

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D: TU2015MO093

Name of Service: Nead Na Nóg Ltd.

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Ballinrobe,
Co-Mayo

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Name of Registered Provider: Helen O'Shea

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

Proposed change:	Sessional to Part Time service. Change of hours of operation from 09.00 to 14.00.
Proposed Number of Children:	22
Recommended Change Following Inspection:	Part Time service from 09.00 to 14.00, 22 children
Registered change:	Part Time service from 09.00 to 14.00, 22 children

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Inspection undertaken by: L. Costello
Title: Early years Inspector

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Rationale for Inspection: Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

Registration Status:	Part-Time Service, 09:00 – 14:00, accommodate 22 children at any one time
Date of Registration	29 th August 2023

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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	Nead Na Nóg Ltd. is a non-profit, community-based childcare service located in Ballinrobe town in County Mayo. The service provides sessional services for children aged between 2 and 6 years of age, from 8:40-11:40 hours, Monday to Friday.
Premises	The service is located on the ground floor of a premises located on the main street of Ballinrobe. There is one large playroom with kitchenette area, sanitary facilities and an outdoor play area to the rear of the building.
Staffing	There are three staff members employed 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 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.</p>
Acknowledgements	The Inspector wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider and staff who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part III - Management and Staff

Regulation 9 – Management and Recruitment

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that—

(a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required.

Requirement met:

This requirement has been met.

(1)(a).

The registered provider is the designated person in charge of the service and a named person to deputise has been appointed in the care room.

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:

This requirement has been met.

(1)

The registered provider confirmed that they are aware of the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in Part 2 of Schedule 6 and will ensure that an adequate number of adults will at all times work directly with the number of children attending the service.

There are three staff employed in the service.

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.
- (2) A registered provider—
- (b) of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that moves premises on or after 30 June 2016, shall ensure that a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises.

Requirement met:

This requirement has been met.

(1) (a).

The room was spacious and decorated colourfully with the children’s artwork. The room was well equipped with suitable toys and materials appropriate to the age and stage of development of the proposed children. Interest areas included a home corner, construction area, dress up, arts and crafts, puzzles, threading, and sensory toys. Open low level shelving units enabled all items to be readily accessible to the children and suitable and sufficient sized tables and chairs were available for play activities and mealtimes.

(b).

Adequate and suitable rest facilities were available for the pre-school children to rest during the day. The rest area consisted of soft furnishings large bean bags and cushions. A low-level bed is available and can be laid out in the care room to accommodate rest or sleep for the children remaining in the service following the sessional period if required.

(2) (b).

The outdoor area was accessible directly from the playroom and consisted of a large area with various surfaces including grass, gravel and shock absorbing material. Two outdoor

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sheltered care rooms were available for use. This ensured that access to the outdoors will be facilitated in all weathers. The materials and resources in the outdoor area included bikes and trikes., black boards, mud kitchen, slides and footballs. Interest areas for developing gross motor skills included balance beams and tunnels made from tyres secured in the ground. The registered provider had a supply of waterproof clothes protectors for use to promote access to the outdoors regardless of inclement weather.

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 person in charge informed the inspector that all meals are being provided from home. The provision of the required two meals and one snack for a part time service will be provided from home and stored in the service fridge in line with the service healthy eating policy. The registered provider has a staff member trained in HACEP and has purchased the necessary equipment for reheating of meals if required.

Requirement not met:

1. The services healthy eating policy requires to be updated to reflect the provision and storage of meals and snacks provided from home.

Response from Provider:

The registered provider has submitted the healthy eating policy to the inspectorate where it clearly outlines that food will be provided from home. The policy includes a sample healthy menu plan. The policy includes the requirements for the storage of perishable items.

Summary Comment:

This requirement has now been met.

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:

This requirement has been met.

The following measures were noted on the day of inspection to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of children and to ensure that the environment of the service was safe.

- Provisions were made to prevent adults gaining unauthorised entry to the facility by way of secure entry and exit points at both the front and back of the building.
- The outdoor play area was enclosed with wooden grid fencing and two large metal gates for entrance and exit areas. There were no observable hazards on the grounds of the outdoor area. The stairs down to the outdoor area was equipped with handrails on either side. Toys and equipment appeared in good condition, appropriate for the proposed age group of children and free from obvious hazards.
- Suitable hand washing facilities including liquid soap and single use paper towels were provided in the children’s and adults sanitary accommodation and in the preschool rooms. Thermostatically controlled warm water was available in all wash hand basins accessible to children.
- The premises and play equipment were visibly clean. Cleaning equipment and materials were stored in a designated storage area. The service had a cleaning schedule in place.
- There was a fridge in the care room for the safe storage of perishable food items.
- There was provision for the appropriate storage and disposable of waste including foot pedal operated bins in the care room and sanitary areas.
- The kitchenette is inaccessible to the pre-school children by way of half door preventing unauthorised access to the kitchenette.

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 is available to the children attending the pre-school service at all times.*

Requirement met:

This requirement has been met.

(1) Certification was available to evidence that a person trained in first aid was always available in the care room. All three staff employed in the service held first aid responder certification that was in date.

(2) (a).
 A suitably equipped first aid box was available in the service and stored in a conspicuous location within the care room.

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:

This requirement has been met.

(1) (a)
 The registered provider indicated that fire drills will take monthly in the service and appropriate documentation was in place to record them.

(1) (b).
 There was a record available to indicate the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke detection system in the service. The most recent service date recorded as the 19.10.2022.

(4).

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A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in various conspicuous locations on the premises including the main care room and hallway. The fire assembly point was easily identifiable located at the bottom of the outdoor play area the furthest point away from the main building.

Part VI – Safety

Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

This requirement has been met.

An insurance quotation was submitted to the Early years Inspectorate prior to this inspection. The registered provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the change. The change approval is contingent on the registered providers compliance with Regulation 28.

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:

This requirement has been met.

- (a) The proposed care room for use on visual inspection appears of sound and stable structure with no evidence of mould growth, cracks in structure or dampness.
- (b) Entrance to the service was safe and secure with a bell entry system in place. The outdoor area had a secure perimeter with access only through the service or a monitored gate.
- (c) The proposed care room was adequately lit with a natural light supplied by one large window, one glass door and three sky lights. Artificial light was available by 12

circled florescent lights encased with protective covers if required. The service was heated by electricity and the service had a record of the maintenance of this system. Ventilation in the care room was provided naturally by open windows. The internal sanitary areas area had a mechanical ventilation system in place, which appeared in working order.

- (d) The care room was clean and well maintained. A cleaning schedule and checklist was available.
- (e) Th e services was equipped with adequate sanitary facilities. There was one toilet and wash hand basis designated for use by staff working in the service. There was 2 toilets and 4 wash hand basins designated for use of the children. Thermostatically controlled hot and cold water was available in the sanitary areas. All wash hand basins had a supply of liquid soap, hand towels and foot operated waste bins suitable to appropriate hand hygiene.

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.*
- (2) *A registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that the minimum amount of clear floor space specified in column (3) of Schedule 7 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Schedule in respect of the age range of children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is available for each child in that age range attending the service.*

Requirement met:

This requirement has been met.

- (1) Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of children.
- (2) A clear floor area was measured in the room of 51.93 m² which is sufficient to cater for 22 pre-school children aged between 3 and 6 years to attend the services part time care provision.