

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).

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Cur síos ar an tseirbhís

Is seirbhís naíonra i gceantar Gaeltachta i gContae Mhaigh Eo é Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta Naíonra na hEachléime agus tá sé suite ar thailte bunscoile. Tá an tseirbhís cláraithe chun seirbhísí seisiúnacha a sholáthar ó 09:20-12:20 uair do leanaí idir 2 agus 6 bliana d'aois. Cuirtear seirbhísí d'aois scoile ar fáil freisin san áitreabh ar foirgneamh saintógtha é le seomra súgartha, spás cistine/oifige agus cóiríocht sláintíochta. Tá rochtain ag na leanaí ar limistéir súgartha lasmuigh a bhí á bhforbairt tráth an iniúchta.

Soláthar Foirne

Tá beirt bhall foirne ann a oibríonn go díreach leis na leanaí sa tseirbhís. Tá triúr ball foirne breise ar fáil chun seirbhísí faoisimh a sholáthar nuair is gá.

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 dhírigh sí ar réimse an rialachais/na sláinte, an leasa agus na forbartha leanaí/sábháilteachta. Féadfaidh an chigireacht díriú ar réimsí eile freisin de réir mar is gá.

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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 torthaí. 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 Coisctheach 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 dlíthiúl.

Is é an comhlacht cigireachta a thiomasaíonn 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

(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

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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

- (2) Tar éis athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar fhaisnéis chigireachta roimhe seo, cinneadh go raibh triúr daoine fásta nua a d'oibrigh go díreach leis na leanaí fostaithe ón gcigireacht roimhe seo. Ina theannta sin, iarradh go ndéanfaí athbhreithniú ar ghrinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána do bheirt bhall foirne ar sainaitheamh go raibh a nochtuithe dlite lena n-athnuachan.
- (a) Bhí dhá thagairt bhailíochtaithe i scríbhinn ó iarfhóistoirí go háirithe na fostóirí is déanaí do bheirt daoine fásta agus tagairt amháin ó iarfhóistoir ar fáil do dhuine fásta amháin.
- (b) Tagairt bhailíochtaithe scríofa amháin ó fhoinsé seachas iarfhóistoir do bhall foirne amháin.
- (c) Fuarthas nochtuithe 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 baill foirne ar léirigh a ndoiciméid ghrinnfhiosrúcháin nár chónaigh siad 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 do chúigear ball foirne a d'oibrigh go díreach leis na leanaí réamhscoile

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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) D'oibrigh líon leordhóthanach daoine fásta go díreach leis na leanaí a bhí ag freastal ar an tseirbhís le linn na cigireachta. Ar maidin an iniúchta gan réamhfhógra bhí 2 dhuine fásta ag obair go díreach le 12 leanbh.
- (3) Cloíodh leis an íoschóimheas le haghaidh seirbhísí seisiúnacha a sholáthraíonn cúram do leanaí os cionn 2 ½ bliain d'aois de dhuine fásta amháin in aghaidh gach 11 leanbh le 2 dhuine fásta ag obair go díreach le 12 leanbh le linn na cigireachta

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Cuid V - Cúram Leanaí sa tSeirbhís Réamhscoile

Rialachán 22 – Bia agus deoch

Cinnteadh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh bia agus deoch leordhóthanach, oiriúnach, cothaitheach agus éagsúil ar fáil do gach leanbh réamhscoile a fhreastalaíonn ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

Bhí an tseirbhís ag glacadh páirte i gclár cothaithe réamhscoile Bia Blasta agus chuir sí sneaiceanna maidine de thorthaí mionghearrtha agus iógart ar fáil do na páistí mar chuid den chlár go luath sa seisiún. Breathnaíodh ar an bhfhoireann chun an t-am sneaiceanna a úsáid mar dheis foghlama le plé bríomhar leis na leanaí timpeall ar bhoird mhionghearrtha dhaite a úsáidtear le haghaidh cineálacha éagsúla bia.

Níos déanaí sa seisiún, d'íth na leanaí béile agus cuireadh a mbia ar fáil ón mbaile i gcomhréir le beartas itheacháin shláintiúil na seirbhíse. Chuir an fhoireann an cigire ar an eolas gur cuireadh faisnéis ar fáil do thuismitheoirí maidir le roghanna bia shláintiúil le haghaidh lónta na leanaí ag cruinnithe faisnéise na seirbhíse sular thosaigh na leanaí sa tseirbhís. Cuireadh faisnéis ar fáil freisin sa lámhleabhar faisnéise do thuismitheoirí a tugadh do na thuismitheoirí nuair a thosaigh leanaí sa tseirbhís. Tugadh faoi deara go raibh ceapairí, craicir, feoil phróiseáilte, cáis agus torthaí san áireamh i lón na leanaí agus stóráladh iad sa chuisneoir sa chistin nuair a tháinig na leanaí chuig an tseirbhís.

