

# TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

## Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances

**Tusla I.D.:** TU2016LD004

**Name of Service** Lámh Beag

**Address of Service:** St. Marys GFC, Higginstown, Granard, Co. Longford. N39 E436

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**Name of Registered Provider:** Anna Lynch, Elaine Woods.

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

**Proposed change:** Change in number of children from 30 to 32 children. This increase in numbers is in Seomra 2 room.  
Change in age profile from 0-6 years to 1- 6 years

**Proposed Number of Children:** 32 children

**Recommended Change Following Inspection:** The proposed increase in maximum numbers of children attending the service can increase to 32.  
The proposed change in age profile form 0-1 years to 1-6 years can change.

**Registered change:** Change in number of children from 30 to 32 children.  
Change in age profile from 0-6 years to 1- 6 years

**Date of Inspection:** 0 9 1 0 2 0 2 5

**Inspection undertaken by:** T. Duignan

**Title:** Early Years Inspector

**Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:** Early Years Inspectorate, SAP Office, St Loman's Campus, Springfield, Mullingar, Co Westmeath, N91 N4XC.

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### Rationale for Inspection: Proposed Change of Circumstance

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

<b>Registration Status:</b>	<b>Registered Full Day, Part-Time &amp; Sessional Service for 32 Children</b>
<b>Date of Registration</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>

### 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).

<b>Description of Service</b>	<p>Lámh Beag provides full day, part time and sessional care and education to pre-school children aged 0 to 6 years.</p> <p>The service operates from 8:30 am – 17:30 hours Monday to Friday.</p>
<b>Premises</b>	<p>Lámh Beag is located from a single-storey premises located on the grounds of St. Mary's Gaelic Football Club, with two care rooms in operation. Ancillary accommodation within the premises includes an entrance hallway, sanitary accommodation, a sleep room and a kitchen. A fully enclosed spacious outdoor play area is provided which has direct access from both care rooms. A large car park is in place in front of the premises for those using cars to drop off and collect the children in attendance and for staff members.</p>
<b>Staffing</b>	<p>The two registered providers were present and facilitated the inspection. Four adults including the chef were also present on the day.</p>
<b>Methodology</b>	<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</p>

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	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.
<b>Acknowledgements</b>	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered providers, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

### Part III - Management and Staff

#### Regulation 9 – Management and Recruitment

*(1) A registered provider shall ensure that—*

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

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement has been met.  (1)(a) The registered providers ensured that there is a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise as required.
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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.*

<b>Requirement met:</b>	The requirement is met.  (1) The registered providers shall ensure that there will be at all times an adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the pre-school service including the additional two children in Seomra 2 room.
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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.*
- (3) *A registered provider of a full day care service, a part-time day care service or a childminding service, other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, shall ensure that—*
- (a) *a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises or*

**Requirement met:**

The requirement is met.

(1)

(a) The Seomra 2 room had suitable, sufficient, and developmentally appropriate play materials and equipment displayed on low level shelving and accessible to children. A sufficient number of child-size chairs, a table and five highchairs to cater for the proposed number of children were available.

(b) A cot room with four cots were available for children aged under 2 years requiring sleep. A floor bed was available for children aged under 2 years who do not sleep in cots.

Six low beds are available for children over 2 years of age requiring a period of sleep when attending on a full day or part time basis.

The rest area in Seomra 2, room consisted of child sized sofa, soft mat and soft furnishings which were available for any child wishing to take a break from activities and to rest.

(3)(a) The Seomra 2 room directly opened to the outside play area, which was safe, suitable and secure. A wooden fence secured the perimeter of the outdoor area to the car park. The spacious outdoor area had cemented paths interspersed between defined

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grassed, chipped bark and artificial grass carpeted areas for the children. Equipment included a mud kitchen, a large multi activity integrated climbing frame with a swing and slide, a sand tray with sand, planting area, a playhouse and plenty of ride on toys including trikes, scooters and tractors.

### 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 is met.

The service has a healthy eating policy in place.

A three-week menu was available and demonstrated varied and nutritious food freshly prepared.

A chef is employed to prepare all meals from scratch each day for the children. Children's dietary needs are catered for. Milk is offered at all meals, and water is freely available to the children at all times.

The kitchen is registered with the relevant authority.

### 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 requirement is met.

Access to the Seomra 2 room is through one of the two main entrances secured and controlled by staff members. The entrance door to the Seomra 2 room is secured by a handle and a stair gate was used as a secondary measure to prevent children leaving the room unsupervised.

The door from the Seomra 2 room to the outdoor area was closed and secured by a thumb turn lock.

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Cleaning agents are safely stored out of the reach of children.

There is storage space outside Seomra 2 room to store the children's personal belongings safely.

Thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid hand soap, paper hand towels are available in the sanitary area for hygienic hand washing and drying and a foot pedal operated bin for hygienic and safe disposal of used paper towel and tissues is available.

Nappy changing facilities are available.

The fire exits are clearly marked and unobstructed.

### 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 is met.

(1) Two adults working in the service have current certification in first aid for children (FAR) in the service.

(2)(a)(b) A suitably equipped first aid box was available and accessible to children in the service in Seomra 2 room.

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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 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 is met.

(1)

(a) Documentation was available for recording monthly fire drills. The most recent fire drill was conducted on 29 September 2025.

(b) There were maintenance records available of the number, type and maintenance of firefighting equipment and the smoke alarm, which were 8 October 2025 and 8 August 2025, respectively.

(4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire was clearly displayed in the premises.

### Part VI – Safety

#### Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

#### Requirement met:

The requirement is met.

An insurance certificate was submitted to the Registration Team 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.

The registered providers had evidence of insurance cover for 32 children. The insurance cover was valid from 24 June 2025 – 27 March 2026.

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) Visually, Seomra 2 room and the premises were in a state of good repair.
- (b) Seomra 2 room is secured from unauthorised entry by a secured main door which is controlled by staff members.
- (c) There were four openable windows in Seomra 2 room providing natural daylight and ventilation.  
  
Two ceiling lights encased with protective covers are in place in Seomra 2 room to provide additional artificial lighting.  
  
The sanitary area used by Seomra 2 room is ventilated by mechanical ventilation which was observed to be working. The nappy change room used by Seomra 2 room is ventilated by one openable window.  
  
Environmental temperatures in all areas were maintained between the required 18-22 degrees Celsius.
- (d) There is a system in place to manage repairs and maintenance in the service. Daily cleaning schedules are in place for Seomra 2 room and the adjoining sanitary and nappy change areas.
- (e) The sanitary facilities provided for Seomra 2 rooms include:
  - one toilet and one wash hand basin designated for children’s use in a single toilet room.
  - one nappy changing unit and one wash hand basin is located in a nappy change room.

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- one toilet with one wash hand basin designated for adult use is available in the service.

### 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:

The requirement has been met.

(1), (2)

Adequate clear floor space has been provided for the work, play and movement of the number of children proposing to attend Seomra 2 room as demonstrated below:

<b>Room</b>	Seomra 2	<b>Clear floor space</b>	<b>31 m<sup>2</sup></b>
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