

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015FL268
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Name of Service:	Skerries Creche
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Address of Service:	28 Balbriggan Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin
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Name of Registered Provider:	Mary Farrell
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Dates of Inspection:	25/02/2025
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No of pre-school children:	AM	27	PM	26
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Inspection undertaken by:	Y Kelly & AM Coyle
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

Skerries Creche is an early years service which was established in Skerries, Co. Dublin in 1999 and is registered to accommodate pre-school children from 0 to 6 years of age on a sessional, part-time and full day care basis. The service is registered to operate from 7.30am to 6.00pm each weekday, with eligible pre-school children facilitated to participate in the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme from 9.00am to 12.00pm daily for 38 weeks annually. The service is located in a 2-storey converted residential property with 3 care rooms in operation. The Wobbler Room and the Toddler Room are located on the ground floor of the service and the Preschool room is located on the first floor. An additional room is available on the first floor for the children attending the Preschool room to use for art activities and imaginary play. An enclosed outdoor space is located to the rear of the service. One separate sleep room is available on the ground floor of the service.

Staffing

There are ten staff members employed in the service by the registered provider. In addition, the registered provider works in the service on a daily basis and works directly with the children when needed. A manager is employed in the service who coordinates the day-to-day operations of the service. There is a chef who cooks meals daily for the children. Eight staff members work directly with the children. There were two students on a work experience programme present on the day. There are three staff employed to work in the afterschool. The registered provider was present in the service during the inspection.

Methodology

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

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under regulations 9, 10, 11, 19, 23, 25 and 26; however, on inspection additional non-compliance which posed a risk was identified under regulations 16 and 24. These findings are outlined within the relevant regulations within this report.

As a result, the scope of the inspection included the Wobbler room, Toddler room and Pre-school room.

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 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 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
- (c) there is a clear management structure in the service that identifies the lines of authority and accountability in the service and the specific roles and responsibilities of each employee and unpaid worker.

(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) The registered provider is the designated person in charge. There was a named person available to deputise as required.

(1)(b) The service manager was present in the service when the inspectors arrived unannounced at 9.10am. The registered provider arrived shortly thereafter and remained on the premises for the duration of the inspection.

On the day of the inspection a total of 16 staff files including the registered provider, the chef and two students who were present on a work experience programme were reviewed. Three staff members whose files were

reviewed were rostered to work in the registered providers' afterschool service operated on another premises. Garda vetting was reviewed for two external contractors who conducted an activity with the children attending the preschool room on the day of the inspection.

(2) The files for the registered provider, 15 adults and 2 external contractors who were present in the service were reviewed and the following was recorded:

(a) Seventeen written references were available from past employers, 16 of which had been validated.

(b) Twelve written references were available from a reputable source other than a past employer, 8 of which had been validated.

(c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for all 18 adults in the service including the registered provider.

Garda vetting was available for the registered provider, 10 staff, 3 school aged childcare workers, 2 students and 2 external contractors.

The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years.

(d) International police vetting was available for one adult who had lived outside of the state for six months or more as an adult.

(4) Evidence was available to show that nine adults who work directly with the children held at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 or above on the National Framework of Qualifications or a qualification deemed eligible by the Minister.

Non-Compliance Information

(2)(a)(b) The registered provider had not ensured the following:

- One written and validated reference was not available for one adult employed in the service.
- Two written and validated references were not available in relation to the two external contractors.
- There was no evidence of validation for three references.
- Two references that were on file for two adults were deemed to be insufficient.

(3) The procedures as outlined in paragraph (2) were not carried out prior to adults working with or having access to children in the service, as evidenced by the following examples:

- The Garda vetting disclosures in relation to two external contractors were not obtained prior to these adults having access to and contact with the children. These were obtained from the contractors on request of the inspector.
- Five references, as stated above, not obtained in relation to three adults.

Non-compliance under regulation (2)(a) and (b) was identified on the previous three inspections; 29/01/24, 31/05/2023 and the 7/07/2021. The corrective actions submitted following those inspections failed to prevent recurrence of this non-compliance.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(2) (a)(b)

Corrective Actions:

The deputy person in charge reported that the following has now been obtained;

- Reference has been obtained and validated for the staff member concerned.
- References have been obtained and validated for the two external contractors.
- New reference obtained and validated for adults whose original reference were deemed insufficient.
- The deputy person in charge reported that going forward all references will be validated with new checklist of questions.

Preventive Actions:

The deputy person in charge reported that references will be obtained for any external contractors before activities begin going forward. A new reference validation system will be put in place going forward. A reference validation checklist with a list of questions has been developed.

Corrective Actions:

(3)

Garda vetting disclosures have been obtained for the two external contractors.

Preventive Actions:

The deputy person in charge reported that going forward all Garda vetting disclosures will be obtained by external contractors before commencing activities.

