

# Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

## Pre School

<b>TUSLA Identifier:</b>	TU2015LK059				
<b>Name of Service:</b>	Day Dreams Creche				
<b>Address of Service:</b>	Lissnalta, Dooradoyle, Co. Limerick				
<b>Eircode:</b>	V94 H5P8				
<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Lynn Shanahan				
<b>Service type:</b>	Full Day, Sessional				
<b>Date(s) of Inspection:</b>	18/04/2024				
<b>No of pre-school children:</b>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>AM</td> <td>76</td> <td>PM</td> <td>59</td> </tr> </table>	AM	76	PM	59
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<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Inspectors				

## Authority to Inspect

The Tusla Early Years Inspectorate carries out inspections of Early Years Services under Section 58(J) of the Child Care Act 1991 (as inserted by Section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013).

## Conditions if applicable

Not applicable

## Description of service

Day Dreams Creche operates from a single story, purpose built premises in an urban area on the outskirts of Limerick city. It is a privately owned, full day care facility. It caters for children from 1 to 6 years of age. It is opened from 7.15am to 6.00 pm, Monday to Friday. There were 94 children on the register at the time of the inspection. The premises has 7 pre-school rooms divided as follows, 2 Wobbler rooms, a Toddler room, and 2 Preschool rooms and 2 Montessori rooms. There is a dedicated sleep room next to the Wobbler room. There is a large outdoor play area to the rear of the facility.

## Staffing

The registered provider is the owner and the manager of the facility. There are 16 additional staff employed to work at the facility. Extra staff are available to prepare, cook and serve meals at the service. A third level student was also present on the day of the inspection for work placement.

## 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

### 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2023:

An immediate action notice was issued in relation to a noncompliance under Regulation 9(2)(c), where vetting disclosures from the National Vetting Bureau of the Garda Síochána were not available in respect of 2 staff on the premises.

### 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2023:

An immediate response by the registered provider was received stating that the staff without Garda vetting no longer work in the service.

## Acknowledgments

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

### Part II - Registration and Register

#### Regulation 8 - Notification of change in circumstances

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

#### Non-Compliance Information

(1) The registered provider did not notify the agency that they were increasing the maximum number of children who could attend the service above the approved maximum number of 70 preschool children.

Also, the service was accommodating an additional Montessori class in a modular building at the rear of the premises without prior approval from the Registration Office.

#### Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

##### Corrective and Preventive Action

Following inspection of the service the preschool room which did not have prior approval for use was closed and the preschool children from that area were accommodated at an alternative service. A change in circumstances form was submitted to the Registration office for consideration of use of the modular building for preschool children and to increase the number of preschool children the service can accommodate.

##### Supporting documentation submitted

Evidence of the change of circumstances form was seen by the Office of the Early Years Inspectorate.

#### Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and the evidence submitted. The noncompliance identified under the above regulation has been adequately addressed.

### 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.

(3) The procedures specified in paragraph (2) shall be carried out prior to any person being appointed, assigned or allowed access to or contact with a child attending the pre-school service.

(4) A registered provider shall ensure that, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), each employee working directly with children attending the service holds at least a major award in Early childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Qualifications Framework or a qualification deemed by the Minister to be equivalent.

(7) A registered provider shall ensure that all employees, unpaid workers and contractors are appropriately supervised and provided with appropriate information, and where necessary training, including in relation to the following:

- (a) the policies, procedures and statements of the service specified in Schedule 5;
- (b) Part VIIA (inserted by section 92 of the Child and Family Agency Act 2013 (No. 40 of 2013)) of the Act, and

*(c) these Regulations.*

### Compliance Information

(1)(a) On the day of the inspection the service manager was the designated person in charge and there was a named person available who was able to deputise if required.

(b) The registered provider or their deputy were rostered to be on duty each day at the service.

(2)(a) Two written and validated references were available for 15 staff working at the service.

(b) Where past employer references were not available, there were references from reputable sources such as previous schools and colleges.

