Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Uimhir Aitheantais TUSLA:	TU2015KY095

Ainm na Seirbhíse:	Naíonra Cheann Trá

Seoladh na Seirbhíse:	Ionad Chaitlín Naofa, Ceann Trá, Trá Lí, Co. Chiarraí

Éirchód:	V92 H4CA

Ainm an tSoláthraí Chláraithe:	Ray Mac Pháidin

Cineál na Seirbhíse	Seirbhís Sheisiúnach

Dáta(í) na Cigireachta:	10/01/2024

Líon na leanaí réamhscoile:	AM	11	PM	0

Seoladh Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta	Áras an Phobail, Lána an Déin, Trá Lí, Co. Chiarraí
Cigireacht arna déanamh ag:	N. Reidy
Teideal:	Cigire na Luathbhlianta

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

Coinníollacha, má bhaineann le hábhar	N/Bh

Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Is seirbhís phobail shaintógtha luathbhlianta é Naíonra Cheann Trá atá cláraithe chun cúram seisiúnach a sholáthar do leanaí idir 2 bhliain agus 6 bliana d'aois. Déanann an tseirbhís freastal ar leanaí idir 2 bhliain, 8 mí agus 5 bliana d'aois faoi láthair. Feidhmíonn an tseirbhís ó Luan go hAoine, 9 am go dtí 12 meán lae.

Soláthar foirne

Tá beirt daoine fásta fostaithe sa tseirbhís agus oibríonn siad go díreach leis na leanaí. Ní oibríonn an soláthraí cláraithe ná an t-oifigeach forbartha (atá fostaithe ag Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta) sa tseirbhís leis na leanaí.

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 chláraithe 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 a díríodh ar rialachas/sláinte, folláine agus forbairt an linbh/sábháilteacht/áitreabh agus saoráidí lena linn.

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.

Úsáidfear 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

Ba mhaith leis an gcigire buíochas a ghabháil leis an duine i bhfeighil, leis an bhfoireann agus leis na leanaí a bhí i láthair as a gcomhoibriú ar 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,

(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 a bheidh ábalta gníomhú mar ionadaí de réir mar is gá sa tseirbhís. Chabhraigh an bheirt daoine fásta leis an bpróiseas cigireachta.

(b) Bíonn an duine i bhfeighil ainmnithe nó an duine arna hainmniú le gníomhú di i láthair sa tseirbhís i gcónaí agus an réamhscoil ar oscailt.

(2) Dheimhnigh an duine i bhfeighil go raibh beirt daoine fásta fostaithe sa tseirbhís. Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar 4 thaifead earcaíochta mar chuid den chigireacht, an soláthraí cláraithe agus an t-oifigeach forbartha don tseirbhís san áireamh.

(a) Bhí 5 theistiméireacht agus bailíochtú i scríbhinn ar comhad ó iarfhostóir.
(b) Bhí 3 theistiméireacht agus bailíochtú i scríbhinn ar comhad ó fhoinse eile seachas iarfhostóir.
(c) Bhí doiciméid um Nochtadh Grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána ar fáil i ndáil le gach duine de na ceathrar daoine fásta.
(d) Bhí grinnfhiosrúchán póilíní ar comhad le haghaidh beirt daoine fásta 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 cáilíochta ar fáil lena n-imscrúdú.

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 11 - Leibhéil 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 go leor daoine fásta ag tabhairt aire do na leanaí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

