

Tuarascáil Rialála na Cigireachta Luathbhlianta Réamhscoil

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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).

Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Is seirbhís seisiúnach í Naíonra Beal Atha na Muice atá cláraithe chun freastal ar pháistí idir dhá bhliain agus sé bliana d'aois. Soláthraíonn an tseirbhís seisiúin maidine ó 8:45-11:45 uair an chloig agus seisiún tráthnóna ó 12:15-15:15 uair an chloig. Tá an t-áitreabh i gcuid de bhunscoil. Tá dhá sheomra súgartha, cistin agus cóiríocht sláintíochta ar fáil. Tá rochtain ag an tseirbhís ar limistéar mór súgartha lasmuigh a roinntear leis an mbunscoil ar chúl an fhoirgnimh. Bhí limistéar lasmuigh iata níos lú inrochtana go díreach ó cheann de na seomraí súgartha nach raibh in úsáid tráth an iniúchta. Tá an tseirbhís cláraithe chun seirbhísí d'aois scoile a sholáthar.

Soláthar Foirne

Tá cúigear ball foirne ag obair sa tseirbhís, lena n-áirítear beirt soláthraithe cláraithe a oibríonn go díreach leis na leanaí. Bhí mac léinn fásta ar shocrúchán sa tseirbhís tráth an iniúchta.

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 áirithiú agus na rialacháin sin a chomhlíonadh. Leis an Acht sin údaraítear Tusla chun measúnú a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh na rialachán freisin. Is é cuspóir na rialála maidir le seirbhísí luathbhlianta ná a áirithiú 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 a rinneadh roimhe
- 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 an chigireacht díriú ar réimsí eile freisin de réir mar is gá.

Bhí an chigireacht dírithe ar scrúdú ar an gcomhlíonadh faoi rialacháin 9, 11, 19, 23 agus 28; mar sin féin, le linn cigireachta, aithníodh neamhchomhlíonadh breise a chuir riosca faoi Rialachán 8. Tá na torthaí seo leagtha amach sna rialacháin iomchuí sa tuarascáil seo.

Déantar torthaí na cigireachta a dhoiciméadú sa tuarascáil chigireachta a eisítear den chéad uair i ndrénachtfhormáid chuig an tseirbhís agus deis ann freagra a thabhairt ar aon toradh. Nuair a shainaithnítear ceanglais reachtúla nach bhfuil á gcomhlíonadh, ní mór don soláthraí cláraithe a léiriú conas a cheartaigh sé an neamhchomhlíonadh agus conas a chinnteoidh sé nach dtarlóidh aon neamhchomhlíonadh arís. Úsáidfear an Plean um Ghníomh Ceartaitheach agus um Ghníomh Coiscitheach chun bonn eolais a chur faoi chinntí maidir le comhlíonadh na gceanglas rialála. I gcás ina dteipeann ar an soláthraí cláraithe na ceanglais reachtúla a chomhlíonadh, féadfar tús a chur le próiseas géaraithe.

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.

Buíochas

Is mian leis an gcigire aitheantas a thabhairt do chomhoibriú na soláthraithe cláraithe, na foirne agus na leanaí a bhí i láthair ar lá an iniúchta.

Cuid II - Clárú agus Clár

Rialachán 8 - Fógra i leith athrú ar chúinsí

(1) Déanfaidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seachas seirbhís réamhscoile shealadach, faoi réir mhír (3), fógra i scríbhinn a thabhairt don Ghníomhaireacht faoi aon athrú beartaithe ar na sonraí i ndáil leis an tseirbhís réamhscoile atá sa chlár de bhun alt 58C(2) den Acht nó Rialachán 7(2) 60 lá ar a laghad sula mbeartaítear go dtiocfadh an t-athrú i bhfeidhm.

