

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015CC407
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Name of Service:	Caha Childcare
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Address of Service:	The Caha Centre, Family Resource Centre, Adrigole, Co. Cork
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Name of Registered Provider:	John O'Sullivan
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Service type:	Full Day
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Date of Inspection:	13/05/2025
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No of pre-school children:	AM	17	PM	13
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Inspection undertaken by:	Ms. O'Reilly
Title:	Early Years Inspector

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	N/A
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Description of service

Caha Childcare is a community based early years service. The service is registered to cater for a maximum of 28 children aged from 1 to 6 years offering a choice of full day-care, part-time or sessional care and for the children attending the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme. At time of inspection the children in attendance were aged between 1 year 7 months to 5 years.

This childcare facility is located within the local GAA grounds situated in the rural townland of Adrigole in Co Cork. The service operates from a single storey building. The main entrance door leads into a reception area with a kitchen off it that is inaccessible to the children. There are two childcare rooms namely the Creche and the Preschool room. The Creche caters for children from aged 1 to 3 years. The Preschool room has two groups in attendance in the room. The ramblers are the children aged between 2 and 3 years and the preschool group are aged between 3 and 6 years. The Preschool room is a large room and has shared use as a community hall. Both playrooms are adjacent to the children's toilets and nappy changing facility. There is a designated sleep room adjoining the Creche Room. The children have access to a covered outdoor play area beside the premise and a nearby enclosed all-weather pitch within the GAA grounds.

Staffing

At time of inspection, there were 5 adults employed at the early years setting involved in the direct care of the children who attend including the person in charge. One of the adults was employed under the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) Support Scheme. One is appointed as relief cover. The registered provider is not service based. An interim coordinator of the Family Resource Centre was based in an office nearby. Each of the five childcare staff involved in the direct care of the children hold a relevant award in Early Childhood Care and Education. A student on work placement was present in the service on day of inspection.

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 child/ safety/ premises and facilities. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

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.

Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes 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.

(3) The procedures specified in paragraph (2) shall be carried out prior to any person being appointed, assigned or allowed access to or contact with a child attending the pre-school service.

(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) There was a named person in charge and a deputy to deputise as required.

(b) The person in charge and the deputy were present on the premises on day of the inspection

(2) The vetting records on 6 adults had been reviewed on the last inspection. One of these adults is no longer working in the service. Documentation was assessed in relation to the requirements of Regulation 9 for the two new adults associated with the service and one student on work placement since the last inspection dated the 25 November 2024, the following records were available for the adults:

(a) Of the 6 validated references required four validated references were on file were from previous employers.

(b) Not applicable at time of inspection as there were no references from another source other than a previous employer.

(c) A Garda vetting disclosure was available on file in respect of the three adults. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years.

(d) Not applicable as the 2 adults and 1 student had not lived outside the jurisdiction for a period of 6 months or more, while over the age of 18 years.

(4)

A copy of qualification in Early Childhood Care and Education, as listed on the National Framework of Qualifications was available in respect of the adult who was employed to work directly with the children.

Non-Compliance Information

(2)

(a)+(b) Two validated references were not on file for 1 adult.

(3) It was noted that two validated references were not held in respect of one adult until after the adult had commenced their role working directly with the children in the service. All vetting should be completed before a person is appointed, assigned or allowed access to, or contact with, a child attending the service.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

In the corrective and preventative response (CAPA) received from the named person in charge of the service, the following was stated:

(2)(a)(b) Two validated references for the required adult in the service were received and are now on file in the service.

(3) All vetting will be completed prior to a person being appointed, assigned or allowed access to, or contact with, a child attending the service

Supporting documentation submitted

(2)(a)(b) Two validated references for one adult were forward to the early years inspector and deemed satisfactory.

(3) The statement from the person in charge of the service is accepted as evidence.

Summary Comment

Correspondence was received and deemed to meet the requirement of Regulation 9 (2)(a)(b) and (3) of the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016.

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) During the period of inspection, there was an adequate number of adults working directly with the children in attendance.

(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:

There were 4 staff working across the two care rooms and a student on work placement.

Creche Room

There were two children present aged between 1 and 2 years and 2 children were aged between 2 and 3 years with 1 adult in attendance in the morning. There were 3 children in attendance in the afternoon with 1 adult in attendance. The adult in attendance finished work at 3:30pm and the 2 children present were transferred into the Preschool room and joined the other children in attendance until 5:30pm.