(3) Bhí beirt daoine fásta ag tabhairt aire do 12 leanbh idir 3 bliana d'aois agus 4 bliana d'aois a bhí ag freastal 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 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 daoine fásta a bhí ag tabhairt aire do na leanaí deas cineálta lách leo agus thug siad aghaidh ar riachtanais aonair na leanaí le linn na cigireachta.
- Tugadh faoi deara le linn na cigireachta gur cabhraíodh le leanbh socrú isteach sa tseirbhís. Chuir na daoine fásta an leanbh in aithne do na leanaí eile a bhí i láthair agus tugadh roghanna dó ó thaobh gníomhaíochtaí agus bréagán de. Tugadh faoi deara go raibh an t-aistriú i gcomhpháirtíocht leis na tuismitheoirí a sheiceáil isteach go rialta chun a fháil amach conas a bhí an leanbh ag socrú isteach.
- Tugadh faoi deara le linn na cigireachta go raibh na daoine fásta gairmiúil, cairdiúil agus an-chabhrach do na tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí.
- Bhí áit scíthe ar fáil sa seomra ina raibh raon de thoilg bhoga agus bhí grianghraif de theaghlaigh na leanaí ar taispeáint os a gcionn.
- Bhí na leanaí in ann bogadh timpeall gan srian laistigh den seomra spraoi, áit a raibh teacht éasca acu ar na bréagáin agus ar na hábhair spraoi a bhí ar fáil ar na seilfeanna oscailte agus ar an urlár.
- Cuireadh go leor bord agus cathaoireacha do leanaí ar fáil don líon leanaí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.
- Bhí rochtain dhíreach ag na leanaí ar na leithris a bhí lonnaithe laistigh den seomra spraoi. Chonaic an cigire an fhoireann ag cabhrú leis na leanaí mar ba ghá agus an leithreas á úsáid acu, agus mheabhraigh siad go réidh leo a lámha a ní agus a thriomú ina dhiaidh sin.
- Nigh na leanaí a lámha roimh am bia, rinne na daoine fásta na boird a shláintiú.
- Cuireann tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí na leanaí an bia ar fad ar fáil le hithe sa tseirbhís.
- Breathnaíodh go raibh go leor ama ag na leanaí chun a gcuid bia a ithe gan deabhadh i dtimpeallacht shuaimhneach a spreag comhráite idir na leanaí agus na daoine fásta.
- Chonacthas na leanaí ag ithe ceapairí, iógart, agus torthaí úra agus triomaithe éagsúla agus tuilleadh nach iad le linn na cigireachta.
- Bhí bia somheata na leanaí stóráilte sa chuisneoir mór sa seomra spraoi ar lá na cigireachta.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 23 - Sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas linbh a chosaint
Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéanfar gach beart réasúnach chun sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas linbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís a chosaint agus cinnteoidh sé nó sí go mbeidh timpeallacht na seirbhíse sábháilte.
Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:
Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta: • Bhí geataí agus fál mórthimpeall ar an áit spraoi lasmuigh a bhí ar fáil do na leanaí. Ní fhacthas an áit spraoi seo in úsáid ar lá na cigireachta. • Bhí an t-áitreabh daingean chun cosc a chur ar leanaí imeacht gan mhaoirseacht agus chun cosc a chur ar dhaoine neamhúdaraithe teacht isteach.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht
Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair
(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh duine atá oilte ar gharchabhair do leanaí ar fáil láithreach i gcónaí do na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoil. *(2) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh bosca garchabhrach do leanaí a bhfuil an trealamh cuí ann—* *(a) stóráilte go sábháilte in áit fheiceálach san áitreabh ar féidir teacht air gan dua, agus* *(b) ar fáil i gcónaí do na leanaí a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.*
Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:
(1) Cuireadh in iúl don chigire go raibh oiliúint do Fhreagróirí Garchabhrach (FAR) reatha ag beirt (2) daoine fásta a bhí ag obair leis na leanaí. Cuireadh teastas na beirte sin faoi bhráid na cigireachta. (2) (a) Bhí an bosca garchabhrach stóráilte i gcófra ard sa seomra spraoi. (b) Bhí teacht ag na daoine fásta ar an mbosca garchabhrach agus bhí sé as raon láimhe na leanaí.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht
Rialachán 26 - Bearta maidir le sábháilteacht ó dhóiteán
(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn— *(a) ar aon druil dóiteáin a dhéantar san áitreabh, agus* *(b) ar líon, cineál agus taifead cothabhála an trealaimh chun dóiteán a chomhrac agus na n-aláram deataigh san áitreabh.* *(4) Déanfar fógra i dtaobh na nósanna imeachta a bheidh le leanúint i gcás dóiteáin a chur ar taispeáint in áit fheiceálach san áitreabh.*
Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:
(1) Bhí taifead i scríbhinn sa tseirbhís maidir leis na rudaí seo a leanas: - (a) Taifead de gach druil dóiteáin a rinneadh sa tseirbhís. De réir na dtaifead, rinneadh an druil dóiteáin dheireanach ar 09.01.2024. (b) Bhí taifead á choinneáil maidir le huimhir, cineál agus taifead cothabhála an trealaimh chun dóiteán a chomhrac agus an t-aláram dóiteáin. Léirigh na taifid ar comhad go ndearnadh an tseiceáil dheireanach ar an aláram deataigh in 2018 agus ar an trealamh chun dóiteáin a chomhrac ar an 23.08. 2023. (4) Bhí fógra i dtaobh na nósanna imeachta le leanúint i gcás dóiteáin ar taispeáint sa seomra spraoi.
Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh
(1)(b) Ba ón mbliain 2028 an taifead a bhí ar fáil i leith na seiceála cothabhála ar an aláram deataigh. Chuir an duine i bhfeighil in iúl go raibh sí i mbun seirbhís a chur in áirithe don aláram deataigh agus go seolfadh sí an deimhniú chuig an gcigireacht nuair a bheadh sé déanta.
Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Gníomh Coisctheach arna seoladh isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe
Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Coisctheach Dúirt an t-oifigeach forbartha go bhfuil an duine i bhfeighil, i gcomhar le húinéir an áitribh, tar éis dul i dteagmháil leis an gcomhlacht a dhéanann an tástáil aláraim deataigh san fhoirgneamh. **Doiciméid tacaíochta arna gcur isteach** Cuireadh isteach teastas a léirigh go ndearnadh tástáil ar an gcóras aláraim dóiteáin ar 7.2.'24.
Nóta Tráchta Achomair
Tá an ceanglas comhlíonta anois.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

