fhuinneoga a bhí in-oscailte agus breathnaíodh go raibh an t-aeráil mheicniúil ag obair i gceart ar lá na cigireachta.
- Bhí lipéid aonair ar earraí maisíochta na bpáistí, agus stóráladh iad ar sheilf ard in aice leis an aonad athraithe clúidíní.
- Fuarthas go raibh an t-aonad athraithe clúidíní, an mata athraithe agus an áit thar timpeall orthu glan agus tirim.
- Nuair a chuir an cigire ceist maidir leis na héadaí leapa do na cliabháin agus na leapacha inchruachta, dúradh leis go bhfuil lipéad ar éadaí leapa go léir agus go bhfuil éadaí leapa ar leith ann do gach leanbh.
- Nítear na héadaí leapa gach lá san áitreabh.
- Breathnaíodh cófraí beaga aonair le lipéid d'éadaí leapa na bpáistí sa seomra codlata.
- Stóráladh na pluideanna, an mata urláir agus na leapacha inchruachta a úsáideadh sa Naionra don am scíthe/síos sa seomra stórais faoi ghlas sa seomra nuair nach raibh siad in úsáid.
- Bhreathnaigh an cigire ar an bhfoireann ag glanadh na mbord roimh agus tar éis ithe agus na gcathaoireacha beathaithe tar éis ithe
- Ag am béilí a breathnaíodh, chaith na páistí sa naíolann bíobanna cosanta a raibh lipéad aonair orthu.

Codladh Slán:

- Thug an cigire faoi deara go ndearna an fhoireann seiceálacha codlata fisiciúla 10 nóiméad ar na páistí a chodail sna leapacha caighdeánacha sa seomra codlata le linn na cigireachta.
- Taifeadadh na seiceálacha codlata 10 nóiméad ar shuíomh, dath agus análú na bpáistí.

Sábháilteacht Dóiteán:

- Bhreathnaigh an cigire ar na taifid a coinníodh sa dá sheomra le haghaidh cleachtaí dóiteáin míosúla, ba é 8.9.25 an ceann is déanaí a rinneadh sa Naíolann agus ba é 17.9.25 an ceann sa Naíonra.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíontacht

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

1. Ní raibh aon stiallacha infheictheachta ar na painéil ghloine fuinneoige ísle sa Naionra, rud a chruthaigh baol go ndéanfadh leanbh díobháil de bharr imbhuailte.

Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

2. Ní raibh aon braillíní in úsáid ar na leapacha inchruachta a roinntear nach raibh le húsáid ina n-aonar, rud a chruthaigh riosca tras-ionfhabhtaithe.

Gníomh curtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

<u>Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Coisctheach</u>

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

1. Tá stiall curtha ar an bhfuinneog atá i gceist chun sábháilteacht na bpáistí a chinntiú, chun imbhualadh sábháilteachta a sheachaint. Cuirfear an stiall nua ina háit láithreach má thagann sí as.

Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

2. Tá braillíní agus pluideanna aonair curtha ar fáil ag an tseirbhís do gach leanbh chun aon tras-ionfhabhtú a sheachaint. Amach anseo, cinnteoidh an tseirbhís go mbeidh líon leordhóthanach braillíní agus blaincéad ann do na páistí a bheidh ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

<u>Doiciméid tacaíochta curtha isteach</u>

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

1. Grianghraf den fhuinneog le stiall infheictheachta uirthi

Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

2. Grianghraf de na héadaí leapa sa tseirbhís.

Achomair

Rinneadh scrúdú ar an doiciméadacht uile a fuarthas agus measadh gur chomhlíon sí ceanglais an rialacháin.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht
Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair
(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh duine atá oilte i ngarchabhrach do leanaí ar fáil láithreach, i gcónaí, do na leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile. *(2) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéanfar bosca garchabhrach atá feistithe go cuí do leanaí-* *(a) á stóráil go sábháilte in áit atá inrochtana agus feiceálach go héasca san áitreabh, agus* *(b) go mbeidh sé ar fáil do na leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile i gcónaí.*
Faisnéis maidir le comhlíonadh
(1) Bhí sé soiléir ó róta na foirne go raibh ball foirne amháin ar a laghad a raibh oiliúint faighte aige i bhFreagróir Garchabhrach (FAR) ar fáil ar an láthair i gcónaí. Bhí oiliúint FAR cothrom le dáta ag 5 ball foirne san iomlán mar is léir ó na deimhniúcháin atá ar fáil lena n-iniúchadh. 2)(a) Bhí na boscaí garchabhrach stóráilte suas go hard, as rochtain leanaí agus inaitheanta go soiléir i ngach ceann de na 2 sheomra cúraim. (b) Bhí na boscaí garchabhrach lán le hacmhainní do líon na bpáistí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís. Bhí siad seo ar fáil don fhoireann chun freastal ar na páistí más gá.

