

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D: TU2024FL006

Name of Service: Phoenix Childcare

Address of Service: Huntstown Community Centre
Huntstown Way
Dublin 15

D15 EDP8

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Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Sinead Larkin

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

Proposed service type:	Full day care
Proposed Number of Children:	23
Outcome of the F06 Inspection (e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)	Full day care 23 children Age range 2-6 years old Operating hours 7.30-18.00
Registered service:	Registered Full Day Care Service 23 children.

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Inspection Undertaken by: T. Nelson
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Rationale for Inspection

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

Registration Status:	Registered Full Day Care Service 23 children.
Date of Registration:	22 nd August 2024

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 proposed service is a privately owned service located in Dublin 15 and will provide full day care to a maximum of 23 children aged 2 to 6 years. The service proposes to open from 7.30am to 6.00pm and will be one of two services operated by the registered provider.
Premises	The proposed premises is located in a Huntstown Community Centre which is located beside a retail unit in Dublin 15. There is one large care room, which can be partitioned to two separate care rooms, with sanitary accommodation located off each of the care rooms for the children. Sanitary accommodation for the staff is available in the community centre. There is an enclosed outdoor play area to the side of the premises, accessed via the care rooms.
Staffing	The proposed service will have 3 full time and 1 part-time staff member including the person in charge. The registered provider will not work directly in this service, but will manage the oversight of the service, and will be available if needed to provide cover.
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 four 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 the registering application. 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>
Acknowledgement	The Inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the proposed registered provider and person in charge who were present on the day of the inspection.

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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:

The requirement is met.

(1)(a) The proposed service has a designated person in charge and a named staff member is available to deputise as required.

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 is met.

(1) The registered provider has proposed that 3 full-time and one part-time staff member will be working with the 23 children attending the proposed new childcare room.

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—
- (a) of a full day care service, a part-time day care service, a sessional preschool service or a childminding service that is registered for the first time 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:

The requirement is met.

(1)(a) The proposed care rooms will provide adequate and suitable facilities for the children to play indoors.

- There is defined areas of interest in the rooms.
- There is an adequate supply of toys and resources available to support a range of play experiences.
- Furniture in the room is suitable for the age and stage of development of the proposed children
- Toys and equipment are stored on low-level shelving, accessible to the children.

(1)(b) There is adequate and suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day. There is a cosy area available in the care room where children can take a break from activities and rest.

(2)(b) There is an outdoor play area available to the side of the premises which is fully enclosed and covered in a synthetic grass material, with a range of outdoor toys to facilitate physical play and foster gross motor development.

Part V – Care of Children in Pre-School Services

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.

- There was documentary evidence that children will receive regular meals.
- Hot meals will be provided by an external catering company and reheated in the community centre onsite kitchen.
- Snacks will be provided by parents and refrigerated appropriately.
- There is a four-week menu plan and a healthy eating policy in place.
- A water station will be available in the care rooms where children will have access to drinking water.

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 has been met.

- The emergency exits are unobstructed.
- The outdoor area is fully enclosed by high fencing and gate with a lock up high out of reach of children.
- The furniture in use is suitable for the age and stage of the proposed age group of the children proposed to attend the service.
- Liquid soap, hygienically dispensed paper towels and thermostatically controlled warm water is available in all sinks used by the staff and children.
- Cleaning schedules are in place and the premises was visually clean on the day of the inspection.

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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 is met.

(1) Evidence is available that a staff member is trained to First Aid Response Level.

(2)(a)(b) A suitably equipped first aid box is readily available in 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 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 is met.

(1)(a) There is a template available to record fire drills that take place in the service.

(1)(b) A written record is available to demonstrate the firefighting equipment in the premises was maintained on the on the 4 January 2024 and the smoke alarms were maintained on the 3 May 2024.

(4)

There is a notice displayed in the care rooms of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire.

A fire assembly notice is visible outside of the service to enable staff and children to identify the fire assembly point.

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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:

The requirement is met.

The registered provider provided evidence of appropriate insurance for up to 23 children in a full day care service, from the 26 August 2024 to 27 March 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:

The requirement is met.

(a) The premises appears to be of a sound and stable structure.

(b) The entrance door to the service is secured adequately to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons from gaining access. Entry is by code access, and door handles are up high out of reach of children.

(c)

- Roof windows provide natural lighting to the care rooms. The natural light can be augmented with artificial ceiling lighting as required. Ceiling lights are fitted with protective covers.
- Heating is provided by gas-fired radiators with fitted with radiator covers. The temperature of the care rooms on the day of the inspection was maintained between 18 and 22°C.
- The proposed care rooms have openable roof windows, and the sanitary accommodation is fitted with operating mechanical ventilation systems.

(d) The care rooms are clean, maintained and in good repair. There is a cleaning schedule available to ensure regular cleaning of the rooms.

(e)

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There is adequate and suitable sanitary accommodation available for 23 children who are no longer in nappies and use toilets in the service. One toilet and one sink is required in sanitary accommodation for every 11 children.

- There are three toilets, and three wash hand basins available in the children's sanitary accommodation in the proposed new care rooms.
- There is an adult wash hand basin available for staff in Room 1.
- Staff in the service have access to four toilets in the community centre.

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:

(1) There is adequate clear floor space available in the premises for the work, play and movement of children proposed to attend the pre-school service. A total of 58 square metres is available for the proposed 23 children.

(2) There is a minimum amount of clear floor space for the age range of the children attending the service, as the table below demonstrates:

Room Name	Clear floor space m ² proposed by Registered Provider	Clear floor space m ² measured by EYI	Space required:	Proposed number of children:
Room 1 (2-6 years)	33.8 m ²	32 m ²	2-3 years: 2.35 m ² 3-6 years: 2.3 m ²	13 FDC*
Room 2 (2-6 years)	20.9 m ²	26 m ²	2-3 years: 2.35 m ²	10 FDC*

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	*FDC – Full day care				