

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Report

Pre School

TUSLA Identifier:	TU2020DL006		
Name of Service:	Shelly's Childcare Service		
Address of Service:	12 Logan Close, Ludden, Buncrana, Co. Donegal		
Eircode:	E93 K VX6		
Name of Registered Provider:	Michelle Mckenna		
Service type:	Full Day, Sessional		
Date of Inspection:	12/04/2023		
No of pre-school children:	AM	37	PM 35
Address of the Early Years Inspectorate:	Tusla – Child and Family Agency, Early Years Inspectorate, Quality and Regulations Directorate, Clinical & Administration Building, Block A - (1st Floor- Green Corridor), Merlin Park, Galway.		
Inspection undertaken by:	Mr. S. Meehan.		
Title:	Early Years Inspector.		
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

Shelly's childcare service is a privately owned early year's service located in a private residential of Bunrana in county Donegal. The service is registered to provide full day care, part time and sessional preschool for children aged between 0 - 6 years and operates between the hours of 6.30am-6.30pm each weekday. The service is also registered to provide school age care.

The premises consists of a detached dormer style dwelling house that has been adapted for the provision of an early years' service. There are two care rooms on the ground floor namely the baby and toddler rooms and two rooms on the first floor providing both sessional and full day care provision to preschool children.

Sanitary facilities are available for children on both the ground and first floor and a kitchen is also located on the ground floor. There is an enclosed outdoor area to the rear of the premises for children to play and get fresh air.

Staffing

There are a total of 28 adults working in the service which includes the registered provider who is on the premises and works directly with the children on a daily basis. Of the 28 adults, 5 work solely with children in the school age service, 8 work in the service as part of their educational placement and 1 adult works in the kitchen preparing meals. One of the adults was employed under the Access and Inclusion Model. Two adults were off on long term leave from the service.

On the day of inspection there were 11 adults present in the service who were employed by the service to work directly with the children.

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 *health*, welfare and development of child. The inspection may also focus on other areas as required.

The inspection focused on a significant risk was identified under Regulation 19. These findings are outlined within the relevant regulation within this report.

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

20/04/2023. A referral was made to the Child Safeguarding Statement Compliance Unit by the Early Years Inspectorate.

Acknowledgments

The inspector wishes to acknowledge the cooperation of the person in charge, staff and children who were present on the day of the 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-

(b) appropriate and suitable care practices are in place in the pre-school service, having regard to the number of children attending the service and the nature of their needs.

Non-Compliance Information

(1)(b) The register provider had an activated CCTV camera in operation and the inspector was informed by the person in charge that it was in place for a number of years, which was pointing directly onto the nappy changing table off the main corridor. The inspector instructed the staff to immediately cover the camera pointing to the nappy changing table and to get it disconnected. The staff covered the camera on the day of inspection.

Corrective & Preventive Action submitted by the Registered Provider

The registered provider responded to say that:

Corrective and Preventive Action

- The nappy changing unit was removed from this area the following day after the inspection. The area is no longer used for nappy changing.

Supporting documentation submitted

- Going forward we will make sure no CCTV camera is in operation in a nappy changing area. We will be more vigilant of same going forward and will make sure this never happens again in the future.

Summary Comment

The Early Years Inspector reviewed the photographic evidence submitted by the registered provider. The Early Years Inspector has deemed that it has now met the requirements of this part of the regulations.