

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Uimhir Aitheantais TUSLA:	TU2015KY093
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Ainm na Seirbhíse:	Naíonra Bhréanainn
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Seoladh na Seirbhíse:	Halla na Feothanaí, Baile na nGall, An Daingean, Co. Chiarraí
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Éirchód:	V92 X0FP
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Ainm an tSoláthraí Chláraithe:	Ray Mac Pháidín
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Cineál na Seirbhíse	Seisiúnach
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Dáta(i) na Cigireachta:	14/11/2023
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Líon na leanaí réamhscoile:	AM	14	PM	0
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Seoladh Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta	Áras an Phobail, Lána an Déin, Trá Lí, Co. Chiarraí
Cigireacht arna déanamh ag:	N. Reidy
Teideal:	Cigire 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	N/Bh
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Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Is seirbhís luathbhlianta pobalbhunaithe saintógtha é Naíonra Bhréanainn atá cláraithe chun cúram seisiúnach a sholáthar do leanaí idir 2 bhliain agus 6 bliana d’aois. Freastalaíonn an tseirbhís ar leanaí idir 2 bhliain, 11 mhí agus 5 bliana d’aois faoi láthair. Feidhmíonn an tseirbhís ó Luan go hAoine, 9 am go dtí 12 meán lae.

Soláthar foirne

Tá triúr daoine fásta fostaithe sa tseirbhís a oibríonn go díreach leis na leanaí. Ní oibríonn an soláthraí cláraithe ná an t-oifigeach forbartha arna fhostú ag Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta leis na leanaí sa tseirbhís gach lá.

Modheolaíocht

Is í Cigireacht na Luathbhlianta, Tusla, rialtóir reachtúil neamhspleách ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta in Éirinn. Sainmhínítear i Rialacháin an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991 (Seirbhísí Luathbhlianta) 2016 dualgas an tsoláthraí chláráithe sábháilteacht agus folláine leanaí a chinntiú agus cloí leis na riachtanais seo. Tugann an tAcht seo údarás do Tusla measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh leis na rialacháin. Is é is aidhm le rialáil maidir le seirbhísí óige ná a chinntiú go seastar le cúram, sábháilteacht, agus folláine na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar na seirbhísí seo.

Pleanáiltear cigireachtaí ar sheirbhísí luathbhlianta bunaithe ar na pointí seo a leanas:

- Stair chigireachta na seirbhíse
- Eolas ar bith a fhaightear maidir leis an tseirbhís

Tá torthaí na cigireachta bunaithe ar:

- Eolas a fhaightear trí dhoiciméid a imscrúdú
- Breathnú díreach
- Plé le baill foirne ábhartha

Ba chigireacht neamhfhógartha é seo, agus díródh ar rialachas/sláinte, folláine agus forbairt an linbh/sábháilteacht/áitreabh agus saoraidí 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 sainaithnítear nach bhfuil ceanglais reachtúla á gcomhlíonadh, ní mór don soláthraí cláraithe léiriú a thabhairt ar an mbealach a réitíodh an neamhchomhlíonadh agus mar a chuirfear cosc ar an neamhchomhlíonadh amach anseo.

Úsáidfean an plean um Ghníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach (CAPA) chun bonn eolais a chur le cinntí maidir le comhlíonadh le ceanglais rialála. I gcás nach n-éiríonn leis an soláthraí cláraithe na ceanglais reachtúla a chomhlíonadh, féadfar próiseas géaraithe a thosú.

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

Is í an chigireacht a chuireann an tuarascáil le chéile.

