

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015KY009
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Name of Service:	Bebé Crèche & Montessori
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Address of Service:	Avenue, Countess Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry
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Name of Registered Provider:	Michael O'Shea, Eimear Scannell
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	10/04/2024
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No of pre-school children:	AM	61	PM	51
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Inspection undertaken by:	E. Friel
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Title:	Early Years Inspector
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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

Bebé Crèche and Montessori is a private early years care and education facility offering a choice of full day care, part-time and sessional services. The service has been in operation since 2007 and is registered to accommodate children aged from 0-6 years of age, currently children attending are aged from 9 months to 5 years old.

Operating hours are from 8.00 am until 6 pm, Monday to Friday for 51 weeks of the year. The Early childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme is accommodated in the morning from 9.00 am until 12 noon and in the afternoon from 12 noon until 3.00 pm, operating term time only A school age care service is also in operation from 8.00 am until 9.00 am in the morning and from 2 pm until 6 pm in the afternoon.

Bebé Crèche and Montessori is located in a residential area in the centre of Killarney town in County Kerry. It operates from a single storey, purpose built childcare facility comprising of a reception area, four Pre-school care rooms and one Wobbler room. The service has a staff room with kitchen, a separate kitchen, adult and child sanitary facilities, three dedicated sleep rooms and a fourth sleep room (Pre-school 3) was in use after lunch on the day of inspection. There are two outdoor play areas available; one is located is on the gable end of the building and the second - a balcony - runs the length of the service. A planting area is located below the balcony. Car parking facilities are available to the rear of the service.

Staffing

There are fifteen adults employed in the service including two AIMS Support Workers and one domestic assistant. The two registered providers do not work in the service.

Methodology

Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate is the independent statutory regulator of early years services in Ireland. The Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 define the duty of a registered provider to ensure the safety and well-being of children and to comply with these regulations. This Act also gives Tusla the authority to assess compliance with the regulations. The purpose of regulation in relation to early years services is to ensure that the care, safety, and well-being of children attending such services is upheld. Inspections of early years services are planned based on the following:

- Previous inspection history
- Any information received in relation to the service

The findings on inspection are based on:

- Information obtained through examination of documentation
- Direct observation
- Discussion with relevant staff

This inspection was unannounced and focused on the area of governance/ health, welfare and development of child, safety, premises and facilities. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

Inspection findings are documented in the inspection report which is first issued in draft format to the service with an opportunity to respond to any findings. Where statutory requirements are identified as not being met, the registered provider must demonstrate how they have rectified the non-compliance and will prevent any non-compliance from re occurring. The Corrective Action and Preventive Action plan (CAPA) will be used to inform decisions about compliance with regulatory requirements. Where the registered provider fails to meet the statutory requirements an escalation process may be commenced.

The inspectorate reserves the right to edit responses received for reasons including clarity, completeness and compliance with administrative and legal processes.

The contents of the report are compiled by the inspectorate body.

Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the manager, deputy, staff and children who were present on the day of the inspection.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that-

- (a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required,
- (b) at all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on, the designated person in charge or the named person referred to in subparagraph (a) is on the premises, and
- (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 registered provider ensured that there was a designated person in charge and deputies and available on the premises. Both the designated person in charge and the deputy were on the premises when the inspector arrived.
 - (b) The staff roster indicated that either the designated person in charge and or deputies were on the premises while the early years children were present in the service.
 - (c) There was a clear management structure displayed with photographs and roles and responsibilities in the reception area of the service.

- (2) Recruitment files for all seventeen adults, including two AIM Support Workers and the two registered provider were reviewed;
- (a) There were eighteen validated references from previous employers.
- (b) There were sixteen validated references from sources other than previous employers.
- (c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for all adults for whom they were required. The service 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 five adults who had resided outside the State for a period of six consecutive months or longer as adults.
- (4) Fourteen adults working 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 by the Minister to be equivalent. In addition, one adult had a Letter of Qualification Recognition.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 11 - Staffing levels

(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 adult/child ratios were met.

