

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D:	TU2024WX002
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Name of Service:	Lamh agus Croi
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Address of Service:	Castledockrell Hall, Mountfinn Upper, Castledockrell Co. Enniscorthy
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Email Address:	lamhaguscroi@gmail.com
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Name of Proposed Registered Provider:	Leanne Kehoe
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Type of Proposed Service:	Full Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part-Time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop-In	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sessional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Childminding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed service type:	Sessional
Proposed Number of Children:	22 children
Outcome of the F06 Inspection	Sessional service 9am to 12pm 2 to 6 years of age. 22 children. 38 weeks per year
Registered service:	Registered Sessional Service 22 children.

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Inspection Undertaken by:	C. Ryan
Title:	EYI

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address:	Tusla Child and Family Agency Early Years Inspectorate Ely Hospital Ferrybank Wexford
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Rationale for Inspection
New Sessional service

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

Registration Status:	Registered Sessional Service 22 children.
Date of Registration:	27 th 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	Lámh agus Croí Castledockrell proposes to operate a sessional service for children aged between 2 and 6 years of age for 38 weeks per year. The services propose to open from 9am to 12pm Monday to Friday and will have space to accommodate up to 22 children.
Premises	The service will operate from the local hall in the rural village of Castledockrell. The premises consists of an entrance hall, a large playroom, a kitchen and toilets. The building has its own carpark to the front and an enclosed outdoor play area to the rear of the building.
Staffing	The registered provider plans to operate as a single-handed provider initially. An adult is available nearby to assist in the event of an emergency. The registered provider has a clear plan in place to increase staff once required and a panel for relief staff will be in place as needed.
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</p>

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	administrative and legal processes. The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.
Acknowledgement	The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider who was 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:	The requirement of the regulation is met. The registered provider will be the designated person in charge and work directly in the service. There is a second named adult available to assist in the event of an emergency.
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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.
- (8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)—
- (b) a childminder shall ensure that a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the childminder in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the childminder in the event of an emergency, and
 - (c) a registered provider of a sessional pre-school shall ensure that, where the person in charge operates the service single-handedly, a second person familiar with the operation of the service and in a position to provide assistance to the person in charge in operating the service is, at all times, within close distance of the service and available to attend the service to assist the person in charge in the event of an emergency.

Requirement met:	The requirement of the regulation is met. The registered provider is familiar with the Child Care Act 1991 (early years services) Regulations 2016, Schedule 6 Staff: Child ratios and will ensure that there are always adequate numbers of staff working directly with the children attending the service. The registered provider initially intends to work as a single-handed provider and has a clear plan in place for increasing staff as required based on the numbers of children attending.
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The registered provider has a named adult available to assist in the event of an emergency who will be nearby to assist if required. The registered provider has two named staff who will be familiar with the running of the service and children in the event relief staff are required to work 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—
- (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 of the regulation is met.

(1)(a)

The playroom provided sufficient space for the proposed number of children. The preschool room was warm, clean and lit by natural light. The room was set up and equipped with toys and materials suitable to the ages and stage of development of the children proposed to use the room.

(2)(b)

The outdoor play area consisted of an enclosed fenced play area directly off the playroom. There was sufficient space for the children. The area was covered with roll out grass. The registered provider had toys and equipment to bring outside and had further plans to develop the outdoor area.

Requirement not met:

(1)(b)

There was no rest area or cosy corner within the playroom for a child to sit and/or rest.

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Response from provider:	(1)(b) Cushions, armchairs, mats, blankets and books added to make a rest/cosy area. Photographs submitted to the inspector.
Summary comment:	The requirement of the regulation is met.

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 of the regulation is met. The service has a healthy eating policy. Parents will be asked to supply the mid-morning snack for their children. These will be stored in the fridge in the kitchen.
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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:	<p>Infection control:</p> <p>Warm water for hygienic hand washing was available and was thermostatically controlled not to exceed 43°C. The service was clean and well maintained, with cleaning schedules ready.</p> <p>Administration of medication:</p> <p>There was a policy on the safe administration of medications to children attending the service. An area for the safe storage of medication was identified.</p> <p>General safety:</p> <p>The front entrance to the service was secured to prevent children exiting unsupervised and unauthorised persons gaining access to the building. The service and outdoor space are large enough to accommodate the number of children attending the service.</p>
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<p>Requirement not met:</p>	<p>General safety:</p> <p>1.The door from the playroom to the outdoor play area did not have any handle or means of opening the door from the outside. In the event that the door closed while the staff and children were outside, they had no way of opening the door to get back into the playroom.</p> <p>Infection Control:</p> <p>2. Handtowels and liquid soap were not available in the toilets.</p>
<p>Response from provider:</p>	<p>1. A new emergency bar with outdoor handle ordered from local window and door company.</p> <p>2. Liquid hand soap and hand towels now in place. Photographs submitted to the Inspector.</p>
<p>Summary comment:</p>	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p>

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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 of the regulation is met.

1(a)

Documented evidence was available to demonstrate that staff are currently trained in FAR first aid for children and will be present on the premises at all times.

(2)(a)(b)

A suitable and fully equipped first aid box was available on the premises and stored in an easily accessible place for staff.

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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:	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p> <p>(1)(a)</p> <p>Record sheets were available on the premises for recording of fire drills and the registered provider was familiar with the requirement to carry out monthly fire drills.</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>Fire-fighting equipment and smoke alarms were present and contracts are in place for the regular service and maintenance of same.</p>
Requirement not met:	<p>(4)</p> <p>A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was not displayed in the preschool room to identify the fire assembly point.</p>
Response from provider:	<p>1.</p> <p>The procedure and poster for the evacuation of the preschool is now in place.</p> <p>Photographs submitted to the Inspector.</p>
Summary comment:	<p>The requirement of the regulation is met.</p>

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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 has been met.

The registration Office received a copy of the insurance certificate which confirms adequate insurance for 22 children from 26/08/2024 To 27/03/2025.

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 has been met.

(a) The registered provider stated that premises appear to be of sound and stable structure.

(b) The front door entrance to the service were safe and secured with an electronic keypad.

(c) The playroom was lit and ventilated by natural light through openable windows on external walls, supplemented by artificial lighting when needed. All sanitary accommodation had natural ventilation. The playroom was heated by oil heating with thermostatically controlled radiators.

(d) The premises were clean, well maintained, in good repair and freshly painted.

(e) The service had adequate sanitary accommodation for the proposed number of children and staff who will be present with toilets and a separate staff toilet available.

There were two toilets available for the children and one staff toilet on the premises.

There was one nappy changing unit.

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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.*

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

(1)

The playroom consisted of one large room available to the children. The room had sufficient space to accommodate the 22 preschool children attending. The room measures at 40sq.meters and can accommodate 22 children.