

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015GY053
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Name of Service:	Buttons 'N' Bows
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Address of Service:	The Orchard, Moylough, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
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Name of Registered Provider:	Anne Scarry
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Date 1 of Inspection:	24/06/2025
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Date 2 of Inspection:	25/06/2025
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No of pre-school children:	AM	45	PM	44
Day 2	AM	50	PM	49

Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Early Years Inspectorate, Quality Assurance Directorate, Children & Family Agency, H.R Building, Merlin Park, Galway.
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Inspection undertaken by:	E. Friel and S. Meehan
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Title:	Early Years Inspectors
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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).

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Description of service

Buttons 'N' Bows is an early years care and education centre established and in operation since 2006 providing full day care, part-time and sessional services. Registered for children aged 0-6 years of age the service currently accommodates children aged from 6 months to 6 years of age. Opening hours are Monday to Friday, 07:00 to 18:15, for 51 weeks of the year. The Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme operates within these hours, school term time only.

The service is located on a residential estate in Moylough, a rural village in the northeast county Galway. It operates from a purpose built two storey childcare facility which has six care rooms available, three of which are located on the ground floor namely- Baby, Wobbler, Toddler and three on the first floor- Junior Pre-school, Senior Pre-school and Pre-school. The Pre-school care room was not in operation on both days of inspection. There were three sleep rooms in operation including the Wobbler care room, which was converted into a sleep room at specific times on both days of inspection. A kitchen, office, adult and children's sanitary areas, a nappy changing room and a dining room were also in use in the service. The two outdoor play areas, accessible from the Toddler and Wobbler care rooms, were situated at the rear of the service. Car parking was available at side of the service.

Staffing

There were 23 adults employed in the service including the registered provider, 2 deputy managers, 1 cook, 1 kitchen assistant, 1 cleaner and 1 adult employed under the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM).

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.

Additional Information

24/06/2025 An Immediate Action Notice (IAN) was issued under Regulation 23 Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of a child in regard to staff not maintaining 10-minute physical sleep checks of sleeping children in a timely manner.

25/06/2025 The registered provider stated in their response that staff had been retrained on the service's safe sleep practice guidance. In addition, staff were asked to read Tusla's guidance for the early learning and care sector on sleep provision for children under 24 months. Both documents emphasised the importance of carrying out physical sleep checks every 10 minutes.

25/06/2025 On day 2 of the inspection it was observed that the response received from the registered provider had not adequately addressed the concerns documented on the Immediate Action Notice issued on the 24/04/2025. The inspectors observed that 10-minute physical sleep checks were not as yet being carried out as required, notwithstanding the retraining carried out by management.

25/06/2025 A request for a further response was issued, following a review of the practices observed on Day 2 by the inspectors which were inadequate in addressing the Immediate Action Notice.

30/06/2025 An adequate response was received from the registered provider in relation to the Immediate Action

Notice which stated that the registered provider and management would be reviewing the sleep checks daily and that a designated adult would be assigned specific responsibility to record the 10-minute sleep checks in a timely manner as per the requirements.

Acknowledgments

The inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the designated persons 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.*

(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 service had a person in charge and named person available to deputise.
- (b) The person in charge and the named person were both present when the inspectors arrived at the premises. Both were available throughout the inspection process.
- (c) There was a clear management structure displayed in the reception area of the service with staff photographs and roles visible.
- (2) Recruitment files for all 23 adults were reviewed.
- (a) Twenty-seven of the required 46 validated references were from past employers.
- (b) Seventeen of the required 46 validated references were from sources other than previous employers.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures were available for 23 adults. 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) Overseas police vetting disclosures were available for two of four adults who had lived outside the jurisdiction for a period of six months or more as an adult.
- (4) Of the 23 adults who were employed to work directly with the children, 19 held major awards, between levels 5 and 8, in Early Childhood Care and Education or a qualification by the Minister deemed equivalent.