Buíochas

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

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 9 – Bainistíocht agus earcaíocht

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe–

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

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

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

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

(b) breithniú ar theistiméireachtaí ó fhoinsí 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 sa tseirbhís, chomh maith le duine ainmnithe eile atá ábalta gníomhú mar ionadaí de réir mar is gá.
- (b) An t-am ar fad agus an réamhscoil ar oscailt, bíonn an duine i bhfeighil ainmnithe nó an duine arna hainmniú le gníomhú di i láthair sa tseirbhís.
- (2) Dheimhnigh an duine i bhfeighil go raibh cúigear daoine fásta fostaithe sa tseirbhís agus rinneadh athbhreithniú ar na taifid earcaíochta.
- (a) Bhí 8 dteistiméireacht agus bailíochtú i scríbhinn leo ar comhad ó iarfhostóir.
- (b) Bhí 2 theistiméireacht agus bailíochtú i scríbhinn leo ar comhad ó fhoinsé seachas iarfhostóir.
- (c) Bhí doiciméid um Nochtadh Grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána ar fáil i ndáil le gach duine de na cúigear daoine fásta.
- (d) Bhí grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní ar comhad le haghaidh duine fásta amháin a bhí tar éis cónaí lasmuigh den dlínse ar feadh tréimhse ní b'fhaide ná 6 mhí as a chéile.
- (4) Bhí cáilíochtaí um chúram leanaí ag leibhéal 5 agus os a chionn ar an gCreat Náisiúnta Cáilíochtaí ag na daoine fásta a bhí ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí agus bhí na teastais ar fáil lena n-imscrúdú.

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 11 - Leibhéal Foirne

(1) Faoi réir an Rialacháin seo, cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh gach tráth líon leordhóthanach de dhaoine fásta ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

(3) Faoi réir alt (5), cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seisiúnaí 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 uimhir thagartha 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.

(8) Gan dochar do mhíreanna (2) go (7)-

(c) cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seisiúnaí, i gcás go bhfuil an tseirbhís á hoibriú ag an duine i bhfeighil ina aonar nó ina haonar, go mbeidh an dara duine, atá eolach ar seirbhíse agus i riocht cúnamh a thabhairt don duine i bhfeighil chun an tseirbhís a oibriú, i gcóngar gairid don tseirbhís agus ar fáil chun freastal ar an tseirbhís i gcónaí d'fhonn cúnamh a thabhairt don duine i bhfeighil i gcás éigeandála.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1) Le linn thréimhse na cigireachta, chinntigh an soláthraí cláraithe go raibh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta ag tabhairt aire do na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís.

(3) Bhí beirt daoine fásta ag tabhairt aire do 14 leanbh idir 2 bhliain agus 11 mhí agus 4 bliana d'aois a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís ar bhonn seisiúnach. Bhí an cóimheas ceart idir na daoine fásta agus na leanaí.

(8)(c) Níl feidhm aige seo ós rud é nach bhfuil an tseirbhís á feidhmiú ag duine aonair.

Cuid IV – Faisnéis agus Taifid

Rialachán 16 – Taifead i ndáil le seirbhís réamhscoile

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn ar an bhfaisnéis seo a leanas i ndáil leis an tseirbhís:

(h) mionsonraí i dtaobh freastal ag gach leanbh réamhscoile ar bhonn laethúil;

(i) mionsonraí i dtaobh uainchláir foirne ar bhonn laethúil;

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (1)
Coinníodh na taifid seo a leanas:
- (h) mionsonraí faoi thinreamh gach linbh ar bhonn laethúil i leabhar rolla ainmnithe
- (i) mionsonraí maidir le huainchláir foirne ar bhonn laethúil sa leabhar rolla ainmnithe agus ar taispeánt ar bhalla an tseomra spraoi.

