

# Tuarascáil Rialála na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

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Ainm na Seirbhíse:	Naíonra Liospóil
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Seoladh na Seirbhíse:	Garraí na dTor, Liospóin, Trá Lí, Co. Ciarraí
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Éirchód:	V92 E8YV
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Ainm an tSoláthraí Cláraithe:	Ray Mac Pháidín
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Cineál na seirbhíse:	Seisiúnach
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Dáta(i) na Cigireachta:	19/01/2026
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Seoladh na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta:	Áras an Phobail, Lána an Déin, Trá Lí, Co. Ciarraí
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Cigireacht arna déanamh ag:	N. Reidy
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Teideal:	Cigire Luathbhlianta
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## 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).

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## Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Is seirbhís luathbhlianta cláraithe í Naionra Liospóil a chuireann cúram seisiúnach ar fáil do leanaí idir 2 bhliain agus 6 bliana d'aois. Oibríonn an tseirbhís ó áis atá tógtha chun na críche sin, le seomra súgartha fairsing amháin, cóiríocht sláintíochta sa seomra agus limistéar súgartha lasmuigh atá suite ar thaobh an fhoirgnimh atá inrochtana go díreach ón seomra súgartha.

## Soláthar Foirne

Tá 5 duine fásta sa tseirbhís. Áirítear leis seo an soláthraí cláraithe nach bhfuil ag obair sa tseirbhís leis na leanaí agus an comhordaitheoir ceantair, an bheirt atá cleamhnaithe le Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta.

## Modheolaíocht

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

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

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

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

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

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

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chás go dteipeann ar an soláthraí cláraithe na ceanglais reachtúla a chomhlíonadh, féadfar tús a chur le próiseas maidir le géarú.

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

Is é an comhlacht cigireachta a thiomsaíonn ábhar na tuarascála.

## Admhálacha

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

## Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

### Rialachán 9 – Bainistíocht agus earcaíocht

#### (1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe-

(a) go mbeidh sa tseirbhís duine i bhfeighil ainmnithe agus duine arna ainmniú nó arna hainmniú a bheidh ábalta gníomhú mar ionadaí de réir mar is gá,  
go mbeidh an duine i bhfeighil ainmnithe nó an duine arna ainmniú nó arna hainmniú dá dtagraítear i bhfomhír (a) san áitreabh gach tráth le linn na tréimhse ina mbeidh an tseirbhís réamhscoile á seoladh, agus

#### (2) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh gach fostaí, oibrí gan phá agus conraitheoir oiriúnach agus inniúil agus cineál na riachtanas atá ag leanaí á chur i gcuntas, lena n-áirítear-

(a) breithniú ar theistiméireachtaí ó fhostóirí an duine san am a caitheadh, más ann, agus go háirithe ar theistiméireacht ón bhfostóir is déanaí, más ann,  
(b) breithniú ar theistiméireachtaí ó fhoinsí iontaoifa i gcás duine nach raibh aon fhostóirí air nó uirthi san am a caitheadh,  
(c) breithniú ar an nochtadh grinnfhiosrúcháin a fuarthas ó Bhiúró Náisiúnta Grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána de réir Acht 2012 i leith an duine, agus  
(d) a chinntiú, a mhéid is indéanta, go soláthróidh duine, i gcás go raibh cónaí air nó uirthi i stát seachas an Stát ar feadh tréimhse is faide ná 6 mhí as a chéile, grinnfhiosrúchán póilíneachta ó na húdaráis phóilíneachta sa stát sin.

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(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 coibhéseach 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 agus an duine tánaisteach i gceannas ar dualgas le cúnamh a thabhairt leis an bpróiseas cigireachta.
- (2) Tá 5 dhuine fásta ceangailte leis an tseirbhís. Rinneadh cigireacht ar na taifid earcaíochta maidir le gach duine den chúigear daoine fásta.
- (a) As na 10 dtagairt a bhí ag teastáil, bhí 8 dtagairt ó fhostóirí roimhe seo a raibh taifid bhailíochtaithe acu ar taifead.
- (b) As na 10 dtagairt a éilíodh, bhí 2 thagairt ó fhoinsé seachas fostóir roimhe sin ar comhad le taifid bhailíochtaithe.
- (c) Fuarthas nochtáí grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána do gach duine den chúigear duine fásta. 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

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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.