(3) I gcás nach raibh soláthraí cláraithe in ann, ar chúis mhaith chuí, fógra a thabhairt don Ghníomhaireacht laistigh den tréimhse ama a shonraítear i mír (1) nó (2), de réir mar a bheidh, faoi athrú ar na mionsonraí i ndáil leis an tseirbhís réamhscoile atá sa chlár de bhun alt 58C(2) den Acht nó de Rialachán 7(2), tabharfaidh an soláthraí cláraithe fógra i scríbhinn don Ghníomhaireacht faoin athrú a luaite is féidir ina dhiaidh sin.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

(1) agus (3)

Fuarthas amach go raibh beirt leanaí i láthair ag seisiún maidine 3 uair an chloig agus gur fhill siad ar an tseirbhís chun freastal ar feadh 3 uair an chloig eile san iarnóin, 6 uair an chloig san iomlán de fhreastal laethúil sa tseirbhís. Bhí sé seo lasmuigh de chlárú na seirbhíse le haghaidh cineál seirbhíse seisiúnaí.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Coisctheach curtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Chuir na soláthraithe cláraithe an méid seo a leanas in iúl:

(1) agus (3)

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Coisctheach

A luaite a sainaithníodh an neamhchomhlíonadh-, rinne an tseirbhís bearta láithreach chun an tsaincheist a cheartú. Cuireadh tuismitheoirí na bpáistí ar an eolas, agus rinneadh athbhreithniú ar a bpatrúin tinrimh. D'iarr an tseirbhís uaireanta páirtaimseartha, a ceadaíodh ó shin.- Tá an bheirt leanaí cláraithe anois faoi sheirbhísí Páirtaimseartha agus ní théann siad ach go dtí 1:30 i.n.-

Meabhraíodh don fhoireann agus don bhainistíocht na teorainneacha tinrimh a bhaineann le gach cineál seirbhíse, agus déanann ceannaire an tseomra seiceáil tinrimh laethúil anois agus déanann an bhainistíocht athbhreithniú uirthi. Tugadh an leabhar clárúcháin cothrom le dáta chun uaireanta ceadaithe gach linbh a thaifeadadh go soiléir. Nuashonraíodh an córas 'sínigh-isteach'/'sínigh-amach' chun a chinntiú nach bhfreastalaíonn aon leanbh níos faide ná a n-uaireanta ceadaithe.

Doiciméid tacaíochta curtha isteach

Níor cuireadh aon doiciméad isteach.

Nóta Achomair

Rinne an Chigireacht athbhreithniú ar na gníomhaíochtaí a rinneadh agus ar an bhfianaise a chuir na soláthraithe cláraithe isteach agus fuarthas amach gur thug siad aghaidh ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a fuarthas le linn cigireachta.

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
(c) go bhfuil struchtúr bainistíochta soiléir sa tseirbhís ina sainaithnítear na línte údaráis agus cuntasachta sa tseirbhís, agus róil agus freagrachtaí sonracha gach fostaí agus oibrí neamhíoctha freisin.

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

(a) breithniú ar theistiméireachtaí ó fhostóirí an duine san am a caitheadh, más ann, agus go háirithe ar theistiméireacht ón bhfostóir is déanaí, más ann,
(b) breithniú ar theistiméireachtaí ó fhoinsí iontaofa i gcás duine nach raibh aon fhostóir aige nó aici 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 níos faide ná 6 mhí as a chéile, grinnfhiosrúchán póilíneachta 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) Ba iad na soláthraithe cláraithe na daoine ainmnithe a bhí i gceannas ar an tseirbhís agus rinne siad ionadaíocht ar a chéile nuair a bhí siad as láthair.
- (b) Bhí na daoine ainmnithe a bhí i gceannas i láthair ar theacht gan réamhfhógra an chigire chuig an tseirbhís agus bhí siad i láthair le linn an iniúchta. Léirigh athbhreithniú ar na taifid tinrimh go raibh na daoine ainmnithe i gceannas i láthair sa tseirbhís le linn uaireanta oscailte.

