

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2015LS011
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Name of Service:	The Village Creche
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Address of Service:	Bog Road, Ballyroan, Co. Laois
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Name of Registered Provider:	Edith O'Sullivan
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Service type:	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional
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Date of Inspection:	07/07/2025
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No of pre-school children:	AM	34	PM	34
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Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Early Years Inspectorate, Tusla, Child and Family Agency, Primary Care Centre, Church Avenue, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.
Inspection undertaken by:	K. Murphy & C.O' Connor Hughes
Title:	Early Years Inspectors

Authority to Inspect

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

Conditions if applicable	Not applicable.
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Description of service

This service is registered as a full day care service to accommodate children aged 0 to 6 years of age. The service is registered to operate between the hours of 08:00 and 18:00 on a Monday to Friday basis.

Five pre-school rooms, the Beetles' room, Caterpillar room, Butterflies room', Ladybird room and Bees' room, two sleep rooms, a kitchen, a sensory room and an office are provided. The Caterpillar and Beetles' rooms were closed for the summer period. Outdoor play areas are attached to the rear of the premises. The service is located in a rural setting in the village of Ballyroan, County Laois.

Staffing

There are seventeen adults employed in the service. The deputy person in charge and eight adults were working with the children on the 7 July 2025. A cook and an administrator are employed in the service. The registered provider does not work with children and was not present during the inspection.

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.

Regulation 9- Management and recruitment - (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(b)(c)(d) (4)

Regulation 11 -Staffing levels - (1) (3) (8)(a)

Regulation 16- Record of a pre-school service – (1)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(h)(i)(j)(k)

Regulation 19- Health, welfare and development of child - (1)(a)

Regulation 20 – Facilities for Rest and Play -- (1)(a)(b) (3)(a)

Regulation 23- Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child

Regulation 25- First aid - (1) (2)(a)(b)

Regulation 26 -Fire safety measures - (1)(a)(b) (4)

Regulation 28 – Insurance

However, on inspection additional non-compliance which posed a risk was identified under;

Regulation 27- Supervision

Regulation 29 - Premises

A sampling process was used to assess compliance under regulation:

Regulation 19- Health, welfare and development of child - (1)(a)

Regulation 23- Safeguarding health, safety and welfare of child

Regulation 27- Supervision

As a result, the scope of the inspection included the Bees room, Ladybird room and the Butterflies room (Overflow room).

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

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

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

Acknowledgments

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

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that-

- (a) the service has a designated person in charge and a named person who is able to deputise as required,*
- (b) at all times during the period when the pre-school service is being carried on, the designated person in charge or the named person referred to in subparagraph (a) is on the premises*

(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 deputy person in charge was available in the service.

(b)

The deputy person in charge was present for the duration of the inspection.

Eighteen files including the file of the registered provider were reviewed and the following was noted:

(2)(a)(b)

The required number of written validated references were available for nineteen adults from past employers and from a source other than a past employer. Two written references were available in respect of the registered provider.

(c)

A Garda Vetting disclosure was available in respect of the eighteen files reviewed.

In respect of seventeen of the eighteen files reviewed the service demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years. 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 in respect of one of the eighteen files reviewed. Please refer to the information outlined under regulation 23 of this report.

(d)

Police vetting was available in respect of one adult who had lived outside the state for a period of longer than six consecutive months.

(4)

Staff members working directly with children attending the service held a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at levels 5 to 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications or a letter of eligibility to practice.

Part III – Management and Staff

Regulation 11 - Staffing levels

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

(2) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), a registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that at all times the minimum ratio of adults to children specified in column (3) of Part 1 of Schedule 6 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Part in respect of the age range of the children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is satisfied.

(8) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) to (7)-

(a) a registered provider of a pre-school service other than a child-minding service or a sessional pre-school service shall ensure that there are at least 2 adults on the premises at all times

Compliance Information

(1)

The minimum ratio of adults to children was maintained during the inspection.

(2)

There were thirty-four pre-school children and ten school age children attending the service supervised directly by eight adults throughout the inspection.

(8)(a)

The staff roster reviewed indicated that two adults are on the premises during the hours of operation.

