

Tuarascáil Rialála Chigireacht na Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

Uimhir Aitheantais TUSLA:	TU2015KY100
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Ainm na Seirbhíse:	Naíonra Lios Póil
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Seoladh na Seirbhíse:	Garraí na dTor, Lios Póil, Trá Lí, Co. Chiarraí
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Ainm an tSoláthraí Chláraithe:	Ray Mac Pháidín
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Cineál na Seirbhíse	Seirbhís Sheisiúnach
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Dáta(i) na Cigireachta:	18/10/2023
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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 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
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Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Is seirbhís luathbhlianta phobalbhunaithe é Naíonra Lios Póil atá lonnaithe i bhfoirgneamh aon stóir. Tá an tseirbhís cláraithe chun cúram seisiúnach a sholáthar do leanaí idir 2 bhliain d’aois agus 6 bliana d’aois, agus déanann an tseirbhís freastal faoi láthair ar leanaí idir 3 bliana d’aois agus 5 bliana d’aois. Feidhmíonn an tseirbhís ó Luan go hAoine, 9 am agus 12 meán lae.

Soláthar foirne

Tá cúigear daoine fásta fostaithe sa tseirbhís agus oibríonn triúr díobh go díreach leis na leanaí. Ní oibríonn an soláthraí cláraithe ná an t-oifigeach forbartha atá comhcheanailte le 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 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 díriodh 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.

Úsáidfeadh an plean um Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Gníomh Coiscitheach (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 mball foirne 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 eile atá ainmnithe le gníomhú mar ionadaí don duine i bhfeighil de réir mar is gá.
- (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 cúigear daoine fásta fostaithe sa tseirbhís agus rinneadh athbhreithniú ar na taifid earcaíochta.
- (a) Bhí 8 dteistiméireacht agus bailíochtú i scríbhinn ar comhad ó iarfhostóir.
- (b) Bhí 2 theistiméireacht agus bailíochtú i scríbhinn ar comhad ó fhoinsé eile 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 6 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 na tréimhse 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 obair le 12 leanbh a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís ar bhonn seisiúnach agus iad idir 2 bliain agus 5 mhí d'aois agus 4 bliana d'aois. 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;

(j) mionsonraí i dtaobh aon chógas a thugtar do leanbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís agus toiliú sínithe ó thuismitheoir ina dteannta;

(k) mionsonraí i dtaobh aon tionóisc, aon díobháil nó aon teagmhas a bhainfidh do leanbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

(1)

Coinníodh na taifid seo a leanas:

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

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

(j) Chuir an duine i bhfeighil in iúl nach raibh aon leanbh a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís ag fáil cógais..

(k) mionsonraí i dtaobh aon tionóisc, aon díobháil nó aon teagmhas a bhaineann do leanbh agus é/í ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

Cuid V - Cúram Linbh i Seirbhís Réamhscoile

Rialachán 19 - Sláinte, leas agus forbairt linbh

(1) *Cinnteoídh 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:

- Ba iad na tuismitheoirí a chuir na sneiceanna ar fáil do na leanaí. Chonaic an cigire ceapairí, cístí ríse, pasta, rogha torthaí agus glasraí a ithe ag na leanaí agus bhí le sú caolaithe agus uisce le hól acu.
- Rinne an fhoireann maoirsiú ar na leanaí agus thug cúnaimh dóibh de réir mar ba ghá ag am sneaice.
- Bhí go leor ama ag na leanaí ithe gan deabhadh i dtimpeallacht shuaimhneach. Chuaigh leanaí a bhí ite acu roimh leanaí eile i mbun spraoi lena gcuid bréagán roghnaithe, roghnaigh cuid eile díobh leabhair agus shuigh siad spás scíthe.
- Ní raibh srian ar bith ar ghluaiseacht na leanaí, bhog siad go héasca laistigh den seomra spraoi mór.
- Bhí rochtain neamshrianta ag na leanaí ar na leithris a bhí lonnaithe laistigh den seomra spraoi. Thug an cigire faoi deara go raibh na daoine fásta ag cabhrú le riachtanais leithris aonair na leanaí ar bhealach tráthúil, discréideach agus comhbhách.
- Bhí teacht ag na leanaí ar raon éagsúil bréagán sa seomra spraoi a suite ar na seilfeanna oscailte ísle.
- Bhí an seomra maisithe go hálainn le maisíocháin éagsúla ar théama Oíche Shamhna. Na leanaí a bhí tar éis chuid díobh a chruthú.
- Bhí spás scíthe ar leith ar fáil sa seomra spraoi ina raibh suíocháin bhoga éagsúla, mataí agus múrphictiúr de thine oscailte agus grianghraif de theaghlach na leanaí ar taispeáint ar an bhfalla.