- (c) Fuarthas amach sa phlé leis an bhfoireann agus sa bhreathnóireacht ar chleachtais sa tseirbhís go raibh struchtúr bainistíochta soiléir ann leis an bhfoireann ar an eolas faoina ról agus a bhfreagrachtaí laistigh den tseirbhís.
- (2) Tar éis athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar fhaisnéis chigireachta roimhe seo, ar fhaisnéis a bhí ar fáil maidir le cigireacht agus ar phlé leis na daoine a bhí i gceannas, cinneadh go raibh triúr daoine fásta nua sa tseirbhís ó rinneadh an chigireacht roimhe seo. Ina theannta sin, iarradh grinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána ar thriúr ball foirne ar aithníodh a nochtaí mar dlite lena n-athnuachan.
- Bhí an fhaisnéis seo a leanas ar fáil ar chomhad lena iniúchadh:
- (a) Dhá theistiméireacht bhailíochtaithe i scríbhinn ó fhostóirí roimhe seo, go háirithe na fostóirí is déanaí le haghaidh duine fásta amháin agus tagairt bhailíochtaithe amháin ón bhfostóir is déanaí le haghaidh duine fásta amháin.
- (b) Teistiméireacht bhailíochtaithe scríofa amháin ó fhoinsé seachas fostóir roimhe seo le haghaidh duine fásta amháin.
- (c) Fuarthas nochtaí grinnfhiosrúcháin an Gharda Síochána do gach duine fásta a ndearnadh athbhreithniú ar a gcomhaid. 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 raibh gá le grinnfhiosrúchán póilíneachta idirnáisiúnta do na trí dhuine fásta nua ar léirigh a gcáipéisíocht ghrinnfhiosrúcháin nach raibh siad ina gcónaí lasmuigh den stát ar feadh níos mó ná sé mhí as a chéile mar dhuine fásta.
- (4) Bhí fianaise ar an gcáilíocht riachtanach i gCúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige nó a chomhionann ar fáil don bheirt bhall foirne nua a d'oibrigh go díreach leis na leanaí réamhscoile.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

Ní raibh an fhaisnéis ghrinnfhiosrúcháin seo a leanas ar fáil lena hiniúchadh:

(2) (a) agus (b)

Bhí gá le dhá thagairt scríofa, bhailíochtaithe do dhuine de na daoine fásta.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Coisctheach curtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Chuir na soláthraithe cláraithe an méid seo a leanas in iúl i scríbhinn:

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Coisctheach

Fuair an duine fásta an dá thagairt bhailíochtaithe i scríbhinn is gá agus chuir sé isteach iad.

Tá seicliosta éigeantach earcaíochta agus socrúcháin mac léinn tugtha isteach. Ní mór an seicliosta seo, lena n-áirítear dhá thagairt bhailíochtaithe i scríbhinn, a chomhlánú go hiomlán sula dtosaíonn aon duine ag obair nó ag socrúchán. Fíoróidh an bhainistíocht gach tagairt nuair a fhaightear iad chun a chinntiú go gcomhlíonann siad na

ceanglais. Ní cheadófar d'aon bhall foirne ná d'aon mhac léinn tosú go dtí go mbeidh a ngrinnfhiosrúchán críochnaithe go hiomlán. Déanfar iniúchadh ráithiúil ar na comhaid foirne uile chun comhlíonadh leanúnach a áirithiú agus chun aon doiciméadacht atá ar iarraidh nó atá as dáta a shainaitheint.

Doiciméid tacaíochta curtha isteach

Cóipeanna de thagairtí.

Nóta Achomair

Rinne an Chigireacht athbhreithniú ar na gníomhaíochtaí a rinneadh agus ar an bhfianaise a chuir na soláthraithe cláraithe isteach agus fuarthas amach gur thug siad aghaidh ar an neamhchomhlíonadh rialála a fuarthas le linn cigireachta.

Cuid III – Bainistíocht agus Foireann

Rialachán 11 – Leibhéil 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), áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe seirbhíse réamhscoile seisiúnaí go gcomhlíonfar gach tráth an cóimheas íosta idir daoine fásta agus leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (3) de Chuid a Dó Sceideal a Sé os coinne uimhir thagartha áirithe a shonraítear i gcolún (1) den Chuid sin i leith raon aoise na leanaí a shonraítear i gcolún (2) dá bhrí sin ag an uimhir thagartha sin.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

- (1) Chonacthas go raibh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta ag obair go díreach leis na leanaí sa tseirbhís le linn na cigireachta. Nuair a tháinig an cigire chun na cigireachta a fógraíodh, bhí cúigear daoine fásta ag obair go díreach le 37 leanbh. Fuarthas amach in athbhreithniú ar shampla de thaifid tinrimh gur cuireadh líon leordhóthanach foirne ar fáil chun oibriú go díreach leis na leanaí.
- (3) Cloíodh leis an íoschóimheas le haghaidh seirbhísí seisiúnacha a sholáthraíonn cúram do leanaí os cionn 2 bhliain go leith de dhuine fásta amháin in aghaidh gach 11 leanbh sa tseirbhís.
- Ar maidin, d'oibrigh beirt daoine fásta go díreach le 21 páiste sa Seomra Dearg agus thug triúr daoine fásta aire do 16 páiste sa Seomra Glas. Thug 3 dhuine fásta aire do 8 leanbh san iarnóin sa Seomra Glas.

