

# Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

## Pre School

<b>TUSLA Identifier:</b>	TU2015WX001		
<b>Name of Service:</b>	Rainbow Childcare		
<b>Address of Service:</b>	Whitemill Industrial Estate, Wexford, Co. Wexford		
<b>Eircode:</b>	Y35 DY00		
<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Kate Lowney		
<b>Service type:</b>	Full Day, Part Time, Sessional		
<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	12/12/2024		
<b>No of pre-school children:</b>	AM	79	PM 60
<b>Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:</b>	Early Years Inspector Tusla Child and Family Agency Ely Hospital, Ferrybank, Wexford		
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<b>Title:</b>	Early Years Inspectors		
<b>Authority to Inspect</b>			
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).			
<b>Conditions if applicable</b>	Not applicable		

### Description of service

Rainbow Childcare is privately owned preschool service offering full day care to children aged between 6 months and 6 years of age. The service operates from 7.40am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday. The service is located in Wexford town and consists of six playrooms, designated sleep rooms, sanitary accommodation, a kitchen and an office. An outdoor play area is available to the children.

### Staffing

The service employs 20 staff including the registered provider to work in the service. The registered provider and the manager are on the premises daily. All the staff working directly with children in the service held the minimum of level 5 and above qualifications in Childcare and Early Childhood Care and Education.

### 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) (2) (a) (b) (c) (d) (4),

Regulation 11 Staffing levels (1) (2),

Regulation 17 Information for parents,

Regulation 20 – Facilities for rest and play

Regulation 21 Equipment and Materials,  
Regulation 22 Food and Drink,  
Regulation 23 Safeguarding Health, Safety, and Welfare of the Child,  
Regulation 25 First aid (1) (2) (a) (b),  
Regulation 26 Fire Safety (1) (a) (b) (4).  
Regulation 28 Insurance.

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

A referral was made to the Chief Fire Officer on the 13 December 2024 in relation to fire safety concerns found on inspection.

A referral was sent to Better Start National Early Years Quality Development service with the consent of the registered provider on 13 December 2024. This service offers support in relation to quality assurance and improvement in Early Years ECCE services.

## 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 III – Management and Staff

#### Regulation 9 – Management and recruitment

(1) A registered provider shall ensure that-

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

(2) A registered provider shall ensure that each employee, unpaid worker and contractor is suitable and competent taking into consideration the nature of the needs of children, including by-

- (a) consideration of references from the person's past employers, if any, and in particular the most recent employer, if any,
- (b) consideration of references from reputable sources in the case of a person who has no past employers,
- (c) consideration of the vetting disclosure received from the National Vetting Bureau of the Garda Síochána in accordance with the Act of 2012 in respect of the person, and
- (d) ensuring, insofar as is practicable, that where a person has lived in a state other than the State for a period of longer than 6 consecutive months, he or she provides police vetting from the police authorities in that state.

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

#### Compliance Information

(1)(a)

The manager was the designated person in charge and a named deputy designated person in charge who was able to deputise, as required. The registered provider was present on the day of inspection and was rostered to work in the kitchen.

(b)

The person in charge confirmed that they or their deputy are always present while the service is open.

The staff files for 20 staff were reviewed on the day.

(2)(a)(b)

Two validated references were available on file for 13 of the staff members.

- (c)  
Garda vetting disclosures were available on file for all staff members. The service demonstrated partial compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to re-new Garda vetting every three years in all cases. See regulation 23.
- (d)  
Police vetting disclosures were available for six staff working in the service, who had lived outside of the state for a period of longer than six months.
- (4)  
Certificates of qualification for 16 staff working directly with children were available on file demonstrating that they held a qualification at the minimum level 5 and above on the National Qualification Framework or qualification deemed by the minister to be equivalent.

### Non-Compliance Information

The registered provider did not demonstrate that they had taken measures to ensure that all employees were suitable and competent during the recruitment process for all staff members.

- (2)(a)(b)  
Written and validated references were not on file for seven staff members. A number of references did not demonstrate evidence of validation.
- (d)  
Police vetting was not available on file for three staff that had lived outside the state for more than six consecutive months.
- (4)  
There was no evidence available on file to demonstrate that three staff members who worked directly with children held qualifications to meet the requirements of the national qualification.

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

The registered provider submitted the following response to address the non-compliances:

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

Where a staff member has only one reference on file, a second has been requested as a matter of urgency. All references have been validated.

