

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Due to a Proposed Change of Circumstances



Tusla I.D.: TU2019DL003

Name of Service: Cloghan Childcare Centre, Curam Leanai an Chlochan

Address of Service: An Cloghan, Leifar, Donegal, F93 K028

Email Address: cloghanchildcare@gmail.com

Name of Registered Provider: Gwendoline Furey

Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	ü	Part-Time		Sessional	
	Drop-In		Childminding		Temporary	

Proposed change: Proposing to add an additional preschool room for 22 children aged 2- 6 years. To increase numbers of children registered from 39 to 61

Proposed Number of Children: 61

Recommended Change Following Inspection: The recommended change is to increase the number of children from 39 to 61.

Registered change: Change in number of children from 39 to 61 children

Date of Inspection: 1 4 0 4 2 0 2 6

Inspection undertaken by: K Folan

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:	Registered Full Day Care Service for 61 Children
Date of Registration	30 April 2026



Child and Family Agency Act 2013
Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016

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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	The service currently offers full daycare to children to 39 children aged 0 to 6 years and is open from 08:00 to 18:00, Monday to Friday. The services propose to offer an additional 22 full day care places in an additional prefabricated unit, named the Daffodil room. A school age service is available onsite.
Premises	Cloghan Childcare Centre is based in the village of Cloghan, near the town of Ballybofey, Co. Donegal. The service comprises of two playrooms which are in two prefabricated units. The premises has two kitchens, one in each prefabricated unit with an arrangement where the main hot meal of the day is supplied by the local adjoining health care centre kitchen. The children have access to outdoor play areas to the front, rear, and side of each prefabricated unit. In addition, the service has access to a public play area adjacent to the service.
Staffing	The registered provider is not on the premises daily. There is a designated person in charge and a named deputy. The registered provider has recruited an adequate number of adults to work directly with the children.
Methodology	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. 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

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	administrative and legal processes. The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.
Additional Information	The service was found to be operating from an additional portacabin prior to approval from the Registration Office
Acknowledgements	The Inspectors wish 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	
<i>(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.</i>	
Requirement met:	The requirement has been met. (1)(a) The service has a designated person in charge and a named deputy person in charge.

Part III - Management and Staff	
Regulation 11 -Staffing Levels	
<i>(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.</i>	
Requirement met:	This requirement has been met. The Registered Provider will ensure there is adequate staff for the proposed number of children due to attend the service. The registered provider proposes that four additional staff will work with 22 children aged 2-6 years.

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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.*
- (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.*
- (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*
 - (b) *where no such space is provided, the preschool children attending the service have access on a daily basis to an outdoor service.*

Requirement met:

This requirement has been met.

(1)(a)

The materials for play in this room were suitable for children aged 2-6 years and included a vehicle and transport area, a play kitchen and a dress up area. Sensory trays containing sand, play rice and modelling clay were available. Puzzles and games were easily accessible on low shelving. A separate area, directly off the playroom contains two child sized sofas and a library.

(1)(b)

The service will cater for children aged 2 to 6 years of age in the Daffodil preschool room. Eleven stackable beds are available for rest and sleep.

(3)(a)

The outdoor area is enclosed with high metal fencing and divided into two areas by wooden fencing, allowing separate groups of children to access the outdoors at the same time. One area is covered in artificial grass with concrete paths. An assortment of tricycles, ride on vehicles and balance bikes were available. There is a rope bridge, low level balance beams, climbing frame, playhouse and play tunnel available. The second

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outdoor is a grass covered area and contained swings, slides and an additional climbing frame. The outdoor area is accessed directly off the preschool room.

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:

This requirement has been met.

The service has a healthy eating policy in place. A hot meal will be available to the children in full day care at 12:30. The service will provide breakfast from 08:00am, evening meal at 15:00pm, and a snack at 17:00pm. Children will bring a snack from home for 10:15 break, this snack will be stored in the refrigerator in the preschool room.

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 partially been met.

- The door into the service was secure on the inspector's arrival to the service.
- The outdoor area is secure with high fencing.
- The kitchen was inaccessible to the preschool children.
- Cleaning schedules are in place and the service was in a clean and hygienic condition.
- Warm water, liquid soap and paper towels are available for effective handwashing.
- Cleaning products are kept out of reach of children.
- Foot operated pedal bins are available for waste.
- The room temperature was monitored and within the required range of 18-22°C
- Windows were open for ventilation of the room.
- All blind cords were secured to the wall.

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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:

This requirement has been met.

(1) The person in charge provided documentary evidence that four adults have received first aid training for children and is aware that at least one of the adults should be on the premises at all times and be available to the children.

(2)(a)(b) A suitably equipped first aid box was available in the room and all items were in date.

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 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.

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)(a) There is a log in place to record any fire drills that will take place.

(b) There is a written record of the number type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment which were serviced in May 2025. Smoke alarms were in place and last serviced on 30 May 2025.

(4) Fire evacuation procedures are on display in the room.

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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. The registered provider has insurance in place for 61 children in full day care which commenced on 28 March 2026 and expires on 27 March 2027.

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 person in charge confirmed that they were not aware of any defects with the structure of the building. On visual inspection, the service appeared to be of sound and stable structure.

(b) The main door was kept locked throughout the inspection. The perimeter of the building was secured by high metal fencing.

(c) The care room had natural lighting supplemented by fluorescent lighting.

Openable windows are present in the room for ventilation. In the sanitary accommodation, openable windows are supplemented by a wall vent. The heating system is provided by an oil-fired boiler which was serviced on 01 July 2025.

(d) The service appeared visibly clean and maintained. Cleaning schedules are in place. The service uses a pest control company who carries out scheduled visits throughout the year, the most recent being 18 March 2026.

(e) The room has two toilets and two wash hand basins for children. One toilet and wash hand basin for adults is available in a separate prefabricated unit. A wash hand basin for adults is available adjacent to the nappy changing table.

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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.
- (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.
- (4) Where a registered provider contemporaneously provides—
- a sessional pre-school service, and
 - a full day care service or a part-time day care service, or both, the minimum clear floor space applicable for the duration of the sessional preschool service in respect of the children attending that service shall be the floor space specified in paragraph (3).

Requirement not met:

This requirement has been met.

(1) The space available would allow a recommendation of 22 children aged 2-6 years in full day care.

(2)

Name of Room	Proposed Number of Children	Age of Preschool children	Clear floor space Available	Number of children allowed
Daffodil room	22 full day care	2-6 years	53.627m ²	Maximum of 22 full day care aged 2-6 years.