



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 25/06/2004
Inspector Name Virginia Cooper

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Tiny Tugs Medway Trust Day Nursery
Setting Address Windmill Road
Gillingham
Kent
ME7 5NY

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Tiny Tugs, Medway Trust Day Nursery

ORGANISATION DETAILS

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ABOUT THE INSPECTION

The purpose of this inspection is to assure government, parents and the public of the quality and standard of day care. When making judgements, inspectors have regard to how well the provider meets the National Standards for under Eights Day Care and Childminding. A list of these is attached. The report identifies strengths and areas for improvement.

This inspection report must be made available to all parents.

Information about the setting

Tiny Tugs, Medway Trust Day Nursery opened in 2003.

It operates from three rooms in a purpose built nursery building at Medway Maritime Hospital, Gillingham, Kent.

The nursery opens five days a week all year round. Sessions are from 07:00 until 19:00. Care is only provided for children of staff working on the hospital premises.

Children attend a variety of sessions, staff can be flexible to cover shift patterns. There are currently 68 children from babies to 5 years on roll. This includes 6 funded three-year-olds and 1 funded four-year-old, the setting is not currently supporting any children with special needs, however, they are caring for one child who speaks English as an additional language.

Nearly all staff hold an early years qualification to NVQ level 2 or 3. One member of staff is currently working towards a recognised early years qualification.

The setting receives support from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership.

How good is the Day Care?

Tiny Tugs Day Nursery provides good quality care for the children.

The organisation of the nursery is very good and the operational plan works well in practice. Staff are clear about their roles and responsibilities and work very well as a team. The staff are safety conscious and all safety equipment is in place. Children are provided with a good range of age appropriate activities.

The children are confident and very sociable; they are very keen to chat with staff and each other; discussing their thoughts and sharing their news and achievements. The children's natural curiosity is fostered, they ask lots of questions and staff satisfy them with explanations. The outdoor play area is used effectively, children can choose to go out whenever they wish. They are encouraged to experiment and investigate and thoroughly enjoy water play. Children have fun whilst they learn and enjoy themselves, they have good relationships with the staff.

The partnership with parents is good. They are provided with well presented

information about the nursery and their children's progress. It is agreed however, to provide more information about the partnership the nursery has with the trust and the impact this has upon the nursery policies and procedures. Parents approach staff easily to discuss their child's progress and they are able to contribute to their children's assessment records.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable.

What is being done well?

- Staff are safety conscious and all safety equipment is in place.
- Children are confident and very sociable, they are keen to share their news, views and achievements with staff and each other.
- The staff are well organised and work well as a team, it is clear that they are happy in their work. They provide a good range of age appropriate activities that cover all areas of learning.
- The partnership with parents is good, they are provided with information about the nursery and can contribute to their children's assessment records.

What needs to be improved?

- the information available to parents that explains the nursery's partnership with the trust and the impact this may have upon nursery policies and procedures.

Outcome of the inspection

Good

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

All registered persons must comply with all conditions of registration included on his/her certificate of registration.

As a result of this inspection conditions of registration have been imposed / varied / removed and a new certificate of registration will be issued.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE NEXT?

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection

Std	Recommendation
14	Provide parents with information explaining the nursery's partnership with the trust and the impact this may have upon nursery policies and procedures.

SUMMARY OF NATIONAL STANDARDS

STANDARD 1 - SUITABLE PERSON

Adults providing day care, looking after children or having unsupervised access to them are suitable to do so.

STANDARD 2 - ORGANISATION

The registered person meets required adult: child ratios, ensures that training and qualifications requirements are met and organises space and resources to meet the children's needs effectively.

STANDARD 3 - CARE, LEARNING AND PLAY

The registered person meets children's individual needs and promotes their welfare. They plan and provide activities and play opportunities to develop children's emotional, physical, social and intellectual capabilities.

STANDARD 4 - PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

The premises are safe, secure and suitable for their purpose. They provide adequate space in an appropriate location, are welcoming to children and offer access to the necessary facilities for a range of activities which promote their development.

STANDARD 5 - EQUIPMENT

Furniture, equipment and toys are provided which are appropriate for their purpose and help to create an accessible and stimulating environment. They are of suitable design and condition, well maintained and conform to safety standards.

STANDARD 6 - SAFETY

The registered person takes positive steps to promote safety within the setting and on outings and ensures proper precautions are taken to prevent accidents.

STANDARD 7 - HEALTH

The registered person promotes the good health of children and takes positive steps to prevent the spread of infection and appropriate measures when they are ill.

STANDARD 8 - FOOD AND DRINK

Children are provided with regular drinks and food in adequate quantities for their needs. Food and drink is properly prepared, nutritious and complies with dietary and religious requirements.

STANDARD 9 - EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The registered person and staff actively promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice for all children.

STANDARD 10 - SPECIAL NEEDS (INCLUDING SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES)

The registered person is aware that some children may have special needs and is

proactive in ensuring that appropriate action can be taken when such a child is identified or admitted to the provision. Steps are taken to promote the welfare and development of the child within the setting in partnership with the parents and other relevant parties.

STANDARD 11 - BEHAVIOUR

Adults caring for children in the provision are able to manage a wide range of children's behaviour in a way which promotes their welfare and development.

STANDARD 12 - WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS AND CARERS

The registered person and staff work in partnership with parents and to meet the needs of the children, both individually and as a group. Information is shared.

STANDARD 13 - CHILD PROTECTION

The registered person complies with local child protection procedures approved by the Area Child Protection Committee and ensures that all adults working and looking after children in the provision are able to put the procedures into practice.

STANDARD 14 - DOCUMENTATION

Records, policies and procedures which are required for the efficient and safe management of the provision, or to promote the welfare, care and learning of children are maintained. Records about individual children are shared with the child's parent.