Police vetting has been requested, from all those who have lived outside the state.

Those involved in staff recruitment have been instructed on the regulations regarding recruitment and are currently undertaking the Tusla eLearning module.

There are certificates on file for all other members of staff working directly with children.

The recruitment policy is displayed in the office and in our staff folder. Checklists are in place for all staff files to ensure that all required paperwork is in place and remains in date for the duration of each team members employment.

### Supporting documentation submitted

References, qualification certificates, one police vetting,

### Summary Comment

The registered provider submitted a response to address the non-compliance. This regulation will be reviewed on 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)

Throughout the period of the inspection there were adequate numbers of staff working directly with the children attending the service.

In the morning:

- **Baby room:** There were 5 babies in the care of 2 staff. (1 aged between 0 and 1 years and 4 aged between 1 and 2 years).
- **Wobbler Room:** There were 10 children in the care of 3 staff. (all aged between 1 and 2 years).
- **Toddler room:** There were 16 children in the care of 3 staff. (3 aged between 1 and 2 years and 13 aged between 2 to 3 years).
- **ECCE room 1:** There were 10 children in the care of 1 staff. (All aged between 3 and 4 years).
- **ECCE room 2:** There were 18 children in the care of 2 staff. (All aged between 3 and 4 years).

- **ECCE room 3:** There were 20 children in the care of 3 staff. (All aged between 2 and 5 years).

In the afternoon:

- **Baby room:** Closed
- **Wobbler Room:** There were 15 children in the care of 3 staff. (1 aged between 0 and 1 years and 14 aged between 1 to 2 years).
- **Toddler room:** There were 15 children in the care of 3 staff. (2 aged between 1 and 2 years and 11 aged between 2 to 3 years and 2 aged between 3 and 4 years).
- **ECCE room 1:** Closed
- **ECCE room 2:** There were 16 children in the care of 2 staff. (all aged between 3 and 4 years).
- **ECCE room 3:** There were 14 children in the care of 2 staff. (all aged between 3 and 5 years).

The registered provider was the designated person in charge and rostered to the kitchen on the day of inspection. The manager was rostered to work in one of the playrooms on the day of inspection.

## Part IV – Information and Records

### Regulation 17 – Information for parents

*A registered provider shall ensure that a parent or guardian of a child proposing to attend the service is provided with the information referred to in subparagraphs (a) to (g) of Regulation 16(1).*

#### Compliance Information

The service has a parent handbook for parents with information about the service including contact details, opening hours, the rooms, services offered and fees.

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

### Regulation 20 – Facilities for rest and play

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

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

#### Compliance Information

(1)(a)

Children had access to outdoor areas to the rear of the premises. The play areas were fully enclosed and included sheltered/covered area. Mud kitchen, ride on toys, a large climbing frame, black boards, sensory walls and sand pits were available. There was a timetable available to ensure that all children got an opportunity for outdoor play.

(b)

The service had designated sleep rooms with cots for younger children and sleep mats for older children to sleep on. There were three small sleep rooms with cots located between the baby and wobbler rooms, and a larger sleep room with sleep mats located in the toddler room. The playrooms also had quiet areas available to the children in the rooms to rest or opt out of an activity.

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

### Regulation 21 – Equipment and materials

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

#### Compliance Information

The service consisted of six playrooms which were set up and resourced with toys, materials and equipment. There were child sized tables and chairs suitable for tabletop activities and snack time. The baby room had low level highchairs for feeding. Baby room was well developed and resourced with interest areas suitable to the ages and development. There was a ball pit, soft mats for crawling and rolling, toys for pulling themselves up and a home corner.

The artwork displayed within the rooms showed the children’s current interest and seasonal themes. The presence of birthday walls and family photos provided personalised touches for the children within the rooms. ECCE 1 room was homely with well-developed interest areas and sources. There were open shelves with easily accessible toys and materials.

#### Non-Compliance Information

The provision of an adequate material and physical environment for the care, learning and stimulation of the children attending parts of the service was insufficient. The wobbler room, toddler rooms, ECCE 2 and ECCE 3 rooms were limited in materials and resources, which did not provide opportunities for imaginative child-led play. For example:

- There was no daily activities/curriculum plan observed in the rooms.
- No invitations to play set up for the children.
- Interest areas were sparsely resourced and lacked an enriching learning environment.
- The play on the day was predominately adult led, with staff taking out the toys and equipment to direct tabletop activities and play.
- Toys were predominantly plastic with no toys or materials such as open-ended and natural materials.
- Books were observed to be torn and damaged throughout the service.
- There was limited dress up and limited sensory or tactile opportunities.
- Toys were observed with missing parts and broken parts.
- Personalisation in the rooms such as birthday walls, and family photographs of the children were out of reach. Personalisation supports children’s identify and belonging within the service.

