

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015DL075
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Name of Service:	Little Tobys Playschool
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Address of Service:	Glenkeady House, Ardmore, Muff, Co. Donegal
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Name of Registered Provider:	Cathy McCarron
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Date(s) of Inspection:	21/10/2024
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No of pre-school children:	AM	22	PM	21
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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

Little Toby's Playschool is a privately owned and operated preschool service located outside the rural village of Muff on the Inishowen peninsula in Co. Donegal. The service is currently registered for the provision of a full day care service catering for preschool children aged 0 to 6 years and operates weekdays from 7:45am to 17:45 hours. The service is also registered to provide school age care.

The premises consists of a detached two-story building with the pre-school occupying the entire ground floor area and private accommodation on the first floor. There are four playrooms, a sleep room and a kitchen area for preparing children's meals and snacks. The spacious outdoor area to the front of the building has been subdivided into different sections for children's outdoor play.

Staffing

The service employs ten adults including the registered provider who was present for a short period on the day of the inspection.

All adults employed and working directly with the pre-school children in the service had completed a major award in Early Childhood Care Education.

Twelve adults including ten core staff were present on the day of the inspection and six were all working directly with the preschool children. The other adults included the person in charge, a staff member who provided cover to the care rooms for breaks, a student on placement, the cook for the service and two adults employed to provide maintenance support.

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 and safety. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under

- Regulation 9 (2)(a)(b)(c)(d), (4) - Management and recruitment.
- Regulation 11(1),(2),(8)(a) – Staffing Levels.
- Regulation 16(1) (a), (h) (i) (j) (k) – Record in relation to pre-school service.
- Regulation 23 – Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child.
- Regulation 25 (1), (2)(a)(b) – First aid.
- Regulation 28 - Insurance

however, on inspection additional non-compliances were identified under:

- Regulation 8 (1) - Notification of change in circumstances.
- Regulation 15(1)(f) - Record of Pre-School Child.
- Regulation 19(1)(a) – Health, welfare and development of child.

These findings are outlined within the relevant regulations within this report.

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.

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Acknowledgments

The inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the registered provider, person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part II - Registration and Register

Regulation 8 - Notification of change in circumstances

(1) A registered provider of a pre-school service other than a temporary pre-school service shall, subject to paragraph (3), notify the Agency in writing of any proposed change in the details in relation to the pre-school service contained in the register pursuant to section 58C(2) of the Act or Regulation 7(2) at least 60 days before it is proposed that the change would take effect.

Non-Compliance Information

(1) The service was operating outside the registration of the service as there were eight children aged 2-3 years being accommodated in an unregistered building.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(1) Following the inspection, building in question is no longer being used for any children in Early Years care (0-6). The service will plan not use the building in the future for any Early Years children.

Supporting documentation submitted

No evidence required.

Summary Comment

The written response submitted has been reviewed by the Early Years Inspectorate. Regulatory compliance is met for regulation 8.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

(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

Fourteen staff records were reviewed.

(2)

(a) Two written and verified past employer references were available in respect of seven adults and one written and verified past employer reference was available in respect of five adults employed in the service whose records were reviewed.

(b) Two written and verified references from a reputable source other than a past employer was available in respect of two adults and one written and verified reference from a reputable source other than a past employer was available in respect of five adults whose records was reviewed.

(c) Garda Vetting disclosures were available for fourteen employed staff members and one student; however, the service did not adhere to the re-vetting timeframes as outlined in the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice, requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years. Please refer to the information outlined under regulation 23 of this report.

(d) Police vetting was not required for fourteen adults whose records were reviewed.

(4) Seven adults working directly with the children held qualifications in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 or higher on the National Qualifications Framework or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

Non-Compliance Information

(4) There was no documentary evidence provided to state that one employed adult, working directly with children in the service, held at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 or equivalent on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(4) At this time the employee is awaiting a letter confirming their completion of work equivalent to a QQI level 6 in childcare through NWRC. The employee has also submitted their current qualification for assessment to DCEDIY. Until such time as either a letter confirming their completion of work equivalent to a QQI level 6 or acceptance of current qualification by DCEDIY employee is no longer working with Early Years Children and is working only with School Age. This is also reflected in the updated Staff Roster

Supporting documentation submitted

Staff roster.

