



Office for Standards  
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## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

URN 106178

### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 27/08/2003  
Inspector Name Juliet Eileen Hartridge

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care  
Setting Name Mini Madness  
Setting Address Dawlish Leisure Centre  
Sandy Lane  
DAWLISH  
Devon

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name U/A

### ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name U/A  
Address u/a  
u/a

## 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

Mini Madness was registered in 1999 and runs in the Dawlish Leisure Centre from 9:00 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 15:30 daily, during five weeks of the Summer holiday. The playscheme has use of the main sports hall, the café area, and the nearby enclosed park, as well as the centre swimming pool. Children may attend both sessions and bring a packed lunch. Mini Madness also runs during the Easter break and occasional half terms. It is registered for twenty four children aged four to eight but children up to the age of nine may attend at the playleader's discretion. Overnight care is not included.

The club is run by a playleader who has a Level 3 equivalent childcare qualification, and is supported by two experienced assistants who have youth work and recreation qualifications. Staff have experience of caring for children who have special needs.

### How good is the Day Care?

Mini Madness at Dawlish Leisure Centre provides satisfactory care for children.

Children are happy and settled, and enthusiastically enjoy a varied range of play activities. Staff are very enthusiastic and aware of the individual needs and interests of the children. They are friendly and positive, and work well as a team, skilfully encouraging appropriate standards of behaviour. Staff care for the children well, ensuring there is a balanced range of activities and appropriate resources available for the children to enjoy, although more resources which reflect diversity are required. Staff manage the play sessions effectively and appropriate staff ratios are maintained. However the overall organisation of the playscheme and sharing of policies with both staff and parents requires improvement.

The premises are clean and well maintained and generally safe, and staff maintain good standards of health and hygiene. However, consideration is required regarding the provision and storage of food. Staff have good awareness of appropriate child protection procedures and they communicate clearly with parents about their children.

### What has improved since the last inspection?

Some progress has been made regarding actions imposed at the last inspection.

These include :

obtaining parental consent for emergency medical treatment; medicine administration policy and procedures; obtaining information regarding children's dietary needs; devising equal opportunities, behaviour management, sick child and child protection policies.

However other actions including a training action plan, information for parents regarding the playscheme and its policies and a statement regarding special needs remain outstanding.

### **What is being done well?**

- The children are happy and involved in the varied range of play opportunities provided. They particularly enjoyed the well-presented puppet show, and the opportunity to make puppets and present their own shows. Other outside entertainers are used on a weekly basis throughout the playscheme.
- Children have plenty of space to play, and the premises are well maintained and welcoming to children. There is an appropriate range of play equipment and resources for the needs of the children attending the playscheme.
- Staff actively promote good hygiene awareness, and there are clear policies in place regarding administration of medicines. Any accidents occurring are dealt with and recorded most efficiently.

### **What needs to be improved?**

- display of the certificate of registration;
- managerial awareness of the requirement to inform Ofsted of all changes, particularly staff changes and changes to the timing of the sessions;
- the sharing of the operational plan and policies with all staff, particularly the playleader;
- the induction process for new staff, and the required training action plan to ensure qualified staff are available to deputise;
- practice of fire evacuation procedures and information for the playleader about the procedure;
- secure identification of alternative adults who may collect children;
- storage of packed lunches provided by parents and information for parents regarding safe storage of food;
- the range of resources which raise children's awareness of the wider community;
- a statement regarding special needs;
- the information provided for parents about the setting and all its policies.

**Outcome of the inspection**

Satisfactory

**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 must take the following actions by the date shown**

Std	Action	Date
1	ensure checks are carried out on new staff to ensure their suitability, and inform Ofsted of play scheme staff changes.	12/09/2003
1	write to Mervyn Webb, Bristol Complaints, Investigation and Enforcement Team, to confirm that the current certificate of registration is now available, and will be displayed when the play scheme is in operation.	30/09/2003

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

Std	Recommendation
6	ensure the fire drill is practiced, and the procedure is shared with all staff.
8	ensure that parents are aware that the children's packed lunches are not refrigerated, and advise them of what can be stored safely. Consider provision of a more healthy snack.
9	increase the range of resources which raise children's awareness of the wider community and encourage children to develop positive attitudes towards differences of culture, ability and gender.
14	ensure that all policies and procedures required for the efficient and safe management of the play scheme are maintained, known to staff and shared with parents.

## **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.*