

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015KE200
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Name of Service:	Ternuco Ltd T/A Creative Kids
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Address of Service:	Unit 4 & 5, Andrew Square, Dunbrinn, Athy, Co. Kildare
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Name of Registered Provider:	Aidan Corless
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Date of Inspection: Day 1	04/06/2024
Date of Inspection: Day 2	02/07/2024

No of pre-school children:	AM	28	PM	11
No of pre-school children:	AM	11	PM	9

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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

This private childcare service is located on the outskirts of Athy Co. Kildare. A full day care service is provided to children aged between 2-6 years old and opening hours are Monday to Friday from 08:00am-17:00pm. Part time care is offered and sessional care and education is available for 38 weeks of the pre-school year.

The service operates from a purpose-built premises in a small retail park at the entrance to a residential estate. Five pre-school rooms, a kitchen and an office are provided. An outdoor play area is located to the front/side of the premises.

Car parking is available outside the premises.

Staffing

There were nine adults present on inspection 4 June 2024 and of these, six were working directly with the children. The manager and deputy person in charge were supernumerary and available to provide relief and assistance to the rooms if required throughout the day, the cook was also present.

There were seven adults present on inspection 2 July 2024 and of these, four were working directly with the children. The manager and deputy person in charge were supernumerary and available to provide relief if required throughout the day, the cook was also present.

The registered provider was not present and does not work directly with the children.

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

These inspections were 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.

The inspections focused on an examination of compliance under,
Regulation 9 (2)(a)(b)(c)(d) (3) (4) - Management and recruitment
Regulation 11- Staffing Levels
Regulation 19(1)(b) - Health Welfare and Development of Child
Regulation 20(1)(b) - Facilities for Rest and Play
Regulation 21- Equipment and Materials
Regulation 23 - Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child
Regulation 25- First Aid
Regulation 26- Fire Safety Measures
Regulation 28 - Insurance

However, on inspection additional non-compliance which posed a risk was identified under,
Regulation 29(c)(d) - Premises. These findings are outlined within the relevant regulation within this report.

Following review of the written response submitted post inspection completed 4 June 2024, a review inspection was completed 2 July 2024

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

1. A written immediate action notice under Regulation 23 – Safeguarding Health, Safety and Welfare of child was issued to the registered providers by the Early Years Inspector on 4 June 2024.
2. A written response was received by the Early Years Inspector on 5 June 2024 from the person in charge in relation to the immediate action notice and mitigated the risk identified. The response was accepted by the Early Years Inspectorate.
3. 2 July 2024 - an inspection was completed to review the written corrective and preventative action responses submitted by the person acting on behalf of the registered provider.
4. A regulatory compliance meeting was conducted by the Inspection and Registration Manager with the Registered Provider and manager of the service on 7 August 2024.

Acknowledgments

The inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the 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

(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)

There was a designated person in charge and a named person to deputise as required.

(b) The named person in charge remained on the premises for the duration of the inspection.

The records of eleven staff members employed were reviewed, this included the registered provider.

(2)(a)(b)

Two written and verified past employer references or references from a reputable source were available in respect 11 adults present or employed in the service whose records were reviewed.

(c)

Garda Vetting disclosures were available for eleven staff members including the registered provider.

Garda Vetting disclosures were available for eleven adults, eight of which were dated within the last three years.

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 as no adult had lived in a state other than the State for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months.

(4)

Nine 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.

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

4 June 2024

(1)

There were 28 children attending the service being supervised directly 6 staff members during the inspection.

(2)

The minimum ratio of adults to children was adhered to during the day as specified in column (3) of Part 1 of Schedule 6.

(8)(a)

There were at least two adults on the premises at all times for the duration of the inspection.

2 July 2024

(1),(2)

There were 11 children attending the service being supervised by 4 staff members during the inspection. The minimum ratio of adults to children was adhered to during the day.

(8)(a)

There were at least two adults on the premises at all times for the duration of the 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-

(b) appropriate and suitable care practices are in place in the pre-school service, having regard to the number of children attending the service and the nature of their needs.