Non-Compliance Information

- (2)
- (a) (b) Although a reference was available for one adult this was not translated or validated. A second reference and validation were also missing in respect of the same adult.
- (d) Two of four required overseas police vetting disclosures were missing in respect of two adults who had lived outside the jurisdiction for a period of six months or more as an adult.
- (4) One adult employed to work directly with the children, did not have a certificate available on file to evidence a child care qualification between levels 5 and 8, in Early Childhood Care and Education or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- (2)
- (a) (b) Two references and validations from current employers are now on file for the adult for whom they were required. No translation was required as the original reference requiring translation was removed and a

- new reference was submitted by the adult and a validation was carried out on this reference by management.
- (d) Overseas police vetting disclosures are now of file for both adults for whom they were required. In future, all vetting will be in place prior to staff commencing employment.
- (4) A record of award at level 5 in childcare is now on file for one adult for whom it was missing. In future, all staff will have the necessary documentation in place prior to commencing employment.

Supporting documentation submitted

The following documents were received in the office of the inspectorate

- (2)
- (a)(b) Copies of 2 references and validations for the adult for whom they were required.
- (d) Copies of 2 outstanding overseas police vetting disclosures.
- (4) Written evidence was received of a level 5 childcare qualification for the adult for whom it was required.

Summary Comment

The actions taken by the registered provider have addressed the non-compliances identified under Regulation 9 (2) (a), (d) and (4).

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) The registered provider ensured that there were an adequate number of adults working directly with the children.
- (2) The adult/child ratios were met on both days of inspection.
- On day 1 there were 19 adults working directly with 45 early years children in the morning and 19 adults working with 44 early years children in the afternoon.

On day 2 there were 14 adults working directly with 50 early years children in the morning and 14 adults working with 49 early years children in the afternoon.

- (8)
- (a) The staff roster indicated that the registered provider ensured that there were two adults available during the operating hours of the service.

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:

- Food and snacks were provided regularly throughout the two days of inspection. Staff stated breakfast was available from 07:00 consisting of wheat and oat-based cereals. Children were offered snacks in both the mornings and the afternoons, with the morning snack provided by parents or guardians and this was observed being served at 11:10 in the Junior Pre-school care room. Examples included crackers, yogurt and fruit.
- The hot meal of the day, served on Day 1 at 12:10 in the Toddler care room, was noted to consist of mashed potatoes, ham and vegetables which were of an appropriate consistency for the children in the Toddler care room. The hot lunch on Day 2 served in the dining room to the babies and wobblers was cottage pie with potatoes and vegetables. Staff stated that a mid-afternoon snack was served at 15:30.
- Children in the service were given sufficient time to finish their food without being rushed. The atmosphere during meal times was relaxed and happy with staff in all rooms heard engaging in social conversation with the children.
- Age and stage appropriate cutlery and crockery were observed in use in all care rooms and in the dining room.
- Water was available from individual bottles and beakers placed in baskets which were placed within reach of the children in each care room. Younger children's water beakers were also available in the dining room when food was being served.

- Each room was provided with a rest/quiet area furnished with sofas for the children to sit while resting or reading away from noisy activities. The Junior Pre-school children were observed on both days after lunch listening to meditation music on mats on the floor with their chosen soft toy.
- There was seamless provision of outdoor play for children in the Toddler care room, which had direct access to the outdoor play area.
- On both days of inspection all children were observed playing in the outdoor play areas where they had access to a range of age and stage appropriate equipment and resources.
- The inspectors observed staff accompanying children from the Toddler and Senior Pre-school care rooms to their respective sanitary areas throughout the day, helping with handwashing and reminding children to dry their hands.
- The inspectors observed that nappy changing was carried out regularly and as required throughout both days of inspection. Designated nappy changing times were in place at 10:30, 12:50, after waking from sleep and after snack in the afternoon.
- Children's personal belongings were individually labelled and stored within reach in the nappy changing area.
- An adult chair was in use in the Baby care room and the staff member was observed feeding a child a bottle at 13:00 on Day 1.
- Children in the Baby care room had access to a wavy bar where they could pull themselves up and learn to walk in a safe space. The room had matting underfoot preventing injury should a child fall.

Non-Compliance Information

- Three staff members were unable to sit comfortably while assisting children with food at lunch time. The inspector observed 2 staff members in the Toddler care room on Day 1 and 1 staff member in the dining room on Day 2 attempting to help feed and assist children while in a standing position, as there were no adult chairs provided in either room.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- New adult chairs have been purchased and are now available in the Toddler care room and dining room. Staff have been advised on the benefits of using the adult chairs including to feed and comfort children and for health and safety reasons.