(c) Garda vetting disclosures had been obtained for 15 staff members. In the case of 2 staff members, 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 available for all staff members working at the service, who had lived outside the Irish jurisdiction for longer than 6 consecutive months.

(4) There were 15 staff working directly with children who held an appropriate qualification in Early Childhood Care and Education.

(7) A staff policy booklet was given to all staff when they took up employment at the service. All polices of the service were outlined in the booklet. Details of the relevant Act and Regulations were included.

### Non-Compliance Information

(2)(a) There was 1 staff member and 1 student who had no references on file at the service. There was an additional 1 staff member working at the service who had 1 reference on file. A second reference was required but not available.

(2)(c) Garda vetting disclosures had not been obtained for 2 staff members who were working directly with preschool children on the day of the inspection. An immediate action notice was issued in relation to this on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. An immediate response by the registered provider was received stating that the staff without Garda vetting no longer work in the service.

(3) The procedures specified in paragraph (2) were not carried out for all staff prior to being appointed, assigned or allowed access to or contact with a child attending the pre-school service.

(4) There was 1 staff member present who did not hold an appropriate qualification in Early Childhood Care and Education. This staff member was rostered to work the full day on the day of the inspection.

## Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

### Corrective and Preventive Action

- (2)(a) Following inspection of the service all references were submitted for all the required staff and students.
- (2)(c) All outstanding Garda vetting has been submitted.
- (3) All references and Garda vetting will be applied for prior to any staff member taking up appointment in the service.
- (4) Only staff who have the required qualification in Early Childhood Care and Education will work with the preschool children in the service.

### Supporting documentation submitted

Copies of all the required references and garda vetting were forwarded to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate.

## Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and the evidence submitted. The noncompliance's identified under the above regulation has been adequately addressed.

## Part III – Management and Staff

### Regulation 11 - Staffing levels

*(1) Subject to this Regulation, a registered provider shall ensure that there is at all times an adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the pre-school service.*

### Compliance Information

- (1) On the day of the inspection there were 76 pre-school children and 13 adults working directly with the children. The adult/child ratios in all areas of the service were correct.
- In Wobbler room 1 there were 10 preschool children with 3 staff members present.
- In Wobbler room 2 there were 5 preschool children with 1 staff member present.
- In Toddler room 1 there were 17 preschool children with 3 staff members present.
- In Preschool room 1 there were 15 preschool children with 2 staff members present.
- In Preschool room 2 there were 6 preschool children with 1 staff member present.

In Montessori room 1 there were 18 preschool children with 2 staff members present.

In Montessori room 2 there were 5 preschool children with 1 staff member present.

Additional staff were available to prepare, cook and serve food on the premises.

### 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.*

#### Compliance Information

(1) A sample of 18 children's enrolment forms were reviewed. The service had a record in writing containing the following particulars for each of the children.

- (a) The name and date of birth of the child.
- (b) The date on which the child first attended the service.
- (c) Provision to record 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 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 received by the child.
- (i) Written parental consent for appropriate medical treatment of the child in the event of an emergency.

### 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;*
- (j) details of any medication administered to a pre-school child attending the service with signed parental consent;*
- (k) details of any accident, injury or incident involving a pre-school child attending the service.*

### Compliance Information

(1) A record in writing was kept of the following information in relation to the service and is shared with parents in a parent handbook

- (a) The name, position, qualifications and experience of the person in charge and each staff working at the facility.
- (b) Details of the type of service in operation and the age profile of children for which the facility 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) A record in writing was maintained of policies and procedures required in accordance with Regulation 10.
- (h) Details of attendance by each pre-school child daily.
- (j) The service had a medication administration recording template book available that was completed in the event of a child requiring medication to be administered at the service.
- (k) Details of any accident, injury or incident involving a pre-school child attending the service was recorded. Parents signed the report to say they were informed of any such incidents.