Wobblers (9 months – 2 years)

There were six full-day care children in attendance with two adults in both the morning and afternoon.

Pre-school 3 (2 years – 3 years)

There were eight full day care children in attendance with two adults in the morning and nine children in attendance with two adults in the afternoon.

Pre-school 4 (3 years – 4 years)

There was one full day care, two part-time and six sessional children with two adults in the morning and nine children with two adults in the afternoon.

Pre-school 2 (3 years – 5 years)

There were ten full day care children and seven sessional children in attendance with three staff members in the morning and seven children in attendance with two adults in the afternoon.

Pre-school 1 (3 years 6 months – 4 years 6 months)

There were eighteen full day care, two part-time and one sessional child in attendance with three staff members in the morning and twenty children in attendance with two staff members in the afternoon.

- (8) (a) The staff roster indicated that there were four adults on the premises at opening time and six adults rostered on at closing time.

Part IV – Information and Records

Regulation 15 – Record of pre-school child

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

- (a) the name and date of birth of the child;*
- (b) the date on which the child first attended the service;*
- (c) the date on which the child ceased to attend the service;*
- (d) the name and address of a parent or guardian of the child and a telephone number where that parent or guardian or a relative or friend of the child can be contacted during the hours of operation of the service;*
- (e) authorisation for the collection of the child;*
- (f) details of any illness, disability, allergy or special need of the child, together with all the information relevant to the provision of special care or attention;*
- (g) the name and telephone number of the child's registered medical practitioner;*

(h) record of immunisations, if any, received by the child;

(i) written parental consent for appropriate medical treatment of the child in the event of an emergency.

(3) A record in writing referred to in paragraph (1) or (2) shall be open to inspection on the premises by-

(c) an authorised person.

Compliance Information

(1) A sample of fifteen children's records were reviewed on the day of inspection. All were found to contain the necessary particulars (a) to (i) above.

(3)

(c) The registered provider ensured that the children's records were available to view in the service by the inspector.

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;

(b) details of the class of service and the age profile of children for which the service is registered to provide services;

(c) details of the adult: child ratios in the service;

(d) the type of care or programme provided in the service;

(e) the facilities available;

(f) the opening hours and fees;

(g) the policies, procedures and statements the service is required to maintain in accordance with Regulation 10;

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

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

(3) A record referred to in paragraph (1) shall be open to inspection on the premise

Compliance Information

- (1)
- (a) The name, position, qualifications and experience of the manager and of every employee, were available in the staff recruitment files in the service.
- (b) Details of the class of service and the age profile of children, for which the service is registered to provide, were available on the Tusla Registration Certificates visible on the notice board in the reception area of the service.
- (c), (d), (e) and (f) The details of the adult: child ratios in the service, the type of care or programme provided, the facilities available and the opening hours and fees were available in the registration pack given to parents/guardians on enrolment.
- (g) The policies, procedures and statements the service is required to maintain in accordance with Regulation 10; were available in a folder in the file room of the service.
- (h) Details of attendance for each child were recorded in the attendance records, available in each room, which were furnished to the inspector during the inspection.
- (i) The weekly staff roster was presented to the inspector on arrival and contained all staff breaks.
- (3) The records referred to in Paragraph 1 were open to review by the inspector.

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-*
- (a) *having regard to the number of pre-school children attending the service, their respective ages and the amount of time they spend on the premises, there are adequate and suitable facilities for each child to play indoors and, where required by these Regulations, outdoors, during the day, and*
- (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

- (1)
- (a) The Wobbler care room and Pre-school care rooms 1, 2 and 3 were equipped with developmentally appropriate play materials and toys. In addition, some care rooms were supplied with personalised equipment to meet specific developmental needs.