Preschool Room

There were 13 children with 3 adults in attendance in the morning.

There were 6 children (ramblers) aged between 2- and 3-years attending part time and the full day care service with 1 adult in attendance and a student on work placement. The student is not counted as part of the adult child ratio in the room.

There were 7 children (preschoolers) aged between 3 and 6 years with 2 adults in attendance

In the afternoon there was 10 children in attendance with 3 staff and 1 student

The minimum adult child ratio was adhered to as per the regulations.

(8)(a)

It was observed on day of inspection and on review of the weekly staff roster there were two adults present at all times while the service was in operation.

Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 15 – Record of pre-school child

(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a pre-school service in a drop-in centre or a temporary pre-school service shall ensure that a record in writing is kept in respect of each pre-school child attending the service containing the following particulars:

- (a) the name and date of birth of the child;*
- (b) the date on which the child first attended the service;*
- (c) the date on which the child ceased to attend the service;*
- (d) the name and address of a parent or guardian of the child and a telephone number where that parent or guardian or a relative or friend of the child can be contacted during the hours of operation of the service;*
- (e) authorisation for the collection of the child;*
- (f) details of any illness, disability, allergy or special need of the child, together with all the information relevant to the provision of special care or attention;*
- (g) the name and telephone number of the child's registered medical practitioner;*
- (h) record of immunisations, if any, received by the child;*
- (i) written parental consent for appropriate medical treatment of the child in the event of an emergency.*

Compliance Information

(1)(a) to (i)

A sample of 12 children's registration forms were reviewed, and all were found to contain all of the elements of information as required by Regulation 15 (a) to (i) inclusive.

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:

- (a) the name, position, qualifications and experience of the person in charge and of every other employee, unpaid worker and contractor.
- (h) details of attendance by each pre-school child on a daily basis;
- (i) details of staff rosters on a daily basis;
- (k) details of any accident, injury or incident involving a pre-school child attending the service.

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (h) Details of attendance indicated, the arrival and departure time of each child, on a daily basis in the service.
- (i) On review of the weekly staff roster, the record indicated the time the staff commenced and finished in the service and the times the staff went on their lunch break each day.

Non-Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) There was no curriculum vitae on file for 1 adult present in the service on day of inspection.
- (k) There was an accident and incident record book in the service. The services agreed practice was to have parents receive a duplicate of accident forms once these were signed, however this practice was not being followed. On review of the accident and incident records since the last inspection dated 25 November 2024, the following was noted
- There were 6 accident and incident written records that the parent or guardian had not received a duplicate copy of the incident.
 - There were 2 of the 6 accident and incident records incomplete as the respective parent/guardian had not signed the accident and incident record.
- The service is not following the Accident and Incident policy and procedure of the service.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

In the corrective and preventative response (CAPA) received from the named person in charge the following was stated:

(1)

(a) A copy of the curriculum vitae was received and as a completed curriculum vitae is part of the vetting process. Going forward, curriculum vitae will be obtained prior to a person being appointed, assigned or allowed access to, or contact with, a child attending the service.

- (k)
- The 6 accident and incident written records, that on day of inspection, that the respective parent or guardian had not received a duplicate copy of the written incident that occurred to their child while in the service. The person in charge stated, these parents/guardians have now all received a written copy of the accident and incident that occurred to their child while in the service.
 - The 2 accident and incident records not signed by parent/guardian at time of inspection are now signed and a duplicate copy has been given to the respective parent/guardian.

Supporting documentation submitted

(a) A copy of the required curriculum vitae was forward to the early years inspector and deemed satisfactory.

(k) The service has updated the accident and incident policy to include, that all parents at point of collection will be given a duplicate copy of the accident and incident record.

A copy of the updated accident and incident policy was forward to the early years inspector.

Summary Comment

Correspondence was received and deemed to meet the requirements of Regulation 16 (1) (a)+(k) of the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016.

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

Basic needs:

- Support and assistance offered by the adults during mealtimes was appropriate to the age and stage of development of the children in their care. For example, toddlers had the opportunity to feed themselves. The available cutlery was suitably sized and easily handled by the children.

