

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015CC362
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Name of Service:	Shanakiel Childcare
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Address of Service:	Mile Stream, Shanakiel, Co. Cork
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Name of Registered Provider:	Elaine Bermingham
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Service type:	Full Day, Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	17/07/2023
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No of pre-school children:	AM	75	PM	75
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Early Years Inspectorate Administration Building St Mary's Health Campus Gurranabraher Cork
Inspection undertaken by:	D Prendergast & M Carney
Title:	Early Years Inspectors

Authority to Inspect

The Tusla Early Years Inspectorate carries out inspections of Early Years Services under Section 58(J) of the Child Care Act 1991 (as inserted by Section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013).

Conditions if applicable	Not Applicable
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Description of service

Shanakiel Childcare is a privately operated full day care service, that is registered to cater for children aged 0 to 6 years. The Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme is provided from 9.00am to 12.00pm, each Monday to Friday, over 38 weeks of the year. The childcare facility is open from 7.30am to 6.00pm daily, throughout the year, with the exception of public holidays.

The service is situated in a residential area, on the north side of Cork city and comprises two adjoining premises. The original split level, two storey building, caters for children up to three years of age. It consists of five care rooms, with adjoining children's sanitary facilities, staff sanitary accommodation, four sleep rooms, a kitchen, a staff area, a sluice room, an office and an entrance area. The adjoining building accommodates children aged three to six years. There are three operational care rooms, with adjacent sanitary facilities and a kitchen. At the rear of the service, the children have access to an enclosed outdoor play space.

Staffing

At the time of inspection, there were 30 adults attached to the service and this included the registered provider, manager, deputy, administrator and 26 childcare professionals. The registered provider did not work directly with the children. Quality Qualification's Ireland (QQI) certification in childcare training was available for 29 staff members.

Methodology

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate is the independent statutory regulator of early years services in Ireland. The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 define the duty of a registered provider to ensure the safety and well-being of children and to comply with these regulations. This Act also gives Tusla the authority to assess compliance with the regulations. The purpose of regulation in relation to early years services is to ensure that the care, safety, and well-being of children attending such services is upheld. Inspections of early years services are planned based on the following:

- Previous inspection history
- Any information received in relation to the service

The findings on inspection are based on:

- Information obtained through examination of documentation
- Direct observation
- Discussion with relevant staff

This inspection was unannounced and focused on the area of governance, health, welfare and development of the child, safety, premises and facilities. The inspections may also focus on other areas as required.

A sampling process was used to assess compliance under regulation 19 health, welfare and development of child and regulation 23 safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child. As a result, the scope of the inspection included the Baby room, the Wobbler room, the Pre-preschool room and the Montessori room and did not include the Playschool room, Toddler room, Pre-school 1 or Pre-school 2.

Inspection findings are documented in the inspection report which is first issued in draft format to the service with an opportunity to respond to any findings. Where statutory requirements are identified as not being met, the registered provider must demonstrate how they have rectified the non-compliance and will prevent any non-compliance from re occurring. The Corrective Action and Preventive Action plan (CAPA) will be used to inform decisions about compliance with regulatory requirements. Where the registered provider fails to meet the statutory requirements an escalation process may be commenced.

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.

Additional Information

During the onsite inspection, an Immediate Action Notice (IAN) was issued to the person in charge, for the attention of the registered provider, in relation to the elevated sleep room temperature, recorded in the Baby room sleep room. A response to the IAN was subsequently received on 18 July 2023.