Cuireadh stáisiún dí le coimeádáin aonair do gach leanbh ar bun sa seomra súgartha le deochanna ar fáil i rith an tseisiúin má bhí tart ar leanbh agus má theastaigh deoch uaidh.

Cuid VI – Sábháilteacht

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

Áirítheoidh 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 iontrála seachtrach chuig an tseirbhís le baill foirne ag rialú rochtain ar an tseirbhís nuair a tháinig an cigire gan réamhfógra. D'admhaigh an duine ainmnithe atá i gceannas an cigire sa tseirbhís tar éis doiciméadacht aitheantais a thabhairt ar aird. Coinníodh na bréagáin agus an trealamh súgartha i riocht maith agus bhí siad oiriúnach do chéimeanna aoise agus forbartha na leanaí a bhí á n-úsáid. Bhí gléas daingnithe ar leathdhoras na cistine a lig don fhoireann srian a chur ar rochtain na bpáistí ar an gceantar. Stóráladh táirgí

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glantacháin i gcófra daingean sa chistin as teacht ar leanaí. Daingníodh dhá chorda dall ar dhallóga fuinneoige sa seomra súgartha le feistí sábháilteachta cuí.

Rialú Ionfhabhtaithe:

Baineadh úsáid as uisce te faoi 43 ° C, gallúnach leachtach agus tuáillí páipéir chun lámha a ní agus a thriomú. Cuireadh boscaí bruscair a oibrítear le cos cos cos ar fáil le haghaidh diúscairt dramhaíola lena n-áirítear tuáillí páipéir a úsáidtear chun lámha a thriomú. Ghlan an fhoireann dromchlaí tar éis iad a úsáid, mar shampla na táblaí tar éis am béile. Choinnigh baill foirne na nósanna imeachta glantacháin agus díghalraithe sa tseirbhís taifid scríofa/'breathnóireacht sceidealaithe' le sceidil ghlantacháin chun an cleachtas atá ar fáil a threorú. Bia do leanaí a soláthraíodh ón mbaile, lena n-áirítear earraí meatacha amhail cáis agus iógart, stóráladh i gcuisneoir sa chistin é.

Cógais a Riaradh:

Dúirt an fhoireann leis an gcigire nár theastaigh ó aon duine de na leanaí cógais a thabhairt dóibh agus iad sa tseirbhís.

Sábháilteacht Dóiteán:

Chonacthas go raibh na bealaí éalaithe agus na bealaí éalaithe éigeandála saor ó bhac le linn na cigireachta.

Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

- Aithnítear go raibh na limistéir súgartha lasmuigh a d'úsáid an tseirbhís á n-athfhorbairt tráth na cigireachta. Áiríodh leis sin limistéar súgartha cistine iata foscaidh agus cistine láibe a fhorbairt agus limistéar súgartha amuigh faoin aer ar leith don Naíonra. Mar sin féin, bhí cuid den bhalla teorann sa limistéar súgartha lasmuigh in aice le réimse íseal agus thomhais sé 73cm i limistéar a bhféadfadh riosca a bheith ag baint leis. Ní mór fál nó bacainn i spás amuigh faoin aer a bheith ina airde agus ina dhearadh oiriúnach chun sábháilteacht leanaí a áirithiú.

Gníomh curtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Chuir an tseirbhís in iúl i scríbhinn:

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Coisctheach

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

- Chuir an togalaí scoinse beag suas, chun sábháilteacht na bpáistí a chinntiú. Chuir an togalaí scoinse beag suas, chun sábháilteacht na bpáistí a chinntiú.

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Doiciméid tacaíochta curtha isteach

Sábháilteacht Ghinearálta:

- Fianaise fhótagrafach.

Nóta Achomair

Rinne an Chigireacht athbhreithniú ar na gníomhaíochtaí a rinneadh agus ar an bhfianaise a chuir an tseirbhís isteach agus fuarthas amach gur thug siad aghaidh ar an neamhchomhlíonadh a fuarthas faoi Rialachán 23.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 24 - Seiceáil isteach agus amach agus taifead láithreachta

(1) Áiritheoidh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéanfaidh fostaí nó oibrí neamhíoctha gach leanbh réamhscoile atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís a chlárú isteach agus a chlárú amach as an tseirbhís.

