

TUSLA PRE- REGISTRATION REGULATORY INSPECTION REPORT

Initial Inspection of Proposed New Service

Tusla I.D: TU2025KY002

Name of Service: Pobal Leanaí t/a Club Spraoí

Address of Service: Old Listellick School, Listellick North, Tralee, Co. Kerry, V92 WTR8.

Email Address: clubspraoi@oakviewhouse.ie

Name of Proposed Registered Provider: Timothy Crean

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: 38

Outcome of the F06 Inspection
(e.g., type of service, numbers, age ranges, times,)

Full Day care
Cater for children aged 0-6 years
Number of children 38 accommodated between 2 care rooms
Hours of operation 07:45 to 18:00

Registered service: Registered Full Day Care service for 38 children aged 0-6 years from 07:45 to 18:00

Date of Inspection: 1 4 1 0 2 0 2 5

Inspection Undertaken by: N. Reidy

Title: Early Years Inspector

Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Address: Áras an Phobail, Deans Lane, Tralee, Co. Kerry

Rationale for Inspection

Proposed New Service

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

Registration Status: Registered Full Day Care service for 38 children

Date of Registration: 23rd October 2025

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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	This proposed service has applied for registration for an early years service to provide full day care for children between the age of 0 and 6 years. The service is proposing to operate between the hours of 07:45 am and 6 pm Monday to Friday inclusive. The service currently provides school age care in an allocated building separate from the proposed early years service on site.
Premises	The proposed premise is a refurbished building, formerly a national school. There are two proposed care rooms namely the creche and the pre-school. There are adequate children's and adult sanitary accommodation and nappy changing facilities in the proposed building. There is a designated sleep room located between the two care rooms. In the creche there is an equipped kitchen and a designated sluice room. The service has a designated enclosed outdoor play area located to the side of the building behind the un-occupied section of the former National school and within the spacious unused former school yard proposed for the children attending the service.
Staffing	It is proposed that three adults will work directly with the proposed children 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 four themes; Governance, Health, Welfare and Development of the Child, Safety and the 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 regional Operations Manager for the Munster Oakview early years services and the proposed person in charge and staff member 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 has been met.

(1)(a) There is a named person in charge and a named deputy.

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 has been met.

(1)

- The inspector was furnished with the names of three proposed staff members who will work directly with the children each day. The operations manager advised the inspector that recruitment for additional staff to provide relief cover is planned.
- There were no children present during the inspection.

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.

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 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,

Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <p>(1)</p> <p>(a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed children will have access to a variety of age-appropriate equipment and play materials that are available and accessible to the children on the floor and in pull out drawers within a number of open low level shelving units in both care rooms. Additional play materials were stored in the cupboards in care rooms; the inspector was informed that these will be made available and accessible to the proposed children in addition to the toys in the rooms already accessible. • There is an adequate number of child sized tables and chairs in both care rooms. • Adult seating is provided in both care rooms. • The proposed children will have access to a designated outdoor play area. The inspector was informed the outdoor area is proposed to be used at alternate times for children in each care room. <p>(b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The service has suitable sleep/rest facilities available for the children aged between 0 and 6 years who require to sleep/rest while attending the service. • The inspector was informed that options to provide a window shade on the high-level window in the sleep room and a screen for the viewing panel between the sleep room and the nappy changing room to facilitate a restful environment in the sleep room are being explored and will be put in place. • There are currently 6 standard cots and 1 evacuation cot with safety mattresses, waterproof covers in a designated sleep room located between the pre-school room and the creche. • There are currently 16 stacking beds available on the proposed premise. • Appropriate linen, consisting of cellular blankets, cot sheets, waterproof covers and sheets for the stackable beds. • The inspector was informed the linen for the proposed children will be individual to each child, it will be labelled and stored in individual containers.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The inspector was informed that depending on the age range and the sleep and rest requirements of the proposed children, not all cots may be required. The proposed staff are aware of the 50cm space requirement between each cot/bed. The inspector was informed that an alternative storage area for the stackable beds is currently under review Both proposed care rooms have rest areas that comprise of soft seating, a variety of soft matting, a Tippee and cushions. <p>(2)(a) & (3)(a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are outdoor facilities provided. The proposed outdoor play area with an artificial grass surface underfoot is adequately enclosed and secured with fencing and a gate.
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Part V – Care of Children in Pre-School Services	
Regulation 22 – Food and Drink	
<i>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.</i>	
Requirement met:	<p>The requirement has been met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parents of the proposed children attending the pre-school room will provide all the food and drinks for the morning snack and a main hot meal each day will be provided by an outside catering company. The service had a supply of potable drinking water in the care rooms and in the kitchen. The children’s drinks bottles will be accessible in the care rooms at designated water stations. There is a fridge in each of the 2 care rooms. The kitchen was equipped with a sink with hot and cold water, cupboards, a microwave, a toaster, a cooker and a dishwasher.