Bhí an deimhniú árachais don tseirbhís ar comhad agus ar taispeáint 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 clúdaithe ag an árachas - 22

Dáta éaga an chlúdaigh árachais reatha - 27/11/'24.

Cuid VII - Ceanglais maidir le hÁitribh agus Spás

Rialachán 29 - Áitribh

Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe maidir le háitreabh na seirbhíse—

(a) go mbeidh struchtúr an áitribh fónta daingean,

(c) go mbeidh soilsiú, téamh agus aeráil leordhóthanach ann,

(d) go ndéanfar é a ghlanadh, a chothabháil agus a dheisiú, de réir mar is gá, agus

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(a) Bhí an chuma ar an bhfoirgneamh go raibh sé slán cobhsaí.

(c) Coinníodh teocht an aeir sa seomra spraoi agus sa chóiríocht sláintíochta laistigh de na teorainneacha cuí. Taifeadadh teocht an aeir sa seomra spraoi ag 18.2 céim Celsius agus taifeadadh an teocht sa chóiríocht sláintíochta ag 18.4 céim Celsius. Bhí an t-áitreabh aeráilte go maith, a bhí sin leis na fuinneoga in-oscailte agus aeráil mheicniúil.

(d)Rinneadh obair ar dhromchla na háite spraoi lasmuigh ó bhí an chigireacht dheireanach ann nuair a cuireadh mataí cearnacha boga agus féarach síos. Chuir an duine i bhfeighil in iúl don chigire go bhfuil sé beartaithe tuilleadh acmhainní a chur san áit spraoi sin.