- Children's engagement with adult led activities disorganised. For example, staff member trying to read a story had to shout over the children to try to get them to listen.
- Children were observed to fight over toys, throw toys around and not engage in meaningful play during free play.

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

The registered provider submitted the following response to address the non-compliances:

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

The team are engaging with Better Start to help create a more enriching environment and holistic experience for the children in the service. Funds are now in place to purchase toys and equipment that may be recommended or suggested by the Better Start team. The team are also linking in with another local service that has recently gone through the better start experience to gain an insight into their approach to environments and resources.

The Better Start project will be based on curriculum foundations and be carried out throughout the service and the team are looking forward to making improvements in all areas of the service.

#### **Supporting documentation submitted**

Photographs from the rooms.

### Summary Comment

The registered provider submitted a response to address the non-compliance. This regulation will be reviewed on next inspection.

## 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 had a healthy eating policy. The morning snacks for children attending the three ECCE rooms were provided by the parents and were stored in the fridge in the individual rooms. The main hot meal of the day, mid-morning and afternoon snacks were prepared by a chef employed by the service. A 2-week menu plan was available to view. The dinner was served at mid-day and consisted of mince chilli con carne and rice. There was a plentiful supply and children who wanted more were served extra portions. During the morning children were observed to eat raisins and bananas and in the afternoon the children were served a selection of ham and cheese sandwiches and chopped fruit and vegetables. The children were served the food in their rooms at child sized tables.

In the ECCE rooms, children’s drink bottles were available and accessible to children. In the younger care rooms, children were offered a drink from their own beaker at regular intervals and when they awoke from their sleep.

### 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 door leading into the service was appropriately secured with a buzzer system to prevent children from exiting unsupervised and to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the premises. Medication was stored safely and out of the reach of children. All storage facilities for hazardous cleaning materials were inaccessible to children. Accident and incident reports reviewed were maintained in line with the service policy.

##### Infection Control:

Liquid soap, and paper towels were available to facilitate handwashing for both staff and children. Lunch boxes that included perishable food items were stored in the fridges in the playrooms in line with safe food guidance. Good hand washing practices were observed after nappy changing and before eating in the toddler room.

##### Administration of Medication:

There was written evidence of prior parental consent for the administration of anti-febrile medication and prescribed medication and there were procedures in place to safely administer and document such medication if required, including in the case of an emergency. Staff adequately detailed the procedures for administering medication if required during discussions with the inspectors.

##### Safe Sleep:

Children in the baby and wobbler rooms were placed to sleep as they showed signs of tiredness and in line with their sleep needs. Children in the toddler room over two years were provided with the opportunity to sleep and rest after the dinner. Staff were observed doing sleep checks every 10 minutes on children in the baby and wobbler rooms. Staff remained in the room and monitored sleeping children who slept on the mattresses in the toddler room.

#### Non-Compliance Information

##### General Safety:

1. The service did not demonstrate compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice requiring services to re-new Garda vetting every three years. Garda vetting was available for all staff members.

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

2. Prescription medication for a staff member who no longer worked in the service was left stored in the first aid box in the wobbler room.
3. The linoleum flooring in ECCE Room 2 was lifting, creating a trip hazard which posed a risk of injury to children and staff.
4. A small two step ladder was used in the toddler nappy changing room for children to reach the sink to wash their hands. On a number of occasions children were observed to almost fall from the steps as it was not steady and unsuitable for young children in a childcare facility.

### **Infection Control:**

A number of practices observed during the inspection were at variance with the infection control policy in place in the service and the inspectors were not assured that consistent and effective infection control practices were in place throughout the service. The following was observed during the inspection:

1. Children's hands were not consistently washed after their nappy changing in the baby and wobbler room.
2. Staff members in the baby room did not consistently wash their hands after nappy changes.
3. The linoleum flooring in ECCE Room 2 was lifting, creating a trip hazard which posed a risk of injury to children and staff.
4. Staff and children in the ECCE room 3 were not observed to wash their hands before eating their afternoon snack.
5. A staff member in the baby room was observed during the nappy change to repeatedly open the pedal bin with their hand. This posed a risk of cross infection.
6. A staff member in the baby room was observed to redress a child wearing the same soiled glove from the nappy change.
7. One of the changing mats in the toddler room appeared to be stained and dirty. The mat could not be effectively cleaned posing as a risk of cross contamination.
8. Children's hands in the baby room and wobbler room were not washed before dinner posing a risk of cross contamination.
9. Staff were observed at snack times handing food directly to children from the serving platter. The staff placed the food directly onto the table. The inspectors were not assured that the staff members had washed their hands or sanitised the tables prior to serving the food.