Gan dochar do mhíreanna (2) go (7)-

áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe réamhscoile seisiúnach, sa chás go n-oibríonn an duine atá i gceannas an tseirbhís 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 2 duine fásta ag tabhairt aire do 12 leanbh idir 3 bhliain 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

- Cuireann na tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí bia ar fáil d'am sneaiceanna na bpáistí ar maidin.
- Ar lá an iniúchta, bhí ceapairí, cáis, iógart agus torthaí éagsúla agus glasraí ag na páistí.
- Bhí córas cabhraithe i bhfeidhm do na páistí chun na buidéal deochanna agus na málaí bia a dháileadh ón gcuisneoir.
- Shuigh na daoine fásta leis na páistí le linn an ama sneaiceanna agus tugadh neart ama do na páistí a gcuid bia a ithe i dtimpeallacht shuaimhneach, agus spreagadh comhrá.

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- Mhol agus thug an fhoireann aitheantas do leanaí as a n-iarrachtaí scileanna féinchabhrach a fhorbairt mar is léir, mar shampla, a mboscaí lóin agus a málaí lóin a dhúnadh tar éis am sneaiceanna.
- Bhí limistéar scíthe ar fáil sa seomra ina raibh suíocháin bhoga agus ruga bog ar an urlár.
- D'úsáid na páistí an chuid eile le linn an tseisiúin, mar shampla leabhair a léamh tar éis an ithe.
- Breathnaíodh ar na páistí ag baint taitneamh as saorghluaiseacht laistigh den seomra súgartha fairsing ag iniúchadh na timpeallachta.
- Bhí rochtain neamhtheoranta ag na páistí ar na hábhair súgartha agus ar an trealamh ar an seilfeanna oscailte ar leibhéal íseal sa seomra.
- Chinntigh gaireacht na cóiríochta sláintíochta sa seomra réamhscoile go raibh an fhoireann ar fáil chun maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar na leanaí agus chun cabhrú leo i gcónaí mar a breathnaíodh nuair a rinneadh cigireacht orthu.
- Bhain na páistí a bhí gléasta go cuí i gcótaí agus hataí leas as tréimhse ama sa limistéar súgartha ainmnithe amuigh faoin aer le linn an tseisiúin.

## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

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

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

#### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

##### Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

- Bhí na doirse seachtracha daingnithe i gceart chun cosc a chur ar leanaí imeacht gan mhaoirseacht.
- Bhí na doirse seachtracha daingnithe chun rochtain neamhúdairithe a chosc.
- Breathnaíodh go raibh na cordaí dallóga daingnithe leis na ballaí.
- Bhí na glantóirí a breathnaíodh stóráilte as rochtain na bpáistí ar sheilfeanna arda.
- Bhí an limistéar súgartha lasmuigh ainmnithe faoi iamh go daingean le ballaí, fálú agus geataí.

##### Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

- Stóráladh earraí bia meatacha na bpáistí sa chuisneoir sa seomra súgartha.
- Bhí soláthar gallúnach láimhe leachtach, tuáillí páipéir, agus boscaí bruscair le claibíní coise sna báisíní níocháin i gcóiríocht shláintíochta na bpáistí chun níochán láimhe éifeachtach a éascú.
- Breathnaíodh ar na páistí ag ní a lámha roimh ithe agus tar éis dóibh an leithreas a úsáid agus bhí an fhoireann ar fáil chun maoirseacht a dhéanamh agus cúnamh a thabhairt de réir mar a bhí gá.
- Bhí soláthar aerála nádúrtha trí na fuinneoga in-oscailte sna háiseanna seomra súgartha agus sláintíochta.