(3) Cinnteoidh soláthraí cláraithe—

(a) nach mbeidh aon duine seachas—

(i) leanbh réamhscoile atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís,

(ii) duine a fhágann nó a bhailíonn an leanbh sin,

(iii) fostaí, nó

(iv) oibrí neamhíoctha in ann dul isteach sna háitribh gan cead dul isteach a bheith faighte aige nó aici ó fhostaí,

(b) go gcoimeádfar taifead laethúil i scríbhinn ar theacht isteach na ndaoine sin san áitreabh.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

- (1) Rinne fostaí seiceáil isteach agus amach as an tseirbhís ar na leanaí go léir a bhí i láthair le linn na cigireachta. Bhí taifid scríofa agus leictreonacha ar fáil i seirbhís na seiceála isteach agus amach as na leanaí ag an bhfoireann.
- (3) (a) Cheadaigh an fhoireann iontráil an chigire tar éis athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar dhoiciméid aitheantais.
- (b) Taifeadadh sonraí tinrimh an chigire i scríbhinn i leabhar cuairteoirí/'leabhar cuairteoirí' sa seomra súgartha ina raibh taifid do chuairteoirí roimhe sin ar an tseirbhís.

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Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 25 - Garchabhair

(1) Áiríteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go mbeidh duine atá oile i ngarchabhair do leanaí ar fáil láithreach, i gcónaí, do na leanaí atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís réamhscoile.

(2) Áiríteoidh 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) Bhí ball foirne ag a raibh deimhniú oiliúna FAR (FAR) dáta le dul in éag an 6 Meán Fómhair 2027 sa tseirbhís.

(2) (a) Stóráladh bosca garchabhrach a bhí feistithe go cuí in áit fheiceálach ar sheilf ard as sroicheadh naíonáin bheaga sa seomra ranga. Bhí soláthairtí leordhóthanacha sa bhosca garchabhrach don líon leanaí a bhí ag freastal.

(b) Bhí an trealamh garchabhrach ar fáil go héasca más gá do leanbh.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 26 - Bearta sábháilteachta dóiteáin

(1) Áiríteoidh soláthraí cláraithe go gcoimeádfar taifead i scríbhinn-

(a) ar aon druil dóiteáin a bheidh ar siúl san áitreabh, agus

(b) ar líon, cineál agus taifead cothabhála an trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin agus na n-aláram deataigh san áitreabh.

(4) Déanfar fógra faoi na nósanna imeachta a bheidh le leanúint i gcás dóiteáin a chur ar taispeáint in áit fheiceálach san áitreabh.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

(1) (a) Choimeád an fhoireann taifid scríofa ar na druileanna dóiteáin míosúla a gabhadh de lámh sa tseirbhís.

Léiríodh sna taifid gur tugadh faoin druil dóiteáin dheireanach an 3 Márta 2026.

(b) Bhí taifid ar fáil maidir le líon, cineál agus cothabháil an trealaimh comhraicthe dóiteáin agus na n-aláram deataigh sa tseirbhís. Léiríodh sna taifid gur seirbhísíodh an trealamh comhraicthe dóiteáin go deireanach an 15 Eanáir 2026.

(4) Taispeánadh go soiléir sa tseirbhís fógraí faoi na nósanna imeachta a bhí le leanúint i gcás dóiteáin le léarscáileanna de phlean éalaithe (*Plean Aslonnaithe*).

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Faisnéis maidir le Neamhchomhlíonadh

(1)(b) Léiríodh i dtaifid ar comhad gur coinníodh an córas aláraim dóiteáin/aláram deataigh an 5 Eanáir 2022 a bhí lasmuigh de chothabháil bhliantúil riachtanach na gcóras.

Gníomh Ceartaitheach & Coisctheach curtha isteach ag an Soláthraí Cláraithe

Chuir an tseirbhís in iúl i scríbhinn:

Gníomh Ceartaitheach agus Coisctheach

Tháinig an leictreoir chun na córais aláraim dóiteáin agus deataigh a iniúchadh.

Tá dáta socraithe againn dár gcead cuairt eile í mí Lúnasa, sula dtosaíonn na paistí ar ais.

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Doiciméid tacaíochta curtha isteach

Cóip den doiciméad seirbhísithe aláraim.

Nóta Achomair

Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar na gníomhaíochtaí a rinne an tseirbhís agus ar an bhfianaise a chuir sí faoi bhráid na Cigireachta agus fuarthas amach gur thug siad aghaidh ar an neamhchomhlíonadh rialála a fuarthas le linn cigireachta.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 27 – Maoirseacht

Cinntoidh soláthraí cláraithe go ndéanfar maoirseacht i gcónaí ar leanaí réamhscoile atá ag freastal ar an tseirbhís.