Cuid V - Cúram Leanaí sa tSeirbhís Naíonra

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)

- Bhí an tseirbhís ag glacadh páirte i gclár cothaithe réamhscoile Bia Blasta agus chuir sí sneaic ar maidin agus um thráthnóna ar fáil do na páistí a bhí ag freastal ar na seisiúin. Bhí biachláir sheachtainiúla ar taispeáint i seomraí súgartha na mbianna a cuireadh ar fáil ina raibh réimse leathan bianna, mar shampla torthaí, glasraí, feoil phróiseáilte, craicir, aráin agus iógairt. Roghnaigh roinnt leanaí a gcuid bia féin a thabhairt isteach sa tseirbhís a bhí stóráilte i gcuiseoir na seirbhíse sa halla iontrála ar theacht dóibh. Seirbheáladh an bia a chuir an tseirbhís ar fáil ar phlátaí móra agus moladh do na páistí an bia ba mhaith leo a ithe a roghnú. Bhí seirbhísí breise ar fáil do leanaí a bhí ag iarraidh níos mó bia. D'ith na páistí a gcuid bia ó phlátaí plaisteacha agus cuireadh naipcíní páipéir ar fáil. Shuigh an fhoireann leis na páistí chun na béilí a mhaoirsiú go dlúth agus spreagadh comhrá agus tacaíodh le sóisialú. Bhí coimeádáin dí aonair ag na páistí a bhí ar fáil dóibh le linn an tseisiúin dá mba rud é go raibh tart orthu agus gur theastaigh deoch uathu.
- Cuireadh oiliúint leithris ar na leanaí a bhí i láthair agus bhí leanaí in ann na leithris a úsáid leo féin, ach bhí siad laistigh de chluasáin na foirne dá mbeadh cabhair ag teastáil uathu. Tugadh tacaíocht agus spreagadh do na páistí a bheith chomh neamhspleách agus is féidir, éadaí lasmuigh a chur orthu féin agus a lámha a ní faoi mhaoirseacht na foirne. Bhí comharthaíocht leibhéal íseal i bhfeidhm sna haonaid sláintíochta le pictiúir de na céimeanna a bhaineann le níos chomháláimhe chun na páistí a spreagadh.
- Rinne an fhoireann iompar na leanaí a bhainistiú ar bhealaí dearfacha trí ról a thabhairt d'iompar dearfach a shamhaltú agus leanaí a spreagadh chun teacht ar réitigh eatarthu féin má tháinig easaontais chun cinn. Bhí orláiste buí ar fáil sa Seomra Dearg chun cuidiú le coincheap an ama agus úsáideadh é chun cuidiú le bréagáin a thógáil agus a roinnt. Taispeánadh rialacha simplí seomra súgartha cosúil le roinnt agus a bheith i do chara. Cuireadh an gnáthamh laethúil ar taispeáint sa Seomra Dearg agus leanadh é le linn an tseisiúin ag tabhairt braistint intuathachta do na páistí. D'ullmhaigh an fhoireann na leanaí le haghaidh aistrithe trí iad a chur ar an eolas nuair a bhí aistrithe idir gníomhaíochtaí ag druidim linn. Chonacthas go raibh idirghníomhaíochtaí idir an fhoireann agus leanaí te agus dearfach. Tugadh faoi deara go raibh an

fhoireann ag moladh na bpáistí go cuí as a gcuid iarrachtaí le linn na seisiún. Rinneadh plé le linn am ciorcail trí Ghaeilge agus bhí comhráite ann faoi shaolré an fhroig roimh ghníomhaíocht ealaíne grúpa inar ghreamaigh na páistí pictiúir de shaolré an fhroig go teimpléad le gliú. Bhí an fhoireann agus na páistí ag canadh amhráin Ghaeilge le linn na seisiún.