- Drinking water was accessible to the children within the care rooms outside of allocated mealtimes. The children's drinking water bottles were accessible to the children when playing outdoors.
- Care routines, such as nappy changing, handwashing and sleep time were managed sensitively, with adults noted to speak kindly and calmly to the children and soothe the younger children to sleep.
- Child height hooks and storage shelving was available to encourage independent dressing and organisation of their personal belongings in the Pre-school room.
- The children were observed playing outdoors in group and singular play closely supervised by staff.
- Nappy changing was incorporated into the daily routine at frequent intervals and as the need arose. This care practice was observed to be managed by adults in a caring and sensitive manner, as they chatted warmly to the children throughout.
- Children were facilitated to sleep outside of scheduled sleep time as noted on day of inspection when the two younger children went to sleep in the designated sleep room beside the creche room at 11.15hours. Shortly after eating lunch, any child that required a sleep was facilitated to sleep as needed in the designated sleep room.

SUPPORTING RELATIONSHIPS AROUND CHILDREN:

- The staff members were observed to be kind, patient and caring to each child as observed during caring duties, facilitating play and one-to-one engagement.
- The adults were observed to demonstrate patience and kindness in their interactions with the children, as was noted when the children's efforts were readily acknowledged and when children were calmly assisted to resolve minor conflicts.

PHYSICAL AND MATERIAL ENVIRONMENT:

- Since the last inspection dated the 25 November 2024, the person in charge informed the Inspectorate, that the service had engaged with Better Start, Quality Development Program. Better Start have supported staff and encouraged the service to change the layout of the preschool room with more defined interest areas. This was evidenced on day of inspection. There were new open shelving with open wicker like baskets to store different types of play equipment, assisting children to access and pick and choose what they want to play with.
- The creche room had adequate space and soft areas for children to crawl and walk. The rooms were laid out for the younger child allowing them to explore their environment in a safe way and avail of the age-appropriate equipment such as, pull along toys, handheld toys, sound making materials and construction.

Other play equipment available to the children included shape sorters, activity centres, books and wall mirror.

- The playroom for the older preschool children had interest areas that included a range of tabletop activities and games to encourage companionable interaction. There were cars and trucks, a fine motor skills area, a home corner suitably furnished with dolls, buggies, and small utensils to prompt imagination and pretend play. There were reading areas and a variety of art and craft materials.
- The shelving was set low to display play materials which were mostly plastic and wooden in nature and easily washable. The low shelving facilitated easy access to the materials by the children.
- Rest areas were available to the children in all rooms to allow the children to opt out of play activities and relax if they so wished.
- One of the outdoor play spaces was enclosed by a combination of high fencing and gates and consisted of an artificial grass surface. (All-weather pitch) Available equipment included goal posts, balls, seesaws, push and pull toys and handheld vehicles. The children were observed engaged in free play and gross motor play on day of inspection under close supervision of staff.
- There is also a covered outdoor play space beside the Preschool room with three sides of the outdoor play area enclosed with Perspex sheeting where the children can play all year, regardless of the weather. There is a temporary barrier in place to secure this outdoor space when the children are playing there. The Inspectorate was informed by staff that funding is available to install a more permanent barrier in this area.

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

- The service promoted healthy eating and the food provided by the parents and guardians for snack times and meals was considered healthy and nutritious. A hot meal which was observed reheated on site and served at lunch time for all children attending the full day care service. A second food break was served to all children attending part time on day of inspection.
- The food was served to the children by the adults in the service.

- The staff and children came together in the Preschool room for snack and mealtimes. Three highchairs were observed in use at snack and mealtimes and adequate numbers of child sized tables and chairs were available to the children.
- The storage of perishable items provided by the parents/guardians for all meals and snacks were stored in the fridge located in the service kitchen.
- The children had access to their own water bottles so that they could help themselves to drinks when they were thirsty.

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:

- On the inspector's arrival at the service, the main entrance door was found to have been secured and was maintained secure when not in use.
- Observed the staff member applying sun protection creme, that each of the parents provided for their own child in the Preschool room prior to outdoor play on day of inspection.
- There were no cleaning agents observed accessible to the children.
- The first aid boxes were appropriately stored and inaccessible to children.
- There were no cables or trailing flexes within the children's reach in the two playrooms.
- The all-weather outdoor play area was adequately secured with high metal fence and locked gates.