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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>The requirement has been partially met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was an entry/exit main door to the premise serving the proposed pre-school room and the proposed creche room. The doors were secured with a low-level internal turn lock to prevent authorised entry. • The inspector was informed doorbells are to be installed on both entrance doors. • The emergency exits observed were unobstructed. • The operations manager is to seek advice from the Fire Officer in relation to the requirement for the fire exit window in place in the pre-school room. • The fire exit window will be included on the daily risk assessment for the room. • The cleaning agents observed on inspection were stored on high level shelving. • The sluice room in the creche was secured by means of a lock and key. • All the low-level cupboards observed were secured with child proof locks. • The inspector was informed that any medicines will be stored in the allocated boxes seen on inspection, stored on high level shelving in each of the care rooms. • Staff belongings will be stored in the building allocated for school aged children as informed by the proposed person in charge.
Requirement not met:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The external doors with the low-level turn locks were not secured to prevent children from exiting out of the premises unsupervised onto the roadway and to the large school yard with unused buildings and a garden/play area near a modular building. 2. There was no firefighting equipment in the proposed premise. 3. The kitchen door was not secured to prevent children entering unsupervised.
Response from Provider:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A second turn lock has been installed at a higher level on the entrance doors. This will ensure the doors remain inaccessible to the children while maintaining with fire safety requirements. 2. On 16.10.'25 five fire extinguishers were installed.

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	3. A baby safety gate within the kitchen door has been installed which will restrict children's accessibility to the kitchen.
Summary Comment:	The Fire Safety Officer conducted a visit to the service on 21/10/'25. All documentation and photographs submitted by the proposed service were examined. The requirement has been met.

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 has been met. (1) 3 adults proposed to work in the service have up to date certification in First Aid Responder (FAR) training. (2) (a) There was a suitably equipped first aid box in each of the care rooms stored on high hooks out of the reach of the children. (b) The first aid box will be readily accessible to the adults
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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 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) The service has a template available to document the monthly fire drills. (b) There is a record for the commissioning the smoke alarms dated 2.10.'25. (4) A notice of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire is clearly displayed in the service.
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Regulation 28 – Insurance

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

Requirement met:

The requirement has been met.

An insurance quotation was submitted to the Registration Team prior to the inspection. The registered provider must ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the change. This services registration 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:

The requirement has been met.

(a)

- From a visual assessment, the premises appeared to be sound and stable.

(b)

- The entrance was secured to prevent to prevent visitors from entering.

(c)

- The lighting in the proposed care rooms, sleep room, sanitary facilities and entrance areas is supplied by a combination of natural lighting through the windows and doors and artificial lights fitted with protective covers.
- The heating system in the service is from combined air conditioning and heating units in place.
- Natural ventilation was provided by means of a number of openable windows.
- The air temperatures in each of the care rooms, in the sleep room and in the sanitary accommodation were recorded within the appropriate limits.

- The inspector observed there was no means of heating in the sanitary/nappy changing serving the pre-school, and in both adult/disabled bathrooms. The person in charge advised the service will monitor the temperatures going forward and provide a means of heating as required.

(d)

- From observation on the day of the inspection the play equipment and furniture appeared to be clean and in a good condition.
- Digital templates for cleaning of the premise, it's fixtures and fittings are in place.

(e)

- The sanitary accommodation/nappy changing for the proposed children attending the proposed care rooms and for the proposed adults working with the children were adequate.
- The sanitary facilities consisted of 2 children's toilets and 2 wash hand basins located in the pre-school room. The adult sanitary accommodation with toilet and a wash hand basin was located outside the room.
- In the creche there was 2 nappy changing mats placed on a spacious built in unit with secure cupboards beneath and 2 wash hand basins. There was an adult/disabled toilet and a toilet allocated for children with wash hand basins in each.
- Going forward, the operations manager is aware of the requirement for sanitary facilities for the number of children toilet trained and for the number of children in nappies.

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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) *a sessional pre-school service, and*
 - (b) *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 met:

- (1) Adequate floor space is available in the proposed care rooms for the work, play and movement of the children in the service.
- (2) The minimum clear floor space is adhered to for the proposed number of pre-school children in both care rooms. The operations manager advised that the requirement for the minimum clear floor space for the mixed age range of the proposed children in the creche and in the pre-school room will be adhered to.
- (3) & (4) The space requirement for the proposed number of children attending on a sessional basis and part-time full day care basis in the care rooms is met.

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