

# Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

## Pre School

<b>TUSLA Identifier:</b>	TU2018DY508			
<b>Name of Service:</b>	Discovery Queen B's Creche & Montessori			
<b>Address of Service:</b>	Unit 1 Discovery Building, Royal Canal Park, Dublin 15, Co. Dublin			
<b>Eircode:</b>	D15 EW70			
<b>Name of Registered Provider:</b>	Bernadette Hill			
<b>Service type:</b>	Full Day			
<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	25/04/2024			
<b>No of pre-school children:</b>	AM	41	PM	32
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### Authority to Inspect

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

**Conditions if applicable** Not applicable.

### Description of service

Discovery Queen B's Creche & Montessori is a full day care service located in a residential area of Dublin 15 and is registered to provide early childhood care and education to a maximum of 43 children aged 0 to 6 years old, Monday to Friday. The service is one of three services operated locally by the registered provider.

The service is based on the ground floor of a residential complex in a purpose-built unit. There are three care rooms; Baby Toddler Room, Pre Montessori-Room and Montessori Room with sanitary accommodation located off each of these care rooms. The Baby Room has direct access to a sleep room. Further facilities include a reception area, kitchen and staff toilets. There is an enclosed outdoor area to the rear of the premises.

### Staffing

There are currently 14 staff employed including the person in charge, eleven staff who work directly with the children, a support worker and one kitchen staff. The registered provider manages the oversight of the service. There were thirteen adults present on the day of 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 announced focused on the area of governance/ health, welfare and development of child/ safety. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

The inspection focused on an examination of compliance under:

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

- Regulation 11(1),(2), Staffing Levels
- Regulation 16(1) Records in relation to the Preschool Service
- Regulation 19(1)(b) Health, Welfare and Development of child
- Regulation 21 Equipment and Materials
- Regulation 23 Safeguarding the Health, Safety and Welfare of the Child

However, on inspection additional non-compliances were identified under Regulation 22 and Regulation 30. These findings are outlined within the relevant regulations within this report.

A sampling process was used to assess compliance under the following:

- Regulation 9(2)(4) Management and Recruitment
- Regulation 16(1)(j)(k) Records in relation to the Preschool Service

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 to the Environmental Health Officer was made on the 1 May 2024 in relation to a non-compliance detailed under Regulation 23.

## 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) The service had a designated person in charge and named person to deputise as required.

- (b) The deputy person in charge was present on the inspector's arrival to the service, and the person in charge arrived shortly after and both were present for the duration of the inspection.
- (c) There was a clear management structure in place, and staff reported being aware of this.

(2) The following was reviewed:

- The files of six staff who were new to the service since the last inspection held on the 11 January 2023.

- The Garda Vetting disclosures of 14 staff members, including eight staff whose Garda Vetting was required to be renewed since the last inspection held on the 11 January 2023.
- The qualifications of all 12 staff who worked directly with the children.

The registered provider had completed the following checks:

- (a)(b) Twelve validated written references were available from recent past employers or a source other than a past employer for the six full files reviewed.
- (c) Garda vetting had been obtained for all 14 disclosures reviewed. The service also demonstrated compliance with the Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice which required the service to renew Garda vetting every three years.
- (d) Documentary evidence showed that two of the six new staff members had lived outside of the state for six months or more as adults and international police vetting from that state was available for inspection.
- (4) Eleven staff who worked directly with children attending the service held at least a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 or above on the National Framework of Qualifications or a qualification deemed eligible by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth Affairs.

## Non-Compliance Information

- (4) The registered provider did not ensure that an employee who worked directly with children attending the service held 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.

This was identified as a non-compliance on the previous two inspections held on the 9 February 2022 and 11 January 2023 and preventive actions put in place failed to prevent a recurrence for a new staff member employed.

## Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

### Corrective Action

The staff member has since received a Letter of Qualification Recognition from the DECDIY.

### Preventive Action

The service commit that all staff members must have a minimum level 5 in Early Childhood Care and Education before working with the children. Any staff members whose qualification is outside of the EU must have it recognised by the DCEDIY.

## Supporting documentation submitted

Letter of Qualification Recognition.  
Service Recruitment policy

## Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions taken and evidence submitted. The non-compliance identified under Regulation 9 (4) has been addressed.

