



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 12/12/2003
Inspector Name Moreen Johnson

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Hainault Forest Community Day Nursery
Setting Address 100b Manford Way
Hainault
Ilford
Essex
IG7 4BP

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of HFCA 308119

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name HFCA
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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

Hainault Forest Community Day Nursery opened in 1992. It operates from three rooms in purpose built centre. The group is a short distant from Grange Hill station and is close to the local shopping area. The group serves the surrounding areas.

There are currently 43 children from 5 months to 4 years on roll. This includes 12 funded 3-year-olds and 8 funded 4-year-old. Children attend for a variety of sessions. The setting currently supports 4 children who speak English as an additional language. There is 1 child attending who has a special need.

The group opens 5 days a week from 08:00 to 18:00, for 51 weeks of the year.

there are 14 staff who work with the children, over half of whom have an early years qualification to NNEB, NVQ level 3 and NVQ level 2. There are 4 unqualified staff, 1 is currently working towards NVQ 2. The group receive support from Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership.

How good is the Day Care?

Hainault Forest Community Day Nursery provides satisfactory care for children. The premises are clean and well maintained. Staff, generally worked well together but attention needs to be paid to deploying staff effectively to meet the children's needs.

Staff have a good understanding of the needs of children's with special needs. Most areas of health and safety meet with requirements, more attention needs to be paid to updating records. Most of the required policies in procedures are in place, however some policies needs to be devised and implemented and some records are not being completed appropriately.

The group provides children with a satisfactory range of activities and resources that are appropriate for the children's stage of development, however resources needs to be re-organised to meet children's needs. The group also need to ensure that there is consistency with regards to recording details of children's progress. Staff's interaction with children is satisfactory, however children's behaviour is not managed well and as a result children do not behave well.

Staff have a professional relationship with parents and there is a good daily exchange of information about children's development, however there needs to be a formal system for sharing information with parents.

What has improved since the last inspection?

N/A

What is being done well?

- Staff have a good understanding of the needs of children with special needs and have a professional relationship with parents.
- The premises are clean and well maintained.

What needs to be improved?

- the maintenance of written policies and procedures for outings, sickness, medication and incidents
- the staff's knowledge and understanding about effective strategies for dealing with children's behaviour
- the system for sharing information with parents.

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
2	Ensure that resources are organised and that staff are deployed to meet children needs.
5	Provide a suitable range of toys and activities that reflect positive images culture, gender and disability.
11	Develop staff's awareness and understanding of effective ways to manage children's behaviour, taking into account their age and stage of development.

14	Devise and implement policies for outings, the exclusion of children who are ill or infectious and maintain up to date records of incidents and medication.
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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.