- Cuireadh fáilte chroíúil roimh thuismitheoirí nuair a tháinig siad chun a bpáistí a bhailiú. Baineadh úsáid as córas teachtaireachtaí leictreonacha chun cabhrú le faisnéis seirbhíse a sholáthar do thuismitheoirí. Rinne an fhoireann breathnóireachtaí ar dhul chun cinn na leanaí sa tseirbhís agus thaifead siad é sin in irisleabhair foghlama aonair (Taifid d'Fhoghlaiméoirí) a cuireadh ar fáil do thuismitheoirí. Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar shampla de na hirisí agus fuarthas samplaí d'ealaín na leanaí. Bhí lá oscailte sa tseirbhís á phleanáil ag an bhfoireann do thuismitheoirí ionchasacha leanaí nua.
- D'imir na páistí amuigh faoin aer sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh a roinneadh leis an mbunscoil. Bhí clúdach talún d'fhéar saorga sa cheantar atá oiriúnach le húsáid ar feadh na bliana. D'imir na páistí ar bhréagáin bheaga marcaíochta agus ar ghluaisteáin a stóráladh i seid sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh. Shocraigh na daoine fásta trealamh cothromúcháin ar leibhéal íseal a d'úsáid na páistí chun imirt air. Ghlac an fhoireann páirt i súgradh na bpáistí mar shampla ag taispeáint dóibh conas a gcuid arm a shíneadh chun cabhrú le cothromaíocht. D'imir páistí le mionbhréagán rothaí ag an bhíoma cothromaíochta ag iarraidh a fheiceáil cé chomh tapa agus a thaistealódh sé nuair a bhrúitear é ar an bhíoma a spreag ball foirne. Ní raibh limistéar súgartha beag amuigh faoin aer a bhí inrochtana go díreach ón Seomra Glas ina raibh cistin láibe, cistin bréagán plaisteach agus tábla súgartha praiseach in úsáid tráth na cigireachta.
- Bhí réimse bréagáin agus trealamh súgartha éagsúla ag na seomraí súgartha a d'imir na páistí leo le linn na seisiún a bhí ar fáil ag leibhéil ísle agus a raibh rochtain éasca ag na páistí orthu. I measc an trealamh súgartha bhí bréagáin bheaga dhomhanda, éadaí gléasta suas, gníomhaíochtaí boird lena n-áirítear gníomhaíochtaí agus puzail a nascadh agus coirnéil bhaile a bhfuil acmhainní maithe acu, binsí uirlisí agus limistéir siopa. Bhí soláthairtí ealaíne agus ceardaíochta ar fáil sa dá sheomra agus bhí pictiúir ildaite de bhláthanna an chrainn silíní bhándearga déanta ag páistí sa Seomra Dearg. Bhí leabhair i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge a bhí oiriúnach ó thaobh aoise de ar fáil sna seomraí agus léigh an fhoireann scéalta do na páistí le linn na seisiún.
- Bhí áiteanna scíthe le suíocháin bhoga sa Seomra Dearg agus sa Seomra Glas inar shuigh na páistí agus inar chodail siad ag céimeanna éagsúla le linn na seisiún. Cuireadh leapacha insroichte ar fáil freisin má bhí gá ag leanbh leo chun sosa.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

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

Áiríteoidh 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:

Daingníodh an príomhdhoras isteach chuig an tseirbhís nuair a tháinig an cigire. Lig an fhoireann an cigire isteach tar éis dóibh an t-aitheantas a thaispeáint. Bhí bileog taifid do chuartheoirí ar fáil agus úsáideadh í chun cuairteoirí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís a thaifeadh. Bhí meicníocht daingnithe ag doirse inmheánacha lenar ceadaíodh don fhoireann rochtain ar limistéir a rialú. Stóráladh táirgí glantacháin ar sheilfeanna ard agus sa limistéar sláintíochta do dhaoine fásta agus ní raibh rochtain ag na leanaí orthu. Rinne an fhoireann measúnuithe riosca laethúla, mar shampla, ar an limistéar lasmuigh. Coinníodh na bréagáin agus an trealamh súgartha go maith, i riocht maith, agus bhí siad oiriúnach d'aoiseanna agus do chéimeanna forbartha na bpáistí a bhí á n-úsáid ar an lá. Daingníodh cordaí dallóga ar fhuinneoga le feistí sábháilteachta.

Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

Fuarthas amach go raibh an t-áitreabh glan agus taifid á gcoimeád ag an bhfoireann ar phróisis ghlantacháin a rinneadh sa tseirbhís. Breathnaíodh ar an bhfoireann chun dromchlaí a ghlanadh tar éis iad a úsáid mar tháblaí tar éis am béile. Cuireadh cuisneoir ar fáil agus úsáideadh é chun lón na bpáistí a stóráil, lena n-áirítear earraí bia meatacha a cuireadh ar fáil ón mbaile. Breathnaíodh ar an bhfoireann chun spreagadh agus tacaíocht a thabhairt do leanaí a lámha a ní ag tráthanna tábhachtacha, lena n-áirítear sula n-itheann siad agus tar éis dóibh na gníomhaíochtaí leithris agus ealaíne a úsáid. Cuireadh uisce te, gallúnach leachtach agus tuáillí páipéir ar fáil ag báisíní láimhe níos áine do leanaí agus don fhoireann chun a lámha a ní. Cuireadh araidí le troitheán ar fáil chun páipéar dramhaíola a dhiúscairt tar éis na lámha a thriomú.

Cógais a Riar:

Níor tugadh aon chógas do leanbh le linn na cigireachta. Bhí an fhoireann ar an eolas faoi na nósanna imeachta sábháilte chun cógais a stóráil agus a riar.

Sábháilteacht Dóiteán:

Fuarthas amach go raibh na bealaí éalaithe agus na bealaí éalaithe saor ó bhac.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

Áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go bhfuil árachas leordhóthanach ag an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

Bhí deimhniú árachais ar fáil le haghaidh 51 leanbh ar a mhéad ag a raibh dáta éaga an 27 Márta 2026.

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TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015MO086
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Name of Service:	Naionra Beal Atha na Muice
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Address of Service:	Scoil Muire agus Treasa, Swinford National School, Swinford, Co. Mayo
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Eircode:	F12 V050
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Name of Registered Provider:	Agnes O Donnell, Michelle Pidgeon
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Service type:	Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	21/04/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	37	PM	8
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Early Years Inspectorate, TUSLA, Child and Family Agency, 2nd Floor, St. Mary's HQ., Castlebar, Co. Mayo.
Inspection undertaken by:	M Farrell
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).

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Description of service

Naionra Beal Atha na Muice is a sessional service registered to cater for children aged between two and six years of age. The service provides morning sessions from 8:45-11:45 hours and an afternoon session from 12:15-15:15 hours. The premise is in a section of a primary school. There are two playrooms, a kitchen and sanitary accommodation provided. The service has access to a large outdoor play area that is shared with the primary school to the rear of the building. There was a smaller enclosed outdoor area directly accessible from one of the playrooms that was not in use at the time of the inspection. The service is registered to provide school aged services.

Staffing

There are five staff members working in the service including two registered providers who work directly with the children. There was an adult student on placement in the service at the time of the inspection.

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 inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

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The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under regulations 9, 11, 19, 23 and 28; however, on inspection additional non-compliance which posed a risk was identified under Regulation 8. These findings are outlined within the relevant regulations within this report.

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 registered providers, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part II - Registration and Register

Regulation 8 - Notification of change in circumstances

(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a temporary pre-school service shall, subject to paragraph (3), notify the Agency in writing of any proposed change in the details in relation to the pre-school service contained in the register pursuant to section 58C(2) of the Act or Regulation 7(2) at least 60 days before it is proposed that the change would take effect.

(3) Where a registered provider has been unable for good and proper reason to notify the Agency within the time specified in paragraph (1) or (2), as the case may be, of a change in the details in relation to the pre-school service

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contained in the register pursuant to section 58C(2) of the Act or Regulation 7(2), the registered provider shall notify the Agency in writing of the change as soon as possible thereafter.