Compliance Information

The children were observed happy and comfortable as they moved throughout their assigned rooms and in the outdoor play area on the day of inspection. Staff members were kind and respectful towards the children in their care and were observed chatting, playing, explaining and assisting the children as needed during the morning. Children's first names were used and the children were observed responding well to positive praise and encouragement that was offered by the staff regularly.

Parents provided the morning snack for their child and children were afforded plenty of time to eat and were not rushed. Staff advised they followed a healthy eating policy and explained they would cut/halve any food items that presented a potential choking risk to the children.

Children's hand washing routines were well established and children could use the toilet any time it was necessary.

Children were observed dressed appropriately for outdoor play and were observed putting on their coats going outside as it was drizzling and cool, wellington boots were available if needed.

Children requiring a period of sleep were accommodated in the Red room at a designated time in the afternoon.

Non-Compliance Information

1. There was no water immediately accessible to the children in the rooms. The children's bottles were stored in the children's bags.
2. Plates were not provided to the children at snack time in the Red and Yellow rooms and some children were observed to place their food directly on the table as they were eating it.
3. One child was observed to lie on the floor and display signs of tiredness at 12:50 hours in the Red room. The room was not transitioned to provide sleep until 13:00 hours.
4. Three of four children who availed of a period of sleep on the day of inspection were observed not to have sheets provided for them and were lying directly on the plastic surface of the sleep bed.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective Action

1. Jugs of water and cups are left into rooms each morning by the floater and filled accordingly.
2. Plates and spoons are now brought to the rooms each morning by the floater.
3. Our Blue room is now transitioned into a sleep room at 12:30pm and therefore if a child is displaying signs of tiredness before their dinner then they can be brought to bed.
4. Messages have been sent to parents to send in a sheet and cellular blanket for their child.

Preventive Action

- 1/2. Room leaders are to ensure they inform the floater if this has not been done.
3. Sleep time is available from 12:30pm each day in the blue room.
4. Spare sheets and blankets will also be left in the service.

Supporting documentation submitted

None submitted.

Summary Comment

Following review of the written response submitted for Regulation 19(1)(b), a review inspection was completed 2 July 2024. It is acknowledged all actions stated were in place in the service.

The requirement for regulation 19(1)(b) has been met and will be reviewed at the time of the next inspection.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 20 – Facilities for rest and play

(1) Subject to this regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that-

(b) there are adequate and suitable facilities for a pre-school child to rest during the day, and in the case of an overnight pre-school service, during the day and the night.

Compliance Information

Soft child sized couches were in place in each room, the rest area in the Blue room was also equipped with a floor mat and placed adjacent to the library making it an inviting space for children to use to rest, take a break from activities and/or read a book.

There were a sufficient amount of low level beds available for children over the age of 2 years requiring a period of sleep during the day when attending on a part time or full day care basis.

Non-Compliance Information

1. It is acknowledged the Red, Green, Yellow and Purple rooms each had a soft child sized sofa, however, these areas did not present as cosy/comfortable spaces designed to attract a child to use them for some quiet time to rest, relax/read a book as the sofas were randomly placed against a wall in each room without any further adornment or enhancement.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

1. Four new mats have been purchased for the four rooms and management will ensure rest areas are sufficient going forward and regularly check this area.

Supporting documentation submitted

Documents x 2

Summary Comment

Following review of the written response submitted for Regulation 20, a review inspection was completed 2 July 2024. The requirement for Regulation 20 has been met, this will be assessed at the time of the next inspection.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 21 – Equipment and materials

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

Compliance Information

There was a variety of developmentally appropriate toys, materials and equipment available for the children to use and play with during the day in the Yellow, Green, Blue and Purple rooms as observed by the following: Sand trays were available and a variety of sensory play material including dried pasta and mulch were being used for sensorial play experiences. Art and craft materials available included paint, paper, crayons, play dough and materials for gluing, cutting and sticking. There were a selection of props for the home corners and dress up clothes were displayed and accessible. Low level open shelving units containing the pre-school materials and equipment ensured the resources were freely available and easily accessible to the children at all times in each room.