## Part III – Management and Staff

### Regulation 11 - Staffing levels

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

*(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) On the day of the inspection there were an adequate number of adults working directly with the children attending the service. There were twelve staff available to the 41 children on the morning of the inspection.  
(2) The adult to child ratios were correct when the inspectors arrived unannounced to the service at 9.26am. Eight staff were allocated to work directly with the 34 children who were present on the morning of the inspection with a breakdown as follows:

- Baby Toddler room - 2 adults to 5 children aged between 1-2 years old.
- Pre-Montessori room - 3 adults to 11 children aged between 2-3 years old.
- Montessori room - 3 adults to 18 children aged between 2 years 8 months -5 years old.

### Non-Compliance Information

(2) The minimum adult to child ratios were not always maintained in the Montessori room. Over the period of time while staff had their lunch breaks, the following was observed:

Room	Time	Age range:	Number of Children present	Number of adults present	Minimum number of adults required
Montessori	12.18-12.40pm	3-5 years old	20	2	3

This had a potential impact on the supervision and safety of the children.

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

#### Corrective Action

An extra member of staff has been allocated to the Montessori to facilitate breaks and ensure that adult to child ratio is met.

#### Preventive Action

Adult to child ratios in the room will always be maintained even during break time.

#### Supporting documentation submitted

Weekly staff roster.

### Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions taken and evidence submitted. The non-compliance identified under Regulation 11 has been addressed and this will be reviewed on the next inspection.

## 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) The registered provider ensured that a record in writing was kept of the following information in relation to the service:

- (a) Details of the name, position, qualifications, and experience of the person in charge and of every other employee were maintained within the staff files.
- (b) The service Tusla certificate was displayed within the service which detailed the class of service and the age profile of children for which the service is registered to provide services.
- (c) (d) (e) The statement of purpose and function outlined the adult: child ratios, the type of care or programme provided and the facilities available within the service.
- (f) The opening hours and fees of the service were available in the parents information email.
- (g) The registered provider maintained all of the policies required in accordance with Regulation 10.
- (h) Attendance records detailing the arrival and departure of the children on a daily basis were maintained.
- (j) Following a review of a sample of 15 records, the registered provider ensured a full record in writing was maintained for the administration of medication.

### Non-Compliance Information

(1) The registered provider did not ensure the following:

- (i) The staff roster was not reflective of the adults who were working in the service. A staff member who was present on the day was not listed on the weekly staff roster print out.

This was identified as a non-compliance on the previous inspection held on the 11 January 2023 and actions put in place failed to prevent a recurrence.

- (k) The registered provider did not ensure a full record in writing was consistently maintained for accident and incidents. Fifteen records were reviewed, and the following was observed:

- There was no evidence that the parents had been informed in nine of the 15 records.
- There was no evidence that the manager had been informed in ten of the 15 records.
- There were no clear details of where in the service the accident or incident had taken place on five of the 15 records reviewed.

## Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

### Corrective and Preventive Action

- (i) **Corrective and preventive action:** the service commit to have staff rosters that will be reflective of the adults who are working.
- (k) **Corrective action:** Management have instructed staff details are correct and included in the form. Management will ensure that a full record in writing is consistently maintained for accidents and incidents.

**Preventive action:** One staff member will ensure that a full record in writing is observed with all the information that is needed for the accident or incident. Management must be informed of all accidents and incidents. Whoever is in charge on the day will sign off on report. If parents refuse to sign management must put on that they do not want to sign it.

### Supporting documentation submitted

- (i) Weekly Staff roster
- (k) No evidence submitted.

### Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions taken and evidence submitted. The non-compliances identified under Regulation 16 have been addressed and 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)

#### Basic Needs:

- The children were observed to have their personal care needs tended to in a timely fashion. Nappy changing was observed to be regular, children were respectively supported where necessary in toileting, and children had their hands and face cleaned immediately after mealtimes.
- Sleep was observed to be led by the needs of the children. In the Baby Toddler room, a child who was displaying signs of tiredness was prioritised after dinner to be settled to sleep.

#### Supporting Relationships:

- Staff were observed to be warm and kind in their interactions, they were familiar with the children and their care needs.

#### Physical and Material Environment:

- All of the children were observed to access the outdoor play environment on the day of the inspection.