Infection Control:

- Thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid soap and disposable paper towels were in place.
- Handwashing by the children was observed before snack and mealtimes and after toileting.
- Pedal operated bins were in place in the playrooms and toilet facilities for the disposal of paper towels.
- In general, the playrooms, toilets and nappy changing facilities in the service were visibly clean on day of inspection.
- The adults and children had access to sufficient toilets and wash hand basins on day of inspection.

Administration of Medication:

- Staff recorded the details of any medication the child received while in the service. The medication was recorded individually under the child's name in the service administration book.

- It was reported that staff members were familiar with the procedures that are to be followed in the event of a child requiring medications.
- It was evidenced that some of the staff had completed training to administer an emergency medication as required.

Safe Sleep:

- Ten-minute sleep checks were recorded for each child while they slept that included colour, breathing and position
- The children's sleep needs were facilitated in a designated sleep room beside the Creche. There were floor beds for children aged between 1 and 2 years that required a sleep with individual accompanying bed linen. There were 2 children observed sleeping on floor beds aged 19 and 21 months. There was an adequate distance between each floor bed. Individual sleep plan and risk assessment records were on file for the two children under 2 years who were sleeping on floor beds.
- The children over two rest needs were accommodated on stacking beds There were a sufficient number of floor beds and stacking beds available with designated suitable bed linen for each child who wanted a sleep while attending the service.
- The air temperature reading of the designated sleep room was reading between 19.6 °C and 20°C on day of inspection. Accepted air temperature range is between 16°C and 20°C for sleep rooms where children are sleeping.
- The window blinds in the sleep room suitably darkened the room while the children were sleeping.

Fire Safety:

- Emergency fire exit doors were noted to be maintained free from any obstruction. The emergency fire exit doors in the Preschool room and Creche room were unobstructed, and the emergency lighting of the fire exit signs were illuminated in the two playrooms. Since the last inspection dated 25 November 2024 the Fire Safety Prevention Officer had visited the service. The children no longer have access to the fire safety equipment in the service. The fire safety equipment is now located in a conspicuous, designated, wall mounted storage unit at adult height in both playrooms.

Outing:

- Not applicable, as an outing was not observed on days of inspection.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

The following are potential safety issues observed on day of inspection:

1. The main service entrance door was found not adequately secured for 30 mins (11:30am) when the staff and children from the Preschool room went to play outdoors in the all-weather pitch which is a walking distance away from the facility but within the GAA grounds. The main entrance door was not adequately secured to prevent unauthorised access to the service.
2. On day of inspection, it was observed that constant supervision of two sleeping children in the sleep room aged 19 and 21 months was not provided at all times by the supervising adult. If one or more children are sleeping on individual floor beds, the supervising adult remain in the sleep room at all times to ensure adequate supervision of the sleeping children.
3. Children had access to stacked chairs; five to six high observed in the Creche room. Stacked chairs were also observed in the Preschool room three to four high. Due to the potential safety risks of stacked chairs, falling on a child and children climbing on them and injuring themselves. The stacking of chairs when not in use is not allowed in preschool setting in areas where children have access to.
4. On day of inspection, children had access to 3 /4 stacking beds that were not in use and were stored loosely up against the wall of the sleep room. There was the potential safety risk of a stacking bed falling on and injuring a child.

Infection Control:

The following are potential cross infection practises observed on day of inspection

5. A staff member was observed changing a child's nappy on a countertop in the sleep room. To reduce the potential risk of cross infection, nappy changing only take place in designated toilet/nappy changing facilities in early years settings.
6. A large hole/tear was visible on the cloth seating of the dark coloured two-seater chair at child height located in the Preschool room. Protruding from the tear was the inner foam. As this is not an easily cleanable surface there is a potential, cross infection risk, to the children in the service
7. A staff member was observed not wearing a disposable apron while nappy changing.
8. It was observed, at nappy changing, a staff member did not ensure a child's hands were washed and dried after nappy changing. This issue was identified as non-compliant in the last inspection dated the 25 November 2024 following which the service gave assurances in the corrective and preventative

response (CAPA) that staff would ensure that children's hands were washed and dried after nappy changing, however, this did not prevent a reoccurrence of this non-compliance.