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, agus

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- Bhí na leanaí in ann bogadh timpeall gan srian laistigh den seomra spraoi mór ina raibh acmhainní éagsúla, agus bhí bréagáin agus ábhair spraoi éagsúla stóráilte ar na seilfeanna ísle oscailte, ar an urlár agus ag airde na bpáistí. Bhí bréagáin agus ábhair spraoi breise stóráilte as raon láimhe na leanaí agus rinneadh iad a athrú i rith na bliana.
- Bhí líon leordhóthanach bord agus cathaoireacha do leanaí curtha ar fáil agus úsáideadh iad ag am béile agus le haghaidh gníomhaíochtaí boird.
- Chonacthas na leanaí ag glacadh páirte go sona sásta i ngníomhaíochtaí boird, i rannta agus in amhráin Nollag agus in am scéalaíochta, mar shampla.
- Bhí na leithris suite laistigh den seomra spraoi, rud a chinntigh go raibh rochtain éasca agus neamhspleách ag na leanaí orthu.
- Léirigh na daoine fásta tuiscint ar riachtanais leithris leanaí aonair agus bhí na háiseanna riachtanacha ar fáil do leanaí aonair.
- Bhí halla mór ar fáil do na leanaí gach lá. Thug an cigire faoi deara gur chaith na leanaí tamall ag spraoi ann sular fhág siad an tseirbhís. Ghlac siad páirt i ngníomhaíochtaí reatha leis na daoine fásta.
- Cuireann tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí na leanaí bia ar fáil dóibh le hithe sa tseirbhís. Chonacthas go raibh a leithéid agus ceapairí, iógart, píosaí cáise, sailéad pasta, torthaí éagsúla agus uisce le hól.
- Bhí na daoine fásta i mbun na leanaí deas cineálta dóibh agus labhair siad go deas bog réidh leo. Bhí siad tuisceanach ó thaobh cúram a thabhairt do riachtanais aonair na leanaí agus iad ag obair i gcomhpháirtíocht leis na tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí.
- Dúirt an duine ainmnithe i bhfeighil go gcuirfí tuilleadh acmhainní ar fáil san áit scíthe, e.g. suíocháin bhog éagsúla agus cúisíní, anuas ar na mataí bog atá ar an urlár faoi láthair.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 23 - Sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas linbh a chosaint

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta

- Bhí doirse seachtracha an tseomra spraoi daingnithe go cuí chun cosc a chur ar leanaí imeacht gan mhaoirseacht agus chun srian a chur ar dhaoine neamhúdairithe teacht isteach.
- Táthar tar éis na 4 fhuinneog ísle sa seomra spraoi a dhéanamh sábháilte ó bhí an chigireacht dheireanach ann leis na gléasanna oscailte srianta atá curtha orthu.
- Bhí an teilifís agus na cáblaí a ghabhann leis curtha in airde go daingean as raon láimhe na leanaí.
- Bhí an chistin dúnta go daingean agus ní raibh rochtain ag na leanaí uirthi.
- Bhí an liosta ábhar molta don bhosca garchabhrach, mar aon le dátaí éaga cuid den stuif a bhí istigh ann, stóráilte sa bhosca garchabhrach.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta

- Bhí doirse dúbailte in áit amháin sa halla nach raibh daingean go leor chun cosc a chur ar leanaí imeacht gan mhaoirseacht chuig an gcóiríocht sláintíochta phoiblí, chuig seomraí cruinnithe ina raibh doirse éalaithe dóiteáin agus hanlaí ísle orthu amach ar an mbóthar, rud a chuir na leanaí i mbaol.

Gníomh arna sheoladh isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Thug an tOifigeach Forbartha an t-eolas seo a leanas: -

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coisctheach

Tá aláram curtha ar an doras.

FIANAISE A CUIREADH ISTEACH

Mar fhianaise, cuireadh físeán isteach a léirigh an t-aláram a cuireadh ar na doirse sin ag obair.

Nóta Tráchtacha Achomair

Táthar tar éis an ceanglas a chomhlíonadh.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair

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

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

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

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1) Cuireadh in iúl don Chigire go raibh oiliúint do Fhreagróirí Garchabhrach (FAR) reatha ag beirt daoine fásta a bhí ag obair leis na leanaí. Bhí teastas duine amháin díobh ar comhad. Chuir an bheirt an oiliúint i gcrích sular athosclaíodh an tseirbhís i mí Mheán Fómhair 2023 agus tá siad ag fanacht chun na teastais a fháil. Dúirt an duine i gceannas go gcuirfidh sí an teastas ar aghaidh chuig an gcigire.

(2)

(a) Bhí bosca garchabhrach stóráilte ar sheif ard sa chistin a bhí dúnta go daingean.

