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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 04/08/2003
Inspector Name Teresa Ann Clark

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Sessional Day Care, Creche Day Care, Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Barlow Moor Community Centre
Setting Address 23 Mersey Bank Avenue
Manchester
Lancashire
M21 7NT

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Ms Julie Mrozek

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

Barlow Moor Community Centre is situated in the Barlow Moor area of Chorlton, Manchester. It offers a range of childcare facilities to the local community. A creche operates Mondays 13:00 to 15:00 providing 18 places and occasional crèche facilities are available during adult training courses. A playgroup opens five days a week, sessions are from 09:30 to 12:00, it is registered for 18 places for children between the ages of two and five years. The creche and playgroup operate during school term times.

An out of school club operates Thursdays only 16:30 to 18:30 during school term times. An open access play scheme is provided for children aged from 5 years during the school holidays and is registered for 50 children.

The children have access to two rooms and a large hall, there are kitchen and toilet facilities, the setting benefits from a large, safe, secure outdoor area. The group receives support from the Early Years Partnership.

How good is the Day Care?

Barlow Moor Community Centre provides good quality care for children. There are effective procedures in place for appointing staff and maintaining staff records. The environment is well organised to provide a range of interesting activities for children with staff effectively deployed to support children in their play and learning. There is a good range of equipment to meet the varying needs of children however, this could be developed to provide opportunities for children to relax and play imaginatively during play scheme. Generally documentation is in place with minor exceptions.

Strong emphasis is placed on children's safety through regular risk assessment and supervision of children. Hygiene procedures are good and children are made aware of why it is important to follow good hygiene practices. Healthy eating is promoted and there is drinking water available at all times. The provider is clear about her responsibilities as regards child protection and the procedures she would follow if necessary.

The children are relaxed, happy and confidently participate in activities, choosing and organising their own play. Staff are involved in children's play, they have formed good relationships with them and aim to meet their individual needs. Children with special needs are well supported however a statement about special needs is

required.

Staff effectively manage children's behaviour in a calm, consistent manner and set clear boundaries and expectations which children know and understand.

Parents are well informed about the setting, they are warmly welcomed and relevant information is shared.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At last inspection several actions were raised. Good progress has made in addressing these, all policies and procedures are now in place with the exception of special needs statement and the child protection statement requires further detail.

What is being done well?

- Staff are effectively deployed to support children in the play and learning, they provide a caring stimulating environment for children.
- Children are happy and secure, they have formed good relationships, they confidently select activities and organise their play.
- Good procedures in place to ensure children's safety, regular risk assessment and supervision of children.
- Children with special needs are well supported.
- Staff effectively manage children's behaviour in a consistent way setting clear boundaries and expectations.

What needs to be improved?

- opportunities for children to relax and play imaginatively;
- written prior consent for medication;
- special needs statement;
- child protection statement.

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
3	provide opportunities for children to relax and play imaginatively during play scheme. (Standard 3)
14	ensure all relevant documentation is in place. (Standard 14)

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.