Supporting documentation submitted

(2) (a)(b)

Photographic evidence of reference validation checklist has been submitted.

(3)

Evidence of Garda vetting disclosures for the two external contractors has been submitted.

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliances under Regulation 9 have been addressed.

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

On the day of the inspection the following policies and risk assessment were available but were incomplete as detailed in the noncompliance section below:

The outings policy.

The medication policy.

Non-Compliance Information

1.The outings policy did not include the following:

- The food and drink requirements for the children participating in an outing.
- A critical incident plan should the need arise on an outing.
- The infection control measures for an outing.
- The management of an accident or incident while on an outing.

2.The medication policy did not state the following:

- The requirement for parents/guardians to sign records when collecting their child from the service in order to acknowledge that they were informed that their child had medication administered whilst in attendance.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

Corrective Actions:

1. The deputy person in charge reported that the outings policy has now been updated and all staff have been informed of updates and reminded of existing policy.
2. The deputy person in charge reported that the medication policy has been updated and that all staff have been informed of updates. The deputy person in charge reported that parents are to sign medication book daily going forward.

Preventive Actions:

The deputy person in charge reported that policies will be updated when necessary and that staff will be informed. Staff to be reminded about policies going forward.

Supporting documentation submitted

Photographic evidence of outings policy and medicine administration form has been submitted.

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliances under Regulation 10 have been 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

(2) The following adult to child ratios were observed during the inspection:

- In the Wobbler Room there were 7 children aged one year and seven months to 2 years and four months being cared for by two staff members.
- In the Toddler Room there were 6 children aged 2 years and 7 months to 3 years being cared for by one staff member.

(8) (a) The registered provider ensured that there are 2 adults on the premises at all times.

Non-Compliance Information

(2) The registered provider did not ensure that the adult to child ratio was maintained in the preschool room as evidenced by the following:

- From 9.35am to 10.40am 14 children left the service to attend an activity at the local community centre and were under the care of 1 staff member for that period of time. A minimum of 2 adults was required. The student and 2 contractors present do not form part of the adult to child ratio requirements.

A non-compliance identified under regulation in 11(2) was identified at the last inspection on the 29/01/2024. The corrective actions submitted following that inspection failed to prevent recurrence of this non-compliance.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(2)

Corrective Actions:

The deputy person in charge reported that the service will cease outings to playball.

Preventive Actions:

The deputy person in charge reported if outings occur in the future, management and staff will ensure that the ratio is correct. Management to remind staff about outings policy.

Supporting documentation submitted

Evidence of updated outings policy has been submitted.

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliance under Regulation 11 has been addressed.

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;*

Compliance Information

(1)(h) A record was maintained in the service of the children's attendance.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)(a) In respect of 3 adults, there was no recorded history of past employment and relevant experience available for inspection. Therefore, it was not possible to determine whether international police vetting was required in accordance with Regulation 9(2)(c). Two of these adults were the external contractors.

(i) The record of the staff roster was incomplete. It stated the commencement time only of each staff members shift, the time the staff member finished was not documented. Furthermore, there was no system in place for staff members to sign in or out of the service on a daily basis.

The non-compliance under Regulation 16 (1)(i) was also identified at inspection on the 31/05/2023.

The corrective actions submitted following that inspection failed to prevent recurrence of this non-compliance

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

Corrective Actions:

(1)(a) The recorded history of past employment and relevant experience for 3 adults has been obtained. It was ascertained that international police vetting was not required as the staff member was under 18 at time of residence.

(1)(i) Management have changed the system of documenting staff in and out times from an excel sheet on the computer to a staff sign in and out diary that will be kept at the door. The deputy person in charge reported that staff are to do this themselves.

Preventive Actions:

(1)(a) The deputy person in charge reported that CVs of external contract workers and staff members will be obtained prior to working with children and that management are to continuously check and monitor staff files to make sure nothing is missing.

(1)(i) The deputy person in charge reported that management are to write a finish time on the roster as well as reminding staff about the sign in and out diary for staff themselves.

Supporting documentation submitted

(1)(a) Evidence of recorded history of past employment and relevant experience for 3 adults has been submitted.

(1)(i) Photographic evidence of staff sign in and out diary has been submitted.

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliances under Regulation 16 have been addressed.

