



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 25/03/2004
Inspector Name Lindsey Pollock

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Little Legs Nursery
Setting Address 70 Thames Road
Redcar
Cleveland
TS10 1PP

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Little Legs Day Nurseries Ltd 4931719

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

Little Legs Nursery opened in 2003. It operates from two rooms in a converted building in Redcar. The nursery serves the local and surrounding communities. There are currently 20 children aged from three months to two years on roll. Children attend for a variety of sessions. Little Legs also have a registered facility nearby for older children.

The setting supports children with special needs and children who speak English as an additional language.

The nursery opens five days a week and is closed for statutory holidays and Christmas only. Sessions are from 07:30 to 18:00. Three full time and one part-time staff work with the children. All have early years qualifications.

The nursery receives support from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP).

How good is the Day Care?

Little Legs Nursery provides satisfactory quality care for children. All staff have a relevant childcare qualification. Effective recruitment and selection procedures are in place and for informing Ofsted of significant changes or events. Policies and procedures are in place but some do not contain the required information.

Positive steps are taken to promote safety in the setting and on outings and most aspects are well met. Staff promote the good health of children by taking effective steps to prevent the spread of infection. Appropriate measures are taken if a child becomes ill.

There is a good range of quality toys, play materials and equipment throughout the nursery. They are all kept in a clean, safe condition. Clear planning of children's activities ensures that they are involved in an appropriate range of activities. Good attention is given to babies needs and their individual routines are followed. Staff's handling of behaviour is consistent and developmentally appropriate respecting children's level of understanding and maturity. Procedures are in place to support children with special needs and for children who have English as an additional language.

Managers and staff recognise that children benefit most where there is a trusting

and mutually supportive partnership between themselves and parents and carers and work hard to achieve this. Parents are welcomed in to the nursery and encouraged to share information, knowledge and expertise. They are kept fully informed of their child's care and progress. Most documentation is in place and is kept in a confidential manner.

What has improved since the last inspection?

not applicable

What is being done well?

- Good relationships have been built between the staff and children and between the children themselves. Staff help all children develop confidence and self esteem by providing a warm, secure and stimulating environment.
- Good attention is given to meeting babies needs. Routines such as feeding and nappy changing takes place in accordance with the child's individual needs and staff know the children well.
- There is a strong emphasis on partnership with parents and carers. Parents are kept fully informed and involved in their child's care, progress and development.

What needs to be improved?

- the procedures for ensuring children's drinking utensils are clearly identified
- documentation, to ensure that all policies and procedures contain required information, and clear medication records are kept.

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
14	Ensure that policies and procedures relating to day care activities contain all required information.	08/04/2004
14	Keep a written record, signed by parents, of medicines given to children.	25/03/2004

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection	
Std	Recommendation
6	Improve procedures for identifying children's individual feeding utensils.
7	Ensure confidentiality is maintained with regard to accident records.

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.