

Tuarascáil Rialála na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Aitheantóir TUSLA:	TU2015KY093
Ainm na Seirbhíse:	Naíonra Ghleann Cholmille
Seoladh na Seirbhíse:	Halla na bhFeothanaí, Baile na nGall, An Daingean, Co. Ospidéal na hOllscoile, Ciarraí
Éirchód:	V92 X0FP
Ainm an tSoláthraí Cláraithe:	Ray Mac Pháidín
Cineál na seirbhíse:	Seisiúnach
Dáta(i) na Cigireachta:	17/09/2025
Líon na leanaí réamhscoile:	AM 16 PM Ceann ar bith
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

Is seirbhís luathfhoghlama agus cúraim chláraithe í Naíonra Bhréannain a chuireann cúram seisiúnach ar fáil do leanaí idir 2 bhliain agus 6 bliana d'aois. Freastalaíonn an tseirbhís faoi láthair ar leanaí idir 2 bhliain is 8 mí agus 6 bliana d'aois.

Oibríonn an tseirbhís ó áis atá saindeartha laistigh de Halla na bhFeothanaí, ina bhfuil seomra súgartha fairsing amháin, cistin/oifig, foirgneamh sláintíochta, rochtain ar halla fairsing laistigh agus limistéar súgartha lasmuigh atá suite ag cúl an fhoirgnimh.

Soláthar Foirne

Tá 6 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 fheastalaíonn 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 bhí sí dírithe ar rialachas/sláinte, leas agus forbairt leanaí/sábháilteachta. D'fhéadfadh an chigireacht díriú freisin ar réimsí eile de réir mar is gá.

Déantar torthaí cigireachta a dhoiciméadú sa tuarascáil chigireachta a eisítear den chéad uair i ndrúachtformáid don tseirbhís agus deis ann freagra a thabhairt ar aon torthaí. Nuair a shainithnítear ceanglais reachtúla nach bhfuil á gcomhlíonadh, ní mór don soláthraí cláraithe a léiriú conas a cheartaigh sé an neamhchomhlíonadh agus

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cuirfidh sé cosc ar aon neamhchomhlíonadh tarlú arís. Úsáidfean 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.

Eolas Breise

Eisíodh Fógra maidir le Gníomh Láithreach (IAN) don duine i bhfeighil ainmnithe le linn na cigireachta ar an láthair i ndáil le teochtaí uisce ardaithe os cionn 50 céim Celsius ag 3 báisín níocháin. Fuarthas freagra ar an bhfógra sin ar an 18.9.25, agus measadh gur leor é chun an riosca a mhaolú.

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 mórdhámhachtaí i gCúram agus Oideachas Luath-óige ar Leibhéal 5 ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí nó cáilíocht a mheasfaidh an tAire a bheith coibhéiseach léi sin, ar a laghad.

Faisnéis maidir le comhlíonadh

(1)

(a) Bhí duine ainmnithe i gceannas ag an soláthraí cláraithe agus tá duine ainmnithe tánaisteach ann chun ionadaíocht a dhéanamh de réir mar bá gá.

Nuair a cuireadh tús leis an gcigireacht gan fhógra, bhí an duine ainmnithe i gceannas ar dualgas le cúnamh a thabhairt leis an bpróiseas cigireachta.

(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 12 theistiméireacht riachtanacha, tháinig 7 dteistiméireacht ó fhostóirí san am a caitheadh agus bhí na taifid ar an mbailíochtú riachtanach ar comhad.

(b) As na 12 thagairt atá ag teastáil, 3 thagairt ó fhoinse seachas fostóir roimhe seo atá ar comhad le taifid bailíochtaithe.

(c) Fuarthas nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána don seisear sin. Léirigh an tseirbhís freisin gur comhlíonadh an Fógra Rialála Cigireachta Luathbhlianta lena gceanglaítear ar sheirbhísí grinnfhiosrúcháin ón nGarda Síochána a athnuachan gach trí bliana.

(d) Ní bhaineann sé seo le hábhar mar nach raibh cónaí ar na 6 dhuine fásta lasmuigh de dhlínse na hÉireann ar feadh níos mó ná sé mhí as a chéile.

(4) Bhí duaiseanna móra bainte amach ag na daoine fásta uile a bhí ag obair go díreach leis na páistí i gCúram agus Oideachas Luath-Óige, mar atá liostaithe ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí (NFQ) agus cóipeanna de na cáilíochtaí ábhartha ar chomhad.