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

Rinne na daoine fásta maoirseacht ar na leanaí den chuid is mó, seachas nuair a bhí na leithris á n-úsáid acu, áit ar fhan na leanaí taobh istigh de chluais na ndaoine fásta dá mbeadh cúnamh ag teastáil uathu.

Ag am béile, shuigh na daoine fásta leis na páistí agus d'ith siad leo agus iad ag déanamh maoirseachta orthu. Sula ndeachaigh siad taobh amuigh, rinne na páistí líneáil suas agus thug an fhoireann faoi chomhaireamh cinn a rinneadh arís agus arís eile nuair a d'fhill siad taobh istigh den seomra súgartha. Breathnaíodh ar an bhfoireann chun bogadh timpeall chun breathnú ar leanaí nuair a bhí siad ag imirt amuigh faoin aer ag coinneáil leanaí ina líne radhairc i gcónaí ag cinntiú go ndéanadh maoirseacht orthu i gcónaí. Ba mhinic a chinntigh baill foirne a bhí

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Réamhscoil

nasctha lena chéile go raibh sé soiléir cé na baill foirne a bhí ag déanamh maoirseachta ar na leanaí i gcónaí le linn na cigireachta.

Cuid VI - Sábháilteacht

Rialachán 28 - Árachas

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

Faisnéis maidir le Comhlíonadh

Taispeánadh deimhniú árachais sa halla iontrála do sheirbhísí Naíonra a bhí bailí go dtí an 27 Samhain 2026 do 22 leanbh ar a mhéad atá cláraithe sa tseirbhís.

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TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015MO091
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Name of Service:	Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta Naíonra na hEachléime
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Address of Service:	An Eaghléim, Béal an Átha, Co. Mayo
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Eircode:	F26 P704
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Name of Registered Provider:	Ray Mac Pháidín
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Service type:	Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	19/03/2026
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No of pre-school children:	AM	12	PM	-
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Early Years Inspectorate, 2 nd 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).

Conditions if applicable	Not Applicable.
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Description of service

Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta Naíonra na hEachléime is a naíonra service in a Gaeltacht area of County Mayo and is located on a primary school grounds. The service is registered to provide sessional services from 09:20-12:20hours for children aged between 2 and 6 years of age. School aged services are also provided in the premises which is a purpose-built building with a playroom, kitchenette/office space and sanitary accommodation. The children have access to outdoor play areas that were undergoing development at the time of the inspection.

Staffing

There are two staff members who work directly with the children in the service. Three additional staff are available to provide relief services when required.

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 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.

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under sections of regulations 9, 11, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28. These findings are outlined within the relevant regulations within this report.

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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

(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.

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Compliance Information

- (2) Following a review of previous inspection information, information available on inspection and discussion with the person in charge it was determined that three new adults who worked directly with the children had been employed since the previous inspection. In addition, Garda vetting for two staff members whose disclosures were identified as due for renewal were requested for review.
- (a) Two written validated references from past employers particularly the most recent employers for two adults and one reference from a past employer was available for one adult.
- (b) One written validated reference from a source other than a past employer for one staff member.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for all five 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 staff members 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 five staff members who worked directly with the preschool children

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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.

Compliance Information

- (1) An adequate number of adults worked directly with the children attending the service during the inspection.
- On the morning of the unannounced inspection there were 2 adults working directly with 12 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 with 2 adults working directly with 12 children during the inspection.

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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.

Compliance Information

The service was taking part in the Bia Blasta preschool nutrition programme and provided a morning snack of chopped fruit and yoghurt to the children as part of the programme early in the session. The staff were observed to use the snack-time as a learning opportunity with a lively discussion with the children around coloured chopping boards used for different types of foods.

Later in the session, the children ate a meal with their food provided from home in line with the service's healthy eating policy. The staff informed the inspector that parents were provided with information on healthy food choices for the children's lunches at the service's information meetings before the children started in the service. Information was also provided in the parent information handbook given to the parents when children started in the service. The children's lunches were observed to include sandwiches, crackers, processed meats, cheese and fruit and were stored in the refrigerator in the kitchenette on the children's arrival to the service.

A drink station with individual containers for each child was set up in the playroom with drinks available throughout the session if a child was thirsty and wanted a drink.

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 external entrance door to the service was secured with staff members controlling access to the service when the inspector arrived unannounced. The inspector was admitted to the service by the designated person in charge following production of identification documentation. The toys and play equipment were kept in good condition and were suitable for the age and developmental stages of the children using them. There was a securing device on the kitchenette half door allowing the staff to restrict access by the children to the area. Cleaning products were stored in a secured cupboard in the kitchenette out of reach of children. Two blind cords on window blinds in the playroom were secured with appropriate safety devices.

