

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

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| TUSLA Identifier: | TU2015WD096 |
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| Name of Service: | Waterford Childcare Centre |
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| Address of Service: | Unit 607 Northern extension, Industrial estate, Waterford City, Co. Waterford |
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| Name of Registered Provider: | Nichola Aylward |
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| Service type: | Full Day, Part Time, Sessional |
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| Date of Inspection: | 05/03/2025 |
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| No of pre-school children: | AM | 124 | PM | 62 |
| Day 2 | AM | 128 | PM | 80 |

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| Address of the Early Years Inspectorate: | Community Care Centre, HSE Buildings, Cork Road, Waterford City |
| Inspection undertaken by: | A. Bradshaw E. Mc Garry |
| 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).

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| Conditions if applicable | Not applicable |
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Description of service

Waterford Childcare Centre is a community service based in a purposely built building in an industrial park on the outskirts of Waterford City. There are nine care rooms with adjacent sanitary areas, a kitchen, staff rooms and office spaces. There are three outdoor areas for the various age groups. The service is registered to care for up to 131 children aged 0 to 6 years of age. It operates from 07:45 to 17:45 five days a week. The service offers full day care, part-time care and sessional care. The service offers school-age care also.

Staffing

There are 57 staff employed in the service, including management, care staff, office staff, community employment (CE) and auxiliary staff. The person in charge and the deputy person in charge are available throughout the day.

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.

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under regulations:

Regulation 9– Management and Recruitment;

Regulation 11 – Staffing Levels;

Regulation 15 – Record of Preschool Child;

Regulation 16 – Record in Relation to Pre-School Service;

Regulation 20 – Facilities for rest and play;
Regulation 22 - Food and drink;
Regulation 23 – Safeguarding Health, Safety and Welfare of Child;
Regulation 25 – First Aid;
Regulation 26 – Fire Safety Measures;
Regulation 28 – Insurance.

These findings are outlined within the relevant regulations within this report.

A sampling process was used to assess compliance under Regulation 15(1) - Record of Preschool Child and Regulation 16 – Record in Relation to Pre-school Service. As a result, the scope of the inspection included the junior baby room and the senior toddler 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.

Additional Information

An immediate action notice was issued on the 5th of March 2025 regarding a non-compliance identified under Regulation 23, Safeguarding Health, Safety and Welfare of Child. An adequate response was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate on the 5th of March 2025 to demonstrate the actions taken to correct the non-compliance.

An immediate notice was issued on the 6th of March 2025 regarding a non-compliance identified under Regulation 9(2) Management and Recruitment. An adequate response was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate on the 6th of March 2025 to demonstrate the actions taken to correct the non-compliance.

Acknowledgments

The inspectors wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the 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, 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)(b)(c)

The service had a designated person in charge and a person to deputise if required. There was a clear management structure with the staff names and positions displayed in the service.

(2)(c) The inspectors reviewed 57 staff files.

Garda vetting was available for 54 staff members.

Non-Compliance Information

(2) The inspectors reviewed 57 staff files. The manager outlined, in discussion with the inspectors, that the service had undergone a process of transferring their records from hard copy to a computer system. The following non-compliances were identified:

(a)(b) Evidence of validated references was not available for 49 staff.

(c) Garda vetting was not available for three staff members on the day of the inspection. An immediate action notice was issued on the 6th of March 2025 regarding this non-compliance. An adequate response was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate on the 6th of March 2025 to demonstrate the actions taken to correct the non-compliance.

(d) Police vetting was not available for six staff members who had resided outside the country for six months or longer. It is acknowledged that police vetting was available for eight staff. Documentation was not available for nine staff members to determine if police vetting was required.

(4) On a review of the staff files, there was no evidence that seven staff had achieved 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. The manager has stated that she has applied for equivalency for three staff from the Department of Children Disability and Equality.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

(2)

(a)(b) The registered provider stated that the staff listed now have the required references validated. They stated that all personnel files have been refiled in new pocket folders with an updated Index and Checklist to ensure all documents are accounted for.

(c) An immediate action notice was issued to the registered provider on the 6th of March 2025 for non-compliance identified under this regulation. The registered provider submitted an adequate response to the office of the Early

Years Inspectorate on the 6th of March 2025 to demonstrate the actions taken to correct the non-compliance immediately. They stated that the three staff members were not employed to work directly with the children and are employed in auxiliary roles.

The registered provider stated that an updated records checking Excel form/system is now in use to ensure end dates of mandatory forms and training are flagged with enough time for renewal on time.