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.

(3) Faoi réir mhír (5), cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seisiúnach go gcomhlíonfar gach tráth an cóimheas íosta idir daoine fásta agus leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (3) de Chuid 2 de Sceideal 6 os coinne uimhir thagartha áirithe a shonraítear i gcolún (1) den Chuid sin i leith raon aoise na leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (2) dá bhrí sin ag an uimhir thagartha sin.

áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe réamhscoile seisiúnach, sa chás go n-oibríonn an duine atá i gceannas an tseirbhíse go haonarach, tá an dara duine a bhfuil cur amach aige nó aici ar oibriú na seirbhíse agus atá in ann cúnamh a thabhairt don duine atá i gceannas ar an tseirbhís a oibriú, i gcónaí, laistigh d'achar gar don tseirbhís agus ar fáil chun freastal ar an tseirbhís chun cabhrú leis an duine atá i gceannas i gcás éigeandála.

Faisnéis maidir le comhlíonadh

(1) Le linn na tréimhse cigireachta, d'áirithigh an soláthraí cláraithe go raibh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta ag tabhairt aire do na páistí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

(3) Bhí 3 duine fásta ag tabhairt aire do 16 leanbh idir 2 bhliain, 11 mhí agus 4 bliana d'aois ag freastal ar an tseirbhís ar bhonn seisiúnach. Bhí an cóimheas idir leanaí agus daoine fásta ceart.

(8)(c) Ní bhaineann sé seo le hábhar mar nach n-oibríonn an tseirbhís ina haonar.

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: -

- Bhí spás scíthe ainmnithe sa seomra súgartha ina raibh mataí boga ar an urlár agus líneáil na mballaí taobh thiar de dhroim na bpáistí. Breathnaíodh na páistí ag úsáid an limistéir seo le suí ann le haghaidh am scéalaíochta agus le haghaidh roinnt ama súgartha.
- Breathnaíodh go raibh na daoine fásta a bhí ag tabhairt aire do na páistí cineálta, cúramúil agus tuisceanach i leith riachtanais aonair na bpáistí.
- Bhain na páistí taitneamh as gluaiseacht shaor laistigh den seomra súgartha fairsing agus bhí siad ag filleadh ón súgradh sa halla fairsing laistigh nuair a shroich an cigire an tseirbhís.
- Glanadh na boird le ciarsúir antaiseipteacha roimh am na mbéilí beaga.
- Nigh na páistí a lámha ag an doirteal sa seomra súgartha agus bhí baill foirne ar fáil chun cabhrú leo de réir mar a bhí gá leo.
- Cuireann tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí na bpáistí atá i láthair an bia go léir ar fáil don ghreim bia
- Bhí ceapairí agus rogha torthaí agus glasraí sa bhia a breathnaíodh.
- Chuidigh na daoine fásta leis na páistí pacáistiú bia a oscailt agus shuigh siad leis na páistí ag na boird.
- Bhí neart ama ag na páistí a gcuid bia a ithe i dtimpeallacht suaimhneach agus bhí comhráite idir na páistí agus na daoine fásta, lena n-áirítear na caiféanna is ansa leo le ceannach sa chaifé.
- Breathnaíodh na páistí ag baint taitnimh as am scéalaíochta, ina suí ar an mata bog in aice na fuinneoige. Tarraingíodh an dallóg fuinneoige chun an dalladh a chosc ar mhaithe le compord na bpáistí.
- Ní raibh an áit súgartha lasmuigh atá suite ar chúl an fhoirgnimh in úsáid lá na cigireachta.

Cuid VI – Sábháilteacht

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

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

Faisnéis maidir le comhlíonadh

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

- Bhí na doirse seachtracha daingnithe i gceart chun cosc a chur ar leanaí imeacht gan mhaoirseacht.
- Bhí na doirse seachtracha daingnithe chun rochtain neamhúdraithe a chosc.
- Fuarthas nach raibh bac ar na doirse dóiteáin/doirse éigeandála.
- Bhí an chistin/oifig slán.
- Bhí dallóga leictreacha rialaithe iargúlta suiteáilte ag an tseirbhís ar an dá fhuinneog mhóra sa seomra súgartha ó rinneadh an cigireacht dheireanach.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíontacht

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

1. Bhí teocht an uisce te os cionn 50 céim Celsius ag na doirtíl sna seomraí folctha laistigh den seomra súgartha, sa leithreas do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas/do dhaoine fásta, i leithreas na mbuachaill agus i leithreas na gcailíní. Nuair a cuireadh an duine i gceannas ar an eolas faoin bhfionnachtain seo, laghdaíodh teocht an fheiste chun an t-uisce a théamh láithreach.
Rinneadh athsheiceáil ar theocht an uisce te ag na 3 báisín níocháin i gceist ag 11:40 agus fuarthas amach go raibh sé faoi bhun 43 céim Celsius ag gach ceann de na 3 dhoirteal.
Eisíodh fógra maidir le gníomh láithreach ar an láthair ar an 20.8.25 mar fhreagra ar an neamhchomhlíonadh seo.
2. Bhí sraith amháin doirse dúbailte sa halla nach raibh daingnithe go leordhóthanach chun cosc a chur ar leanaí rochtain gan mhaoirseacht a fháil amach ar chóiríocht shláintíochta phoiblí, ar sheomraí cruinnithe inar shroich doirse dóiteáin le láimhsithe ísle amach amach ar an mbóthar, rud a chuir riosca do leanaí.
3. Bhí doirse dóiteáin dúbailte socraithe ann le barra brú íseal a úsáideadh chun na doirse a oscailt. D'oscail siad amach go díreach chuig an gcarrchlós agus an bóthar rud a chuir baol díobhála do leanaí.

Gníomh curtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Coiscteach

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

1. Tá rialtóirí teochta uisce feistithe ag an pluiméir ar gach ceann de na 3 doirteal sna seomraí folctha. Tá an t-uisce rialaithe anois go dtí an teocht riachtanach faoi bhun 43 céim Celsius. Beidh na rialtóirí ar na doirtíl feasta lena chinntiú go mbeidh an t-uisce te ag an teocht cheart gach lá.

2. Ceannaíodh aláraim agus tá siad i bhfeidhm anois ar na doirse chun cosc a chur ar leanaí rochtain gan mhaoirseacht a fháil amach.
3. Tá aláraim feistithe ar na doirse chun cosc a chur ar na páistí rochtain gan mhaoirseacht a fháil amach agus chun an fhoireann a chur ar an eolas.

Doiciméid tacaíochta curtha isteach

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

1. Fianaise fhótagrafach ar na rialtóirí teochta atá feistithe ar gach ceann de na 3 dhoirteal.
- 2 & 3. Fianaise físe ar na haláraim atá feistithe ar na doirse.

Achomair

Tá an ceanglas don rialachán seo á chomhlíonadh.

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) Chinntigh an soláthraí cláraithe go raibh foireann ar fáil i gcónaí le hoiliúint chuí don fhreagróir garchabhrach (FAR). Bhí deimhnithe oiliúna FAR suas chun dáta ag ceathrar daoine fásta
- (2)
 - (a) Bhí an bosca garchabhrach stóráilte sa chistin/oifig thuas staighre, as rochtain leanaí agus bhí sé soiléir é a aithint.
 - (b) Bhí an bosca garchabhrach lán le líon na bpáistí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís agus bhí sé ar fáil don duine fásta chun aire a thabhairt do na páistí más gá.

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015KY093
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Name of Service:	Naíonra Bhréanainn
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Address of Service:	Halla na bhFeothanaí, Baile na nGall, An Daingean, Co. Kerry
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Eircode:	V92 X0FP
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Name of Registered Provider:	Ray Mac Pháidín
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Service type:	Sessional
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Date(s) of Inspection:	17/09/2025
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No of pre-school children:	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>AM</td> <td>16</td> <td>PM</td> <td>None</td> </tr> </table>	AM	16	PM	None
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Áras an Phobail, Deans Lane, Tralee, co. Kerry.
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Inspection undertaken by:	N. Reidy
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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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
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Description of service

Naíonra Bhréannain is a registered early learning and care service that offers sessional care to children between the age of 2 years and 6 years. The service currently caters for children between the age of 2 years 8 months and 6 years.

The service operates from a purpose-built facility within Halla na bhFeothanai, with 1 spacious playroom, a kitchen/office, sanitary accommodation building, access to a spacious indoor hall and a designated enclosed outdoor play area located at the rear of the building.

Staffing

There are 6 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.

Additional Information

An Immediate Action Notice (IAN) was issued to the designated person in charge during the onsite inspection in relation to elevated water temperatures exceeding 50 degrees Celsius at 3 wash hand basins. A response to the IAN issued was received on 18.9.'25, it was deemed adequate in mitigating the risk.