### Non-Compliance Information

(1)(a)

#### Basic Needs:

1. The transition to mealtime in the Montessori room was not a timely sociable experience for all of the children, with the service of the meal staggered and unplanned. The following was observed:
  - At 10.01am, all children were seated at the table. At 10.04am eleven of the nineteen children present were given a morning snack which was supplied by parents. Only eight of the children were provided with a drink. No spoons were available for yogurts. At 10.07 a staff member returned to the room with spoons for the yogurts. The remaining children were waiting for their food. One of those children commented that they were hungry.
  - At 10.15 all children had received food as a staff member arrived to the room with a selection of fruit and breadsticks.

Transitions within an early years' service should be planned and timely, where children can enjoy mealtimes as a collective, relaxed sociable experience.

### Programme of Activities:

2. Supportive strategies such as reading the child's cue, following the child's interest, careful timing of activities and the provision of child led free play activities were not observed, which limited the child's choice and movement through their care environment. This could potentially hamper the child's independent decision-making skills. The following was observed:
  - The programme of activities in the Montessori room was observed to be adult led, with focus on seated activities and little time to engage in child led free play. Children in the Montessori room ranging in age from 3 to 5 years old were required to remain seated for adult-led activities from 10.01am to 11.30am.
  - Throughout this time, the children were observed to display signs of disinterest by moving off their seats and engaging with the inspector who was present in the room. Staff failed to read the children's cues of disinterest and restlessness and they were repeatedly reminded by staff to stay seated.

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

#### Corrective Action

(1)(a)

1. The service will ensure that all children will be given their snack at the same time with utensils and drinks. There is a water station in reach of the children where they can get their water independently throughout the day.
2. The service has switched up Montessori activities and routines, not having the children sitting for long periods and time and becoming disengaged and restless. All activities will be based on children's interests and child led.

#### Preventive Action

1. The registered provider will ensure that all the children receive snack at the same time and that it is a sociable experience for the children. Children who bring their snack from home will not be given their snack before the other children who are receiving snack from the service provider.
2. The service will commit to in the future all activities are to be child led and not adult led. Children must be able to choose whatever activities they wish and that is of interest to them.

#### Supporting documentation submitted

1. Service Healthy Eating policy.
2. Daily Routine

## Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions taken and evidence submitted. The non-compliances identified under Regulation 19 have been addressed and will be reviewed on the next inspection

## 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 furniture was observed to be well maintained, durable and easy to clean.
- The furniture used was suitable for the age range and stage of development of the children attending.
- Images of the children and artwork were displayed throughout the rooms, and children had labelled coats hooks and cubbies for their belongings.

## Non-Compliance Information

The registered provider did not ensure the following:

1. The following toys and equipment were observed to be damaged and not suitable for use:
  - The slide in the outdoor play area was cracked.
  - The sand pit in the outdoor play area was observed to be cracked.
  - The saddles on two bikes in the outdoor play area were observed to be worn and torn.
2. A range of equipment was not available and accessible to the children in the Baby Toddler room and the Pre-Montessori room. The following was observed:
  - Music equipment, sensory equipment, blocks, books and rattles were stored in boxes up high out of reach of the children in the Baby Toddler room.
  - The dress-up equipment in the Pre-Montessori room was stored in a locked press.

Toys and equipment should be freely available to the children to support independent decision making and provide a range of play experiences.

3. Equipment was not grouped or themed in defined interest areas, for example:

- There were no props or resources in close proximity to the wooden play kitchen in the pre-Montessori. These were stored in a box on a shelving unit which was not adjacent to the play kitchen.
- There were no props available for the outdoor play kitchen.

This can limit play value for the children.

4. In the Baby Toddler room, of the 13 battery operated toys available, 6 were not working. This can limit the cause and affect experience and play value for the children.

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

#### Corrective Action

1. The slide, sand pit and two bikes that were damaged in the outdoor area were removed immediately.
2. All music, sensory toys were taken down from shelves, making them freely accessible to the children at all times. The dress up equipment in the pre-Montessori room is now in an unlocked press giving the children free access and giving them a range of play experiences.
3. The play equipment for the Pre-Montessori kitchen is adjacent to the actual kitchen, for the equipment to be freely available to the children to support their range of play experience. All props are readily available for the children to play with the outdoor kitchen.
4. All batteries have been replaced in the battery-operated toys.