Summary Comment

The written response and documentary evidence submitted by the registered provider has been reviewed by the Early Years Inspectorate. Regulatory compliance is met for regulation 9(4). This will be reviewed at the next inspection.

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) There were twenty-two children attending the service being supervised directly by six staff members and one student during the inspection.
- (2)(b) The minimum ratio of adults to children was adhered to during the day.
- (8)(a) The staff roster indicated that they were at least two adults on the premises at all times

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:

(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;

Non-Compliance Information

(1)
(f) Health care plans for two children attending the service did not contain sufficiently detailed information to ensure the safe management and care of the children in the event they became unwell or required emergency administration of medication. This included the child's symptoms which indicated that the medication needed to be administered, the appropriate actions to ensure that the child's safety and the instructions when to contact the emergency services.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(1)
(f) The care plans are not required as following consultation with the parents, the children no longer require the medication.

The PIC has added to the parent's booklet that any medications like this will need a care plan. The parent's booklet is discussed and signed during induction of any new children and all existing parents have received an updated copy.

Supporting documentation submitted

Parents handbook.

Summary Comment

The written response and documentary evidence submitted by the registered provider has been reviewed by the Early Years Inspectorate. Regulatory compliance is met for regulation 15(1)(f). This area of practice will be assessed at the next inspection.

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) name, position, qualifications & experience of the PIC, employees, unpaid workers & contractors.

(h) details of attendance by each pre-school child on a daily basis.

(i) details of staff rosters on a daily basis.

(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

(1) The registered provider ensured that a record in writing was kept of the following required:

(h) Details of children's attendance, including their arrival and departure times at the service in real time, were readily available.

(k) Records detailing accidents, injuries, and incidents involving children were readily available. A sample of 10 records were reviewed, each record contained the appropriate and relevant details.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)

(i) While it is acknowledged that a staff roster was available, each staff members attendance was recorded hourly and on a daily basis. This was challenging to assess the overall staffing for the service as it was contained on multiple pages. The staff roster is required to detail the start and finish times for all staff members on a weekly basis. It should include the staff breaks and which staff member is allocated to cover the staff member on break in the care rooms.

(j) While it is acknowledged that there was a system of recording medication administered to a child attending the service, it was not adequate for the following reasons:

- there was not an individual administration record used for each child.
- the record used did not contain the required details which included time of administration, two staff signatures and a parental signature.
- There was not a consistent record used to record parental authorisation of medication.

- There was no evidence of a record which included a system to regularly review a medication care plan for children who required medicine to be administered regularly or on 'an as required' basis with parents to update any changes in the administration requirements.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- (1)
- (i) Updated copy of staff roster.
- (j)
- Service now has a detailed care plan template.
 - Service now has individual administration record.
 - Service now has an individual authorisation of administration form for each child.
 - The person in charge will now meet with the registered provider monthly and assess each child's medication folder and records and make any amendments that may be required.

Supporting documentation submitted

- (i) Photos of a child's medication folder and the contents.
- (j) Administration of medication template / care plan templates.

Summary Comment

The written response, photographic and documentary evidence submitted by the registered provider has been reviewed by the Early Years Inspectorate. Regulatory compliance is met for regulation 16(1)(i),(j). This area of practice will be assessed at the next inspection.