(b) Bhí an bosca garchabhrach inrochtana do na daoine fásta agus as raon láimhe na leanaí

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 26 - Bearta maidir le sábháilteacht ó dhóiteán

- (1) *Cinnteoídh 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 trealamh 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) Bhí taifead i scríbhinn sa tseirbhís maidir leis na rudaí seo a leanas: -
- (a) Teimpléad chun gach druil dóiteáin a rinneadh sa tseirbhís a thaifeadadh. Rinneadh an druil dóiteáin dheireanach ar 27/10/2023.
- (b) Bhí taifead á choinneáil maidir le huimhir, cineál agus taifead cothabhála an trealamh chun dóiteán a chomhrac agus an t-aláram dóiteáin. Léirigh na taifid ar comhad go ndearnadh an tseiceáil dheireanach ar an aláram deataigh ar an 26/10/2023, agus ar an trealamh chun dóiteáin a chomhrac ar an 14/02/2023.
- (4) Bhí fógra i dtaobh na nósanna imeachta le leanúint i gcás dóiteáin ar taispeánt sa seomra spraoi.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Bhí deimhniú árachais don tseirbhís ar comhad agus ar taispeánt ar chlár na bhfógraí sa seomra spraoi.

I measc na faisnéise a tugadh ar an deimhniú árachais, bhí:

- sonraí teagmhála an tsoláthraí árachais.
- ainm agus seoladh na seirbhíse faoi árachas
- catagóir chumhdaigh árachais na seirbhíse
- líon na leanaí a bhí cumhdaithe ag an árachas - 22

Dáta éaga an chumhdaigh árachais reatha - 27/11/'23.

Cuid VII - Ceanglais maidir le háitribh agus Spás

Rialachán 29 - Áitribh

Cinnteoídh soláthraí cláraithe maidir le háitreabh na seirbhíse—

- (a) go mbeidh struchtúr an áitribh fóna daingean,*
- (c) go mbeidh soilsiú, téamh agus aeráil leordhóthanach ann,*
- (e) go mbeidh saoráidí sláintíochta atá leordhóthanach agus oiriúnach feistithe ann.*

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

- (a) Bhí an chuma ar an bhfoirgneamh go raibh sé slán seasmhach.
- (c) Coinníodh teocht an aeir sna seomraí laistigh de na teorainneacha cuí. Taifeadadh teocht an aeir sa seomra spraoi ag 21.2 céim Celsius agus taifeadadh an chóiríocht sláintíochta ag 21.2 céim Celsius. Bhí an t-áitreabh aeráilte go maith, a bhúí sin leis na fuinneoga in-oscailte agus aeráil mheicniúil.
- (e) Sna saoráidí sláintíochta, bhí 2 aonad leithris singil lena n-úsáid ag na leanaí agus leithreas amháin do dhaoine fásta a bhí feistithe le báisíní níocháin, gallúnach láimhe agus uisce te a bhí rialaithe go teirmeastatach go dtí 34 céim Celsius ar a mhéad. Bhí boscaí bruscair troitheánacha ar fáil le haghaidh na tuáillí páipéir.

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 Phaidin
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Service type:	Sessional
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Date(s) of Inspection:	14/11/2023
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No of pre-school children:	AM	14	PM	0
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Aras 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 Bhréanainn is a community purpose built based early years service that is registered to provide sessional care to children aged between 2 and 6 years, currently the service cater for children aged between 2 years 11 months and 5 years. The service operates Monday to Friday inclusive between the hours of 9 am and 12 mid-day.

Staffing

There are 3 adults employed in the service who work directly with the children. The registered provider and the development officer employed by Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta do not work in the service with the children in the service each day.

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/ premises and facilities. 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) There is a designated person in charge and a named person who can deputize 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 deputy are on the premise.
- (2) The person in charge confirmed that 5 adults were employed in the service and the recruitment records were reviewed.
- (a) 8 written references and validations were on file from a past employer.
 - (b) 2 written references and validations were on file from a source other than a past employer.
 - (c) A Garda Vetting Disclosure was on file for each of the 5 adults.
 - (d) Police Vetting was on file for 1 adult who had resided outside the jurisdiction for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months.
- (4) The adults working directly with the children had attained Quality Qualifications Ireland (QQI) in childcare training at Level 5 and above and the qualification certifications were available for inspection.

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.*
- (8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)-*
- (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 2 adults caring for 14 children aged between 2 years and 11 months to 4 years attending on a sessional basis. The adult child ratio was correct.
- (8)(c) Not applicable as the service does not operate single-handedly.

Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 16 – Record in relation to pre-school service

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of the following information in relation to the service:

- (h) details of attendance by each pre-school child on a daily basis;*
- (i) details of staff rosters on a daily basis;*

Compliance Information

(1)

The following records were kept:

- (h) details of attendance by each child on a daily basis in a designated roll book
- (i) details of staff rosters on a daily basis in the allocated roll book and displayed on the wall in the playroom.

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

- The children had free movement within the spacious playroom that was resourced with a variety of toys and play materials stored on low level open shelving, on the floor and at children's height. Additional toys and play materials were stored out of the children's reach and were rotated during the year.
- There was a sufficient number of child sized tables and chairs provided for the children that were used at mealtimes and for tabletop activities.
- The children were observed happily partaking in table tops activities, in Christmas themed rhymes and songs and story time for example.
- The toilets were located within the playroom providing easy and independent access by the children.
- The adults demonstrated an understanding on children's individual toileting needs with the required facilities in place for individual children.
- A spacious hall was available and accessible each day to the children. The inspector observed the children played there for a period prior to departing from the service. They participated in running activities with the adults.
- The parents/guardians of the children attending provide the food consumed on the premise. The food observed included sandwiches, yogurts, cheese portions, pasta salad and a variety of fruit with water to drink.
- The adults caring for the children were kind, caring and spoke to the children in low soft tones of voice. They were sensitive to caring for the children's individual needs working in partnership with the parents/guardians.
- The designated person in charge stated that the rest area would be further resourced with a variety of soft seating and cushions in addition to the soft matting currently in place in the floor.

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 in the playroom were appropriately secured to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised access in.
- The 4 low level windows in the playroom have been made safe since the last inspection with restrictive opening devices in place.
- The T.V and its cables were secured high out of the children's reach.
- The kitchen was secured, inaccessible to the children.
- The recommended contents list for the first aid box together with the expiry dates for some of its contents was stored within the first aid box.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. 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.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

The development Officer stated that: -

Corrective & Preventive Action

The alarm has been fitted to the door.

EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

A video of the working alarm fitted on the said doors was submitted as evidence.

Summary Comment

The requirement 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 Inspector was informed that 2 adults working with the children had current First Aid Responder (FAR) training, the certification in respect of 1 adult on file. The 2 adults had completed training prior to the service re-opened in September 2023 and they are awaiting receipt of the certifications. The person in charge stated she will forward the certification to the inspector.

(2)

(a) The first aid box was stored on a high-level shelf in the secured kitchen.

(b) The first aid box was accessible to the adults and out of the reach of the children

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures

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

Compliance Information

- (1) The service had maintained in writing a record of the following: -
- (a) A template to record each fire drill that had taken place in the service. The last recorded fire drill took place prior on 27 .10.'23.
 - (b) A record of the number, type and maintenance checks of the firefighting equipment and the smoke alarm. The records on file demonstrated the last check for the smoke alarm was 26.10.2023 and the firefighting equipment was 14.02. 2023.
- (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire was displayed 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 insurance certification for the service was on file, it was displayed on the notice board in the playroom.

The information provided on the insurance certificate included:

- the contact details for the insurance provider.
- the name and address of the service insured.
- the category of insurance cover for the service.
- the number of children covered by the insurance was for 22 children.

The expiry date of the current insurance cover was 27/11/'23.

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 - Premises

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

- (a) of sound and stable structure,*
- (c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated*
- (e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.*

Compliance Information

- (a) The premise visually appeared to be sound and stable.
- (c) The air temperature of the rooms was maintained within the appropriate limits. The playroom air temperature was recorded at 21.2 degrees Celsius and the sanitary accommodation was recorded at 21.2 degrees Celsius. The premise was well ventilated by means of the openable windows and mechanical ventilation.
- (e) The sanitary facilities consisted of 2 single toilet units allocated to the children and 1 adult toilet that were each equipped with wash hand basins, hand soap and hot water that was thermostatically controlled to a maximum of 34 degrees Celsius. The paper hand towels were disposed of in the pedal operated lidded bins.