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015KY092

Name of Service:	Ionad Tacaiochta Teaghlaigh Bhaile an Fheirtéaraigh

Address of Service:	Baile an Fheirtéaraigh Thiar, Trá Lí, Co. Kerry

Eircode:	V92 TR99

Name of Registered Provider:	Ray Mac Pháidín

Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional

Date(s) of Inspection:	23/09/2025

No of pre-school children:	AM	20	PM	12

Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Áras an Phobail, Deans Lane, Tralee, C. Kerry.
Inspection undertaken by:	N. Reidy
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	N/A

Description of service

This community-based purpose-built early years service is registered to provide sessional, part-time and full day care to children aged between 0 and 6 years. The service is open between the hours of 08:00 am and 6:00 pm Monday to Friday.

There are 2 care rooms in the building, a sleep room in the creche and sanitary accommodation serving each of the care rooms. The children attending the service have access to designated outdoor play areas accessible from the care rooms.

Staffing

There are 8 adults attached to the service. The registered provider and the development officer affiliated to Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta do not work in the service with the children.

There was 1 adult employed under the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) Support Scheme.

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 inspections may also focus on other areas as required.

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) The service had a designated person in charge and named deputies. In the event the person or deputy person in charge were not on the premises, there is an additional named person able to deputise.

(b) The person in charge or the named deputy persons were on the premises at all times during the operation of the service.

(2) The staff files for each of the 8 adults attached to the service were inspected.

(a) Of the 16 references required, 10 references with records of validation were available from past employers.

(b) Of the 16 references required, 6 references with records of validation were available from a reputable source other than a past employer.

(c) Garda vetting disclosures has been obtained for all 8 adults. The service did adhere to the re-vetting timeframes as outlined in the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice, requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years.

(d) Police vetting was on file for 1 adult who lived outside the jurisdiction for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months who required it.

(4) The adults working directly with children held relevant qualifications in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 or above on the National Qualifications Framework 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) 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) At the time of inspection, it was observed that there was an adequate number of staff working directly with children.

(2) The required adult to child ratios were observed in the 2 care rooms in operation on the day.

In the Creche there were 2 adults caring for 11 children aged between 11 months– 3 years (1 child under 1 year) attending on a full day care basis.

In the Naionra, there was 2 adults caring for 13 children aged between 2 years 10 months and 4 years attending on a sessional and part-time basis.

(8) (a) The registered provider did ensure that a minimum of two adults were always on the premises during the hours of operation.

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's toileting and hygiene needs were attended to regularly during the day. The staff supported and encouraged the children with self-toileting as was needed.
- Nappy changing was carried out promptly as required during the day. The children were spoken to and interacted with by the staff during nappy changing.
- The mealtimes observed were relaxed and unhurried.
- All food consumed in the service is supplied by the parents/guardians.
- The food observed during the inspection included a selection of fruit, yogurts, sandwiches, crackers and hot food included homemade soups, spaghetti Bolognese, potatoes and vegetables.
- The mealtimes were unhurried, children who had finished before others went to play with their toys of choice.
- The staff assisted the younger children feeding them as was needed.
- The service had an adequate number of feeding chairs for the number of children who required them.
- The staff on inspection were observed to be caring, kind, attentive and supportive to children's needs.
- The staff spoke to the children in low soft tones of voice, coming down to their level when speaking to them.
- The care rooms had soft matting and soft seating to facilitate children who wished to rest or opt out of an activity as they wished during the session.
- The creche had a spacious enclosed area that was used for the smaller children, some who were crawling and not yet walking. There was a selection of soft matting, cushions and a variety of toys and play materials.
- The toys in both care rooms were available and accessible to the children on low level open shelving and on the floor for children to independently access them during the session.