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) The following observations were made on how each child's learning, development and well-being was facilitated within daily life in the service:

Basic needs:

- Children's meals were cooked following a one-week menu plan. Dinner consisted of pasta bolognese to include pasta, mince and sweetcorn. Staff discussed that children are offered breakfast on arrival from 8.00am to 9.15am, dinner at 11.00am, tea at 2.00pm and snack at 4.00pm. Staff reported that breakfast consists of toast and wheat breakfast cereal and snack consists of fruit or crackers.
- Children's water bottles were brought outside for the children during outdoor play.
- The children aged under two years slept in cots in the cot room. The children aged over 2 years in the service who required sleep slept on mats in the Toddler room.
- There was a cosy area available for the children in the Toddler room to relax in as required. The cosy area was equipped with a sofa so that children could have the opportunity for rest and relaxation.
- All of the children attending the service were given the opportunity to spend time in the outdoor area during the inspection.

Supporting relationships

- Staff demonstrated caring interactions with the children at nappy changing time. Adults had conversations with the child during nappy changing.
- The children appeared confident and content in their environment and sought staff out by name, in turn staff members were responsive to the children's needs.
- The staff members were observed taking the opportunities to interact with parents at collection time and update them on their children's day in the service.

Physical and material environment:

- There were small child sized chairs and tables for children to sit when carrying out tabletop activities or for mealtimes.
- There were labels to denote interest areas which also promoted emergent literacy in the service.
- The Wobbler room consisted of a Cosy Area with sofa where children could relax, home corner with kitchen and play materials, a shop with toy food, dolls, cots and highchairs for dramatic and imaginative play, sensory board with locks and switches and a sensory table with feathers and rice for children's sensory and exploratory play.
- A fully enclosed outdoor area is located to the rear of the service. In the outdoor play area, there was a wooden kitchen with sink and microwave, ride in cars, see-saws, rugby balls, foam blocks, plastic steps which promoted gross motor and fundamental movement skills. There was also a chalk board, funnels and bead runners on the wall.

Programme of Activities and its Implementation:

- Children were observed engaging in tabletop activities including jigsaws, play at the sensory table and outdoor play.
- Staff were involved in children's play in the outdoor area and were observed pretending to be on a plane and sitting on a bus together which supported imaginative play for the children.
- Staff sang songs with the children and staff were observed playing 'Simon says', put your hands up in the air, with the children at the table before dinner time which promoted movement and supported transitions to dinner time.

Non-Compliance Information

Physical and material environment:

1. The books in the wobbler room were placed on bookshelves that were out of the children's reach. This did not enable children to freely choose a book.
2. At dinner time children in highchairs were placed in a position that was facing away from the rest of the group of children. This did not support social interactions or belonging as part of the group at mealtimes.

The non compliance under the physical and material environment was identified under the previous inspection on the 29/01/24.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

Physical and material environment:

Corrective Actions:

1. The deputy person in charge reported that staff are to ensure to place hard backed books at children's level. The person in charge discussed that there are two book shelves at child friendly level in the toddler room. A new book holder has been purchased for the wobblers room.
2. The deputy person in charge discussed that they are usually conscious of this to encourage social interactions. Staff and students who are feeding children will be encouraged and reminded to face children towards each other to encourage socialising.

Preventive Actions:

1. Staff to be reminded to place books at a child friendly level.
2. Staff reminded to encourage socialising by facing children towards each other at meal times.

Supporting documentation submitted

Photographic evidence of a new book shelf in the wobblers room.

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliances under Regulation 19 have been addressed.

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

Outing:

- An outing to the local community centre was facilitated on the day of the inspection.

General Safety:

- The entrance door leading into the premises were appropriately secured to prevent the children from exiting unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the premises.
- The kitchen was inaccessible to the children.
- The outdoor play area was fully enclosed and secured and was mainly surfaced with an impact absorbing surface.

Infection Control:

- Thermostatically controlled running warm water, liquid soap and paper towels were provided in the sanitary accommodation of the service. Staff and children were observed to wash hands after individual nappy changing.
- The services nappy changing policy was observed to be implemented when staff members changed children's nappies.

Administration of Medication:

- Medications were stored out of the reach of children. One child in attendance during the inspection was observed to have medication administered.

Safe Sleep:

- Ten-minute sleep checks including the children's colour, position and breathing were conducted on all sleeping children in the service and recorded in the service.
- All children aged less than 2 years slept in a standard cot on the day of the inspection.

Fire Safety:

- The designated emergency exit doors were clear and unobstructed.

Non-Compliance Information

Outing:

1. An outing to the local community centre took place on the day of inspection for the children to participate in a play activity. The procedures outlined in the service's outing policy were observed not to be followed as evidenced by the examples below. Practice that is at variance with service policy increases risk and introduces potential safety hazards.
 - The risk assessment for an outing was reviewed. The registered provider did not ensure that the determined adult to child ratio of 1 adult to 3 children, as outlined in the service's risk assessment, was maintained during the outing to the community centre. One staff member accompanied 14 preschool children on the outing.
 - The route from the early years' service to the community centre involved crossing two busy roads. It is acknowledged that pedestrian lights were used when crossing the first road ensuring that the children crossed safely. However, on crossing the second road directly in front of the community centre the children were brought across the road without the use of any traffic safety measures or using pedestrian lights which were located approximately 50 metres away.
 - A first aid kit was not brought on the outing.
 - The children's attendance record was not brought on the outing.
 - The procedure to be undertaken should a child go missing whilst on an outing from the service was not included in the outing risk assessment.