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

Non-Compliance Information

Physical and material environment

1. The physical and material environment of the Sunshine room required a more varied selection of resources to promote a range of developmentally appropriate, challenging, creative and enriching experiences for the children attending. Examples of this would include:
 - Treasure baskets with natural and open-ended materials.
 - Rattles, musical toys, soft balls.
 - Simple peg board puzzles, stacking toys, building blocks, large connecting blocks and shape sorter puzzles.
 - A standing rail and a mirror at the level of the children to look at themselves.
 - Soft play activity blocks / play tents with a crawling tunnel / large box.
 - Age-appropriate books such as material type books with touch and feel textured pages, small hardback picture books, more lift the flap books, books with peek a boo pages, musical and nursery rhymes, books with hand puppets to support story time interaction with the children.
 - Age-appropriate sensory play opportunities such as shredded paper, colourful spaghetti for example.
2. The Prefab room, being used as a pre-school room for children aged 2-3 years, was not constructively planned with areas of interest to prompt the children to engage in self-directed play and activities, for example there was no dress up, sand or water play, play dough, library area, or construction area.
3. The room was also under resourced with play and learning materials as observed by the following:
 - The play kitchen/home area had limited props and no further associated play materials such as a table with tea set, or real-life items to prompt the children's imagination. There were two dolls available, but they had no accessories such as clothing, a dolls buggy or dolls bed, as a result the children did not use this area.
 - A car garage had one car, and a set of train tracks had no train.
 - The books were observed placed in a container on a shelving unit in the corner that could not be seen by the children.
 - There were no age-appropriate jigsaws or puzzles to promote fine motor manipulative skills.

- The lack of sand, water and play dough limited the children’s sensorial experiences.
- The roll of paper was missing from the art easel and there was no chalk for the alternate side of the easel, which was a chalk board, therefore, this item provided no play value for the children.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The service has introduced treasure baskets with natural open-ended materials.

The service has purchased some musical toys and rattles.

The Room leader has increased the amount of sensory play activities.

The service plans to continue the purchase of more materials and resources in the coming weeks including some new soft play materials and the creation of a coasting rail and child height mirror fixings.

The ‘Pre-Fab room’ is no longer being used as a care room.

Supporting documentation submitted

Photos of treasure baskets

Photos of musical toys/rattles

Photos of children partaking in sensory play

Summary Comment

The written response and photographic evidence submitted by the registered provider has been reviewed by the Early Years Inspectorate. The minimum requirement for regulatory compliance is met for regulation 19(1)(a). This area of practice will be assessed at the next inspection.

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:

The entrance door to the service was controlled by the staff members to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the premises. There was a risk management policy for the service. Cleaning products and medicines were kept out children's reach.

Infection Control:

The premises appeared to be clean. Warm water, liquid soap, paper towels and foot pedal operated bins were available throughout the service for handwashing and the hygienic disposal and containment of used tissues/ paper towels. Staff were observed washing children's hands in Sunshine and Ladybird rooms after eating and nappy changing. Soothers were stored in individual containers for each child using a soother in the service. Individual bed linen was provided and stored separately.

Administration of Medication:

Medication was not given at the time of the inspection. The staff members were familiar with the required safe practices when administering medication in the service. Medicine was labelled and safely stored.

Safe Sleep:

Measures were taken to safeguard children when sleeping. All children were aged over one year on the day of inspection. The children slept in cots and low beds appropriate to their age and stage of development; an adult was always present in the room where children slept on low beds; Children's outer clothing was removed prior to them being placed to sleep. All sleeping children were checked at ten-minute intervals and staff kept a record of the checks.

Fire Safety:

Monthly fire drills had been carried out and staff members were familiar with fire safety evacuation procedures from the service. The fire exits were not obstructed.

Outing:

