

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

Tusla I.D.: TU2015MO089

Name of Service Naionra Gleann Na Muaidhe

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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sessional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed change:

- Change in the number of children that can be accommodated from 22 to 29 children.
- Addition of a session.
- Change in the number of staff employed.

Proposed Number of Children: 29 children

Recommended Change Following Inspection:

Change in the number of children that can be accommodated to 29 children.
Addition of a session.
Change in the number of staff employed to 5 staff.

Registered change:

Number of children service can accommodate is 29.
Addition of a sessional service, now accommodating two morning sessions.
Change in number of staff employed to 5.

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Inspection undertaken by: M. Farrell

Title: Early Years Inspector

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Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Early Years Inspectorate, TUSLA, Child and Family Agency, 2nd Floor, St Mary's HQ, Castlebar, Co Mayo.
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Rationale for Inspection:
Proposed Change of Circumstance

Note: For Office use only, to be completed by Registration Office

Registration Status:	Registered sessional service for 29 children
Date of Registration	08th September 2025

Authority to Inspect
The Tusla Early Years Inspectorate carries out inspections of Early Years Services under Section 58(D) of the Child Care Act 1991 (as inserted by Section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013).

Description of Service	Naionra Gleann Na Muaidhe is a community-based sessional service in Gleann na Muaidhe village in a Gaeltacht area of County Mayo. The service is a Naíonra registered to cater for children aged from two to six years of age, between 09:30 -12:30 hours.
Premises	The service is in a purpose-built extension to a community centre. There is one playroom, a kitchenette/office area, storeroom and sanitary facilities. The service is proposing to convert the storeroom into a second playroom to accommodate an additional seven children. There is an outdoor play area on the premises.
Staffing	There are five staff in the service including auxiliary staff and one relief staff member. The registered provider does not work directly in the service.
Methodology	<p>The inspection was an announced inspection to assess compliance with the Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 and Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2016. The Inspection focused on regulations under the following themes: Governance, Health, Welfare and Development of the child, Safety and Premises.</p> <p>The findings on inspection based on information obtained through examination of documentation, direct observation, and discussion with relevant staff are documented in the inspection report and taken into consideration when making a decision in relation to registering the change in circumstance. The Inspectorate reserves the right to edit</p>

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	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.
Acknowledgements	The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge who was 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.

Requirement met:	This requirement has been met. (1) (a) There is a designated person in charge in the service. There is a named person to deputise in the service when needed.
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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..

Requirement met:	The requirement has been met. (1) The registered provider proposes that an additional staff member will be employed in the service. 1 adult will work directly with the additional seven children in the proposed new playroom with 2 adults working directly with the 22 children in the original playroom.
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Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 20 - Facilities for Rest and Play

- (1) *Subject to this Regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that—*
- (a) *having regard to the number of pre-school children attending the service, their respective ages and the amount of time they spend on the premises, there are adequate and suitable facilities for each child to play indoors and, where required by these Regulations, outdoors, during the day, and*
 - (b) *there are adequate and suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day, and in the case of an overnight pre-school service, during the day and the night.*
- (4) *Where outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access is provided on the premises of a sessional pre-school service other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, a temporary pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre, the registered provider shall ensure that such outdoor space is suitable, safe and secure.*

Requirement met:

(1)

The requirements have been met.

(a)

Adequate and suitable play facilities are provided for the proposed number and age ranges of the children to attend sessional services. The playroom is laid out in well-resourced designated interest areas labelled in Irish such as the home corner (an cúinne baile). The interest areas contain construction and transport toys, dolls with clothes and a large selection of tabletop activities and puzzles. Dress up outfits and accessories are displayed in a unit with a viewing mirror. The toys and play equipment are stored at low levels with easy access for children to allow them to choose and replace equipment after use. Playdough is available for messy play in the playroom. There is a wide selection of art and craft equipment. Appropriately sized tables and chairs are provided for the children and staff to engage in tabletop activities and groupwork.

Play equipment is provided outdoors to promote children’s physical activity including low level climbing systems, crawling tunnels and ride on toys. There are daisy flower chalkboards for the children to draw on. Messy play is facilitated with sand play equipment. Storage sheds are provided for the storage of additional toys and play equipment.

(b)

The requirements have been met. The playroom has a rest area with soft seating and additional soft wipeable cushions for children to rest on.