(d) The registered provider stated that one staff member who required police vetting has since resigned from their post

(4) The registered provider stated that two staff members are currently completing their QQI Level 5 award, and three staff members who need to upskill to meet the required QQI Award Level 5 and 6 standards will be supported under the centre's Training Policy to achieve their certification. However, evidence submitted demonstrated that the remaining two staff do not have the required qualification. They stated that they have reviewed all personnel files on record to ensure that all qualifications are listed on the DCEDIY list. The anomaly surrounding a completed course was raised at a recent in-house Risk Workshop and brought to the attention of the Board of Directors. The training policy has been reviewed and new wording added to outline the importance of qualifications meeting the standards listed on the DCEDIY's Early Years Recognised Qualifications List. The registered provider stated that they have reviewed the induction checklist for personnel and updated the wording for the parts dealing with qualifications, verification, etc.

Supporting documentation submitted

(2)

(a)(b) Evidence of the validated references and a copy of the updated Index and Checklist were submitted.

(c) Evidence of the required Garda vetting disclosures was submitted with a copy of the new records checking form.

(d) Documentation was submitted to demonstrate that nine staff members did not require police vetting, and evidence of the required five police vetting was submitted.

(4) Evidence of efforts to validate qualifications and course components were submitted.

Summary Comment

The action and plan submitted by the registered provider have partially addressed the non-compliance identified on inspection. This regulation remains non-compliant and will be reviewed on the next inspection.

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.

Compliance Information

(1)(2)

During the inspections there were an adequate number of staff working directly with the children. On day 1, there were 41 staff working directly with 124 children and on day 2 there were 38 staff working directly with 128 children.

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

A sample of 12 children’s registration forms were reviewed. Details required in this regulation from (a) to (i) were included in these forms.

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)- (i) Information required for this regulation was available in the service. Staff’s photographs, names, qualifications and their positions were displayed outside each care room. The welcome pack for families included details of the service provided, and the service policies were available on the digital application that the service used. Staff rosters and children’s daily attendance records were available to the inspectors.

Non-Compliance Information

- (1)
- (j) Details required on the medication administration forms were not recorded. The inspector reviewed a sample of 15 medication administration records, and of these, 8 did not have the required signatures.
- (k) Details required on the accident and incident forms were not recorded. The inspector reviewed a sample of 12 accident and incident forms, and of these, 7 did not have the signatures required by the service's accident and incident policy.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective and Preventive Action

- (1)
- (j) The registered provider stated that in-house training was completed with a refresher on how to ensure records are completed accurately when logging an accident or incident on the centre's digital application. The Administration of Medication Policy was also reviewed and updated, with the updated extract circulated to each playroom's lead person for explanation to each playroom team. The registered provider stated that a refresher training exercise on the administration of medicine will be carried out bi-annually and/or when the policy is updated, new guidance is received, etc. A member of the office team will monitor the digital application for the acceptance of policies, in particular the Administration of Medication Policy. Where signatures are not added, staff will be contacted with a query as to why the policy isn't signed off by them, together with an offer of support to guide them through the policy, help them to understand the procedure, Tusla guidance, etc., to ensure what's required is adhered to.
- (k) The registered provider stated that in-house training was completed with a refresher on how to ensure records are completed accurately when logging an accident or incident on the centre's digital application. The Accidents and Incidents Policy was also reviewed and updated, with the updated extract circulated to each playroom's lead person for explanation to each playroom team. The registered provider stated that a refresher training exercise on the recording of Accidents & Incidents will be carried out bi-annually and/or when the policy is updated, new guidance is received, etc. A member of the office team will monitor the digital application for the acceptance of policies, in particular our Accidents & Incidents Policy. Where signatures are not added, staff will be contacted with a query as to why the policy isn't signed off by them, together with an offer of support to guide them through the policy, help them to understand the procedure, Tusla guidance, etc., to ensure what's required is adhered to.

The registered provider stated that if further training is needed, the service will avail of external training, use resources available to us from the Tusla website, Waterford Childcare Committee, NCN, Barnardos, ECI, etc. Also, as part of Induction training a member of the office team will take staff through a 'how to' guide to access policies, procedures and statements.

Supporting documentation submitted

(j) A copy of the updated Administration of Medication policy, the updated induction policy, and evidence that the staff have been made aware of the changes were submitted.

(k) The following was submitted as evidence: a copy of the updated Accidents and Incidents policy, a sample of training records and a sample of forms where the corrective action was taken.

Summary Comment

The action and plan submitted by the registered provider have addressed the non-compliance identified on inspection and the implementation of these actions will be reviewed on the next inspection.