The service conducts outings and an outings policy is available.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. Garda vetting was available for fourteen staff members. However, one vetting disclosure was not dated within the previous three years in adherence to with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice 'EYI-RN12.3 Renewal of Garda Vetting'.
2. There was no documentary evidence available that daily indoor and outdoor risk assessments were completed which did not align to the risk management policy for the service which stated the "risk assessment checklist will be used to identify hazards".
3. A nail was observed protruding from the wooden frame of a cot which had been modified. This posed a risk of injury to a child if they fell against the nail. This was brought to the attention of the person in charge and the nail was immediately removed.
4. Two sides of the wooden frame of a cot in the sleep room adjoining Sunshine room had been modified and therefore the cot frame was no longer a stable structure. This created a potential risk of injury to a child if the cot frame came apart when a child was using it.
5. The staff members did not recognise the potential risk of choking that amber bead necklaces worn by young children in a child care setting posed. It was observed that one child attending was wearing an amber bead anklet.
6. There was no bottle warmer available to reheat infant formula milk in Sunshine room. Bottles of infant formula milk were observed being reheated in a container with boiling water.
7. A gap was observed between the side of the ramp and the skirting board in the Sunshine room which created a potential risk of injury to a child as their fingers could be caught or trapped in the gap.
8. Four hanging window curtains were observed in the Ladybird room and required to be shortened to the level of the window sill. They posed a risk of strangulation if a child became entangled in the curtain.
9. The windows in Ladybird and Sunshine rooms were not fitted with fire safe window restrictors to prevent a child from potentially exiting the room.
10. The glass patio doors in Sunshine room did not have any visibility strips fitted to potentially safeguard a child for the potential risk of injury if they failed to recognise the glass.
11. The surface temperature of the portable electric heater in the Prefab room was recorded at 78.9°C at 10:04am and was accessible to the children; this posed a risk of a burn injury to a child. Immediate corrective action was taken by the staff member upon request of the inspector and the heater was placed on a height out of reach of the children.

Infection Control:

12. The system for the cleaning and sterilising soothers, shared toys and equipment to prevent cross-contamination required to be reviewed for the following reasons:
- The staff members were not clear about the differences between cleaning and disinfection.
 - It was stated that boiling water was poured over soothers rather than soothers being washed in soapy water to clean first and then placed in sterilising solution for disinfection.
 - A container with sterilising solution was not observed to be available on the day.
 - The management of mouthing toys / shared toys in Sunshine rooms was unclear as it could not be determined that toys had been used by the children and placed in their mouths were removed for washing.
13. Written daily cleaning schedules were not available in Sunshine, the Prefab and Ladybird rooms to evidence cleaning of the care rooms as part of the service's general infection controls.
14. The nappy changing procedure observed for three nappy changes were not carried out to mitigate against the potential risk of cross infection as observed by the following:
- A staff member did not remove the apron and gloves until the end of the nappy changing procedure. This contaminated the clean nappy and child's clothing and created a risk of cross infection.
 - A staff member was observed to handle the lid of a nappy change bin to open it to disposing of the bag with the soiled nappy and cleaning materials as a foot pedal operated nappy change bin was not available in the nappy change area. The practice did not adhere to the updated requirements of the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory notice - Use of nappy disposal bins in Early Years Services issued on 10 November 2022.
15. The following infection control risks were observed in the Prefab room:
- There were no foot pedal operated bins or hygienically dispensed paper hand towel in the sanitary area to promote hygienic hand drying and disposal of used hand towel, two open bins were observed.
 - Children were being handed pieces of paper towel by the staff member when they returned to the pre-school room following toilet use. The roll of paper towel was located on the kitchen countertop and not hygienically dispensed.
 - There was no toilet roll holders for the toilet paper in the sanitary area, the toilet roll was observed on top of a plastic container on the bathroom floor in one cubicle and on top of the cistern in the second cubicle.
 - Children's belongings were stored in waterproof bags on the floor directly beside the toilet in one toilet cubicle.

- The walls behind the wash hand basins in each toilet cubicle were heavily marked and stained due to the absence of sink splash backs and therefore could not be adequately cleaned.

Safe Sleep:

16. Three travel cots were used in the service for children requiring sleep. The use of travel cots in child care services are prohibited as a facility for sleeping children.