### Non-Compliance Information

- (l) Staff rosters were documented in writing however they did not include staff surnames. Details of when staff took their breaks at the service or who replaced them in each room when they took meal breaks were not documented.

### Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

#### **Corrective and Preventive Action**

- (i) Staff members full names have been added to the staff rosters and all staff who assist in rooms at break times sign in and out of each room when facilitating lunch relief.

#### **Supporting documentation submitted**

Copies of the revised rosters were forwarded to the Office of the Early Years Inspectorate.

### Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and the evidence submitted. The noncompliance identified under the above regulation has been adequately addressed.

### Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

#### Regulation 19 - Health, welfare and development of child

(1) A registered provider shall, in providing a pre-school service, ensure that-

(a) each child's learning, development and well-being is facilitated within the daily life of the pre-school service through the provision of the appropriate activities, interaction, materials and equipment, having regard to the age and stage of development of the child, and

#### Compliance Information

##### Basic Needs:

A healthy eating policy was available at the service with a detailed menu plan documented for each week. Healthy breakfasts were offered between 7.15am and 8.45 am. Dinner was served between 11.15am and 12.30 pm. An afternoon snack was offered at 3.15pm and an evening snack was offered at 4.30 pm. On the day of the inspection beef stew was offered with mashed potatoes and vegetables for the main course. An alternative choice was available for children if needed. Appropriate cutlery and crockery were used depending on the age of the children. Younger children were fed in highchairs while the older children sat independently at low level tables while dining. Staff offered assistance and engaged meaningfully with the children during mealtimes.

Sanitary accommodation and nappy changing facilities were located close to each room. Hot water, liquid soap and paper hand towels were provided to ensure the hygienic washing of hands. Low level toilets and sinks ensured children could independently use the bathrooms once they were toilet trained. Staff helped when needed.

Rest facilities were available next to the Wobbler rooms, with a separate sleep room provided for children under 2 years of age. Good quality 11 standard cots were in use. Children were observed sleeping on their backs and all were checked every 10 minutes. All sleep checks were documented in writing. Where older children slept on low level beds, staff stayed in the room with the children while they slept.

Rest areas with new soft couches, cushions and blankets were accessible in each room. Soft mattresses were also available on the floor providing comfort for children who enjoyed floor play at the service.

Children had access to an outdoor area at the rear of the premises. Each group were given allocated time to play outside. A sheltered area was available outside to ensure children got outdoors when weather was poor.

##### Physical and Material Environment:

Each room at the service was designed to meet the needs of the various age groups and their changing interests and abilities. The Wobbler rooms had lots of soft floor areas to facilitate children spending time at floor play. A

large soft couch facilitated the adults to sit and hold children comfortably when needed. Push along toys were accessible to assist children who were learning to walk. A climbing playhouse provided children with a facility where they could master skills such as climbing steps, coming down slides, crawling through spaces. Soft sound making toys were accessible to the children and were stored in baskets on the floor.

The Preschool rooms accommodating the older children were large, spacious and bright areas with lots of low-level open shelving available to display play equipment. Defined interest areas included library areas with a range of age-appropriate reading material, construction areas, imaginative play areas with props for home corners and dress up play. Sensorial play was available outdoors where large sand and water trays were accessible.

A large, sheltered area outside facilitated children spending time outside in all weather conditions. Lots of climbing frames, playhouses and trikes were accessible outside.

### Non-Compliance Information

#### Basic Needs:

1. In the Wobbler room 2 it was observed that children's drinks were stored out of reach of children and assistance from staff was required if children were thirsty. To ensure proper fluid intake each day, children should have easy access to their drinks throughout the day.

#### Physical and Material Environment:

2. There was a lack of sensorial play materials indoors in the Wobbler, Toddler and Preschool rooms. Sand and water play were not available or accessible in any of the rooms indoors.

3. In the Toddler room much of the play materials and books were stored out of reach of children. This limited the opportunities for self-directed play. Many of the activities were adult led and large group activities. Lack of defined interest areas in the room restricted the opportunity for child directed play.