Non-Compliance Information

(1) and (3)

Two children were found to attend a 3-hour morning session and return to the service to attend for a further 3 hours in the afternoon totalling 6 hours of daily attendance in the service. This was outside the service's registration for sessional service type.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

The registered providers advised that:

(1) and (3)

Corrective and Preventive Action

Once the non-compliance was identified, the service took immediate steps to correct the issue. The parents of the children were informed, and their attendance patterns were reviewed. The service applied for Part-Time hours that have since been approved. Both children are now registered under Part-Time services and attend only until 1:30 p.m.

Staff and management were reminded of the attendance limits associated with each service type, and a daily attendance check is now carried out by the room leader and reviewed by management. The registration book has been updated to clearly record each child's approved hours. The sign-in/sign-out system has been updated to ensure no child attends beyond their permitted hours.

Supporting documentation submitted

No documentation submitted.

Summary Comment

The actions taken and evidence submitted by the registered providers has been reviewed by the Inspectorate and found to have addressed the non-compliance found on 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

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- (c) there is a clear management structure in the service that identifies the lines of authority and accountability in the service and the specific roles and responsibilities of each employee and unpaid worker.*
- (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 providers were the designated persons in charge in the service and deputised in each other's absence.
 - (b) The designated persons in charge were present on the inspector's unannounced arrival at the service and were present throughout the inspection. A review of the attendance records showed that the designated persons in charge were present in the service during opening hours.
 - (c) Discussions with the staff and observation of practices in the service found that there was a clear management structure with the staff aware of their roles and responsibilities within the service.
- (2) Following a review of previous inspection information, information available on inspection and discussion with the persons in charge it was determined that there were three new adults in the service since the previous inspection. In addition, Garda vetting for three staff members whose disclosures were identified as due for renewal were requested for review.
- The following information was available on file for inspection:
- (a) Two written validated references from past employers particularly the most recent employers for one adult and one validated reference from their most recent employer for one adult.
 - (b) One written validated reference from a source other than a previous employer for one adult.

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- (c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for all three adults whose files were reviewed. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years.
- (d) International police vetting was not required for the three new adults whose vetting documentation showed that they had not lived outside the state for longer than six consecutive months as an adult.
- (4) Evidence of the required qualification in Early Childhood Care and Education or equivalent was available for the two new staff who worked directly with the preschool children.

Non-Compliance Information

The following vetting information was unavailable for inspection:

(2) (a) and (b)

Two written, validated references were required for one of the adults.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

The registered providers advised in writing that:

Corrective and Preventive Action

The two required written validated references have been obtained and submitted by the adult.

A mandatory recruitment and student placement checklist has been introduced. This checklist including two written validated references must be fully completed before any individual begins work or placement.

Management will verify all references upon receipt to ensure they meet requirements. No staff member or student will be permitted to start until their vetting is fully completed. A quarterly audit of all staff files will be carried out to ensure ongoing compliance and to identify any missing or outdated documentation.

Supporting documentation submitted

Copies of references.

Summary Comment

The actions taken and evidence submitted by the registered providers has been reviewed by the Inspectorate and found to have addressed the regulatory non-compliance found on 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.

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(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.

Compliance Information

- (1) An adequate number of adults were observed to work directly with the children in the service during the inspection. On the inspector's announced arrival to the service there were 5 adults working directly in the with 37 children. Review of a sample of attendance records found that adequate numbers of staff had been provided to work directly with the children.
- (3) The minimum ratio for sessional services providing care to children over 2 ½ years of 1 adult to each 11 children was adhered to in the service.
- In the morning, 2 adults worked directly with of 21 children in the Seomra Dearg and 3 adults cared for 16 children in the Seomra Glas. 3 adults cared for 8 children in the afternoon in the Seomra Glas.

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)
- The service was taking part in the Bia Blasta preschool nutrition programme and provided a morning and afternoon snack to the children attending the sessions. There were weekly menus displayed in the playrooms of the foods provided which included a wide variety of foods for example fruits, vegetables, processed meats, crackers, breads and yoghurts. Some children chose to bring in their own food to the service which was stored in the service's refrigerator in the entrance hall on arrival. The food provided by the service was served on large platters and the children were encouraged to select the food that they would like to eat. Additional servings were available for children who wanted more food. The children ate their food from plastic plates with paper napkins provided. The staff sat with the children to supervise the

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meals closely and conversation was encouraged and socialisation supported. The children had individual drink containers which were available to them during the session if they were thirsty and wanted a drink.