Child sized tables and chairs were in place in all rooms and ensured the children could sit comfortably for tabletop activities and when eating their meals and snacks.

Non-Compliance Information

1. The indoor environment in the Red room did not have interesting play and learning spaces which provided developmentally appropriate, challenging, diverse, creative and enriching experiences that facilitated child led play. The children were observed wandering aimlessly around the room due to the limited amount of suitable play materials/equipment available to them as observed by the following:

- There were no sensorial materials present or equipment that promoted fine motor development such as threading, peg boards and pegs, wooden lift out puzzles or magnets immediately available to the children.
- There was no paper, crayons, chalking or art and craft opportunities available to the children.
- Some of the play equipment which included 4 shape sorters and one stacking toy were not appropriate to the age profile of the room which was 2 – 3 years.
- There were three containers of random plastic small toys on shelves, many of which were worn and had not been grouped together to provide specific meaningful play for the children.
- The defined areas of interest, particularly the construction and home corners, were inadequately prepared/presented, were minimally resourced and what was available was placed in containers.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

1. The Red room now has more age-appropriate materials.

Preventive Action

1. Toys and materials will be reviewed every six weeks going forward. There will also be two staff in this room from September who can take note and report any resources they need.

Supporting documentation submitted

Photograph x 1

Summary Comment

A regulatory compliance meeting was held with the registered provider and person in charge, 7 August 2024.

Assurances were given that the resources, toys and materials had been transferred from the Yellow room, now transitioned into a sleep room, to further resource the Red room.

This will be assessed at the time of the next inspection.

The requirement for Regulation 21 has been met.

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 main entrance gate and door to the service was secure and controlled by staff to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the pre-school service.

The person in charge ensured the inspectors visit to the service was documented in the visitor's book on arrival.

The service met the necessary safety requirements in respect of the toys and equipment and safe storage of cleaning agents.

Infection Control:

Thermostatically controlled hot water, liquid hand soap and paper hand towel, hygienically dispensed from wall mounted units, were readily available for hygienic hand washing and drying. Foot pedal operated bins were provided for the disposal of used tissues, paper towel, nappies and waste. Plastic aprons, disposable gloves and nappy sacks were available for hygienic nappy change practices.

Written cleaning schedules were maintained for the room environments and staff were observed sweeping the floor and ensuring tabletops were wiped down and cleaned after snack and if required during the morning in their individual rooms.

Administration of Medication:

Medicine was not administered during the inspection. During conversations with the staff members, they advised they were aware of the procedures to be followed to administer medicine safely to a child if required while attending the service.

Safe Sleep:

The staff member, caring for sleeping children, in conversation with the inspector, advised that ten minute sleep checks were recorded to check the colour, position and breathing pattern of sleeping children. The environmental temperature of the Red room where children were sleeping was maintained between 18-22°C to ensure a comfortable and safe sleeping environment for the children.

Fire Safety:

Staff advised the inspectors that regular fire drills take place and all fire exits on the premises were easily recognisable and unobstructed.

Outing:

Outings take place from the service and an outings policy is in place to guide safe practice.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

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1. Garda vetting was available for three adults; however, the vetting disclosures were not dated within the previous three years in adherence to the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice 'EYI-RN12.3 Renewal of Garda Vetting'.
2. Four of the five entrance doors to the care rooms were not secure as the latch mechanism was removed from the door locks on the affected doors. The handles were accessible to the children in the rooms and created a potential risk of children exiting the care rooms unsupervised.
3. The hinge guard had become worn and therefore ineffective, on the entrance door to the yellow room; this had the potential risk of injury to a child of trapped fingers.
4. The polythene ground sheet, beneath the loose bark filling in the outdoor play area, was exposed in various parts of the garden and a wooden plank was observed as a divider between two areas of the garden; these were potential trip hazards for staff and children when using the area.

5. Exposed metal screws were observed on the wooden mud kitchen where a door had become detached, this posed a potential risk of injury to a child.
6. Metal hooks were observed in all the pre-school rooms on the walls and at the side of the sink unit in the Purple room and were being used to hang coats/other objects; all of these metal hooks were located at child height level and were a risk of potential injury to a child should they fall against/run into them.