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;*
- (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)

The service kept and maintained written records of information in relation to the service in accordance with Regulation 16 (1) (a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(h)(i) and (j).

(1)(k)

An accident and incident book was available for review in the service. Parental signatures in respect of the accidents and incidents that had taken place in the service were noted with the exception of the non-compliance outlined below.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)(k)

Four accident and incident records reviewed were not signed by the children’s parents or guardians.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(1)(k)

The person in charge stated in the response that this non-compliance has been rectified by the parents signing the four accident and incident records. Staff have been retrained in the policy and procedures to ensure this doesn't occur again in the future. (Completed accident and incidents records submitted)

Summary Comment

In respect of the corrective actions taken documentary evidence was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate, reviewed by the Early Years Inspector and deemed to meet the regulatory requirement. The practices as stated will be reviewed on the next 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-

(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

Compliance Information

(1)(a)

Bees room, Ladybird room and the Butterflies room

Children enjoyed extended play time in the outdoor environment engaged in various play activities including water play, physical play and free play. Suncream was applied to protect children's skin during the hot weather. Parents provide the morning snack for children and the service provides the main meal and afternoon snack.

Older children ate their main meal in the dining area and were assisted by staff members. Younger children ate their meal in their assigned pre-school room.

Younger children slept in a restful atmosphere in the sleep room and were physically checked every ten minutes by staff. Regular nappy changes were carried out as required for children attending the Bees room. Older children rested and slept in the second sleep room after their main meal.

The staff were positive towards children and were familiar with each child, their personalities and their daily routines. Seamless transitions were noted in the Ladybird room as the children were given a five-minute lead in

time to change from one activity to another. Staff used children’s individual names, maintained eye contact and conversed with the children during play activities and mealtimes.

The pre-school rooms were equipped with low level tables and chairs. Age and stage appropriate toys and materials were accessible to children on low level shelving in the pre-school rooms.

The designated person in charge stated information emails are sent to the parents with updates from the service

Each child had their own learning journal depicting their play and work activities. This learning journal is shared with parents at the end of the pre-school term.

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.

(3) A registered provider of a full day care service, a part-time day care service or a childminding service, other than such a service to which paragraph (2) applies, shall ensure that-

(a) a suitable, safe and secure outdoor space to which the pre-school children attending the service have access on a daily basis is provided on the premises

Compliance Information

(1)(a)

Play and work equipment was provided in the indoor and outdoor environments.

(b)

A sleep room adjacent to the Caterpillar room equipped with seven standard cots was available in the service. A second sleep room with low level beds was available for children over the age of two years who required rest or sleep. Soft furnishings provided the rest areas in the Ladybird room.

(3)(a)

The outdoor play area facilitating the Butterflies room and the Ladybird room was located to the rear of the premises. The perimeter was secured by a high-level concrete wall and fence. A grass surface and absorbent

surface area were noted. An individual play section outside the Caterpillar room was available to younger children. The play areas were equipped with a variety of age and stage appropriate bikes, trikes, swings and climb/slide units, benches and playhouse.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)(b)

1. There were no waterproof covers on the seven mattresses in the wobbler sleep room.
2. A fifty-centimetre space was not in place between the cots in the sleep room.
3. A mattress cover was frayed and required replacing.
4. A foothold was noted in two cots as the mattress sheets were too tight causing the mattress to retract.
5. The surface of the adult chair in the sleep room was frayed and required replacing.
6. The surface of the children's sitting bench in the Butterflies room was frayed and required replacing.

(3)(a)

1. Gaps were noted in a small part of the wet pore surface in the outdoor play area.
2. The small bench in the Caterpillar play area was worn and weather beaten.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The person in charge stated in the response that all staff have been retrained in the safe sleep policy and procedure and that the service is providing non-contact time where possible for each staff member to complete the QRF eLearning programme, specifically module 3. (QRF certificates submitted).

