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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 23/10/2003
Inspector Name Linda Dawe

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care, Full Day Care
Setting Name YMCA South Devon Day Ladybirds Nursery & Jungle Club
Setting Address Youth Centre
Dartmouth Road
Paignton
Devon
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REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of YMCA South Devon Day Ladybirds Nursery and Jungle

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

YMCA (South Devon) is a Christian-based charitable limited company which runs Ladybirds Nursery and the Jungle Club at their premises on the Dartmouth Road in Paignton. Registered since 1996 the YMCA offers full day care and out of school care and serves a wide catchment area.

Ladybirds Nursery is registered to offer full day care for up to 34 children aged two to five years old of which up to 12 children can be aged two to three. The nursery is open from 08:30 to 17:30 daily all year excluding bank holidays. The nursery does not offer overnight care. The nursery occupies the ground floor areas of the premises. There are three individual rooms and three child-sized toilets. The adult and disabled toilet are situated on the upper floor. Outdoor play space is available. The nursery currently has 43 children on roll. Twenty-seven of these children are currently in receipt of nursery education funding. The nursery is awaiting confirmation of Pre-school Learning Alliance accreditation and gets support from the EYDCP.

The Jungle Club is registered to offer out of school care for up to 40 children aged five to eight years old. The club is open from 15:15 to 18:00 Monday to Friday during term-times and from 08:30 to 18:00 during school holidays. Children can be collected from local schools by staff in mini-buses owned by the YMCA. The club occupies the upper floor of the building and children have use of the sports hall, mezzanine area and quiet room. There is a kitchen available for the preparation of snacks, girl and boy toilets and a disabled toilet. The YMCA offices are also situated on this floor. The Jungle Club is currently undergoing a quality assurance process through Playlines.

The YMCA employs 10 staff who are rotated across both these facilities and other YMCA provisions in South Devon. There is an overall manager who holds a level three qualification, five others are qualified to level three and one to level two.

How good is the Day Care?

YMCA (South Devon) Ladybirds Nursery & Jungle Club is providing satisfactory care for children.

Overall, sufficient numbers of suitably qualified staff ensure children are well

supported. The manager needs to ensure this is the case in the nursery at all times. Available space is well organised to offer children a variety of activities to promote their learning. There is sufficient equipment available to support these activities. Generally detailed record keeping underpins working practices, however this requires some updating. The YMCA have undertaken to improve disabled access and disabled toilet facilities. The group now need to identify separate toilet facilities for adults.

Staff work effectively together to ensure children are involved in all activities and are reasonably proactive in obtaining information to support children with special needs, but this requires improvement. Overall staff have sufficient awareness of child protection procedures to protect children. Children are offered a variety of healthy snacks and given regular drinks throughout the day with staff promoting a balanced diet. The facility undertakes regular risk assessments however these are ineffective resulting in children being put at potential risk; for example through unmonitored access to the building. Staff are also ineffective in promoting good health and preventing the spread of infection as a result of poor hygiene.

Children enjoy the activities offered to them as a result of constant praise and encouragement by staff. Children in the Jungle Club are familiar with the club rules and enjoy positive relationships with staff ensuring their behaviour is good.

Parents feel sufficiently informed about the care of the children as a result of the information they are given. There are effective induction procedures in place to ensure volunteers are well informed of their expectations whilst working with the children.

What has improved since the last inspection?

A large number of actions were set at the previous inspection relating to organisation, safety, partnership with parents and child protection. Some progress has been made in meeting these actions. There is now a comprehensive list of staff and their qualifications and all staff are now appropriately vetted.

A complaints procedure has been drawn up and made available to parents. Policies are now available for parents to read. Some are displayed on the noticeboard ensuring that parents are informed about the day to day running of the nursery and out of school club.

The nursery has introduced a keyworker system. Keyworkers are responsible for children's well-being and for exchanging information with the parent. Staff are more aware about child protection procedures. However, these still need developing to include procedures to be followed in the event of allegations of abuse being made against members of staff or volunteers.

What is being done well?

- Inclusion is promoted throughout the facilities. Staff are proactive in ensuring that children have access to all activities and positive steps have been taken

to make the building accessible to all.

- Staff obtain detailed information about children's dietary needs to ensure they are met. They also promote healthy eating with regular provision of drinks and healthy snacks.

What needs to be improved?

- organisation of staff to ensure sufficient ratios of qualified staff are in the nursery at all times;
- provision for a designated adult toilet;
- awareness and knowledge of caring for children with special needs;
- procedures to protect children from persons entering the building;
- policy for sick children and the administration of medication;
- procedures for maintaining cleanliness of premises and equipment;
- procedures to be followed in the event of a member of staff or volunteer being accused of abuse.

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
6	Take positive steps to promote safety within the setting and ensure proper precautions are taken to prevent accidents.	10/11/2003
7	Ensure effective procedures are in place to promote good health and ensure positive steps are taken prevent the spread of infection and appropriate measures are taken when children are ill.	10/11/2003

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

Std	Recommendation
2	ensure sufficient qualified staff are present at all times in the nursery
4	ensure provision of separate adult toilet
10	develop awareness and knowledge with regards to caring for children with special needs
13	develop child protection policy to include procedures to be followed in the event of an allegation of abuse being made against a member of staff or volunteer

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.