Supporting documentation submitted

- Photographs of the new chairs in the Toddler care room and in the Dining room were submitted to the office of the inspectorate.

Summary Comment

The action taken by the registered provider has addressed the non-compliance identified under Regulation 19.

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:

- Internal doors were appropriately secured where necessary to prevent children accessing unsafe areas. Examples included the office and adult sanitary doors locked and the keys positioned out of reach of the children.
- The main entrance door was secured on arrival, and the door was operated with a buzzer system preventing unauthorised adults from entering the service and children leaving the service unsupervised.
- Windows were fitted with restrictors preventing children from exiting or falling from them.
- Four highchairs in the dining room and two highchairs in the Baby care room were fitted with safety harnesses preventing children from climbing out.
- Hand rails, positioned at the children's height on the main stair case, facilitated the safe movement of children up and down the main staircase.
- The perimeter of the outdoor play areas were secured with high concrete walls and three gates with sliding bolts. These safety measures ensured that unauthorised adults could not enter the play areas or that the children, observed playing in the areas, could not leave either play area unsupervised.
- The outdoor play areas of the younger and older children were cordoned off with picket fencing ensuring that the younger children were safe to manoeuvre around at their own pace.

Infection Control:

- Picture reminders were displayed of hygienic hand washing steps in the children's sanitary on the ground floor.
- Toilet seats for younger children were observed to be stored on a shelf when not in use in the Toddler sanitary area.

- A sterilising solution was available in the Baby care room along with a microwave for sterilising soothers in use in the service.
- Hand basins in the upstairs sanitary area in use by the Senior and Junior Pre-school care rooms were supplied with thermostatically controlled hot water, dispensing soap and dispensing paper towels. Pedal operated bins were in use for the disposal of paper waste.
- Staff members carrying out nappy changing in the downstairs sanitary area were observed following the service's nappy changing procedures by washing their hands prior to nappy changing, putting on single use aprons and gloves for each nappy change, disposing of used nappies in a pedal operated, lined, sealed and lidded nappy bin, disposing of gloves after nappy changing and then sanitising the units and mats before washing the children's and their own hands. Staff stated they record each nappy change on a digital application for the parent's/guardians information.

Administration of Medication:

- Temperature reducing medication stored in its original container, with an expiry date of the 08/27, was stored out of the reach of children in the Baby care room.

Safe Sleep:

- Temperatures of all sleep rooms were within the required limits on both days of inspection; temperatures of the Baby sleep room where a child under 12 months was asleep on both days was within the recommended limits of 16°C to 20°C . The Wobbler and the designated sleep rooms, where children were aged over 12 months temperatures were recorded between 18°C - 22°C.
- The ten cots in the designated sleep room and the three cots in the Wobbler sleep room were fitted with waterproof mattresses which were noted to be in good condition.
- CCTV of cots in the cot sleep room were visible in the Toddler care room on a monitor to enable staff to view the sleeping children.
- Ambient lighting was available in all sleep rooms which enabled staff to monitor and view the sleeping children.

Fire Safety:

- All fire exit doors were unobstructed.
- Fire extinguishers were secured with brackets to the walls of the service.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. Garda vetting disclosures were available for 23 adults, however, 6 of these vetting disclosures were not dated within the previous 3 years in adherence to the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice “EYI-RN12.3 Renewal of Garda Vetting” posing a potential safety risk to the children.
2. On Day 1 of inspection the temperatures of the hot water in two of the three wash hand basin of the children’s sanitary area downstairs were recorded as 44.8°C and 44.9°C respectively. On Day 2 the temperature of the same two wash hand basins were recorded as 45°C and 45.5°C which is above the recommended temperature of 43°C, posing a safety risk to the children.

Safe Sleep:

3. An Immediate Action Notice (IAN) was issued under Regulation 23 - Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of a child in regard to staff not maintaining 10-minute physical sleep checks of children in a timely manner, as required and at variance to the service’s safe sleep practice policy. This had the potential of compromising the safety of sleeping children on both days of inspection.

Day 1 – A total of 7 physical sleep checks were reviewed by the inspector between the morning and afternoon in the designated Sleep room, Wobbler sleep room and the Baby sleep room.

