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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 17/06/2003
Inspector Name Angela Cecilia Ramsey

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Unicorn Day Nursery
Setting Address 13 Columbus Courtyard
Canary Wharf
London
E14 4DA

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Miss Kate Elizabeth Taylor

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

Unicorn Day Nursery opened in 1998 and provides full and part-time day care to children aged 0- 5 years. The nursery is also able to accommodate some children between the ages of 5-8 years. The nursery is a single storey ground level unit, which is located within a commercial office area in Canary Wharf.

The group operates Monday to Friday all year round.

The nursery comprises 5 group rooms and a children's library and soft play room in addition to office, kitchen, staff room, toilets and laundry facilities.

Although the nursery does not have an outdoor area, there is a spacious indoor physical play area.

How good is the Day Care?

Unicorn Day Nursery provides satisfactory care for children. The nursery is clean with good attention given to the prevention of cross infection and safety issues around the children's hygiene.

Staff, have the appropriate childcare qualifications. Positive relationships were observed between staff and children. Children's behaviour is generally good. There is a consistent daily routine for eating, resting and playing to help children feel secure and look forward to their day. Plans of activities are displayed in each room.

The staff encourage an open door policy for parents and the settling in period for new children is sensitive to the needs of the child and parents. Parents are also given daily feedback of their child's day.

There are insufficient toys, resources or books that reflect positive images of culture, ethnicity, gender and disability.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection, the management of Unicorn Day Nursery agreed to

Ensure that children under the age of 2 years are cared for in groups of no more than twelve.

Ensure that parents give prior consent to administer any medication and the written records were be kept of all medicines administered and parents were to sign against the entry.

Ensure that babies are held whilst being bottle fed, preferably by the same carer .

Ensure that there is a written statement based on the area child protection committee procedures and contact details this was to include procedures to be followed if an allegation is made against a member of staff/volunteer or student.

Children under 2 are now cared for in groups of twelve, parents now give prior consent regarding administration of medication and written records are countersigned by parents.

If parents specify that they wish their child to be held whilst being bottle fed then this request is accommodated, however if not specified by parents then the child is propped up with cushions and supervised by staff.

the child protection procedure is now updated.

What is being done well?

- The premises are clean,well maintained and organised to meet the needs of the children.
- The staff take positive steps to promote safety and children have a good awareness of potential dangers.
- The staff are active in promoting good health and hygiene practices within the children's daily routine.
- There is good understanding of children's individual dietary requirements.
- Parents are welcomed into the nursery and parents are kept informed of their child's progress and development.

What needs to be improved?

- the ensuring that children have an appropriate range of activities and resources that promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice.
- the ensuring that positive images of disability in books and toys are available.
- the appropriate recording of child protection incidents.

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

Std	Recommendation
5	provide a suitable range of toys and activities, which reflect equality of opportunity and anti discriminatory practice.
8	ensure that bottle fed baby's are supervised at all times.
9	ensure that children have an appropriate range of activities and resources that promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice.
10	ensure that positive images of disability in books and toys are available.
13	ensure that Child Protection incidents are appropriately recorded.

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.