CAIDRIMH THACAÍOCHTA

- Rinne na daoine fásta plé leis na leanaí ar bhealach cineálta, comhbhách, tacúil. Má lorg na leanaí tacaíocht ón bhfoireann, d’fhreagair an fhoireann go pras do riachtanais leanaí aonair.
- Bhí tús curtha ag an tseirbhís le “M’Aistear Foghlama”, dialann foghlama aonair do gach leanbh. Bhí gníomhaíochtaí éagsúla na leanaí agus iad ag freastal ar an tseirbhís á dtaifeadadh sa leabhar mar aon le rogha grianghraf agus saothar ealaíne, i gcomhréir leis an gcuraclam pleanáilte.
- Thug an tseirbhís um Chomhrac Dóiteáin cuairt ar an tseirbhís le déanaí mar a léiríodh grianghraif ar comhad.

- Is beag athrú a dhéantar ó thaobh na ndaoine fásta a thugann aire do na leanaí, cabhraíonn sé seo leis na leanaí caidreamh daingean a chruthú leis na daoine fásta.

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 na hoibreáin ghiantacháin go léir stóráilte as raon láimhe na leanaí.
- Bhí na doirse inmheánacha daingnithe go cuí chun cosc a chur ar leanaí dul isteach in áiteanna neamhúdraithe.
- Bhí doras seachtrach an fhoirgnimh dúnta go daingean chun cosc a chur ar leanaí imeacht gan mhaoirseacht agus chun srian a chur ar dhaoine neamhúdraithe teacht isteach.
- Bhí an teilifís agus na cáblaí gaolmhara feistithe go daingean ar an bhfalla sa seomra spraoi.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair

(1) Cinnteoídh 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) Cinnteoídh 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 triúr (3) daoine fásta a bhí ag obair leis na leanaí. Bhí teastas duine amháin díobh ar comhad. Bhí oiliúint dhá lá curtha i gcrích ag beirt daoine fásta sular athosclaíodh an tseirbhís i mí Mheán Fómhair 2023 agus tá siad fós ag fanacht go n-eiseofar na teastais. Dúirt an duine i gceannas go gcuirfidh sí an teastas ar aghaidh chuig an gchigire.

(2)

- (a) Bhí ábhar garchabhrach ar fáil roinnte idir 2 bhosca garchabhrach. Bhí na boscaí seo stóráilte ar sheilf ard sa seomra spraoi.
- (b) Bhí teacht ag na daoine fásta ar na boscaí garchabhrach agus bhí siad as raon láimhe na leanaí.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 26 - Bearta maidir le sábháilteacht ó dhóiteán

- (1) *Cinnteoídh soláthraí cláráithe 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 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. De réir na dtaifead, rinneadh an druil dóiteáin dheireanach ar 10.10.'23.
- (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 ar 4.05.'23 agus ar an trealamh chun dóiteáin a chomhrac ar 11.11.2022.
- (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 an deimhniú árachais don tseirbhís ar taispeáint 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 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—

- (b) go mbeidh sé slán sábháilte,*
- (c) go mbeidh soilsiú, téamh agus aeráil leordhóthanach ann,*
- (e) go mbeidh saoráidí sláintíochta atá leordhóthanach agus oiriúnach feistithe ann.*

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh:

b) Chonacthas go raibh an t-áitreabh sábháilte agus slán.

(c) Bhí soilsiú leordhóthanach san áitreabh, idir fheistis soilsithe iata agus fuinneoga sna seomraí.

Taifeadadh teocht an aeir sa seomra spraoi ag 21.2 céim Celsius agus taifeadadh teocht an aeir sa chóiríocht sláintíochta ag 21.2 céim Celsius.

Bhí an t-áitreabh aeráilte go maith, a bhuí sin leis an aeráil nádúrtha trí na fuinneoga in-oscailte.