Acknowledgments

The inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge, deputy, 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) at all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on, the designated person in charge or the named person referred to in subparagraph (a) is on the premises, and
- (2) A registered provider shall ensure that each employee, unpaid worker and contractor is suitable and competent taking into consideration the nature of the needs of children, including by-
- (a) consideration of references from the person's past employers, if any, and in particular the most recent employer, if any,
 - (b) consideration of references from reputable sources in the case of a person who has no past employers,
 - (c) consideration of the vetting disclosure received from the National Vetting Bureau of the Garda Síochána in accordance with the Act of 2012 in respect of the person, and
 - (d) ensuring, insofar as is practicable, that where a person has lived in a state other than the State for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months, he or she provides police vetting from the police authorities in that state.
- (4) A registered provider shall ensure that, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), each employee working directly with children attending the service holds at least a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) The registered provider had employed a manager to oversee the service operation. In addition, a deputy had been appointed to deputise as required.
 - (b) At the outset of the inspection, the deputy was present for the formal introductory meeting and to commence the inspection process. The manager arrived at the service at 11:20am to continue with the facilitation of the inspectorate visit. On review of the staff roster, it was detailed that either the manager or deputy were on the premises whilst the service was in operation.
- (2) It was established that 20 staff members had commenced working at the service since the previous inspection was undertaken on 11 April 2022. Therefore, recruitment records in relation to these 20 adults were reviewed. The following information was obtained:

- (a) There were 37 written past employers references on file with records of verification attached.
 - (b) There were three written references from sources that the registered provider considered to be reputable, with records of validation attached.
 - (c) There were 20 up to date Garda vetting disclosures on file.
 - (d) Police vetting was available for five adults, who had lived outside the jurisdiction of Ireland for a period longer than six consecutive months. Three of the vetting disclosures had suitable translations attached.
- (4) Quality Qualifications Ireland (QQI) certification in childcare training was on file for the 20 staff members, who worked directly with the children. Attainment ranged from level 5 to level 9.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 10 - Policies, procedures etc. of pre-school service

A registered provider of a pre-school service shall ensure that the written policies, procedures and statements specified in Schedule 5 are in place for the service.

Compliance Information

The following written policies were available and presented for review:

- Policy on Healthy Eating
- Policy on Outings

Non-Compliance Information

1. There was no Accident and Incident policy available for inspection.
2. The Outings policy was found to be inadequate, as it did not state the following: that a charged mobile phone, a method of checking children e.g. roll call and a well-stocked first aid box shall be taken on each outing.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

1. At the time of inspection, the full suite of policies and procedures was under review by the service provider, as part of the Quality Action Plan for the service. It was noted that the previous version of the policies and procedures lacked the required Accident and Incident Policy and this omission was rectified in the June 2023 revised version.

Review of the service's policies and procedures will be ensured every second year, or more frequently, should the service be notified of any changes or recommendations regarding practice/policies in the interim.

- As per the above, the service's policies and procedures were under review. It had been noted that the previous version of the Outings policy lacked sufficient detail and this was rectified in the June 2023 edition of the policies and procedures. Review of the service's policies and procedures will be ensured every second year, or more frequently, should the service be notified of any changes or recommendations regarding practice/policies in the interim.

Supporting documentation submitted

- A copy of the service's Accident and Incident policy.
- A copy of the updated Outings policy.

Summary Comment

The non-compliances identified under this regulation have been adequately addressed.

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.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), a registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 1 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is satisfied.

(8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)-

(a) a registered provider of a pre-school service other than a child-minding service or a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times,

Compliance Information

(1) At the time of inspection, a sufficient number of adults were noted to work directly with the children .

(2) Taking into consideration the age range of the children present in the service and the duration of their stay, the adult to child ratios were maintained in line with the required ratios, as follows:

Morning:

Time	Room Name and Age Range of Children	Number of Children Present	Number of Adults Present
10.17am	Baby (9 months)	2	1
10.18am	Wobbler (1 – 2 years)	7	3
10.21am	Playschool (1 – 2 years)	5	1
10.24am	Toddler (18 months – 2 years)	10	2
10.26am	Pre-Preschool (2 ½ - 3 years)	16	3
10.40am	Pre-school 2 (3 – 4 years)	8	1
10.41am	Montessori (3 – 5 years)	15	3
10.44am	Pre-school 1 (3 – 4 ½ years)	12	2