10. On the day of inspection in the baby and wobbler room, there was no system to manage the cleaning of mouthed toys and equipment. Children were observed repeatedly mouthing toys which were not removed for cleaning after use and subsequently mouthed by other children, posing a risk of cross contamination.
11. A child in the baby room was observed to have their soother attached to their bib. This was not removed when the child was crawling on the floor, dragging the soother along the floor. It was not removed to be sterilised although there is a sterilising facility for soothers in the room.
12. Bottle preparation practices observed on the day of inspection were not in line with safe food practices. Staff in both the baby and the wobbler room both in discussion with the inspector and on observation, heated children's bottles in the microwave. This may cause a risk of burning to the child.
13. In the baby room, the adult chair used to comfort children was torn, exposing the inside material. This posed a risk of cross contamination as it can't be adequately cleaned.
14. Toilets for use by children attending ECCE rooms 2 and 3 were not adequately supervised. Toilets were unflushed and toilet roll was not replaced for use by the children in the afternoon. Bins in the toilets were overflowing with used hand towels.
15. There was no warm water available in some of the sinks to support effective handwashing practices.
16. The steps in the toddler room nappy changing area were torn and beginning to collapse, therefore no longer suitable for use.
17. There was a foul smell in the toddler room toilet, the toilets were not flushed.
18. Aprons used for nappy changing were of poor quality and tore easily when staff put them on.
19. There was no soap, hand towels or warm water in the toilet in the ECCE 1 room.
20. The window in the baby sleep room was visibly dirty with black mould and dust.
21. There was no foot pedal bin in the toddler room nappy changing area.

### Safe Sleep:

1. The bulbs in the sleep rooms between the baby room and wobbler room were not working. This meant that staff could not effectively check the children as the only natural light to the room was blocked by a curtain.
2. Sleep room two was the only room of the sleep rooms to have a thermometer to monitor the temperature as children were sleeping.

3. There was loud music playing on the corridor of the sleep rooms. In discussion with staff they mentioned that this music is meant as white noise and to calm the children. In being so loud, this poses a risk to the staff being unable to hear a child in between sleep checks.
4. In the toddler sleep room, the curtains were too long and were draped over two sleep beds.

### Fire Safety:

1. A review of documentation evidenced that fire drills are not occurring monthly in the service. The last recorded fire drill was documented to have taken place on 30 August 2024. Not practising regular fire drills can hinder the safe evacuation of children and staff in the event of an emergency.
2. Two emergency exit doors from ECCE Room 1 were obstructed and congested with play equipment on the day of inspection leading to a risk of safety in the event of an emergency evacuation.

### Action submitted by the Registered Provider

The registered provider submitted the following response to address the non-compliances:

#### Corrective & Preventive Action

#### General Safety:

1. In date Garda vetting is in place for all staff.
2. Staff medication is not to be stored in first aid boxes but rather in their own lockers which are in our staff room.
3. The linoleum flooring in room 2 is being replaced with carpet which will create a more homely environment for the children to play on.
4. A new step is in place in the toddler room sink.

#### Infection Control:

- 1,2,3,7. The handwashing policy is now on display in all our childcare rooms. Management have brought staff attention to the policy and carry out regular spot checks to ensure that the policy is being adhered to.
4. The bin in the nappy change area has been replaced with a more sturdy pedal bin.
5. The nappy changing policy has been updated and is on display in all nappy changing areas.
6. There was no rip in the nappy changing mat, and it was sterilised between each use.
8. Staff now make a more social occasion of each meal time, creating a more homely environment, including using tableware at all mealtimes.