General Safety:

2. The designated disinfectant spray was stored on top of the radiator in the Toddler room and was stored at the sink in the Wobbler room and was therefore directly accessible to the children in attendance. This posed a risk of eye or skin irritation to the children.
3. A phone charging cable in the wobbler room was trailing and accessible to the children. This posed a potential risk of injury to the children.

Administration of Medication:

4. There was no system in place for parents/guardians to sign to confirm they had been informed that their children had medication administered whilst in attendance in the service. This practice was confirmed by staff members.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

Outing:

Corrective Actions:

1. The deputy person in charge discussed that outings to playball will cease. Management to discuss with all staff the outings policy and reiterate the safety of crossing at traffic lights, bringing a first aid kit and attendance records. The risk assessment has been updated.

Preventive Actions:

1. The deputy person in charge discussed that children will stop attending playball outings. Management to continue to remind staff of safety procedures when going on outings. Staff reminded that there is a small pocket sized first aid kit to bring on outings. The deputy person in charge reported that this will be discussed at team meetings going forward.

General Safety:

Corrective Actions:

2. The deputy person in charge reported that a safer area has been designated for the storage of the disinfectant sprays out of reach of children.
3. The deputy person in charge reported that the phone charger has been moved to a more appropriate location in either the staff room or the kitchen.

Preventive Actions:

2. Staff are to ensure that disinfectant spray is kept out of reach of children at all times. A sign has been put on the wall to constantly remind staff to store disinfectant spray out of reach of children.
3. The deputy person in charge discussed that phones are not to be charged any more in any areas in reach of children. A sign has been put on the wall to remind staff about wires to be kept out of reach of children at all times.

Administration of Medication:

Corrective Actions:

4. The deputy person in charge reported that the medication policy has been updated and parents now have to sign the medication book daily once medication is administered.

Preventive Actions:

4. The deputy person in charge reported that staff are to ensure that parents sign medication book upon collection of child if medication has been administered to a child.

Supporting documentation submitted

Outing:

1. Evidence of updated outings policy and updated risk assessment have been submitted.

General Safety:

2. Photographic evidence of sign and storage in relation to disinfectant spray.
3. Photographic evidence of sign in relation to keeping wires out of children's reach.

Administration of Medication:

4. Evidence of updated medication policy has been submitted.

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliances under Regulation 23 have been addressed.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 24 - Checking in and out and record of attendance

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that each pre-school child attending the service is checked in and out of the service by an employee or an unpaid worker.

(3) A registered provider shall ensure that-

(a) no person other than-

(i) pre-school child attending the service,

(ii) a person dropping or collecting such a child,

(iii) an employee, or

(iv) an unpaid worker, can enter the premises without his or her entry being approved by an employee, and

(b) a daily record in writing is kept of the entry on the premises of any such person.

Compliance Information

3(a)(b) A system was in place to ensure that no person other than the children and their parents or guardians, employees, approved students or authorised visitors could enter the service. A visitor's book was maintained and on arrival to the service the inspectors were requested to record their attendance on the premises.

Non-Compliance Information

(1) On the day of the inspection, the children attending the Preschool room were not signed out of the service when they left the service on an outing at 09:35am or signed back into the service on their return at 10:40am.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(1) Corrective Actions:

The deputy person in charge reported that staff are to introduce signing children out and in if they leave to go on an outing.

(1) Preventive Actions:

The deputy person in charge reported that management are encouraged to remind staff to sign children out and in again if they leave the premises.

Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliance under Regulation 24 has been 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.

(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 ensured that an adequate number of staff were trained in First Aid Response (FAR) and a staff member trained in FAR was available on the premises throughout the opening hours of the service. There were 3 staff trained in First Aid Response (FAR), including the registered provider and the service manager, all of which were present on the day of the inspection. It is acknowledged that 6 staff members also held current paediatric first aid training, 4 of which were present on the day of the inspection.

2 (a) An adequately stocked first aid box was observed in the kitchen and toddler room of the service.

(b) First aid boxes were stored out of the reach of the children but available to staff as needed.

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 fire drills were available on the premises with the last drill dated as having been carried out on 13 January 2025.
- (b) The number, type and maintenance record for firefighting equipment and smoke alarms were available. Firefighting equipment was last serviced in February 2025. Fire alarm and detection system is serviced quarterly and was last serviced on 27 November 2024.
- (4) Fire evacuation procedures were displayed throughout the service.