4. In the Preschool room educational posters and photographs were located too high on the walls of the rooms for children to view. Children need to have such materials at their eye level in order to meaningfully engage with them.

5. Outdoors there were no designated spaces for the different age groups at the service. This limited the length of time each age group could spend outdoors. A safe area outside was not available for the younger children who were not yet walking, away from active play areas for older children.

## Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

### Corrective and Preventive Action

1. Following inspection of the service all children's drinks are removed each day from their bags and are placed on a low-level table in each room where they are easily accessible when thirsty.
2. Sensorial play materials such as sand and water play has been added to all rooms indoors and in the outside areas.
3. Staff have completed an eLearning programme on improving learning environments in early years and all interest areas have been further developed throughout the service following this training.
4. Displays on the walls of each room have been reviewed and all items have been relocated to areas where children can actively engage with them.
5. All children have designated spaces outside and get to spend long periods of time outdoors each day. The sheltered area with synthetic grass is the designated area for the children who are not yet walking.

### Supporting documentation submitted

Photographic evidence of each of the changes were forwarded to the Office of the Early Years Inspectorate.

### Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and the evidence submitted. The noncompliance's identified under the above regulation has been adequately addressed.

### Part VI - Safety

#### Regulation 23 - Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child

*A registered provider shall ensure that all reasonable measures are taken to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of a pre-school child attending the service and that the environment of the service is safe.*

#### Compliance Information

##### General Safety:

On arrival to the service, the main door was locked and access to the building was controlled by the manager of the service. This prevented any unauthorised entry and any unsupervised exit of children from the facility. The outdoor play area at the rear of the premises were safely secured and were surrounded by a high-level wall and gates. Children were supervised at all times while outside.

##### Infection Control:

A written cleaning record was available showing that all areas internally were cleaned on a regular basis.

Where children were sick with an infectious illness, parents were informed of the exclusion periods required to reduce the risk of the transmission of infection in the facility.

##### Administration of Medication:

Staff had a clear knowledge of the procedures to follow in relation to the administration of medication. Consent in writing was received from parents and all medicines were checked by 2 staff prior to being administered.

##### Safe Sleep:

Room temperatures in the sleep room were controlled by an air conditioning unit in the room and were recorded at 17 degrees Celsius on the day of the inspection.

#### Non-Compliance Information

##### General Safety:

1. Garda vetting disclosures for 2 staff members were not dated within the previous three years in adherence to the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice 'EYI-RN12.3 Renewal of Garda Vetting'.

##### Infection Control:

2. Staff were observed wearing gloves and aprons when nappy changing however a staff member did not wash her hands before or after nappy changing. This was observed on three occasions while staff changed three different children. Children hands were also not washed after changes. This was at variance to the

infection control policy of the service which stated that handwashing for children and staff must take place before and after changing nappies as stated on page 56 of the Staff Policy Booklet.

3. The services nappy changing policy was displayed on the outside of the door to the sanitary accommodation as opposed to being displayed on the wall above the changing counter, in an area where staff could be prompted to each step in the procedures, to ensure proper hygiene standards are maintained during nappy changing.
4. The cot mattresses in the Wobbler sleep room were not waterproof or were not fitted with a waterproof protector to ensure hygienic cleaning.
5. Foot operated pedal bins were not accessible in all rooms of the service to reduce the risk of cross infection.

### Safe Sleep:

6. Pillows were placed under some cot mattresses in the wobbler sleep room to elevate the mattresses. Pillows are not advised to be used in cots for children under 2 years. All mattresses must be laid flat and not elevated in line with 'Guidance for the Early Learning and Care Sector on sleep provision for children under 24 months' issued 17/01/2024.
7. The black out blinds on the windows in the Wobbler sleep room were torn and held together with adhesive tape. These blinds could not be adjusted if required, to control lighting in the room and provide safe monitoring by staff of the children.