9. The mouthed toy policy has been updated, is on display in all rooms and staff have been reminded to keep all toys clean and sterilised.
10. Children's soothers are removed on arrival in the setting and are only used when needed. No child has a soother attached to their bib.
11. Bottle preparation and heating policy has been updated, and parents have been informed of the requirements. We have replaced the old bottle warmer, and the microwave has been removed from the waddler room.
12. A new chair has been purchased for nursing babies and young children.
- 13,16,18. A new checklist is in place and staff have been instructed to check for soap, hand towels and toilet paper supplies, the cleanliness, toilets being flushed and the bins empty, they now sign the checklist each hour.
- 14,18. The immersion heater has been checked, and warm water is readily available throughout the service.
15. New stairs are on order from WESCO to replace the old worn-out steps.
17. New supply of stronger plastic aprons is available for use when changing nappies.
19. The window in the sleep room has been thoroughly cleaned.
20. There was a sturdy foot pedal bin in the toddler room nappy changing room.

### **Safe Sleep:**

The hallway between sleeping rooms is well lit to allow for proper checking of sleeping children, and each sleep room is dimly lit by the electric thermometers.

2. All sleep rooms now have electric thermometers, and the old wall mounted ones have been disposed of.
3. There is no music being played between the sleep areas.
4. The curtain in the toddler sleep room has been removed as a blind is in place.

### **Fire Safety:**

1. Fire drills had been carried out monthly until August, however, the fire officer did not carry out any in September as the service had a large number of new children, there was one in October that was not documented. The fire safety officer has been instructed to resume the monthly fire drills and checks on emergency exits.
2. The emergency exit door in ECCE 1 has been cleared and staff have been asked to ensure it remains clear at all times.

Policies are on display throughout the creche regarding fire safety, safe sleep, infection control and general safety. Spot checks are carried out regularly. One member of staff responsible for ensuring all the cleaning is carried out thoroughly and regularly and the cleaner has been given a new updated list to be carried out each day. Staff have been informed that they must bring to the attention of management, any cleaning or maintenance issue that arises in the care, sleep or changing rooms.

### **Supporting documentation submitted:**

Receipt for bottle warmer and room thermometers, photograph of cleared fire doors. Handwashing policy and infection control policy. Photograph of new steps in toddler nappy changing area and new blind in toddler room. Garda vetting disclosures.

### **Summary Comment**

The registered provider submitted a response to address the non-compliance. This regulation will be reviewed on 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**

(2)(a)(b)

There was a suitably equipped first aid box stored in an easily accessible position and was available for use.

### **Non-Compliance Information**

(1)

While it is acknowledged that the staff employed by the service have current paediatric first aid training, there was no record of any person having current First Aid Responder (FAR) training. The registered provider provided evidence on the day of inspection that one person will complete this training in January. Due to the number of

children who attend the service and to ensure that first aid is available for children at all times, additional staff are required to ensure a staff member with FAR is available at all times to the children.

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

The registered provider submitted the following response to address the non-compliances:

#### Corrective and Preventive Action

FAR training will be provided for three staff in our facility as a matter of urgency.

Should any FAR trained staff leave another member will be trained.

#### Supporting documentation submitted

Email from first aid responder trainer confirming training with registered provider.

### Summary Comment

The registered provider submitted a response to address the non-compliances that was satisfactory.

## 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)(b)

A record was maintained of when the fire detection system and smoke alarms were last serviced in July 2024.

### Non-Compliance Information

(1)(a)

Staff when talking with the inspectors were not familiar with the requirement to carry out monthly fire drills. The last recorded fire drill was documented as having been carried out on 30 August 2024. Please refer to Regulation 23.

(b)

While it is acknowledged that fire detection system was serviced, there was no record of the maintenance of the fire extinguishers. The last recorded date on the tag on the pin of both extinguishers was dated October 2023.

(4)

Fire evacuation procedures were not displayed in the individual rooms. Staff when speaking with the inspectors were unsure of the evacuation plan in the event of a fire emergency and where their fire assembly points were located. While an evacuation notice is displayed on the noticeboard in the hallway, the details relating to this were faded and not legible.

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

The registered provider submitted the following response to address the non-compliances:

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

Monthly fire drills have resumed.

(b)

The fire extinguishers are serviced annually.

(4)

Staff have been reminded of the emergency exits throughout the building and a notice of procedures to be carried out along with a map of the building is on display in each room.

#### **Supporting documentation submitted**

Copy of fire evacuation plan and service records.

### Summary Comment

The registered provider submitted a response to meet the requirements of the regulation.

## Part VI - Safety

### Regulation 28 - Insurance

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

#### Compliance Information

The registered provider had a certificate of insurance for a full day care service for 110 children.