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Infection Control:

Warm water controlled under 43°C, liquid soap and paper towels were used for washing and drying hands. Foot pedal operated bins were provided for waste disposal including paper towels used to dry hands. The staff cleaned down surfaces after use for example the tables after mealtime. Written records/'sceideal glantóireacht' were kept by the staff members of cleaning and disinfecting procedures in the service with cleaning schedules to guide practice available. Children's food provided from home including perishable items such as cheese and yoghurt was stored in a refrigerator in the kitchenette.

Administration of Medication:

The staff told the inspector that none of the children required medication to be administered to them while in the service.

Fire Safety:

The emergency exits and escape routes were observed to be free from obstruction during the inspection.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

- It is acknowledged that the outdoor area play areas used by the service were undergoing redevelopment at the time of inspection. This included the development of a sheltered enclosed sand and mud kitchen play area and a separate enclosed outdoor play area for the Naíonra. However, a section of the boundary wall in the outdoor play area next to a field was low and measured 73cm in an area posing a potential risk. A fence or barrier in an outdoor space must be a suitable height and design to ensure children's safety.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

The service advised in writing that:

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

- Chuir an togalaí scoinse beag suas, chun sábháilteacht na bpáistí a chinntiú. The builder put up a small fence to ensure the safety of the children.

Supporting documentation submitted

General Safety:

- Photographic evidence.

Summary Comment

The actions taken and evidence submitted by the service has been reviewed by the Inspectorate and found to have addressed the non-compliance found under Regulation 23.

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Regulation 24 - Checking in and out and record of attendance

- (1) *A registered provider shall ensure that each pre-school child attending the service is checked in and out of the service by an employee or an unpaid worker.*
- (3) *A registered provider shall ensure that-*
- (a) *no person other than-*
 - (i) *pre-school child attending the service,*
 - (ii) *a person dropping or collecting such a child,*
 - (iii) *an employee, or*
 - (iv) *an unpaid worker, can enter the premises without his or her entry being approved by an employee, and*
 - (b) *a daily record in writing is kept of the entry on the premises of any such person.*

Compliance Information

- (1) All the children in attendance during the inspection were checked in and out of the service by an employee. Written and electronic records were available in the service of the checking in and out of the children by the staff.
- (3) (a) The staff approved the entry of the inspector following review of identification documents.
- (b) Attendance details for the inspector were recorded in writing a visitor book/“leabhar cuairteoirí” in the playroom which contained records for previous visitors to the service.

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) There was a staff member with an in date First Aid Responder (FAR) training certificate due to expire on the 6 September 2027 in the service.
- (2) (a) There was a suitably equipped first aid box stored in a conspicuous place on a high shelf out of reach of children in the playroom. The first aid box had adequate supplies for the number of children attending.
- (b) The first aid equipment was readily available if needed for a child.

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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) (a) Written records of the monthly fire drills undertaken in the service were kept by the staff. Records showed that the last fire drill was undertaken on the 3 March 2026.
- (b) Records were available of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the service. The records showed that the firefighting equipment was last serviced on the 15 January 2026.
- (4) Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire with maps of escape plan (*Plean Aslonnaithe*) were clearly displayed in the service.

Non-Compliance Information

- (1)(b) Records on file showed that the fire alarm/smoke alarm system was maintained on the 5 January 2022 which was outside the required annual maintenance of systems.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

The service advised in writing that:

Corrective and Preventive Action

Tháinig an leictreoir, chun iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar na córais aláraim dóiteáin agus deataigh.

Tá dáta socraithe againn dár gcead cuairt eile í mí Lúnasa, sula dtosaíonn na paistí ar ais.

The electrician came to inspect the fire and smoke alarm systems. The service has set a date for the next inspection in August before the children start back.

Supporting documentation submitted

Copy of the alarm servicing document.

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Summary Comment

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

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 27 – Supervision

A registered provider shall ensure that pre-school children attending the service are supervised at all times.

Compliance Information

The children were supervised mainly by sight by the adults apart from when using the toilets where the children remained within earshot of the adults if they needed assistance.

At mealtimes, the adults sat with the children and ate with them whilst supervising them. Before going outside, the children lined up and staff undertook headcounts which were repeated on return indoors to the playroom. The staff were observed to move around to observe children when they were playing outdoors always keeping children in their line of vision ensuring that they were supervised at all times. Staff linked in with each other frequently ensuring that it was clear which staff members were supervising the children at all times during the inspection.

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 displayed in the entrance hallway for Naíonra services valid until the 27 November 2026 for the maximum of 22 children registered in the service.