- Tables and chairs, suitable for the age and stage of the children, were available in each room. Examples included the Wobbler room which was supplied with highchairs and a low table with wooden chairs which enabled the children to put their feet flat on the ground. The Wobbler room also had adult chairs available for adults to sit and cuddle and feed younger children.
- Tables were positioned to allow children to work individually or in a group in the Pre-school 1 care room.
- There was sufficient space available for each child to explore the environment in each care room.
- Play materials and toys were positioned on low-level shelving providing easy access and choice while promoting independence.

There were two outdoor play areas and a planting area available to the children; the outdoor play area at the gable end of the building, an outdoor balcony running the length of the front of the building and a planting area below the balcony.

- A locked toy shed was located in the play area at the gable end and was used to store outdoor toys including cars, wooden blocks, tricycles, ride-ons, scooters and a slide.
- A covered area was available for the children to play outdoors in all weathers and a mulch area was available for digging.
- A mud kitchen provided opportunities for pretend play and sensory experiences.

(b) There were suitable rest facilities on the premises for all of the children. On the day of inspection there were four sleep rooms in operation namely; Wobbler sleep room, Rest room 1 and Rest room 2 (both located off the Pre-school 3 care room, which facilitated children from the Wobbler care room) and the Pre-school 3 care room which was in use as a sleep room directly after lunch.

In total there were nine cots, three in each dedicated sleep room, each cot was placed 50cms apart and was fitted with a waterproof mattress.

- Ambient lighting was noted in each sleep room and the sleep room temperatures were recorded as 20°C, within the recommended limit.
- Pre-school 3 sleep area; there were nine children resting/sleeping on stackable beds in the Pre-school care room, two members of staff were present in the room. A blanket was available for each bed.
- Physical sleep checks were observed to be carried out in each sleep room and these were furnished to the inspector to view, which evidenced that the sleep checks were being carried out every ten minutes.

- Each room had a rest/quiet area, with age and stage appropriate soft furnishings, where the children could sit away from noisy activities.

Non-Compliance Information

- (1) The inspector observed that three children's interactive toy computers in use in the Pre-school 4 care room were not working, reducing the enjoyment and learning experiences of the children. In conversation, the staff member stated that they had tried changing the batteries however this had not worked.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The following statement was received from the registered providers;

- (1) The defective toy computers were removed from the Pre-school 4 care room and replaced with new battery operated toys to ensure positive learning experiences for all children. The method of disinfecting battery operated toys has been revised and a repair log book is now available for staff to record faulty equipment.

Supporting documentation submitted

- (1) Photographs of the four new battery-operated items of play equipment were received in the office of the Inspectorate. The statement from the registered provider that the method of disinfecting the toys has been revised and a repair log book is now available for recording faulty equipment has been accepted.

Summary Comment

The corrective action implemented by the registered providers has addressed the non-compliance identified under Regulation 20 (1) (a).

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 22 – Food and drink

A registered provider shall ensure that adequate and suitable, nutritious and varied food and drink is available for each pre-school child attending the pre-school service.

Compliance Information

The service promoted healthy eating, with food and snacks observed being provided at regular intervals throughout the day.

- The service provides breakfast between 8.00 am and 9.30 am. The parents/guardians are responsible for providing snacks, these were available in the morning from 10.30 am and 3.00 pm in the afternoon from the fridges in each care room. A monthly menu was available for the parents and a copy was furnished to the inspector.
- Children in the Pre-school 3 care room were observed at 10.40 am eating ham sandwiches, yogurt, and a mix of berried fruits.
- A hot meal was served at 1.00 pm, with provision made for the children’s ages and stages of development. The children in the Wobbler care room were observed being offered savoury mince while the children in the Pre-school 2 care room were served sausages. Both were accompanied with mini roast potatoes and peas. The food at lunch was provided by a catering company and reheated by a designated staff member, fruit including blueberries and pineapple was served after lunch.
- Parents/guardians provided alternative food should a child not want what was on the four-week menu. One child in the Pre-school 1 care room was observed being served hot pasta, tomato and cucumbers. In addition, the service had food available should a child not wish to eat what was on the menu.
- Water was available in all care room and was within easy reach of the children. Children in the Pre-school 1 care room were observed accessing their drinks from individual water bottles which were stored on a shelf nearby, staff were observed refilling the bottles, when required.
- Appropriate cutlery and crockery were provided for each age group and staff stated that children who are hungry out with scheduled mealtimes are accommodated.