#### Preventive Action

1. The service will ensure in the future that any toys equipment that are damaged or broken will be removed immediately. If staff notice any items broken or damaged, they must inform management straight away.
2. All toys and equipment will be freely available for the children to access supporting their independence and play experiences.
3. Outdoor kitchen has been upgraded, props and utensils will be readily available for the children, weather permitting.
4. Staff will ensure that all battery-operated toys are turned off in the evening as this can cause the batteries to run out quickly. Regular checks on battery operated toys.

#### Supporting documentation submitted

1. Photographic evidence of bikes.
2. Photographic evidence of Baby Toddler Room shelving and dress up press in Pre Montessori room.
3. Photographic evidence on kitchens.

4. No evidence submitted.

### Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions taken and evidence submitted. The non-compliances identified under Regulation 21 have been addressed and will be reviewed on the 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.*

### Non-Compliance Information

The registered provider did not ensure that adequate, nutritious and varied food was available.

Not all of the children were observed to have vegetables and a protein source with their hot meals. Children require a varied selection of food from across the food groups. In the Montessori room, the following was observed for the hot meal at lunch time:

- One child had a bowl of plain rice.
- One child had pancakes with syrup.
- One child had a sausage and bread roll.
- One child had mashed potato.

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

#### Corrective Action

Management have addressed this issue with the parents advising them that the children must have a varied selection of food across the food group this includes vegetables, protein and fibre.

#### Preventive Action

Regular checks will be carried out children's dinners. If children are seen not to have the required nutritious dinner and only have plain rice for example parents must be notified of this immediately. All staff are trained on food safety with a certificate that follows HSE guidelines for preparing and heating food.

#### Supporting documentation submitted

Copy of Healthy Eating policy

## Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions taken and evidence submitted. There was no evidence submitted to establish that parents have been advised since the most recent inspection on the 25 April 2024 to provide adequate, nutritious and varied food or that there are procedures in place to provide regular checks on children's hot meals.

The non-compliance identified under Regulation 22 remains outstanding and will be reviewed on the next inspection.

## 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

The registered provider had the following measures in place to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of children:

#### General Safety:

- The entrance to the service was secured when the inspectors arrived to the service. Entry and exit was managed by staff to restrict unauthorised persons from gaining access to the premises and to prevent children from exiting the service unsupervised.
- Blind cords were secured.

#### Infection Control:

- Thermostatically controlled warm water, liquid soap and single use hand towels were available at all wash hand basins used by the children and the staff members.
- Staff were observed supporting children to hand wash before mealtimes and after outdoor play.
- Staff were observed to use appropriate protective equipment and nappy changing was observed to be in line with effective hygienic practice.
- The premises appeared to be in a clean and hygienic condition and documented up to date cleaning records were available.
- Soothers were stored in individual lidded containers.

### Administration of Medication:

- Care plans were available for children who required specific types of medication and staff were aware of the practice around the administration of the medication.

### Safe Sleep:

- A log was maintained where the temperature of the room and the colour, breathing and position of sleeping children was checked, and staff were observed to complete this every 10 minutes.
- The temperature of the rooms while children slept was maintained in line with safe sleep guidance.

### Fire Safety:

- Fire evacuation procedures were displayed throughout the care rooms.

### Non-Compliance Information

#### General Safety:

1. Two large containers of detergent were observed to be stored on the floor in the hallway by the kitchen. These were accessible to children and posed a risk of poisoning or skin irritation.
2. There was a metal stand used to hold a parasol in the outdoor play area accessible to the children. This posed a potential risk of injury if a child were to fall on it.
3. There were two screws protruding from the wall in the Montessori room which posed an injury risk to the children.

#### Infection Control:

4. The service did not ensure that appropriate food safety provision was implemented. The temperature records maintained were not sufficient to support safe practice and was not in line with the service policy on healthy eating which stated reheated food temperatures will be recorded. The following was observed:

- There was no record or log available on the day of the inspection that temperature checks had been completed for reheated meals provided by parents when the inspector checked the log at 14.49pm. These meals had been served at 11.30am.
- A review of the records showed that no temperature checks had been recorded on the day previous to the inspection.