(e) Bhí go leor saoráidí sláintíochta oiriúnacha ar fáil sa tseirbhís. Bhí na leithris roinnte le doirse oiriúnacha. Bhí uisce te ar fáil sna doirtíl go teocht nach mó ná 43 céim Celsius, mar aon le leacht gallúnaí láimhe agus tuáillí páipéir chun lámha a thriomú.

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015KY100		
Name of Service:	Naíonra Liospóil		
Address of Service:	Garraí na dTor, Liospól, Trá Lí, Co. Kerry		
Eircode:	V92 E8YV		
Name of Registered Provider:	Ray Mac Phaidin		
Service type:	Sessional		
Date(s) of Inspection:	18/10/2023		
No of pre-school children:	AM	12	PM 0
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
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Description of service

Naíonra Liospóil is a community based early years service located within the single storey building. The service is registered to provide sessional care to children aged between 2 and 6 years, currently the service cater for children aged between 3 years and 5 years. The service operates Monday to Friday inclusive between the hours of 9 am and 12 mid-day.

Staffing

There are 5 adults employed in the service of whom 3 work directly with the children. The registered provider and the development officer affiliated to 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

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge, staff member 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 6 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 working with 12 children aged between 3 years and 5 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;*
- (j) details of any medication administered to a pre-school child attending the service with signed parental consent;*
- (k) details of any accident, injury or incident involving a pre-school child attending the service.*

Compliance Information

(1)

The following records were kept:

- (h) details of attendance by each child on a daily basis
- (i) details of staff rosters on a daily basis
- (j) No child attending the service was in receipt of medication as informed by the person in charge.
- (k) details of any accident, injury or incident involving a child.

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's snacks were provided by the parents, the food observed on inspection included sandwiches, rice cakes, pasta, a selection of fruit and vegetables with diluted juice and water to drink.
- The staff supervised and assisted the children as needed at the snack time.
- The children had ample time to eat in a relaxed unhurried environment. Children who had finished eating before others went and played with their chosen toys, some picked out books and sat in the rest area.
- The children's movement was not restricted, they moved about freely within the spacious playroom.
- The children had unrestricted access to the toilets located within the playroom. The inspector observed the adults assisted children's individual toiletry needs in a timely, discreet and caring manner.
- The children had access to a varied range of toys in the playroom that were accessible on the low-level open shelving.
- The room was beautifully decorated with a variety of Halloween themed decorations, some of which were created by the children.
- A designated rest area was provided in the playroom, it consisted of a variety of soft seating, matting with a mural of an open fire and the children's family photographs displayed on the wall.

SUPPORTING RELATIONSHIPS

- The adults interacted with the children in a kind, caring, supportive manner. The children sought support of the staff; the staff were prompt in responding to individual children's needs.
- The service had commenced individual "Maistear Foghlann" for children attending, to record the various activities the children engage in while attending in line with the planned curriculum with a selection of photographs and artwork.
- The service had a recent visit from the Fire Fighting service as photographs on file depicted.
- There is minimal changeover of adults caring for the children, this helps the children to form secure relationships with the adults.

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:

- All storage of cleaning agents was out of the reach of the children.
- The internal doors were appropriately secured to prevent children gaining access to unauthorized areas.
- The external door to the building was secure to restrict unauthorised access in and to prevent children going out.
- The T.V and associated cables were securely wall mounted in the -playroom.

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 3 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 the 2-day training prior to the service re-opened in September 2023, awaiting the issue of certification. The person in charge stated she will forward the certification to the inspector.

(2)

(a) First Aid contents were provided divided between 2 first aid boxes, they were stored on a high-level shelf in the playroom.

(b) The first aid boxes were 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 10.10.'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 4.05.'23 and the firefighting equipment was 11.11.2022.
- (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 displayed 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-

- (b) safe and secure,*
- (c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated*
- (e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.*

Compliance Information

b) The premise was observed to be safe and secure.

(c) Adequate lighting was provided on the premise by means of enclosed lighting fixtures and windows in the rooms.

The air temperature of the playroom was recorded at 20.5 degrees Celsius and the sanitary accommodation air temperature was recorded at 19.6 degrees Celsius.

The rooms were well ventilated by means of natural ventilation via the openable windows.

(e)The service did provide adequate and suitable sanitary facilities. The toilets were partitioned with suitable doors, there was warm water provided at the sinks to a temperature of no greater than 43 degrees Celsius, liquid hand soap and paper hand towels for hand-drying