### Fire Safety:

8. A fire exit route leading from the outdoor play area was blocked with a broken chair, broken toys and rubbish. This impeded egress from the area and posed a risk to the safety of the children.

### Action submitted by the Registered Provider

#### Corrective & Preventive Action

#### General Safety:

1. All garda vetting certification has been updated and all certificates are now dated within the last 3 years. Garda vetting for all staff will be renewed as required every 3 years.

#### Infection Control:

2. Following the inspection of the service staff and children ensure to wash hands before and after each nappy is changed. Child sized sinks have been ordered to ensure children can have easy access to hand washing facilities at the service.

3. The Nappy Changing policy has been relocated to an area where staff can view on a regular basis.
4. New mattresses with protective waterproof covering have been purchased for the service.
5. Foot pedal bins are now available in each room to ensure the safe disposal of all waste in the service.

**Safe Sleep:**

6. All pillows have been removed from cots used by the children in the sleep room.
7. An order has been placed to replace all black out blinds in the services sleep room.

**Fire Safety:**

8. All fire exit routes have been cleared and these areas of the service have been regularly checked to make sure they are clear at all times.

**Supporting documentation submitted**

**General Safety:**

1. Copies of all vetting certificates have been submitted to the Office of the Early Years Inspectorate.

**Infection Control:**

2-5 Photographic evidence of the changes and copies of receipts for the items purchased have been forwarded to the Office of the Early Years Inspectorate.

**Safe Sleep:**

6-7 Photographic evidence has been submitted of the changes.

**Fire Safety:**

8. Photographic evidence was submitted.

**Summary Comment**

The inspector has reviewed the actions and the evidence submitted. The noncompliance's identified under the above regulation has been adequately addressed.

### 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.

#### Compliance Information

- (1)(a) A record in writing of all fire drills at the service were maintained. Drills were carried out once a month.
- (b) A written record was available stating that all fire extinguishers were serviced annually. The most recent service took place in January 2024. All smoke alarms were checked on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2023.

### 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,
  - (b) safe and secure,
  - (c) kept adequately lit, heated and ventilated
  - (d) cleaned, maintained and repaired, as required, and
  - (e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.

#### Compliance Information

- (a) The building appeared to be of sound and stable structure both internally and externally and no obvious defects were noted on inspection.
- (b) The premises indoors and outdoors appeared safe and secured with a high wall surrounding all outdoor play areas. Gates to the outside were secured and locked with keys to each lock readily accessible to the staff .
- (c) All areas were well lit by natural light and by artificial light when needed. There was no evidence of mould, mildew, stuffiness or condensation on the premises. There were openable windows in all preschool rooms, and these were opened throughout the day to ensure the circulation of fresh air in all areas. In areas where no windows were present mechanical ventilation was in use.
- (e) There were an adequate number of toilets, nappy changing areas and wash hand basins in the service for the number of children and adults in attendance.

### Non-Compliance Information

(d) The following areas in the outside play area were not well maintained. These issues were highlighted in the last inspection report dated 03/07/2023.

1. A large climbing frame was dirty and required deep cleaning.
2. Weeds were noted between the joining's of the all-weather rubber matting.
3. An old broken chair and rubbish was blocking a fire exit pathway next to the prefab building.
4. Broken toys and rubbish were stored along the grass margin at the opposite side of the prefab building.
5. Rubbish was noted under the mud kitchen in the outdoor area.

### Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

#### Corrective and Preventive Action

1. The large climbing frame was power hosed and cleaned.
2. Weeds were removed from the rubber matting spaces.
3. The fire exit area leading from the outdoors was cleared with all debris removed. This area is regularly checked to make sure it is clear at all times and not obstructed with any materials or equipment.
4. The grassed area along the side of the prefab building was cleared.
5. The rubbish noted next to the mud kitchen was removed.

#### Supporting documentation submitted

Photographic evidence of each of the above changes were forwarded to the Office of the Early Years Inspectorate.

### Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and the evidence submitted. The noncompliance's identified under the above regulation has been adequately addressed.