9. While a refuse bin was purchased for the disposal of soiled nappies following the last inspection on 25 November 2024, the bin was not considered adequate. To reduce the potential risk of cross infection, a lined, pedal operated, tight fitting lidded bin is required.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

In the corrective and preventative response (CAPA) received from the named person in charge the following was stated:

General Safety

1. When the children are playing outdoors the main entrance door to the service is now adequately secured. The service has purchased a lock box to store the main entrance door key when the children are playing outdoors, accessible only to childcare staff. This will ensure that all staff will know where the main entrance door key is stored when playing outdoors. The main entrance door will be adequately secured at all times to prevent unauthorised access.
2. To ensure sleeping children in floor beds will be constantly supervised by a staff member at all times. The service has decided that all sleeping children from the creche room will now be accommodated in the creche playroom while sleeping and that quiet play activities will be organised for the children that are awake.
3. Chairs are no longer stacked in the preschool and creche room. Only the necessary number of chairs needed daily will be brought into the two care rooms. All staff have been advised of same.
4. All stacking beds, when not in use are now stored in the room beside the creche room which had previously being used as the sleep room and now used as a storeroom for sleep equipment when not in use. Staff have been informed to lay stacking beds flat on the floor when not in use. The person in charge has informed the service community board to discuss long term storage options for the stacking beds when not in use, in case of this room being required again in the future as an extra space for the children to play from the creche room or as a sleep room.

Infection Control:

5. The person in charge stated that going forward all nappy changing will take place in the one designated nappy changing area in the service. All staff have been informed, and all nappy changing equipment has been removed from the sleep room.
6. A new two-seater chair cover was purchased for the two-seater chair located in the preschool room. The cloth cover will be checked regularly to ensure it is in a proper state of repair. The cloth cover will be removed and laundry weekly.
7. Staff have been informed to comply with the services nappy changing policy and to wear a disposable apron when changing each child's nappy. The service will ensure that staff have easy access and plentiful supply of aprons for nappy changing in the service.
8. Staff members and students have been informed on the importance of handwashing for the children and staff after nappy changing to prevent cross infection in the service. New wall mounted posters have been erected at low and high levels in the toilet and nappy changing facilities to prompt staff and children to wash hands after use of facilities. A low-level step has been placed by the wash hand basins to ensure easy access for the children when hand washing.
9. A new pedal operated, tight fitting lidded bin for disposal of used nappies has been purchased to prevent the risk of cross infection.

Supporting documentation submitted

General Safety:

1. Photographic evidence of the lock box for the main entrance door key was submitted to the early years inspector.
2. The statement from the person in charge of the service is accepted as evidence.
3. Photographic evidence of the children's chairs located all around a table rather than stacked when not in use was submitted to the early years inspector.
4. Photographic evidence of the individual floor and stacking beds when not in use, stored flat on the ground in the storeroom located beside the creche room was submitted to the early years inspector.

Infection Control:

5. Photographic evidence of the one designated nappy changing area in the service was submitted to the early years inspector.

6. Photographic evidence of the new cloth cover on the two-seater chair in the preschool room was submitted to the early years inspector.
7. Photographic evidence of a supply of aprons in the service was submitted to the early years inspector.
8. Photographic evidence of the wall mounted posters in place by the wash hand basin located near the nappy changing facility was submitted to the early years inspector.
9. Photographic evidence of the new pedal operated lidded bin for disposal of used nappies was submitted to the early years inspector.

Summary Comment

Correspondence was received and deemed to meet the requirements of Regulation 23, issues 1. to 9, inclusive of the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016.

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.

Compliance Information

(1) The registered provider did ensure that there were staff available at all times with appropriate first aid responder (FAR) training. The FAR certification on file indicated that two staff members held current up to date training and the two staff were present in the service on day of inspection.

(2)

(a) The first aid boxes were safely stored out of children's reach in the service. The first aid box was stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position on the premises.

(b) The fully equipped first aid boxes were available at all times to adults if in the event that a child may require treatment.

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.

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) A record of monthly fire drills carried out was available and indicated that the last fire drill took place on the morning of the 29 April 2025
 - (b) A record of the number, type and maintenance record of firefighting equipment was maintained. It was recorded that the fire equipment was last serviced on the October 2024, and the emergency fire alarm system was last tested and serviced on the 29 February 2025
- (4)
- The fire evacuation procedure for the service which contained details in relation to the procedure to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in the service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

The registered provider ensured the service was insured, with insurance for 28 children, valid until 27 March 2026. The records detailed the category of service covered, childcare, the name and address of the premises and details regarding public liability cover, fire, theft, buildings, and outings cover.