##### Sábháilteacht Dóiteán:

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- Léirigh taifid scríofa a taispeánadh gur réachtáladh cleachtaí dóiteáin míosúla sa tseirbhís. Ba é an 18/12/25 an cleachtadh dóiteáin deireanach a réachtáladh.
- Bhí an fógra nósanna imeachta dóiteáin ar taispeáint in áit fheiceálach sa seomra réamhscoile.

## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

### Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair

(1) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh duine atá oilte i ngarchabhair 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) go stórálfar é 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) Tugadh na deimhnithe reatha maidir le hoiliúint Fhreagróirí Garchabhrach don chigire mar fhianaise go raibh an oiliúint ( Fhreagróirí Garchabhrach críochnaithe ag 3 duine fásta a bhí bainteach leis an tseirbhís.
- (2)(a) Bhí bosca garchabhrach atá feistithe go cuí ar fáil do na páistí sa tseirbhís, agus bhí sé stóráilte ar dhrúca slán ag taobh cófra ardleibhéil sa seomra réamhscoile.
- (b) Bhí an bosca garchabhrach atá feistithe go cuí ar fáil do na páistí sa tseirbhís i gcónaí.

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## Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

### Rialachán 28 - Árachas

*Cinnteoídh soláthraí cláraithe go bhfuil árachas leordhóthanach ag an tseirbhís réamhscoile.*

#### Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

Bhí cóip den deimhniú árachais don tseirbhís ar taispeáint sa seomra réamhscoile.

Áiríodh an méid seo a leanas san fhaisnéis a soláthraíodh ar an deimhniú árachais:

- sonraí teagmhála an tsoláthraí árachais
- ainm agus seoladh na seirbhíse faoi árachas
- catagóir an chumhdaigh árachais le haghaidh na seirbhíse.
- gur le haghaidh 24 leanbh a bhí an líon leanaí a chumhdaítear leis an árachas.
- Ba é 27/11/26 dáta éaga an chumhdaigh árachais reatha.

# Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

## Pre School

<b>TUSLA Identifier:</b>	TU2015KY100				
<b>Name of Service:</b>	Naíonra Liospóil				
<b>Address of Service:</b>	Garraí na dTor, Liospól, Trá Lí, Co. Kerry				
<b>Eircode:</b>	V92 E8YV				
<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Ray Mac Pháidín				
<b>Service type:</b>	Sessional				
<b>Date(s) of Inspection:</b>	19/01/2026				
<b>No of pre-school children:</b>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>AM</td> <td>12</td> <td>PM</td> <td>None</td> </tr> </table>	AM	12	PM	None
AM	12	PM	None		
<b>Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:</b>	Áras ana Phobail, Dens Lane, Tralee, Co. Kerry				
<b>Inspection undertaken by:</b>	N. Reidy				
<b>Title:</b>	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).

<b>Conditions if applicable</b>	N/A
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### Description of service

Naionra Liospoil is a registered early years service that offers sessional care to children between the age of 2 years and 6 years. The service operates from a purpose-built facility, with 1 spacious playroom, sanitary accommodation in the room and a designated enclosed outdoor play area located at the side of the building directly accessible from the playroom.

### Staffing

There are 5 adults attached to the service. This includes the registered provider who does not work in the service with the children and the area co-ordinator, both affiliated to Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta.

### Methodology

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate is the independent statutory regulator of early years services in Ireland. The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 define the duty of a registered provider to ensure the safety and well-being of children and to comply with these regulations. This Act also gives Tusla the authority to assess compliance with the regulations. The purpose of regulation in relation to early years services is to ensure that the care, safety, and well-being of children attending such services is upheld. Inspections of early years services are planned based on the following:

- Previous inspection history
- Any information received in relation to the service

The findings on inspection are based on:

- Information obtained through examination of documentation
- Direct observation
- Discussion with relevant staff

This inspection was unannounced and focused on the area of governance/ health, welfare and development of child/ safety. The inspections may also focus on other areas as required.