(1)(b)

1. Eight waterproof mattresses have been purchased and put in place. One additional mattress has been purchased in case of damage to any of the seven mattresses currently needed to ensure we always have the adequate number of mattresses (Receipt submitted).
2. Cots have been readjusted to the correct positions with a fifty-centimetre space in place between the cots in the sleep room. (Photograph submitted).
3. All bedding has been thoroughly inspected and any inadequate bedding has been disposed of.
4. All bedding has been thoroughly inspected and any inadequate bedding has been disposed of.
5. The adult chair has been removed until it can be re-upholstered.
6. The Bench cushion has been re-upholstered. (Photograph submitted).

(3)(a)

1. The service is currently co-ordinating a suitable time for groundworks to proceed at a time that does not limit the children's outdoor opportunities for learning and development. (Outline of works to be completed and quotation from the industry contractor submitted).
2. The small bench in the Caterpillar play area has been removed.

Summary Comment

In respect of (1)(b) and (3)(a) number two, the corrective actions taken and documentary evidence submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate was reviewed by the Early Years Inspector and deemed to meet the regulatory requirement. The practices as stated will be reviewed on the next inspection.

In respect of (3)(a) number one, the corrective action as stated should meet the regulatory requirement. The registered provider will submit the evidence to the Early Years Inspector when the works to the outdoor play area are completed by November 3rd, 2025. The regulatory requirement will be met when the registered provider submits the evidence.

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 entrance to the service was secure to ensure the safety of the children within. The electrical controls room on the main corridor was locked to prevent access by children.

Infection Control:

The premises were visually clean. All toys and materials were easily cleanable. The pre-school rooms were ventilated by natural ventilation with windows open. The sanitary accommodation and nappy changing areas were ventilated by natural or mechanical ventilation. Supplies of paper hand towel and liquid soap were available in all sanitary accommodation.

Administration of Medication:

Temperature reducing medication was available in the service if a child presented with a high temperature and was stored safely in the service. A logbook was available for staff to record the administration of medicine if required.

Safe Sleep:

Sleep logs were in place to record the colour, position and breathing of sleeping children. Regular physical checks of the sleeping children were carried out by the staff member to observe the sleeping children. The occupied room temperature of the wobbler sleep room was maintained at 20.5 degrees Celsius.

Fire Safety:

Fire exit routes were unobstructed and fire assembly points were located to the front and rear of the premises.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. Staff were observed to bring three children to the nappy changing area to change their nappies. It was observed when the staff member changed one child's nappy, the remaining two children were left on the floor with free access to the contents of the sanitary accommodation. The staff member was unable to act in the event of any incident or injury occurring as the staff member was fully occupied with the nappy change.
2. Fire safe restrictive opening devices were not in place on the windows of the rooms located to the front of the premises including the two sleep rooms. These windows opened onto the car park which posed a potential risk of unauthorised access into the service or exit from the service.
3. Visibility strips were not in place on the patio doors in the pre-school rooms which posed a potential injury risk in the event of children not recognising the glass.
4. A bottle of disinfectant stored in the cupboard under the sink in the butterfly room was accessible to children and posed a potential risk of harm to a child.
5. The kitchen and the contents within were accessible to children at times during the inspection as the stairgate was not closed when the staff member left the kitchen which posed a potential risk of harm.
6. The chairs for children attending the wobbler room did not provide an appropriate fit for the children. The children were not able to place their feet on the floor which was necessary to provide a suitable base of support to the child which posed a potential injury risk in the event of a fall.
7. A walk in storage area on the main corridor was open with empty bottles of cleaning agents accessible to children who were unsupervised on the corridor which posed a potential risk of harm.

8. The floor mats in the baby room were not non-slip and posed a potential slip or trip hazard.
9. Safety checklists for the indoor and outdoor environments were not in place in the service.
10. The most recent Garda vetting disclosure presented in respect of one of the staff members was not dated within the previous three years in adherence with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice 'EYI-RN12.3 Renewal of Garda Vetting'.