- The children were observed enjoying activities such as for example making floor puzzles with the picture box of the puzzles on the floor with them, participating in story time, facilitating the children's news of the day.
- When the inspector arrived to conduct the inspection the children in the crèche were playing in the outdoor area directly accessible from the room.
- The children were facilitated to play in the outdoor areas with the soft matting underfoot during the day.
- The rooms were bright and airy and colourfully decorated with some of the children's artwork.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 20 – Facilities for rest and play

(1) Subject to this regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that-

(b) there are adequate and suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day, and in the case of an overnight pre-school service, during the day and the night.

Compliance Information

(1) (b)

- The sleep room in the creche had 5 standard cots fitted with waterproof mattresses that were clean, firm and the correct size for the cots.
- There were stackable beds provided for the older children and 1 floor mat. The person in charge informed the inspector she had planned to purchase additional stackable beds and /or floor mats for the older children.
- On the day of the inspection the inspector observed the children's need for sleep and rest was facilitated.
- In the sleep room in the creche, the blinds were drawn to promote a restful environment.
- In the Naionra, the inspector observed that rest time was facilitated for the children who remained on a part-time full day care basis. The blinds were drawn, music played in the background and the children rested on the stackable beds, on the vinyl couch, and on a floor mat with the staff supervising.

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:

- The temperature of the warm water at the wash hand basins was recorded under the required 43 degrees Celsius.
- The internal doors were secured to prevent children accessing unsafe areas.
- The external doors were secured to prevent children from exiting unsupervised.
- The fire doors were observed to be unobstructed.
- Visitors to the centre reported to the office to gain entry.

Infection Control:

- There was a supply of warm water, liquid hand soap, disposable paper hand towels and foot operated lidded bins at each of the sinks for effective handwashing by the children and the staff.
- A sealed, lined foot operated bin was in use for used nappies in the designated nappy changing room.
- The rooms were ventilated by means of openable windows and mechanical ventilation observed in working order on the day of the inspection.
- The children's toiletries were individual labelled, stored on a high-level shelf near the nappy changing unit.
- The nappy changing unit, the changing mat and its surrounds were observed to be clean and dry.
- When asked regarding linen for the cots and stackable beds, the inspector was informed all linen is labelled and individual to each child.
- The cot linen is washed each day in the premises.
- Individual labelled cubbies for the children's linen were observed in the sleep room.
- The blankets, floor mat and stackable beds used in the Naionra for the rest/down time were stored in the locked storeroom in the room when not in use.
- The inspector observed the staff cleaning down the tables before and after eating and the feeding chairs after eating.
- At the mealtimes observed the children in the creche wore protective bibs that were individually labelled.

Safe Sleep:

- The inspector observed the staff conducted 10-minute physical sleep checks for the children that slept in the standard cots in the sleep room during the inspection.
- The 10-minute sleep checks for the children's position, colour and breathing were recorded.

Fire Safety:

- The inspector observed the records maintained in both rooms for monthly fire drills, the most recent carried out in the Creche was 8.9.'25 and in the Naionra was 17.9.'25.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. There were no visibility strips on place on the low-level window glass panels in the Naionra, posing a risk of a child sustaining a collision injury.

Infection Control:

2. There were no sheets used on the stackable beds shared that were not for individual use posing a risk of cross infection.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

1. A strip has been applied to the window in question to assure the safety of the children, to avoid a safety collision. The strip will be replaced straight away should it come off.

Infection Control:

2. The service has provided individual sheets and blankets for each child to avoid any cross infection. Going forward the service will ensure there are an adequate number of sheets and blankets for the children attending the service.

Supporting documentation submitted

General Safety:

1. A photograph of the window with a visibility strip in place.

Infection Control:

2. A photograph of the linen in the service.

Summary Comment

All documentation that was received was examined and was deemed to meet the requirement of the regulation.

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) It was evident from the staff rota that there was at least one staff member trained in First Aid Responder (FAR) available on the premises at all times. A total of 5 staff had in date FAR training as evidenced in the certifications open for inspection. (2)(a) The First aid boxes were stored up high, out of reach of children and clearly identifiable in each of the 2 care rooms. (b) The first aid boxes were suitably stocked for the number of children attending the service. These were available for staff to attend to the children if required.