Inspection findings are documented in the inspection report which is first issued in draft format to the service with an opportunity to respond to any findings. Where statutory requirements are identified as not being met, the registered provider must demonstrate how they have rectified the non-compliance and will prevent any non-compliance from re-occurring. The Corrective Action and Preventive Action plan (CAPA) will be used to inform decisions about compliance with regulatory requirements. Where the registered provider fails to meet the statutory requirements an escalation process may be commenced.

The inspectorate reserves the right to edit responses received for reasons including clarity, completeness and compliance with administrative and legal processes.

The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.

### Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

## Part III – Management and Staff

### Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that-

- (a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required,
- (b) at all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on, the designated person in charge or the named person referred to in subparagraph (a) is on the premises, and

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

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

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

### Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) The 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 and the deputy were on duty to assist with the inspection process.
- (2) There are 5 adults attached to the service. The recruitment records in relation to each of the 5 adults were inspected.
- (a) Of the 10 references required, there were 8 references from previous employers with records of validation were on file.
- (b) Of the 10 references required, 2 references from a source other than a previous employer were on file with records of validation.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for each of the 5 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 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.*
- (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 12 children aged between 3 years 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: -

- The parents/guardians provide food for the children's morning snack time.
- On the day of the inspection, the children had sandwiches, cheese, yogurts and a variety of fruit and vegetables.
- There was a helper system in place for the children to distribute the drinks bottles and the food bags from the fridge.
- The adults sat with the children during the snack time and the children were afforded plenty of time to eat their food in a relaxed environment, with conversation encouraged.
- The staff praised and acknowledged children for their efforts in developing self-help skills as evidenced for example closing up their lunch boxes and bags after snack time.
- There was a rest area provided in the room consisting of soft seating and a soft rug on the floor.
- The rest area was used by the children during the session, for example reading books after the eating.
- The children were observed to enjoy free movement within the spacious playroom exploring the environment.

- The children had unlimited access to the play materials and equipment on the low-level open shelving in the room.
- The proximity of the sanitary accommodation in the pre-school room ensured that staff were available to supervise and help the children at all times as observed on inspection.
- The children who were appropriately dressed in coats and hats availed of a period of time in the designated outdoor play area during the session.

### 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 restrict unauthorised access.
- The blind cords were observed to be secured to the walls.
- The cleaning agents observed were stored out of the reach of the children on high level shelving.
- The designated outdoor play area was securely enclosed with walls, fencing and gates.

##### Infection Control:

- The children's perishable food items were stored in the fridge in the playroom.
- The wash hand basins in the children's sanitary accommodation were equipped with a supply of liquid hand soap, paper hand towels, and foot operated lidded bins to facilitate effective hand washing.
- The children were observed to wash their hands prior to eating and after using the toilet with the staff available to supervise and assist as was required.
- The playroom and sanitary accommodation facilities were provided with a supply of natural ventilation through the openable windows.

##### Fire Safety:

- Written records displayed demonstrated that monthly fire drills were conducted in the service. The last fire drill conducted was 18/12/'25.
- The fire procedures notice was displayed in a prominent position in the pre-school room.

### 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 in-date certifications for First Aid Responder (FAR) training were furnished to the inspector to evidence that 3 adults attached to the service had completed the (FAR) training.

(2)(a) There was a suitably equipped first aid box provided for the children in the service, it was stored on a secure hook at the side of a high-level cupboard in the pre-school room.

(b) The suitably equipped first aid box was available to the children in the service at all times.

### Part VI - Safety

#### Regulation 28 - Insurance

*A registered provider shall ensure that the pre-school service is adequately insured.*

#### Compliance Information

A copy of the insurance certification for the service was displayed in the pre-school room.

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 24 children.
- The expiry date of the current insurance cover was 27/11/'26.