Part V - Care of Child in Pre-school Service

Regulation 20 – Facilities for rest and play

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

(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 19 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 manager had ensured there were adequate and suitable facilities for children to play indoors and outdoors in the service. The junior baby room was observed on the first day of the inspection. The room was well equipped with toys and materials suitable for the young babies in the room. These chairs supported the babies as staff gently swung them to soothe, comfort and entertain them at certain parts of their day. There were bricks, wind-up toys and rattlers. There was a large, soft circular ball pool where babies could sit supported when playing. There were stand-up baby play centres for babies to support themselves while interacting with the staff who were caring for them. There was adequate space for the children to crawl, walk and roll in the room. The ground covering was a mixture of carpet, soft mats and linoleum, which could be easily cleaned.

In the senior toddler's room, children were observed to enjoy all the play equipment and materials which had been provided for them. The inspector noted the room had been set up with care and attention to the ages and stages of the children in attendance. There was a 'toy safety tips' sign on display. Staff who spoke to the inspector said this checklist was used to remind them to review any toys which could cause potential harm to the children. The children were observed enjoying free play. There was a garage with cars, ramps and floors to store cars. There was an extensive home corner, which was supplied with real-world containers for the children to play with. There was a selection of dolls, buggies and small cots for dolls. Of particular note was the extensive collection of books which were easily accessible to the children. Staff who spoke to the inspector said the service had links with the local library which donated books to the service.

There were three large outdoor areas in the service:

To the side of the service, there was an area to which the senior babies and the junior toddler room had direct access. This area consisted of a willow walkway, a large sand pit, a house which was elevated with a slide, buddy benches and a selection of ride-on toys.

To the rear of the service was a large play area which had a sand pit, tyres, swings, a bug hotel, a toy train which children could sit on, and picnic benches for children to sit on.

To the right of the entrance to the service, there was another play area. This area consisted of a tarmacadam surface which had been painted with tracks for children to use when on their ride-on toys. There was also a large wooden trough which had plants growing which the children also used for digging.

(b)

There were suitable rest facilities provided in all the rooms for children to rest in during the day. The inspectors noted many of the rooms had large adult-sized couches. Children and staff were observed using these to sit with the children, comfort them, and read stories in the afternoon when the children were tired.

The cots provided for the children in the baby room were safe and suitable and supplied with safety-approved mattresses.

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, and all the foods and snacks were supplied and cooked on the premises every day by the chef from the onsite kitchen. Beef casserole and potatoes were served as the main meal on the first day of inspection. On the second day children were observed to enjoy a meal of pasta in tomato sauce with chicken and grated cheese. The chef also prepared fresh turnip as a side dish. Children were also served fresh orange slices for dessert. The food provided was prepared and served to meet the stages of development of the children. For example, the food for younger children was a mashed/lumpy texture and the older children's dinner was served whole. The meals were served in the rooms with the staff helping children to set the tables. Water was available to drink at mealtimes for all the children. Staff sat with the children making mealtimes a sociable time for the children.

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 was secured on the inspector's arrival at the service. The manager's office was at the main door, which allowed them to see any person entering the building. The internal door in the lobby had a keypad locking mechanism. This assisted in preventing unauthorised access or exit from the building.
- Children and staff's attendance was recorded in real time, on a digital application, as they arrived and left the service.
- The three outdoor areas were secure, and the perimeter of the premises had secure fencing.
- The kitchen and staff room were not accessible to the children.
- The service appeared to be well-maintained. Staff who spoke to the inspector said the maintenance person was prompt to reply to their request for any repairs required in the service.

Infection Control:

- A staff member was observed to clean the premises throughout the day. Up-to-date cleaning records were available for review.
- There was warm water, liquid soap and disposable paper towels available for handwashing in low-level sinks.

Fire Safety:

- A staff member was the designated fire officer and maintained all the records required for the upkeep of firefighting equipment and the fire drills.
- Fire exits remained clear during the inspection.

Non-Compliance Information

General Safety:

1. The service did not demonstrate full compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice, requiring services to renew Garda vetting every three years as one staff member's vetting was not in date.

Infection Control:

2. Handwashing practice was not in line with the service's policy, this posed a risk of cross-infection. For example:
 - The children in the baby room did not have their hands washed before their snack in the afternoon.
 - Handwashing after nappy changing in the baby room was observed to be inconsistent. Some staff adhered to the nappy changing policy on display, but others did not wash their hands after the procedure.
 - The baby's hands were not washed after nappy changing.