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 reception door was fitted with a thumb twist cylinder and a sliding bolt to prevent unauthorised adults entering the building and children leaving the service unsupervised.
- Windows in the Pre-school 2 care room were decorated with visibility circles to prevent the impact of children banging into them.
- Blind cords in all rooms were secured out of reach of the children.
- A hand rail was provided from the main road entrance up the steps of the service enabling children to negotiate the steps safely.
- All flexes and cables were inaccessible to the children.
- Cleaning agents were stored on high shelves, which were inaccessible to the children.
- Kitchen areas were closed and not accessible by the children.
- The outdoor play area at the gable end was secured with a high stone wall, high wooden panelling and a bolted gate, while the balcony was secured with wooden fencing. The planting area was secured with a stone wall. These measures ensured that no child could leave the area unsupervised.

Infection Control:

- Children in the Pre-school 1 and 2 bathrooms had access to thermostatically controlled hot water, dispensing foam, automatic paper towel dispenser, and pedal operated bins to dispose of paper waste.
- Handwashing was observed before the serving of food and after toileting in the Pre-school 1 care room.
- Cleaning checklists in the care rooms and sanitary areas were completed and up to date.
- Staff in the Pre-school 3 changing area were observed wearing disposable gloves and aprons between each nappy changes and sanitising the mat after use.
- Windows in all of the care rooms were opened facilitating the circulation of fresh air.

Administration of Medication:

- In the event of an emergency anti-febrile medication, appropriate to the age of the children and stored in its original container, was available. It was located in a locked cabinet out of reach of the children.

Fire Safety:

- Firefighting equipment was secured by brackets to the walls and corridors of the care rooms.
- The fire assembly sign was visible in the car park area at the rear of the service.
- Fire evacuation notices were located on the notice boards of the care rooms.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

- (1) There were seven highchairs available in the Wobbler care room. Three of the highchairs were in operation, two of which were observed to have no shoulder harnesses in use, posing a risk that a child could climb out over the top of the highchairs. In conversation, a staff member stated that a shoulder harness had been missing from one highchair for some time and the other highchair had shortened straps which were not long enough to reach around the child's shoulders.
- (2) A mechanism in use to secure the fire exit door in the sleep area of Rest Room two in Pre-school 3 care room was ineffective. A bar which connected it to the contact point on the opposite side was missing, posing a safety issue should a child open the door and exit the building unsupervised.
- (3) A shatterproof tiled mirror in the Wobbler care room had tiles with broken edges, posing a safety risk should a child catch or trap their fingers on one of the sharp edges.
- (4) Two light storage units in the Pre-school 4 care room were not anchored, posing a risk of them tipping or falling on a child.
- (5) There were two aerosol cans within reach of children on a sill above the children's changing table in the nappy changing area of the Pre-school 4 sanitary area.
- (6) There was a large, unsecured, adult sized castle frame in the Pre-school 1 care room, posing a tipping hazard to the children.

Infection Control:

- (7) The inspector observed that there was no sterilising fluid in the containers for soothers or mouthed toys in the Wobbler and Pre-school 3 care rooms. This potentially poses a risk of cross infection from children leaving down and picking up mouthed toys and soothers which had been in use by other children. Staff stated the sterilising fluid is not in use at all times.
- (8) There was no hot water available in the Wobbler/Pre-school 3 changing area. The temperature of the water of the thermostatically controlled water in the adult sink was recorded as 14.7°C and the temperature of the water in the children's sink was 10.8°C, reducing the risk of hygienic handwashing.
- (9) The nappy changing bin in operation in the Pre-school 4 nappy changing area was not pedal operated, posing a risk of cross infection and contamination from the lifting of the lid after each nappy change. In

conversation, the manager furnished the inspector with a copy of an order which had been made to replace the nappy changing bin.