Food must be reheated to minimum core temperature of 70°C to prevent bacteria from surviving.

A referral was made to the Environmental Health Officer with regards to this non-compliance.

5. The mattress used in a cot shared by two children did not have either a removable mattress cover or a wipeable surface. This increased the potential risk of cross contamination.

## Fire Safety:

6. The following was observed which could potentially impede the safe evacuation of children in an emergency:
  - A hallway by the kitchen to the outdoor play area which forms part of a fire evacuation route was not kept clear and was used for the storage of equipment such as a goal post, two benches, two balance beams and a wooden toy structure and two clothes horses, one of which was in use.
  - There was a bin stored in the back garden by the gate, which is a fire evacuation route.
7. The details of the attendance of the children in the Baby Toddler Room was not recorded in the attendance book in a timely manner. Two children who had been present since 9.30am and 9.45am were only marked in as present at 10.00am. Contemporaneous accurate attendance logs must be maintained to accurately account for the number of children present and to support the safe evacuation of children in an emergency.

## Action submitted by the Registered Provider

### Corrective & Preventive Action

#### General Safety:

#### Corrective action:

1. The containers of detergents removed from the hallway immediately.
2. The metal stand for parasol was removed from the garden immediately.
3. The screws were removed from the wall in the Montessori Room by the maintenance man on the day of inspection.

#### Preventive action:

1. All detergents are now stored on higher shelves out of reach of the children.
2. Any items that are in the garden that could cause the children any harm has been removed from the garden.
3. Staff in the Montessori Room are to make management aware of any nails or broken materials in the Montessori Room.

#### Infection Control:

#### Corrective action:

4. Kitchen staff have been made aware of all temperature reheating protocols when reheating the children's dinner.

- The mattress that is now shared is a washable mattress that is able to be washed down after each child has got up from their sleep.

**Preventive action:**

- Temperature controls will be checked by management daily on the reheating of the children's food.
- Staff have been made aware that any mattresses that are being shared are to have either a removable cover or a wipeable surface.

**Fire Safety:**

**Corrective action:**

- The hallway by the kitchen has now been cleared of any obstacles that could get in the way of a fire evacuation.
- All children are to be signed in when they arrive in the room straight away.

**Preventive action:**

- Staff have been told that all equipment, goal posts, benches and balance beams are to be placed in the garden each morning to prevent any endangerment during a fire evacuation.
- Staff have been notified that accurate attendance logs must be maintained to accurately account for the number of children that are present in the room at any given time.

**Supporting documentation submitted**

**General Safety:**

- Updated risk assessment.
- No evidence submitted.
- Updated Risk assessment.

**Infection Control:**

- Evidence of temperature control checklist.
- Safe sleep environment section of service Sleep Policy.

**Fire Safety:**

- Updated risk assessment.
- No evidence submitted.

**Summary Comment**

The inspector has reviewed the actions taken and evidence submitted. The practices put in place following corrective and preventive actions taken will be reviewed on the next inspection.

### Part VII - Premises and Space Requirements

#### Regulation 30 - Minimum space requirements

(2) A registered provider of a full day care service or a part-time day care service shall ensure that the minimum amount of clear floor space specified in column (3) of Schedule 7 opposite a particular reference number specified in column (1) of that Schedule in respect of the age range of children specified in column (2) thereof at that reference number is available for each child in that age range attending the service.

#### Non-Compliance Information

(2) The registered provider did not ensure there was a minimum clear floor space available for the number of children in the Pre-Montessori room. The following was observed:

Number of children in attendance	Age range of children in attendance	Clear floor space measured by EYI:	Space required for age range of children:	Maximum number of children who can be accommodated:
13	2-3 years old	25m <sup>2</sup>	2-3 years: 2.35 m <sup>2</sup> 3-6 years: 2.3 m <sup>2</sup>	10

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

##### Corrective Action

The two children who had transitioned into the Pre Montessori room have now been brought back to the baby room until the other children are able to progress into the Montessori Class.

##### Preventive Action

We will make sure that the correct number of children have been transitioned into the classrooms to adhere with the classroom size.

##### Supporting documentation submitted

Transitions Policy

#### Summary Comment

The inspector has reviewed the actions and evidence submitted. The non-compliance identified under Regulation 30 has been addressed and will be reviewed on the next inspection.