



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 20/05/2003
Inspector Name Yvonne Chapman

SETTING DETAILS

Setting Name Stocking Farm Creche
Setting Address Marwood Road
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REGISTERED PROVIDER 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

Stocking Farm Crèche is a Leicester City Council provision which operates from a purpose built room within Stocking Farm Youth and Community Centre. This is situated on a city housing estate and they provide affordable childcare for parents on training or in part-time work. The group has access to a kitchen and toilets as well as a large playroom and room for messy play. They also have a small secure outdoor play area. The group is registered to care for no more than 20 children under 5 years; of these, not more than 2 may be under 1 year. The morning sessions operate from 9.15 to 1.15 and include an option to bring a packed lunch. Afternoon sessions run occasionally to support a training course. There are three regular staff members who all hold appropriate child care qualifications. Other staff will be called upon depending on numbers of children attending.

How good is the Day Care?

Stocking Farm Crèche provides good care for children in a small purpose built facility. Staff are qualified to more than the minimum standards and have undertaken further training in relevant child care subjects. Staff are deployed well and there are sufficient staff working directly with the children. The premises are bright and welcoming with children's work and photographs displayed. Staff have a good knowledge of health and hygiene issues which they put into practice. Documents are in place to record any accidents or medication given, but there is no medication or sick children policy. Children with special needs are well supported and staff work closely with parents and other professionals to ensure appropriate care is given. High standards of safety are observed and the premises are kept secure. There is a good range of toys and equipment suitable for all ages of children attending. Staff encourage and support children in their play and learning and are interested in what children do and say. Staff have realistic expectations of children's behaviour and are consistent in their approach. Children are praised regularly and staff are positive role models. Parents receive good information about the setting and there are good systems in place for sharing information on a daily basis.

What has improved since the last inspection?

The crèche room measurements have been submitted and appropriate numbers of children registered for. Public liability insurance in evidence. The outdoor play area is now safe and secure and accessible to the children. The nominated person details submitted and that person vetted and an interview carried out.

What is being done well?

Staff are deployed effectively and are vigilant about children's safety both indoors and outdoors. (standard 6) Staff handle children's behaviour consistently and good behaviour is encouraged and valued. (standard 11) Parents are greeted individually by staff and staff are aware of the need to maintain privacy and confidentiality. (standard 12) All staff have undertaken Child Protection awareness training and any concerns are dealt with effectively. (standard 13)

What needs to be improved?

the implementation of a policy about the exclusion of children who are ill or infectious and make sure parents are made aware of it (standard 7) the implementation of a policy regarding the administration of medication (standard 7)

Outcome of the inspection

Good

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE NEXT?**The Registered Person must take the following actions by the date shown**

| Std | Action | Date |
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The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection

| Std | Recommendation |
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| 7 | devise and implement a policy about the exclusion of children who are ill or infectious and make sure parents are made aware of it |
| 7 | devise and implement a policy regarding the administration of medication |

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.