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7. It is acknowledged the door hinge guards had been purchased; however, they had not been fitted to the entrance door to the Yellow room.

Administration of Medication:

8. The individual health care plan in place for a child requiring the administration of medication in an emergency situation did not contain the required information to guide staff to ensure that the child's health needs were met in the event of an emergency occurring.

An immediate action notice was issued to the registered provider under Regulation 23 – Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child in relation to this non-compliance.

9. The storage location of the emergency medication was in a cupboard in the kitchen behind files. This created a potential risk of delay of administration to the child in the event the medication was required in an emergency situation.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

General Safety:

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Corrective Action

1. Garda vetting has now been renewed for three staff.
2. Five entrance doors to each care room have been fitted with new handles with a latch.
3. Two new finger protection door hinge guards have been ordered for the yellow room.
4. The polythene ground sheet has now been corrected and the wooden plank between both areas of the garden has been removed.
5. The door has been removed.
6. Metal hooks have been removed from all rooms.

Preventive Action

1. A checklist of Garda Vetting dates is now readily available to management to ensure it is renewed in a timely manner prior to the three-year expiration.

2/3. This has been put onto our daily risk assessment.

4. Trip hazards will be noted on our daily garden risk assessment.
5. More precaution will be taken when doing our daily garden risk assessment.
6. We no longer permit the use of metal hooks in the service.

Following a regulatory compliance meeting held with the registered provider 7 August 2024, a second CAPA was requested to address the outstanding non compliances as recorded 7 July 2024.

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Corrective Action

7. Guards have now been fitted on Yellow room door

Preventive Action

7. Hinge guards will be checked regularly and replaced when needed.

Administration of Medication:

Corrective Action

7. We have updated the individual care plans (ICP) for children who require medication in an emergency situation.
8. Emergency medication will now be placed in the child's care room.

Preventive Action

7. Any child who may require emergency medication, must meet with management prior to their child starting, fill out an ICP and also provide us with written evidence of the child's medical condition from their GP/Hospital.
8. Prior to a child starting, needing emergency medication, the medication will be put in place in the child's care room.

Supporting documentation submitted

4 June 2024

General Safety:

- Documents x 3
- Email copy x 1
- Photographs x 2

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- Photograph x 1

Administration of Medication:

Documents x 2

Summary Comment

Following review of the written response submitted for Regulation 23, a review inspection was completed 2 July 2024. A regulatory compliance meeting was held with the registered provider and person in charge, 7 August 2024.

Following review of the additional written responses and supporting evidence submitted, the requirement for Regulation 23 has been met.

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 staff members including the persons in charge were trained in first aid, expiry date, 1 November 2025 and were immediately available to the children attending the service.

(2)(a)

The first aid equipment was safely stored, in conspicuous positions in the service.

(b) A suitably equipped first aid box was available at all times to the children attending the service.

Non-Compliance Information

1. It is acknowledged that all staff had paediatric first aid training, however, there was no staff member trained in first aid response (FAR) and immediately available at all times to the children attending the service.

Certificates of training had expired in May and July 2023.

This was a noncompliance on the last inspection 25 October 2023 and despite written assurance that FAR training had been sourced for January 2024, no FAR training had taken place to date.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

1. FAR training is booked for three staff members on the 18th, 19th and 20th of July and a checklist of all training and expiry dates is now readily available with management to review and plan prior to expiry dates.

Supporting documentation submitted

Email copy x 1

Summary Comment

Documentary evidence was submitted of completed FAR training dated 18 July 2027 on 12 August 2024.

The requirement for Regulation 25 has been met.

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 written record was available of fire drills which were completed monthly in the service, the last recorded fire drill took place 20 May 2024.

(b)

A record was kept of the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and fire detection system in the premises and were last serviced May 2024 and 20 March 2024 respectively.

(4)

Notices of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire were conspicuously displayed in the service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

There was evidence of current insurance cover valid until 27 March 2025. The insurance provided cover for 61 children.