Documented sleep times recorded on an electronic application evidenced that 3 physical sleep checks for 3 separate children had not been carried out every 10 minutes. The sleep record of Child 1 in the Wobbler sleep room, which was recorded on an electronic application, was reviewed at 11:31, indicating gap of 29 minutes between the hours of 10:28 – 10:57 for this child.

The physical sleep record of Child 2 recorded in the designated cot room was reviewed at 11:55 and indicated a gap of 29 minutes between the hours of 10:28 and 10:57.

The sleep record of Child 3 recorded in the Baby sleep room was reviewed at 13:00, indicating a gap of 42 minutes between the hours of 10:15 and 10:57. In conversation, a staff member stated they were on break and sleep checks had not been carried out in their absence.

In addition, the inspector observed a full day care child asleep at 11:20 on a bean bag in the Senior Pre-school care room, posing a safety risk. In conversation, a staff member stated that the child had been reading a book and fell asleep. There was no equipment available for sleep in the care room. It was

acknowledged that on Day 2 the bean bag had been removed and replaced with a stackable bed, in use in the home corner, in the event a child required to rest in the care room.

Day 2 – Following receipt of the response to the Immediate Action Notice the registered provider stated that staff retraining had taken place on the service’s safe sleep practice and that all staff had been advised to read Tusla’s Guidance for the Early Learning and Care Sector on Sleep Provision for Children Under 24 Months. Therefore, further sleep checks were carried out on day 2 to ensure that all staff were now conducting physical sleep checks every 10 minutes; the inspector reviewed 6 individual children’s physical sleep checks, 2 of which had been recorded in the Baby sleep room at 11:40 and 4 of which had been recorded in the Cot sleep room at 12:50.

The inspector found that the 2 physical sleep checks documented on the electronic application in the Baby sleep room were not recorded every 10 minutes. The sleep record of Child 1 recorded on an electronic application indicated a gap of 12 minutes between the hours of 10:36 and 10:48 and the sleep record of Child 2 indicated a gap of 15 minutes between the hours of 11:07 and 11:22.

Based on the observations of the 10-minute physical sleep checks and documented evidence observed by the inspector on day 2, 25/06/2025, the actions submitted by the registered provider on the 25/06/2025 to the early years inspectorate in regard to the Immediate Action Notice sent to the registered provider on 24/06/2025 were deemed to be inadequate. They were deemed not effective in meeting the requirement of Regulation 23 Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of a child, specifically staff maintaining 10-minute physical sleep checks of sleeping children in a timely manner. Therefore, a further response to address the issue was requested.

4. On Day 1 the inspector observed that 3 cots and 5 of 8 stackable beds in the Wobbler sleep room were not positioned 50 centimetres apart, posing a safety risk to the children. Examples included beds placed 15 and 31 centimetres apart and cots placed 26 centimetres apart. It was acknowledged on Day 2 that staff had reduced the number of stackable beds to ensure that the cots and stackable beds in use were placed at least 50 centimetres apart.

Infection Control:

5. On Day 1 of inspection the inspector observed that the sink draining area of the Baby care room was greasy and sticky and a step up located in the Junior Pre-school toilet, off the care room, was noted to be unclean posing a risk to the children. On Day 2 it was acknowledged that both the kitchen sink draining area and the step up were cleaned removing the risk of children coming into contact with any germs.
6. There were no cleaning records available on the 2 days of inspection in the service. The inspector was informed by staff, in both the Junior Pre-school care room and in the Baby care room, that cleaning took place on a daily basis. However, the last record completed for cleaning in the Baby care room was documented as the 29 May 2025 and no cleaning records were available for the Junior Pre-school room. In conversation, staff from both care rooms informed the inspector that the cleaner had gone on holidays and staff in the care rooms were carrying out the cleaning.
7. Stitching had come loose on 1 of 3 vinyl sofas in use in the rest/quiet area of the Junior Pre-school care room and the foam was exposed, making it difficult to clean effectively.
8. It was observed on Day 1 that the bean bag cover in the Senior Pre-school care room was heavily stained. It was acknowledged that this was removed on Day 2 of the inspection.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

The following statements were received from the registered provider;

Corrective & Preventive Action

General safety:

1. Applications for the renewal of Garda Vetting disclosures were submitted and received for the 6 adults. These are now available on the relevant recruitment files. All staff files will be checked yearly to ensure compliance with Garda vetting within a 3-year cycle.
2. The plumber removed the old thermostatic valves and these were replaced with new ones. Staff have been reminded to monitor the temperature of the thermostatically controlled hot water and report any issues to management.