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(4) There is an enclosed outdoor area located to the front, side and rear of the building. Wooden fencing to the front of the area has been replaced. The area has a variety of ground cover including grass, a paved area, concrete and a section of impact absorbing cover suitable for all year-round usage. There is a range of outdoor play equipment including climbing systems, slides, rocker toys and crawling tunnels.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 22 – Food and Drink

A registered provider shall ensure that adequate and suitable, nutritious and varied food and drink is available for each pre-school child attending the pre-school service.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

The service proposes that children attending the service will bring food from home for their snack/mealtimes in line with the services health eating policy.

Drinking water will be always available for the children in the service.

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.

Requirement met:

The requirements have been met.

General Safety

- Securing systems are provided for the internal doors to the hallway to allow staff to control access to and from the service.
- The emergency exit routes are free from obstruction.
- The kitchen is inaccessible to the children.
- Secure storage for medication is available in the office depending on manufacturers storage advice.
- The toys and play equipment are in good condition and suitable for the proposed age range of children to attend sessional services.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The service's oil tank in the outdoor play area is secured to prevent access by children. There is a cover in place on the radiator in the proposed new playroom. <p>Infection control:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning schedules and checklists are in place in the service for the recording of cleaning processes by staff. Foot pedal operated bins are provided for the disposal of waste. There is a refrigerator available to store perishable food items and medication depending on manufacturer's instructions. The outdoor waste bins are inaccessible to children.
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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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

- (1) Certificates of completion of First Aid Responder (FAR) training were available for two staff members with expiry dates of the 27 November 2025.
- (2)
 - (a) A suitably equipped clearly labelled first aid box is stored in a high position in the playroom above a cupboard out of potential reach of children.
 - (b) The first aid equipment is to always be available to children attending the service.

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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 firefighting 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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

- (1)
- (a) Templates are available for the written recording of the monthly fire drills that are proposed to take place in the service.
 - (b) Records in writing are available in the service of the number, type and installation record of firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises. The records show that the smoke alarms/fire detection system were last maintained on the 10 February 2025. The firefighting equipment was last maintained on the 28 August 2025.
- (4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire are displayed conspicuously in the playroom. The fire assembly point used by the service at the front of the building is clearly signposted.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

The service has a certificate of insurance for Naíonra services for 29 children at any one time with an expiry date of 27 November 2025.

Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 – Premises

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

- (a) of sound and stable structure,
- (b) safe and secure,
- (c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated,
- (d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and
- (e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.

Requirement met:

- (a) The building is a brick-and-mortar structure with no obvious defects on visual observation.
- (b) The main entrance door has a securing mechanism in place allowing staff to control access to the premises. Securing mechanisms are provided where needed for internal doors. The outdoor area is secured to prevent children from leaving the area unnoticed.
- (c) **Lighting:** There is natural light from windows and artificial lighting provided in the proposed additional playroom and sanitary area located off the playroom. The light fittings have protective covers.
Heating: The service has an oil fuelled central heating system and records showed that it was last serviced on the 10 April 2025. The air temperature of the new playroom was recorded at 22°C and the sanitary area at 21°C during the inspection. This is within the required range of 18-22°C.
Ventilation:
 Natural ventilation is provided via openable windows in the proposed additional playroom. The sanitary accommodation has an openable window and also has a mechanical ventilation system installed.
- (d) The proposed additional playroom and sanitary unit are well finished and clean. Cleaning schedules and cleaning recording templates are in place for the proposed additional areas.
- (e) An additional sanitary unit has been installed off the playroom with direct access for the children. There is one toilet and one wash hand basin to be used by the proposed additional seven children. Sanitary facilities for adults are located off the entrance hall with a toilet and wash hand basin provided.

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Liquid soap, paper hand towels are provided for hand washing and drying with a foot pedal operated bin provided for the disposal of waste.

Part VII – Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 30 – Minimum Space Requirements

- (1) *Subject to paragraphs (2) to (6), a registered provider shall ensure that adequate clear floor space is available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children attending the pre-school service.*
- (3) *A registered provider of a sessional pre-school service or a pre-school service in a drop-in centre shall ensure that a minimum of 1.818 square metres of clear floor space is available for each child attending the service.*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

- (1) There is adequate clear floor space available to the children in the new playroom for the proposed numbers of children to be accommodated. There is 16.41 square metres of space available in the playroom for the proposed additional seven children to attend sessional services.
- (3) A minimum of 1.818 square metres of space is available for each of the seven children proposed to attend sessional services.