In the afternoon, the overall adult child ratio met the requirement of the regulation as follows:

Time	Room Name and Age Range of Children	Number of Children Present	Number of Adults Present
1.26pm	Baby (9 months)	2	1
1.24pm	Wobbler (1 – 2 years)	7	2
1.20pm	Playschool (1 – 2 years)	5	1
1.16pm	Toddler (18 months – 2 years)	11	2
1.13pm	Pre-Preschool (2 ½ - 3 years)	16	3
1.35pm	Pre-school 2 (3 – 4 years)	8	1
1.36pm	Montessori (3 – 5 years)	15	2
1.38pm	Pre-school 1 (3 – 4 ½ years)	11	2

- (8)
- (a) The staff roster indicated that there were at least two adults on the premises at all times, during the hours of operation.

Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 16 – Record in relation to pre-school service

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of the following information in relation to the service:

- (j) details of any medication administered to a pre-school child attending the service with signed parental consent;
- (k) details of any accident, injury or incident involving a pre-school child attending the service.

Compliance Information

- (j) A sample of five administration of medication records was reviewed and each record was noted to include the required information. Written parental consent for staff to administer specifically prescribed medication to their children, was in place for two of the children who may require same.
- (k) The service had a system in place whereby any accidents or incidents that had occurred in the service were recorded and stored on a digital application.

Non-Compliance Information

- (j) Signed parental consent, authorising staff to administer specific medication as required, was unavailable for three of the children.
- (k) A sample of 13 recorded accident and incident reports from across 4 care rooms were reviewed. Of the 13 entries inspected, only 5 had been counter signed by the parent or guardian, to evidence that the relevant information had been shared with the parents.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- (j) After the inspection, parental consent was sought to permit staff to administer medicine to two of the children in question. Parental consent had been acquired for the third child, but the staff member had mislaid the form. All staff were reminded of the importance of securing written parental consent, or digital consent via the online application, before administering any form of medication.
- (k) Following the inspection, the staff followed up with the parents of the children in question and reminded them to sign the hardcopy of their child's accident/incident report form. The Accident and Incident policy was updated to emphasise the responsibility of the staff and parents to complete every accident/incident form via the online application, or hardcopy. All staff were reminded, via email, of the importance of parental signatures on all accident/incident report forms on the application, as acknowledgment of accidents/incidents.

Supporting documentation submitted

- (j) Copies of the written parent consent forms were received.
- (k) Three of the accident and incident forms, which had been signed by parents, were submitted, along with a copy of the email that was sent to staff members from the service manager.

Summary Comment

The response from the registered provider is accepted in meeting the requirements of the regulation.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 19 - Health, welfare and development of child

- (1) A registered provider shall, in providing a pre-school service, ensure that-*
- (a) each child's learning, development and well-being is facilitated within the daily life of the pre-school service through the provision of the appropriate activities, interaction, materials and equipment, having regard to the age and stage of development of the child, and*

Compliance Information

(1)(a)

Basic needs:

- The deputy person in charge advised that up to five daily mealtimes were accommodated at the service; breakfast was facilitated from 7.30am to 9.00am, the mid-morning snack was provided between 10.00am and 10.30am, lunch was observed in the Wobbler room at 11.40am, the afternoon snack was observed at 1.40pm in the Pre-preschool room and it was reported that the late snack was usually offered at 5.00pm.
- At mealtimes, bibs were provided for the younger children. The adults offered appropriate assistance and opportunities for the children to self-feed were also ensured.
- Drinking water was accessible to children. For example, a signposted water station, with a jug of water and supply of cups was provided in the Pre-preschool room, a basket with the children's sippy cups and bottles was available on a low-level shelf in the Wobbler room and staff in the Baby room advised that drinking water was offered to the children at intervals throughout the day.