Fire Safety:

17. Two of the wooden gates on the fire evacuation route used by the Sunshine and Ladybird rooms were stiff and difficult to open. This could potentially impede the evacuation of the children and adults in the event of a fire.
18. There was no heat/smoke detection system in the Prefab room to alert staff and children in the event of a fire occurring in the unit. It is acknowledged a fire extinguisher, last serviced August 2024, was available in the room.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

- Garda vetting acquired for staff member in question.
- Room Leaders and Management have begun daily indoor and outdoor risk assessments following a risk assessment checklist.
- Cot has been removed from the cot room.
- Cot has been removed and is no longer in use. Only fixed cot's will be used in place of foldable cots.
- The person in charge spoke to staff individually and explained the risks of amber teething jewellery. The parent's handbook has been updated to include a policy on all forms of jewellery both accepted and not accepted in the service. The Parents booklet also contains information on children being checked daily to ensure they are not in breach of the jewellery policy in the parent's handbook and if any breach of policy is found what steps the staff will take re: removing jewellery and returning it at the end of the day. As per the policy included in the parent's handbook, children attending the service are checked daily upon entering the room and any unsafe jewellery is removed.
- Bottle warmer has been purchased and is now used in place of boiling water. Going forward only a bottle warmer will be used to heat bottles.
- The gap has since been fixed. Daily risk assessments will identify these risks sooner in the future.
- The curtains have been removed from the room. Daily risk assessments being carried out will identify these risks if and when they are present.

9. New window restrictors have been purchased. Daily risk assessments will identify that these are always in proper working order.
10. Windows have been painted with visibility markings. Daily risk assessments will identify whether or not the windows are visible to the children.
11. This room is no longer in use for early years children.

Infection Control:

12. Staff received training on cleaning protocols relating to soothers and mouth toys.
Cleaning and sterilisation records added to updated cleaning records for any rooms containing soothers and mouth toys.
13. Written daily cleaning schedules are now in use in every room. Staff have been instructed on the importance of filling in the cleaning schedules and maintaining proper records of all cleaning/sterilisation carried out.
14. Staff members have received a refresher on proper nappy changing procedure. We will continue regular checks to ensure proper nappy changing procedure is being observed going forward.
15. This room is no longer in use for early years children.

Safe Sleep:

16. Travel cots are no longer used in the setting.

Fire Safety:

17. The wooden gates have been planed and now open and close smoothly. Daily outdoor risk assessments will identify these issues sooner in the future.
18. This room is no longer in use for early years children.

Supporting documentation submitted

General Safety:

1. Copy of updated garda vetting.
2. Completed risk assessment checklists for previous 2 weeks.
3. Copy of invoice of new cot beds ordered for children aged 1-2.
4. Copy of invoice of new cot beds ordered for children aged 1-2.
5. Copy of the updated parent's handbook that includes policy on jewellery with explicit reference to amber teething jewellery.
6. Photo of bottle warmer.
7. Photo of repairs.
8. photo of curtains removed.

9. copy of invoice of purchase.
10. Photo of painted windows.
11. Not required.

Infection Control:

12. Copy of schedule of training meeting relating to process of cleaning for mouth toys and soothers and any outcomes and procedures decided on during the training re: monitoring of continued best practice. Copy of mouth toy and pacifier cleaning policy. Photo of mouth toy and pacifier cleaning policy on display. Copy of cleaning checklist reflecting log of cleaning of mouth toys and pacifiers.
13. Copy of daily cleaning schedule.
14. Copy of schedule and content of training provided on nappy changing, record of attendance for the training and any outcomes/decisions re procedures decided on for monitoring continued best practices. Copy of nappy changing procedure. Copy of Nappy changing procedure. Photo of Nappy Changing procedure on display.
15. Not required.

Safe Sleep:

16. Copy of invoice of new cot beds ordered for children aged 1-2.

Fire Safety:

17. Not required.
18. Not required.

Summary Comment

The written response, documentary and photographic evidence submitted by the registered provider has been reviewed by the Early Years Inspectorate. The minimum requirement for regulatory compliance is met for regulation 23. This area of practice will be assessed at the next inspection.

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) Persons were trained in in First Aid Response (FAR) for children and were immediately available to the children attending the service.
- (2)
- (a) The first aid equipment was safely stored, in a conspicuous position in each care room.
 - (b) Suitably equipped first aid boxes for children was available to the children attending the service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

There was evidence of current insurance cover valid until 27 March 2025. The insurance provided cover for 55 children attending on a sessional basis.