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 registered provider had a designated person in charge and there is a named deputy to deputise as required.
- (b) When the unannounced inspection commenced, the designated person in charge was on duty to assist with the inspection process.
- (2) The recruitment records in relation to each of the 6 adults attached to the service were inspected.
- (a) Of the 12 references required, there were 7 references from previous employers with records of validation on file.
- (b) Of the 12 references required, 3 references from a source other than a previous employer on file with records of validation.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for each of the 6 adults. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years.
- (d) Not applicable as the 6 adults had not resided outside the jurisdiction of Ireland for greater than six consecutive months.
- (4) All adults working directly with the children had achieved major awards in Early Childhood Care and Education, as listed on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) with copies of the relevant qualifications on file.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 11 - Staffing levels

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

(3) Subject to paragraph (5), a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 2 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) therefore at that reference number is satisfied.

(c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency..

Compliance Information

(1) Throughout the period of inspection, the registered provider did ensure that there was an adequate number of adults caring for the children attending the service.

(3) There were 3 adults caring for 16 children aged between 2 years 11 months to 4 years attending the service on a sessional basis. The adult child ratio was correct and maintained.

(8)(c) Not applicable as the service does not operate single-handedly.

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: -

- There was a designated rest space in the playroom consisting of soft matting on the floor and lining the walls behind the children's backs. The children were observed to use this area to sit in for story time and for some play time.
- The adults caring for the children were observed to be kind, caring and understanding of children's individual needs.
- The children enjoyed free movement within the spacious playroom and were returning from play in the spacious indoor hall when the inspector arrived at the service.
- The tables were cleaned down with antiseptic wipes prior to the snack time.
- The children washed their hands at the sink in the playroom with staff on hand to assist as was needed.
- The parents/guardians of the children attending provide all the food for snack time.
- The food observed consisted of sandwiches and a selection of fruit and vegetables.
- The adults assisted the children in opening food packaging and sat with the children at the tables.
- The children had plenty of time to eat their food in a relaxed environment with conversations between the children and the adults that included favourite coffees to buy when at the cafe.
- The children were observed to enjoy story time, sitting on the soft matting near the window. The window blind was drawn to prevent the glare for children's comfort.
- The outdoor play area located at the rear of the building was not used on the day of the inspection.

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 external doors were appropriately secured to prevent children from exiting unsupervised.
- The external doors were secured to prevent unauthorised access.
- The emergency/exit doors were observed to be unobstructed.
- The kitchen/office was secured.
- The service had installed remote control operated electric blinds on the two large windows in the playroom since the last inspection.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. The temperature of the warm water exceeded 50 degrees Celsius at the sinks in the bathrooms within the playroom, in the disabled/adult toilet, in the boy's toilet and in the girl's toilet. Once the person in charge was informed of this finding, the temperature device for heating the water was reduced immediately.

The temperature of the warm water at the 3 wash hand basins in question was re-checked at 11:40 and found at below 43 degrees Celsius at each of the 3 sinks.

An IAN was issued onsite on 20.8.'25 in response to this non-compliance.

2. There was 1 set of double doors in the hall that were not adequately secured to prevent children gaining unsupervised access out to public sanitary accommodation, to meeting rooms where fire exit doors with low level opening handles exited to the roadway, posing a risk to children.
3. There was a set double fire doors with a low-level push bar used to open the doors. They opened directly out to the carpark and roadway posing a risk of injury to children.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

1. The plumber has fitted water temperature regulators on each of the 3 sinks in the bathrooms. The water is now regulated to the required temperature of below 43 degrees Celsius. The regulators will be on the sinks going forward to ensure the warm water is at the correct temperature every day.

2. Alarms have been purchased and are now in place on the doors to prevent children gaining unsupervised access out.
3. Alarms have been fitted to the doors to prevent the children gaining unsupervised access out and to alert the staff.

Supporting documentation submitted

General Safety:

1. Photographic evidence of the temperature regulators fitted to each of the 3 sinks.
- 2 & 3. Video evidence of the alarms fitted to doors.

Summary Comment

The requirement for this regulation has been met.

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 registered provider did ensure that there was a person available at all times with appropriate first aid responder (FAR) training. Four adults had FAR in date training certifications.
- (2)
 - (a) The first aid box was stored in the kitchen/office up high, out of reach of children and was clearly identifiable.
 - (b) The first aid box was suitably stocked for the number of children attending the service and was available for the adult to attend to the children if required.