Infection Control:

1. The nappy changing practice observed was inadequate for infection control purposes due to the following:
 - Staff did not wash their hands before nappy changing.
 - Aprons were not worn consistently or appropriately by staff when carrying out nappy changing.
 - Staff members were observed to redress the child wearing the same gloves used for nappy changing.
 - Staff did not wash their hands after nappy changing.
 - Children's hands were not washed after nappy changing.
 - The staff members were observed to clean down the nappy changing mat and wear the same gloves used for nappy changing. It was observed that the nappy changing mat was not cleaned down between the nappy changes of two children.
 - Soiled nappies placed in disposable nappy bags were placed on the shelves of other children's storage areas, these areas were not cleaned after use
2. Staff were observed to bring three children to the nappy changing area to change their nappies. The staff member changed one child's nappy while the remaining two children were left on the floor. One child was observed to let their soother fall from their mouth onto the floor of the sanitary accommodation and then proceeded to pick it up and place it back in its mouth again which posed a potential infection control risk.
3. The doors of the sanitary accommodation incorporating nappy changing remained open during the inspection which posed a potential infection control risk.
4. In the sanitary accommodation incorporating the nappy changing area cleaning solutions were decanted into a bottle without content label or instructions for use attached.
5. Waste was accessible to children in the sanitary accommodation which posed a potential infection control risk. There were no foot operated bins available.
6. Children's clothes, wellington boots and other items were observed to be stored in the sanitary accommodation which posed a potential risk of cross contamination.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

The person in charge stated the following in the response:

1. The daily plan now includes provision for two additional out of ratio staff each day to ensure full cover, so this doesn't happen again. Staff have been retrained in the nappy changing and infection control policies and procedures, focusing on the sanitary areas. (Training record submitted).
The service is also providing non-contact time where possible for each staff member to complete the QRF eLearning programme for each staff member, specifically module 4. (QRF certificates submitted).
2. Fire safe restrictive opening devices have been purchased and installed (Photograph submitted).
3. Visibility stickers have been added to the doors. Additional stickers have been purchased and stored in the child safety supplies, so they can be replaced as needed. (Photograph submitted).
4. The child safety lock on the cabinet has been replaced (Photograph submitted).
5. The kitchen door and stair gate are closed and kitchen staff members retrained in the importance of always keeping the kitchen area out of bounds. All staff have been reminded of the importance of risk assessing as they go and correcting anything out of this immediately. (Photograph submitted).
6. New age and stage appropriate chairs and tables have been purchased for the wobbler room. (Photograph submitted).
7. The walk in storage area on the main corridor is now secured. (Photograph submitted).
8. The floor mats have been removed.
9. New start of day/end of day safety checklists to be developed for use. Checklist implemented and each staff member individually trained in the procedure. (Checklists submitted).

Staff are in the process of completing and repeating several online trainings including but not limited to:

- Health and Safety
 - Critical Thinking
 - TUSLA QRF eLearning
 - Health and Safety Awareness
 - Health and Safety responsibilities and Risk assessments (Certificates submitted).
10. Garda vetting was applied for and received. The service will set up a more comprehensive warning system to flag renewal dates of Garda vetting. (Garda vetting disclosure submitted).

Infection Control:

The person in charge stated the following in the response:

1. Staff have retrained in nappy changing. (Training log submitted). Staff have completed health and safety training as previously outlined above to ensure that all staff members know their responsibilities and always ensure best practice. (Certificates submitted).
2. Staff have been retrained in the nappy changing and infection control policies and procedures, focusing on sanitary areas. The service is also providing non-contact time where possible for each staff member to complete the QRF e-learning programme for each staff member, specifically modules 3 and 4. (Certificates submitted).
3. As listed above staff have been clearly informed of keeping all doors and non-play-based areas, such as the sanitary accommodation closed when not in use.
4. The bottles were removed and staff reminded only to use the bottles that are labelled for each chemical in use.
5. Foot operated bins are available in the sanitary areas. (Photograph submitted).
6. The items were removed from the sanitary accommodation. The changing areas were renovated to include locked storage with sealed storage containers for spare clothes. (Photographs submitted).

Summary Comment

In respect of the corrective actions taken documentary evidence was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate, reviewed by the Early Years Inspector and deemed to meet the regulatory requirement.

The practices as stated will be reviewed on the next inspection.

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)

Five adults were qualified in First Aid response (FAR) and were available on the premises during the hours of operation on a rostered basis.

(2)(a)

A fully equipped first aid box was readily available in the service.