(10) The nappy changing mat in the Pre-school 4 changing area table was torn and the foam was exposed, making it difficult to clean effectively. When informed the manager changed the mat immediately.

(11) The two blue rest mats on the floor of the Pre-school 1 rest/quiet area were frayed at the edges making them difficult to clean effectively.

(12) The stackable beds in use after lunch in the Pre-school 3 care room were not placed more than 50 cm apart, posing a risk of cross contamination from being too close to the child next to them.

Fire Safety:

(13) There was a cot blocking the fire exit door in the Wobbler sleep room, posing a safety risk in the event of an emergency. In addition, there was equipment stored on the floor posing a tripping hazard.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

The following statements were received from the registered provider;

General Safety:

- (1) The two high chairs without harnesses were removed and two new high chairs are now available in the Wobbler care room. The staff have been asked to report any broken equipment to management and a repair log book is now available to record same. Management will conduct weekly checks to ensure the high chairs are in a good state of repair.
- (2) The mechanism used to secure the fire door in Rest Room two in Pre-school 3 care room has been replaced. Management will conduct weekly checks to ensure that all mechanisms are in working order.
- (3) The tiles on the shatterproof tiled mirror in the Wobbler care room have been replaced. Staff have been reminded to inform management if the tiles need replacing and the repair log is available to record same. The repair log will be checked regularly by management.
- (4) The two light storage units in the Pre-school 4 care room have been securely anchored. Management will check weekly to ensure all storage units are securely anchored.
- (5) The two aerosol cans, within reach of the children in the Pre-school 4 sanitary area, were removed. Staff have been reminded to store aerosol cans out of reach of the children. Management will check weekly that this is being carried out.
- (6) The adult sized children's castle frame in the Pre-school 1 care room has been secured. Management will ensure that all equipment that is required to be anchored will be secured before the children access to the

equipment.

Infection Control:

- (7) Mouthed toy sterilising containers are now in use in the Wobbler and Pre-school 3 care rooms. Staff have been reminded to ensure that mouthed toy sterilising units are replenished each day in order to prevent the spread of infection. Management will carry out checks to ensure that this is done.
- (8) A plumber was called and the blown fuse which had caused the issue of no hot water in the Wobbler/Pre-school 3 changing area was replaced. Staff have been reminded to inform management should there be an issue with the temperature of the water. A repair log book is now available for staff to record same and this will be checked by the management team regularly.
- (9) The nappy changing bin in operation in the Pre-school 4 nappy changing area was replaced. Staff have been reminded to inform management of any equipment which needs replacing.
- (10) The nappy changing mat in the Pre-school 4 changing area table was replaced. Staff have been reminded to inform management of any equipment which needs replacing. A repair log is now available to record any repair/replacement issues.
- (11) The two blue rest mats on the floor of the Pre-school 1 rest/quiet area were removed and new ones have been ordered. Staff have been reminded to inform management of any equipment which needs replacing. A repair log is now available to record any repair/replacement issues.
- (12) The stackable beds in use after lunch in the Pre-school 3 care room are reviewed daily by staff to ensure that they there is a minimum of 50 cm between each one.

Fire Safety:

- (13) The cot blocking the fire exit door in the Wobbler sleep room has been repositioned and the toys have been removed.