- Nappy changing was attended to at designated intervals and as required. The independent use of the toilet by the older children was encouraged and supervised as appropriate, by the adults. For example, as the sanitary facilities for the Montessori room and other ECCE rooms were located adjacent to the care rooms, an adult was observed to remain in the hallway, while the children used said facilities and reminded the children to wash their hands.
- Staff in the Wobbler room ensured that the children's faces and hands were cleaned after the lunch meal.
- Cosy corners were incorporated into the care rooms to meet the children's requirements for rest and relaxation.
- Needs led sleep was observed to be accommodated for children aged under two years. For example, children who attended the Baby room and the Wobbler room slept at various times throughout the morning and afternoon, according to their needs. Restful environments were created in the designated sleep rooms, through the provision of relaxing music and reduced lighting. Adults were also present in the sleep rooms as the children settled to sleep.
- A designated rest period was observed after lunch in the Pre-preschool room, for the children who wished to avail of same. The children who did not want to rest were facilitated to engage in quieter free play activities, such as reading and jigsaw making.
- As the weather on the day of inspection was warm and sunny, the adults applied sunscreen to the older children before going outside and sun hats were also provided.
- Staff members demonstrated kindness and patience towards the children in their care. For example, in the Baby room, the adults spoke to the children in gentle tones, promptly responded to their cues, engaged in playful interactions and acknowledged the children's interest in various play materials.
- Within the care rooms, there was adequate space available to accommodate the children's freedom of movement, as they participated in both structured and free play activities.

Non-Compliance Information

At the time of inspection, outdoor play was not observed to be accommodated for the children who attended the Baby and Wobbler rooms. During discussion, staff advised that the children in the Wobbler room had not visited the outdoor play area in over a week and that the children in the Baby room had not played outdoors in a few weeks. As most of the children attended the service for an extended period each day, this practice did not meet the children's need for active play and movement and a change of environment. It was also at variance with the service policy, which stated that the children shall be taken to the outdoor play area on a daily basis.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

Children in the Baby and Wobbler rooms were taken out each day, subsequent to the inspection, irrespective of the weather. Parents were asked to provide weather appropriate clothing for their children and advised of the service's requirement to take their children outdoors. In addition, as part of a planned restructuring of the service, there will be no further enrolment of children under the age of 12 months. This will help to ensure that, going forward, the majority of children in the Baby and Wobbler rooms are able to walk, therefore being more suited to playing in the outdoors and making it more feasible for the staff to support their outdoor play.

Supporting documentation submitted

The statement from the registered provider is accepted as evidence.

Summary Comment

The response from the registered provider is accepted in meeting the requirements of the regulation.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 21 – Equipment and materials

A registered provider shall ensure that there is adequate and suitable furniture, play and work equipment and materials available on the premises of the pre-school service.

Compliance Information

- Suitable furniture was provided for the children's use during free play, table top activities and mealtimes; the older care rooms were equipped with adequate supplies of child sized tables and chairs, while high chairs and low-level chairs with detachable trays, were available in the rooms that catered for the younger children.
- Low set shelving, pull out drawer units and floor level fabric baskets were used to store play resources, which were easily accessed by the children.
- The materials on offer across the sampled care rooms were observed to be age and stage appropriate. For example, the Baby room was equipped with soft play mats, a ball pool, push toys, hand held vehicles, sound making toys, soft toys and wall mounted safety mirrors. Similar interest items were available in the Wobbler room, along with a selection of ride on toys, shape sorters and an activity centre.

- In the Pre-preschool and Montessori rooms, the children had access to resources such as play kitchens with utensils, jigsaws, connectable shapes, magnetic shapes, dolls, sand play, musical instruments, farm sets, animal figures and hand-held vehicles.
- An adult sized chair was provided in the Baby room, for staff members to attend to the children’s care needs.
- The spacious outdoor environment was partitioned into two areas and had a combination of grass and shock absorbing surfaces underfoot. The play spaces featured climbing frames, seesaws, a swing and picnic bench seating.

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.