- The children attending were toilet trained and children that were able used the toilets by themselves, but were within earshot of the staff if they needed help. The children were supported and encouraged to be as independent as possible, putting on their own outdoor clothes and washing their hands supervised by staff. Low level signage was in place in the sanitary units with pictures of the steps involved in hand washing to prompt the children.
- The staff managed the children's behaviour in positive ways by role modelling positive behaviours and encouraging children to find resolutions between themselves if disagreements arose. A yellow sand timer was available in the Seomra Dearth to assist with the concept of time and used to assist with turn taking and sharing of toys. Simple playroom rules were displayed such as sharing and being a friend. The daily routine was displayed in the Seomra Dearth and followed during the session giving the children a sense of predictability. The staff prepared the children for transitions by letting them know when transitions between activities were approaching. Interactions between staff and children were observed to be warm and positive. The staff were observed to praise the children appropriately for their efforts during the sessions. Discussion during circle time was through Irish and there were conversations about the life cycle of the frog before a group art activity where the children glued pictures of the frog's life cycle to a template. The staff and children sang Irish songs during the sessions.
- Parents were observed to be greeted warmly by staff when they arrived to collect their children. An electronic messaging system was used to help provide service information to parents. The staff made observations of the children's progress in the service and recorded this in individual learning journals (Learner Records) that were made available to parents. A sample of the journals were reviewed and found to contain examples of the children's art. An open day in the service was in the process of being planned by staff for prospective parents of new children.
- The children played outdoors in the outdoor play area shared with the primary school. The area had ground cover of artificial grass suitable for use all year round. The children played on small ride on toys and cars which were stored in a shed in the outdoor play area. The adults set up low level balancing equipment that the children used to play on. The staff engaged themselves in the children's play for example showing them how to outstretch their arms to help balance. Children played with a miniature wheeled toy at the balance beam trying to see how fast it would travel when pushed on the beam

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encouraged by a staff member. A small outdoor play area directly accessible from the Seomra Glas that contained mud kitchen, plastic toy kitchen and a messy play table was not in use at the time of inspection.

- The playrooms had a range of different toys and play equipment that the children played with during the sessions available at low levels and easily accessible to the children. Play equipment included small world toys, dress up clothes, tabletop activities including linking activities and puzzles and well-resourced home corners, tool benches and shop areas. Art and craft supplies were available in both rooms and children in the Seomra Dearg had made colourful paintings of pink cherry blossoms. Age-appropriate books in English and Irish were available in the rooms and stories were read to the children by staff during the sessions.
- There were rest areas with soft seating in both the Seomra Dearg and Seomra Glas where children sat and rested at different stages during the sessions. Stackable beds were also provided if a child needed them for rest.

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 main entrance door to the service was secured on the inspector's arrival. The inspector was admitted by staff following production of identification information. A visitor record sheet was available and used to record visitor attendance in the service. Internal doors had securing mechanisms allowing staff to control access to areas. Cleaning products were stored on high shelving and in the adult sanitary area and were inaccessible to the children. Daily risk assessments for example of the outdoor area were carried out by staff. The toys and play equipment were well maintained, in good condition, and suitable for the ages and developmental stages of the children using them on the day. Blind cords on windows were secured with safety devices.

Infection Control:

The premises was found to be clean with staff keeping records of cleaning processes undertaken in the service. The staff were observed to clean down surfaces after use such as tables after mealtime. A refrigerator was provided and used to store the children's lunches including perishable food items that had been provided from home. The staff were observed to prompt and support children to wash their hands at key moments including

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before eating and after using the toilet and art activities. Warm water, liquid soap and paper towels were provided at wash handbasins for children and staff to wash their hands. Foot pedal operated bins were provided for disposal of wastepaper after drying hands.

Administration of Medication:

There was no medication administered to a child during the inspection. The staff were aware of the safe procedures for storage and administration of medication.

Fire Safety:

The emergency exits and escape routes were found to be free from obstruction.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

A certificate of insurance was available for a maximum of 51 children with an expiry date of the 27 March 2026.