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report
Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015KY095

Name of Service:	Naíonra Cheann Trá

Address of Service:	Ionad Chaitlín Naofa, Ceann Trá, Trá Li, Co. Kerry

Eircode:	V92 H4CA

Name of Registered Provider:	Ray Mac Phaidin

Service type:	Sessional

Date(s) of Inspection:	10/01/2024

No of pre-school children:	AM	11	PM	None

Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Áras an Phobail, Deans Lane, Tralee, Co. 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

Naíonra Cheann Trá 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 8 months and 5 years. The service operates Monday to Friday inclusive between the hours of 9 am and 12 mid-day

Staffing

There are 2 adults employed in the service who work directly with the children. The registered provider and the development officer who are employed by Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta do not work in the service with the children.

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.

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

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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 on the premsise. Both adults facilitated the inspection process.

(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 2 adults were employed in the service, 4 recruitment records were reviewed on inspection that included the registered provider and the development officer for the service.

- (a) 5 written references and validations were on file from a past employer.
- (b) 3 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 4 adults.
- (d) Police Vetting was on file for 2 adults 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 provided 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
Click or tap here to enter text. (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 12 children aged between 3 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 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 adults caring for the children were kind, gentle, caring and addressed the needs of individual needs of the children during the inspection.
- Settling into the service was accommodated during the course of the inspection. The child was introduced to the other children attending to the adults and was given choices on what activities to participate in and the toys to play with. The transition was observed to be in partnership with the parents who checked in regularly to observe how the child was settling in.
- The adults were observed to be professional, friendly and very helpful towards the parents/ guardians on inspection.
- A rest area was available in the room that consisted of a variety of soft couches above which the children's family photographs were displayed.
- The children had free movement within the spacious room where they accessed freely the toys and play materials supplied on the open shelving and on the ground.
- An adequate number of child sized tables and chairs were provided for the children attending.
- The children had direct access to the toilets located within the playroom. The inspector observed the staff assisted children as was needed when using the toilet and gently reminded children to wash and dry their hands afterwards.
- The children washed their hands prior to mealtime, the tables were sanitised down by the adults.
- The parent/guardians of the children attending provide all food consumed at the mealtime.
- The children were observed to have ample time to eat their food in a relaxed and unhurried environment that encouraged conversations between the children and adults.
- The food observed on inspection included for example sandwiches, yogurts and a variety of fresh and dried fruit.
- The children's perishable food items were stored in the spacious fridge located in the playroom on the day of 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 outdoor play area allocated to the children was secured with gates and fencing. It was not observed in use on the day of the inspection. • The premise was secure to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and to prevent unauthorised persons entering.

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 person in charge informed that 2 adults working with the children had current First Aid Responder (FAR) training, the certification in respect of both was furnished to the inspector. (2) (a) The first aid box was stored in a high-level cupboard in the playroom. (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 record of each fire drill that had taken place in the service. The last recorded fire drill took place prior on 09.01.2024.

(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 2018 and the firefighting equipment was 23.08. 2023.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire was displayed in the playroom.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)(b) The record furnished in respect of the maintenance check for the smoke alarm was 2018. The person in charge informed that she was in the process of booking the service for the smoke alarm and that she would furnish the inspectorate with the certification when complete.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The development officer stated that the person in charge has in conjunction with the owner of the premises, contacted the company who carry out the smoke alarm testing in the building.

Supporting documentation submitted

A certificate outlining the inspection/testing for the fire alarm system carried out on 7.2.'24 was submitted.

Summary Comment

The requirement has been met.

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/'24.

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* *(d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and*
Compliance Information
(a) The premise visually appeared to be sound and stable. (c)The air temperature of the playroom and the sanitary accommodation was maintained within the appropriate limits. The playroom air temperature was recorded at 18.2 degrees Celsius and the sanitary accommodation was recorded at 18.4 degrees Celsius. The premise was well ventilated by means of the openable windows and mechanical ventilation. (d)The outdoor play area allocated for the children attending had work carried out since the last inspection on the surface which consisted of grass and soft square matting. The person in charge informed the inspector that further resources are planned for the area.