Compliance Information

- Meals were provided by the service, with the exception of the afternoon snack, which was supplied by the children’s parents or guardians. The main daily meals were delivered by a registered catering company and reheated in the service. Corresponding weekly menus were available and were noted to include a variety of suitably nutritious hot meals. On the day of inspection, a hot meal of beef chilli with sauté potatoes and vegetables was served to the children.
- Examples of the children’s afternoon snacks included sandwiches, bread rolls, crackers, rice cakes, yogurt and a selection of fruit, with water to drink.
- The inspectors were advised that some of the children had food intolerances and allergies, which were managed through eliminating said foods from the menu. In addition, prominent displays in the care rooms detailed relevant allergy information and dietary requirements for children and included their photographs.
- It was reported that children would be accommodated to have a snack if they became hungry outside of the allocated mealtimes.

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.

Compliance Information

General Safety:

- Both entrance doors were adequately secured, which reduced the likelihood of unauthorised access and minimised the risk of the unsupervised exit of a child; fob keys were in use for entry to and exit from the service.
- Access to the outdoor play space was controlled by a fob operated magnetic lock. The large outdoor area was enclosed by a combination of fencing, block walls and secured gates.
- While accompanying the children from the Montessori room to the outdoor play area, the adults ensured good supervision and safety practices. For example, the children were reminded to hold onto the railing beside the steps, while descending one at a time and entry and exit points were secured.
- The warm water supply to the children's wash hand basins was thermostatically controlled, so as not to exceed 43°C. All warm water temperature readings taken at the time of inspection fell below this level and review of the water temperature records maintained by staff demonstrated same.
- Firefighting equipment was safely wall mounted.
- Suitable tension devices were in place to secure blind cords.
- Visibility markings were available on glass panelled doors.
- In the Wobbler room, a safety gate was in place to prevent children from gaining access to the kitchenette.
- In the shared sanitary facility used by the older children, safe storage was provided for cleaning agents, which were maintained on a high-level shelf.

Infection Control:

- Adequate handwashing facilities, which included warm running water, liquid soap, paper towels, and pedal operated bins, were accessible at most of the wash hand basins across the service.
- The older children were noted to wash their hands after using the sanitary facilities.
- Within the various nappy changing areas, the children's toiletries were stored in individually labelled baskets.

- During an observed nappy change, the adult wore single-use gloves and a disposable apron, which were removed after the nappy changing procedure was complete. The changing mat was sanitised after use and the adult was also noted to wash their hands.
- Cots and sleeping equipment were well spaced apart when in use, which reduced the risk of cross infection.
- The inspector was advised by the manager that the service did not employ a cleaner and that cleaning duties were carried out by the staff members. Cleaning records were displayed in the care rooms and those reviewed were maintained up to date.
- A staff member was observed to sanitise the outdoor equipment before it was used by the children.
- Each staff member had completed updated infection control training in January 2023.
- The care rooms were supplied with fresh air, through open windows.

Administration of Medication:

- Medication was not observed to be administered on the day of inspection.
- All examined medication was noted to be in date and was labelled with the relevant child's name.

Safe Sleep:

- Regular physical checks of sleeping children were recorded on a tablet device and were noted to include the children's position, breathing and skin colour, as well as the room temperature.
- Standard cots and fitted safety mattresses were supplied for children aged under two years, who were accommodated to sleep in designated sleep rooms. The children aged over two years, who attended the Pre-preschool slept on stackable beds in their care room.

Fire Safety:

- No fire safety concerns were noted.

Outings:

- It was reported by the manager that the service had carried out one outing since the Covid- 19 pandemic, this involved the children who attended the Montessori room visiting a local farm.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. Children's access to medication was not prevented in the Pre-preschool room, which posed a risk of accidental ingestion of potentially harmful substances. The restrictive opening device on the low-lying cupboard, which was used to store medication, was broken and could be easily opened.

