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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 12/08/2004
Inspector Name Diane Trout

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Creche Day Care
Setting Name Uttoxeter Leisure Centre Creche
Setting Address Oldfields Road
Uttoxeter
Staffordshire
ST14 7QL

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Uttoxeter Leisure Centre Creche

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

Uttoxeter Leisure Centre Crèche opened in 1993. It operates from a room within the leisure centre. The crèche serves the local and surrounding areas.

Children between nought and eight years may attend the crèche. They attend for a variety of sessions. The setting currently supports children with special needs.

The group opens four days a week during school term times and one day a week during school holidays. Each session lasts for up to two hours and times vary each day between 09:30 and 15:15.

There are six full and part time staff who work in the crèche. Less than half of the staff have an early years qualification to NVQ level 2 or 3.

How good is the Day Care?

Uttoxeter Leisure Centre Crèche provides good quality care for children. The crèche is well organised, however there are insufficient qualified staff. Staff use space and resources imaginatively to create a stimulating, orderly and supportive environment for children. Policies and procedures reflect the practice within crèche. All documentation is kept in line with current legislation and guidance, but lacks some detail.

Staff place a high priority on keeping children safe and healthy. They take appropriate steps to minimise risks and prevent the spread of infection. Children's differing needs are recognised, responded to well and appropriately supported.

A range of activities are planned with flexibility to meet the needs of the children attending each session. They are presented in a thoughtful and imaginative way. Children are involved, interested and concentrate well in their chosen activities. Staff skilfully build on children's interests and ongoing play through observation, playing with and listening to children. The quality of the interactions between staff and children is excellent and significantly enhances the children's development. Staff have high expectations of children, who respond and behave well.

Staff develop friendly, trusting relationships with parents. Parents are listened to and kept fully informed about the crèche and their children's activities. Opportunities to access records and talk to staff are readily available. Parent's comments and suggestions are respected and valued.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable as there were no actions at the previous inspection.

What is being done well?

- The quality of interactions between staff and children is excellent and significantly enhances the children's development. Staff have high expectations of children and they behave well.
- Children are involved and interested in a range of activities. Activities are planned with flexibility to meet the individual needs of children attending each session.
- Staff skilfully build on children's interests by observation, playing with and listening to children.
- Staff have a high level of awareness of all risks to children's health and safety. They take appropriate steps to keep children healthy and ensure the physical environment is safe and secure.
- Parents are listened to, develop warm trusting relationships with staff and are kept well informed about the creche and their child's activities.

What needs to be improved?

- the provision of an action plan detailing how 50% of the creche staff will obtain a qualification
- the obtaining of parental signatures to give permission to seek emergency medical treatment and to record they have been informed of an accident
- making Ofsted's contact details available to parents in the complaints procedure.

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
2	Provide an action plan detailing how 50% of the crèche staff will obtain a qualification and forward a copy to Ofsted.
7	Ensure parental signatures are recorded for permission to seek emergency medical treatment and to acknowledge they have been informed of an accident.
12	Ensure Ofsted's contact details are made available to parents in the complaints procedure.

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.