Supporting documentation submitted

The following photographs, documentation and statements were received in the office of the inspectorate;

General Safety:

- (1) A photograph of the two new highchairs in the Wobbler room.
- (2) A photograph of the new hook and eye mechanism on the fire door in Rest Room two in Pre-school 3 care room.
- (3) A photograph of the new tiles on the shatterproof mirror in the Wobbler care room.
- (4) A photograph of the anchored two light storage units in the Pre-school 4 care room.
- (5) A photograph of the changing area of the Pre-school 4 sanitary area with no aerosol cans visible.

(6) A photograph of the anchored children's castle frame in Pre-school 1 care room.

Infection Control:

(7) A photograph of the mouthed toy sterilising containers in use in the Wobbler and Pre-school 3 care rooms.

(8) The statement from the registered providers has been accepted.

(9) A photograph of the new nappy changing bin in the Pre-school 4 nappy changing area.

(10) The new nappy changing mat in the Pre-school 4 changing area was observed during inspection.

(11) An invoice for two new blue rest mats for the Pre-school 1 rest/quiet area.

(12) The statement from the registered providers has been accepted.

Fire Safety:

(13) A photograph of the repositioned cot along with clear floor space in the Wobbler sleep room.

Summary Comment

The inspector reviewed the corrective actions and evidence provided after the inspection. The registered providers demonstrated that the non-compliances under Regulation 23 have been resolved.

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) Certificates were available to evidence that at least thirteen adults in the service had First Aid Responder (FAR) training completed. The roster indicated that there were four adults available at opening time in the morning and five adults at closing time in the evening.

(2) (a) (b) The first aid boxes were suitably equipped, available at all times and easily accessible to the adults in each of the care rooms.

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 firefighting 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) Written records of regular monthly fire drills were available in the service. The last record was dated 4 March 2024, with previous dates including 8 February 2024 and 8 January 2024.
 - (b) Written records detailing the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms were available. The firefighting equipment certificate was dated 24 October 2023 and the smoke alarm certificate was dated 8 December 2023.
- (2)
- (c) The records referred to in paragraph (1) were open to review by the inspector.
- (4) Fire evacuation notices were noted on the notice boards of the care rooms throughout the service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

A certificate was available to evidence that the registered provider had insurance for the service. The policy stated that the service is insured for 75 children on a full day care basis and the expiry date was noted as 27 March 2025.

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 - Premises

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

- (a) of sound and stable structure,*
- (d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and*

Compliance Information

- (a) The building appeared of sound and stable structure.

Non-Compliance Information

- (d)
 - (1) The laminate material on the front of the kitchen door, under the sink, in the Pre-school 2 care room was not maintained in a good state of repair. The inspector observed that it was peeling off and in conversation staff stated the door had been repaired a number of times previously.
 - (2) The handle, on one of the windows of the Pre-school 4 care room, was broken making it difficult to open and close the window effectively, without the handle falling off.
 - (3) The hot and cold water taps in one wash hand basin, in use in the Pre-school 1 sanitary area, would not turn off and water was dripping constantly from both.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- (d)
 - (1) The doors under the sink in the Pre-school 2 care room have been replaced. Staff have been reminded to inform management of any equipment which needs replacing. A repair log is now available to record any repair/replacement issues.
 - (2) The handle on the window of the Pre-school 4 care room was replaced. Staff have been reminded to

inform management of any equipment which needs replacing. A repair log is now available to record any repair/replacement issues.

- (3) The washers on the tap in the Pre-school 1 sanitary area, were replaced by the plumber. Staff have been reminded to inform management of any equipment which needs replacing. A repair log is now available to record any repair/replacement issues.

Supporting documentation submitted

The following photographs and statement were received in the office of the inspectorate;

- (1) A photograph of the repaired doors under the sink in the Pre-school 2 care room.
- (2) A photograph of the replaced handle on the window of the Pre-school 4 care room.
- (3) The statement from the registered providers has been accepted.

Summary Comment

The inspector reviewed the corrective actions and evidence provided after the inspection. The registered providers demonstrated that the non-compliances under Regulation 29 (d) have been resolved.