Safe Sleep:

3. Several practices observed on the first day of inspection concerning the provision of safe sleep were not in line with the service's safe sleep policy. For example:
 - The room temperatures recorded in the sleep rooms adjacent to the baby room were above the recommended range of 16-20°C. The temperatures recorded while the children were sleeping are detailed below.

| Time | Sleep room next to desk | Sleep room to the side of the kitchenette. | Children Sleeping |
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| 12:45 | 22.7°C | | One child over one year |
| 13:05 | 23.1°C | | One child over one year |
| 13:30 | | 25.4°C | One child over one year |
| 13:40 | 23.5°C | | One child over one year |
| 14:00 | 22.7°C | 24.6°C | One child over one year |

An immediate action notice was issued on the 5th of March 2025 regarding this non-compliance. An adequate response was submitted to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate on the 5th of March 2025 to demonstrate the actions taken to correct the non-compliance.

- Staff who were recording the safe sleep checks were not aware they were required to also note the temperatures in the sleep room.
- Two children did not have sleep checks of their colour, breathing and position carried out every 10 minutes as stated in the service's safe sleep policy.
- Some staff were noted not going into the room to observe the sleeping children but were observing through the glass door.
- Four cots were situated next to radiators which did not follow the service's sleep policy, which stated that cots should not be placed beside a radiator.

It is acknowledged at 12:45 when the inspector informed staff of the high temperatures recorded in the sleep rooms, they opened the windows, and the maintenance person arrived promptly to adjust the radiators. The temperatures recorded on the second day of the inspection at 10:25 were recorded at 20.7°C and 20.8°C in both sleep rooms.

Action submitted by the Registered Provider

Corrective & Preventive Action

General Safety:

1. The registered provider stated that the Board of Directors is reviewing systems, other than the current Excel sheets, for tracking documentation, review and renewal dates for certification, etc. In the meantime, a member of the management team has taken over the monitoring of renewal dates.

Infection Control:

- The registered provider stated that in-house refresher training had taken place. The Infection Control Policy Statement, the Nappy Changing Policy and the Handwashing policy were reviewed and updated accordingly, with emphasis on the issues referenced in the corrective action. They stated that, especially where young babies are concerned, the new practice of handwashing before meals will be monitored. Currently, plans are being devised to add a small stainless-steel basin to one of the play kitchen units, which has a child-friendly/safe/sturdy structure. All other playrooms have accessible wash-hand basins, and all have been reminded to wash hands as advised.

Safe Sleep:

- An immediate action notice was issued to the registered provider on the 5th of March 2025 regarding non-compliances identified under this regulation. The registered provider submitted a response to the office of the Early Years Inspectorate on the 6th of March 2025 to demonstrate the actions taken to correct the non-compliances immediately.

The registered provider stated that the radiators have been permanently turned off for the summer months. They have asked a plumber and an electrician to decommission the radiators and install over-door/wall-mounted heating, cooling, and humidifying units in both sleep rooms. All staff have been re-trained in checking and monitoring bedroom and playroom temperatures. The Safe Sleep Policy has also been reviewed and updated to reflect issues raised. They stated that refresher training has been provided, and sleep checks are being monitored for accuracy. In addition, where sleep rooms are adjacent to playrooms, all staff have been asked to go into the room and physically stand by each sleeping child to complete checks. This has been clearly stated in the reviewed policy.

The registered provider stated that tall records on the digital application are being monitored and staff are being reminded of the centre's motto: 'If you see it, say it' as a reminder to everyone to support one another with checks, records and best practice

Supporting documentation submitted

General Safety:

Evidence of updated Garda vetting was submitted.

Infection Control:

A copy of the updated policies was submitted.

Evidence of staff training was submitted

Evidence of the change of practice was submitted.

Safe Sleep:

A copy of the updated policies was submitted.

Evidence of staff training was submitted.

Evidence of a change in practice was submitted.

Summary Comment

The action and plan submitted by the registered provider have addressed the non-compliance identified on inspection, and the implementation of these actions 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)
The registered provider has ensured that a person trained in first aid was available to the children at all times. Ten staff members were trained to the first aid responder standard.

(2)
Two suitably equipped first aid boxes were safely stored in an easily accessible and conspicuous position in the hallways between the care. The service also had a wall-mounted automated external defibrillator (AED) in the main hallway of the service.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 26 - Fire safety measures

- (1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of-
- (a) any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and
 - (b) the number, type and maintenance record of 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) Fire drills were completed monthly and a written record of these was maintained digitally. The last fire drill was carried out on the 28th of February 2025.
 - (b) A maintenance record was available to demonstrate the number, type and maintenance of the firefighting equipment and smoke alarms. The maintenance was carried out on the firefighting equipment in July 2024 and on the smoke alarms on the 13th of February 2025.
- (4)
- A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire was displayed in each care room.

Part VI - Safety

Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

Compliance Information

The service had insurance for up to 150 children at any one time from the 28th of March 2024 to the 27th of March 2025.