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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 29/07/2004
Inspector Name Rita Cruddos

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Kidsunlimited Nurseries
Setting Address 139 Barlow Moor Road
Didsbury
Manchester
Lancashire
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REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Kidsunlimited Nurseries 2102771

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

Kids Unlimited Didsbury opened on 2001. It operates from three clearly defined childcare areas within the two storey purpose built premises situated on Barlow Moor Road, Didsbury in south Manchester. The nursery serves the local area and further afield.

There are currently 184 children from under one year to four years on roll. This includes 26 funded three year olds and four funded four year olds. Children attend for a variety of sessions. The setting is able to support children with special needs and who speak English as a second language.

The nursery opens five days a week all year round. Sessions are from 07:30 until 18:00.

There are 46 full-time members of staff working with the children. Over half the staff have early years qualifications to NVQ level 2 or 3, and 8 are working towards a recognised early years qualification. The manager and the three unit co-ordinators are supernumerary. The setting is part of the Kidsunlimited chain of nurseries.

How good is the Day Care?

Kidsunlimited Nursery at Didsbury provides good quality care for children. A well motivated staff team provide a warm and welcoming environment for children, and organise space and resources to meet children's needs effectively. Very good relationships are developed with the children, who are happy, confident and secure within the setting. All staff have good practical skills in caring for children and undertake regular training to improve and build on these. Records are well organised, accurate and up to date.

The provider has an awareness of safety and takes positive steps to promote safety and prevent accidents within the setting. This includes regular risk assessments and a Health and Safety Officer is based on the premises. Many of the staff have undertaken first aid training and a number hold food hygiene certificates. However checks are not always made to ensure non-prescribed medication is discarded when the expiry date has elapsed. Good hygiene practices are encouraged and healthy, nutritious meals are provided.

The nursery offers a very good range of activities indoors and outdoors which help

children progress in all areas of their development. Children can reach toys independently and enjoy their play. Children are well stimulated and interested in all that the nursery provides for them. Resources are in place that reflect positive images of diversity thus giving the children a positive view of the wider world around them. Staff interact with the children very well, they talk and listen to the children, ask appropriate questions which challenges the children's thinking and enable them to make decisions. Children's behaviour is managed well with consistent use of praise and encouragement.

Staff have good relationships with parents. Children are cared for according to parent's wishes and parents are kept well informed about daily activities and care through the use of written information sheets and communications books.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the following recommendations were made;

Ofsted to be informed of any new employees and changes to current staff, evaluate the level of sensory stimulation for babies, ensure good hygiene practices are in place regarding nappy changing and cot bedding and ensure children have access to fresh drinking water at all times. A system is now in place to ensure Ofsted are notified of any changes to staff, sensory stimulation has been evaluated and experiences extended, a policy is in place for nappy changing and changes to bedding and drinking water is placed at the children's level in all rooms. The actions taken in regard to these recommendations further increases the children's safety and well being whilst attending the day nursery.

What is being done well?

- The organisation and deployment of the committed staff team is effective. Staff training needs are identified and there is a commitment to enable staff to increase their knowledge and skills through further training.
- Risk assessments are completed ensuring children can play safely. Staff are aware of and can implement Health and Safety requirements.
- The children behave well and have good relationships with other children and staff. They are happy, confident and settled.
- Good use is made of space with clearly defined areas for play. Children play well with the wide range of good quality toys, resources, equipment and activities that are available within the nursery.
- Good relationships are maintained with parents. They have information regarding policies and procedures and these are also displayed within the setting. Daily feedback is given in the form of 'Day in the life' record sheets for babies and toddlers and a communications book for older children.

What needs to be improved?

- the storage and suitability of non-prescribed medication and creams.

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
7	Devise and implement a policy about the storage of non-prescribed ointments for which parental permission has been given and a system for ensuring that the expiry date has not elapsed.

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.