Infection Control:

The following increased the risk of cross infection:

2. One of the children in the Baby room was not assisted to wash their hands after having their nappy changed.
3. Liquid soap was not available within the children's reach in the sanitary facility adjoining the Pre-preschool room and it was also unavailable in the adjoining nappy changing area.

Administration of Medication:

4. The medication which had been prescribed for one of the children was unavailable, should it be required. The inspector was advised that the service was reliant on the child's parents to bring the medication each day, as spare medication was not maintained in the care room. This posed a risk that staff may not be able to respond appropriately to the child's care needs, should the medication be required.

Safe Sleep:

5. While occupied by sleeping children, the air temperature of the Baby sleep room was recorded at 23.5°C, which was outside the recommended range of 16°C to 20°C for safe sleep. On 17 July 2023, an Immediate Action Notice was issued to the person in charge, in relation to same. Elevated air temperatures were also recorded in the Wobbler sleep room, the Toddler sleep room and in the Pre-preschool care room, while in use for sleep, with respective readings of 21.6°C, 21.4°C and 22.2°C noted. It was acknowledged that windows were open and fans were in use in most of the sleep rooms.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

1. A child safety lock was installed, as an interim solution, to prevent the children from accessing the area where the medications are stored, as the existing lock was broken. The maintenance person has been instructed to replace all of the cupboard locks with functioning locks, which will share a common key and will be inaccessible to children.

Infection Control:

2. Staff have been reminded of the requirement to either supervise, support or fully engage in the children's handwashing process, depending on the age of the child. Hand hygiene will be added as a frequent action on the service's online application. This will further remind staff and ensure they are accountable for the good hand hygiene of the children in their care.
3. The soap dispenser was placed back within reach of the children. A soap dispenser was also put in the adjoining nappy changing area. The location and status (full or empty) of the soap dispensers has been added to the cleaning checklist in the nappy changing area.

Administration of Medication:

4. The parent has been instructed to provide the medication for the service's use only. It was explained to the parent that they cannot share the medication between home and the service. The service has insisted on keeping the medication on site at all times, until the child leaves or the medication expires. On enrolment, parents will be advised that any preventive medications, or medications which may be required in the case of emergencies, will be required to remain on the premises until the child leaves or until the medication expires.

Safe Sleep:

5. An air conditioning unit was installed in the Baby sleep room. Staff have been instructed to continue to take all possible measures to prevent rising air temperatures in their assigned rooms, e.g. opening windows, closing the blinds early in the day, ensuring the heating thermostats are at their lowest setting. They have also been reminded to highlight excessively high temperatures to management. Should the service struggle to control the internal air temperatures in the warmer seasons, management will consider temporary closures and will advise Tusla in advance of same.

Supporting documentation submitted:

General Safety:

1. A photograph of the child safety lock.

Infection Control:

2. A copy of the email that was sent to staff members, reminding them about handwashing practices and a screen shot of the service's online application, reflecting the recording of handwashing.
3. A copy of the soap dispenser checklist.

Administration of Medication:

- The statement from the registered provider is accepted as evidence.

Safe Sleep:

- The response to the Immediate Action Notice included photographic evidence, which demonstrated the addition of a portable air conditioning unit to the Baby sleep room and subsequent air temperature reading of 19°C.

Summary Comment

The non-compliances identified under this regulation have been adequately addressed.

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.

Compliance Information

- The staff members personal files identified that 6 adults had completed First Aid Responder training (FAR) with 1 expiry date of April 2024 and the remainder having an expiry date of May 2025.

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.

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) A record of monthly fire drills was maintained. The most recent fire drill had taken place on the 22 June 2023. It was recorded that there was a total of 48 children, with 12 adults supervising the drill. It had been completed within the recommended time frame.
 - (b) The service maintained a written record of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms in the setting. Records informed that on-site inspections were carried out on a quarterly basis. The most recent service was conducted in April 2023.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

An up-to-date insurance certificate was made available by the manager. It stated that up to 122 children were adequately insured to attend the service on a full day care basis at any one time. The expiry date was 27 March 2024.