(b)

A first aid box was accessible to the adults caring for the children in the pre-school service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of-

(a) any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and

(b) the number, type and maintenance record of firefighting 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 written record for the completed monthly fire drills was available on the premises. The last fire drill was recorded as taking place on the 23 June 2025.

(b)

A record was available demonstrating the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms on the premises. The firefighting equipment in the premises were serviced on the 7 July 2024. The smoke alarms in the premises were serviced on the 30 June 2025.

(4)

A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in a conspicuous position 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 for the number of children attending the service. The expiry date noted was 27 March 2026.

Additional risk identified

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 27 – Supervision

A registered provider shall ensure that pre-school children attending the service are supervised at all times.

Compliance Information

Children were supervised by staff members during play activities in the pre-school rooms and in the outdoor play area during the inspection.

Non-Compliance Information

1. It was observed during the inspection that children from the Ladybird room and the Butterflies room came into the sanitary accommodation from the outdoor play area unaccompanied by staff members.
 - At 11:00 four children were not supervised when using the toilet.
 - At 11:35 two children were not supervised when using the toilet.
 - At 14:40 one child was not supervised when using the toilet.
2. It was observed at sleep and rest time for the children, aged 2 to 3 years in the butterflies' room, that a staff member did not stay in the room and supervise six children who were lying on low beds, some children were awake at this time. It is acknowledged that sleep checks were carried out every ten minutes by a staff member.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The person in charge stated the following in the response:

1. Children are usually supervised by the person in charge when toileting by sound with the educators completing visual checks at regular intervals as few of our current children require active assistance with toileting at present. Due to the absent staff members, this practice could not be seen on the day as the person in charge was within ratio in the Ladybird room.

Additional staff members have been employed to have extra relief staff options therefore there would be a staff member present with all children who require active assistance and support from a distance where a staff member from the learning room will stand at the door visually supervising the children in the learning room and listening for the child in the toilet. If there is a child who is confident in their toileting abilities, but staff members have experiences that support is still required there is a direct line of sight from both the Butterfly and Caterpillar room doors to be able to visually assess for assistance without imposing on the child's right to autonomy. This practice is in line with the practice stated in the QRF.

2. The additional floater was not available on the day to facilitate a staff member in the sleep room. A decision was made as to which children required the visual supervision most, the children sleeping and resting or the children actively playing. The educators felt that the higher risk in the moment was with the active children engaged in play rather than the children in a safe and secure sleep room.

In future, should this occur, children requiring sleep or rest will be staggered to ensure that there are only 5 or less children in the sleep room with physical 10-minute checks or remaining in the adjoining room with the remainder of that educators' children in ratio, leaving the other educator with their children in ratio. Staff are undergoing training with the QRF to better support their understanding of safe sleep regulations.

Summary Comment

The corrective action stated by the person in charge should meet the regulatory requirement if implemented. The practices as stated will be reviewed on the next inspection.

Additional risk identified

Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

Regulation 29 - Premises

*A registered provider shall ensure that the premises of the service are-
(e) equipped with adequate and suitable sanitary facilities.*

Non-Compliance Information

1. In the sanitary accommodation adjacent to the baby room the wash hand basins were not suitable. At wash hand basin one, the water flow from the hot water tap could not be controlled and there is no auto stop once the tap was depressed. At wash hand basin three, the hot water tap was not working rendering the wash hand basin ineffective.
2. In the sanitary accommodation adjacent to the Butterflies room the wash hand basins were not suitable. The water flow from the hot water tap could not be controlled and there is no auto stop once the tap was depressed.
3. The toiler roll holder was broken in the second toilet cubicle in the sanitary accommodation next to the Butterflies room.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

The person in charge stated the following in the response:

1. The nappy changing areas and toilets were updated during the summer closure week which included updating all sinks and taps. (Photograph submitted).
2. The nappy changing areas and toilets were updated during the summer closure week which included updating all sinks and taps. (Photograph submitted).
3. The toiler roll holder was replaced. (Photograph submitted).

Summary Comment

In respect of the corrective actions taken photographic evidence was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate, reviewed by the Early Years Inspector and deemed to meet the regulatory requirement. The practices as stated will be reviewed on the next inspection.