Safe sleep:

3. Management have introduced a sleep roster in which a designated adult is identified as being responsible for the sleep checks. The sleep checks will be monitored by management on a daily basis to ensure the safety of the sleeping children and compliance with the regulations.
4. The stackable beds and cots were placed 50 centimetres apart on Day 2 to ensure the safety of the children. Staff will monitor the required spacing on a daily basis to ensure cots and stackable beds are placed 50 cm apart.

Infection Control:

5. Both the sink draining area of the Baby care room and the step up located in the Junior Pre-school toilet were cleaned by staff who will ensure that all areas are cleaned daily.
6. Cleaning checklists are now accessible to staff and are in daily use.
7. The sofa in the Junior Pre-school room has been removed for repair.
8. The bean bag was removed on Day 1 of inspection.

Supporting documentation submitted

The following documentation, texts and receipts were received in the office of the inspectorate;

General Safety:

1. Copies of renewal of Garda vetting disclosures for 6 adults in the service.
2. Photographs and a copy of the receipt evidencing the replacement of the thermostatic valves by the plumber.

Safe Sleep:

3. A copy of the actions taken to rectify the Immediate Action Notice (IAN), which were documented on a sheet and signed by each staff member, present in the service. In addition, a copy of a completed sleep check roster identifying the designated adults responsible for the daily sleep checks. The statement from management that the sleep checks will be monitored to ensure the safety of the children and compliance with the regulations has been accepted.
- 4 and 5. The statements from the registered provider has been accepted.

Infection Control:

6. Copies of the cleaning checklists for the care rooms and nappy changing areas. The statement from the registered provider has been accepted.
- 7 and 8. The statements from the registered provider have been accepted.

Summary Comment

The actions taken by the registered provider have addressed the non-compliances identified under Regulation 23

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) Nine First Aid Responder (FAR) certificates, which were all in date, were available to evidence that the 9 adults had FAR training completed.
- (2) (a)(b) The suitably equipped first aid boxes were available in the kitchen and the office, these were accessible while the early years children were present in the service.

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.*
- (2) *The record referred to in paragraph (1) shall be open to inspection by-*
 - (c) *an authorised person.*
- (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) The inspector observed that written records were available of the monthly fire drills that took place in the service. The record of the most recent fire drill was dated 15 May 2025.
 - (b) Written records were available detailing the number, type and maintenance of firefighting equipment in the service along with the smoke alarms. The firefighting equipment certificate was recorded as 01 November 2024 and smoke alarm certificate was dated 16 May 2025.
- (2)
 - (c) Both the firefighting equipment and the smoke alarm records were open to review on the premises on the day of inspection.
- (4) The notice of the fire drill procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were located throughout the building.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

A written policy was available to evidence that the service was insured for 100 early years children on a full day care basis. Details included public liability, fire and theft, with the expiry date recorded as 27 March 2026.

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 - Premises

A registered provider shall ensure that the premises of the service are-
(d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required.

Non-Compliance Information

- (d)
- The inspector observed that the window sill in the Junior Pre-school care was in a poor state of repair. There were loose paint particles on the window sill where patches of paint were missing.
 - The air vent in the nappy changing room, on the ground floor, was noted to be covered in dust. Staff stated this had been cleaned recently however this was not observed on both days of inspection.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The following statements were received from the registered provider;

- A carpenter and painter have been contracted to carry out the required work commencing 21 July 2025. Staff have been asked to keep management informed of any work they notice is required on an ongoing basis.
- The vent was cleaned. Air vents have now been added to the cleaning checklist of the nappy changing area.

Supporting documentation submitted

The following documentation and photographic evidence was received in the office of the inspectorate;

- Written correspondence and photographs to confirm that work had commenced. The statement from the registered provider has been accepted.
- A photograph of the cleaned vent and a copy of the cleaning checklist with the vents included.

Summary Comment

The actions taken by the registered provider have addressed the non-compliances identified under Regulation 29 (d).