



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	09/11/2004
Inspector Name	Jim Bostock

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Creche Day Care, Full Day Care
Setting Name	Sure Start Blyth
Setting Address	103 Wright Street Blyth Northumberland NE24 1HG

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Sure Start Blyth
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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

Sure Start Nursery and Crèche is located in a new building near the centre of Blyth and was first registered in 2002.

The nursery has separate sections for under and over 2's and the crèche is in a separate room. Both have access to the enclosed outdoor play area and both have toilet and nappy changing facilities integral to the rooms. There is a separate staff/parents room.

The nursery caters for children under 5 years and is open Monday to Thursday 8:00 to 18:00 and Friday 8:00 to 17:30. The crèche is organised around specific events where parents need child care and is open to children under 8 years.

Funded education is offered to 3 and 4 year old children and the service supports children with special need and children with English as an additional language.

There are 23 staff including a manager, deputy and crèche coordinator. All are qualified to NVQ level 3 or crèche worker certificate.

How good is the Day Care?

Sure Start Blyth provides good care for children.

Both the nursery and the crèche are well led and managed. Staff are well supported and all are qualified either to NVQ level 3 for nursery staff or crèche worker certificate for crèche staff. There are many opportunities for ongoing staff training and development to ensure the services continue to improve and run effectively to meet children's needs. The services have a good range of toys, playthings and equipment. The playrooms are brightly decorated with children's work, spacious and well organised for the activities. The outdoor area is particularly attractive to children giving them a multisensory environment which they love to play in.

The premises are safe, clean and tidy and staff supervise the children at all times to ensure their safety and welfare. All staff have had first aid and food hygiene training. The service provides balanced and nutritious snacks and meals for children. Equal opportunity issues and children with special needs are well supported.

Children have a good range of interesting and fun activities and are encouraged to choose and develop their interests. There are good relationships between children

and staff and children get on well with each other. The services encourage positive behaviour for children through the use of praise and encouragement.

The relationship with parents is good. They have good information about the service and staff ensure they are fully consulted about the care of their children and informed about their children's progress. Staff support parents well from the first home visit and throughout their use of the services.

What has improved since the last inspection?
not applicable

What is being done well?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Both the creche and the nursery facilities are well led and managed, with good training and development opportunities available for staff.● Children feel comfortable and secure because staff give warm and affectionate care. Children are developing well because the activities are fun and enjoyable and are well planned and presented by staff to enhance their learning. The outdoor area provides many stimulating and interesting experiences for children and is an excellent resource in which they play happily and enjoyably at all times of the year.● Staff have good safety procedures in place and ensure safety issues are given a high priority.● The services strongly promote a healthy eating policy for children with the provision of balanced and nutritious meals.● Parents are happy with the service provided and are fully informed and consulted about the care of their children.

What needs to be improved?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● the procedure for keeping Ofsted informed of all staff who deputise for the managers.

PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS (This section applies only to inspections carried out from September 2004. The complaint record relates to complaints from the last inspection or 1st April 2004 whichever is later.)
There are no complaints to report.

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	Ensure Ofsted is notified about all staff who may deputise for the manager.

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.