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Additional Risk Identified

Regulation 29 - Premises

A registered provider shall ensure that the premises of the service are-

(c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated

(d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and

Non-Compliance Information

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(c)

1. One ceiling strip light was not functioning in the Yellow room, it was noted that two tube light fixings were required for the unit but there was only one nonfunctioning tube light in situ.

(d)

The following maintenance issues were observed throughout the service and in the garden area.

2. Yellow Room

- The rubber sealings on two of the windows in the Yellow Room had become detached from their surrounds, as a result the windows could not be correctly closed and sealed to retain heat in the room during inclement weather.
 - The metal attachment holding the wooden panel at the side of the low level sink unit to the wall was observed rusted and the plaster was exposed and cracked; this was assessable to children and required repair.
3. A large pane of glass on one side of the window in the Green room, was observed with a large diagonal crack that was taped over and therefore was potentially weakened and required replacement.
4. Holes were observed in the plasterboard on the walls behind the doors in the Blue and Green rooms and required repair, these holes were also accessible to the children.

5. A toilet that had been previously removed from a toilet cubicle that now housed the nappy change unit, was observed with a metal pipe left exposed/protruding from the wall and the floor covering had not been completed to cover where the toilet had been situated and exposed cement remained. There were also holes in the plaster board above the nappy change unit where dispensers had been removed and not replaced.

6. Red room

- There was no handle to securely close one window in the room, as a result, the window remained ajar with a chain type fastening and could not be fully sealed to prevent a draught and to retain heat in the room during inclement weather.
- Another window in the room was observed with a large crack in the wood and required repair/replacing and a hole was observed in the plaster work at this windowsill which required to be refilled.
- Exposed holes were observed on a wooden wall rail and required to be filled.
- The wooden built in area around the low level sink had deteriorated and observed with a rusted screw fixing and peeling paint work.

7. Garden play area

- The grass area of the garden was overgrown with long grass and weeds and required cutting to create a tidy and pleasant space for children to play and explore.
- Weeds had gathered in the canopied seating area and required removal.
- The bark mulch covering part of the play area had thinned and become worn exposing the polythene sheeting underneath and therefore required replenishing.

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8.

- The garden area had not been cleared of weeds and further growth was noted, the planting boxes had not been weeded, the plastic activity units were dirty and stained and the wooden play unit was deteriorating in parts and had not been painted or maintained for some time.
- There was no record or plan in place to repair the cracked windowpane in the Green room.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

4 June 2024

Corrective Action

- 1/2. The yellow room light has now been replaced, the rubber sealings on both windows have now been replaced. The sink unit has been fixed and sealed.
3. A glass company in Athy were contacted and we are awaiting a price and date for repair before the end of July.
4. The holes have been refilled in the plasterboard behind the walls in the blue and green rooms.
5. The metal pipe has now been covered, floor covering has been completed and holes in plaster board have been filled.
6. The handle on the red room window is now replaced, the crack in the wood on the window and hole on the windowsill and wooden rail are now filled, the sink area has been refurbished.
7. Grass has been cut, weeds removed, and the polythene sheeting has been removed to avoid trip hazards.

Preventive Action

- 1/2/3. This equipment and these areas have now been added to our daily risk assessment.
4. Door stoppers have been put on the ground behind each care room as a preventive measure.
5. The nappy changing area will be assessed daily when been cleaned.
6. Daily risk assessments will be done on windows and sink areas.
7. A local garden company is now in place to come to the service once a month to cut grass, weeds, etc.

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Corrective and preventive Action

8. We have agreed with a local Garden centre for them to maintain and upkeep the garden every six weeks. A new windowpane has been ordered (8/8/24) and will be fitted before 28/8/24 and before the Green room opens for the ECCE year. Windows will be replaced immediately if this reoccurs.

Supporting documentation submitted

4 June 2024

Document x 1

Photographs x 9

Supporting documentation submitted

2 July 2024

Documents x2

Summary Comment

Following review of the written response submitted for Regulation 29, a review inspection was completed 2 July 2024. A regulatory compliance meeting was held with the registered provider and person in charge, 7 August 2024. Following review of the additional written responses and supporting documentation the requirement for Regulation 29 has been met; this will be reviewed at the time of the next inspection.