



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	11/02/2004
Inspector Name	Mary Dingley

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Cornerhouse Club
Setting Address	Army Cadet Hall Anthony Road Torpoint Devon PL11 2NP

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	The partnership of Cornerhouse Club
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Cornerhouse Club
Address	T.A.U.R.A. Army Cadet Hall Building Anthony Road Torpoint Devon PL11 2ND

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

Cornerhouse Club opened in 2002. It operates from three rooms in the Army Cadet hut in the town of Torpoint. Cornerhouse Club serves the local community and surrounding areas.

There are currently 70 children from 4 to 11 years on roll. Children attend for a variety of sessions. The setting currently supports children with special needs.

The group opens five days a week all year round except bank holidays, two weeks in August and Christmas. Sessions are from 07.30 to 09.00 and 15.00 to 18.00 term time and 08.00 to 17.00 holiday times.

Two full time and two part time staff work with the children. Only one member of staff is trained to level 2. The two managers are working towards a level 3 qualification and expect to complete by the end of 2004.

How good is the Day Care?

Cornerhouse Club provides satisfactory care for children. Good use is made of available space and staff are deployed well. There is a registration system for staff and children but it does not show their hours of attendance. Staff provide a welcoming environment for the children with posters and children's work on display. Children are able to choose their activities from a good range of resources which keep them well occupied. Records held on the children are kept confidential but accessible. Policies and procedures are in place which assists in the smooth running of the provision. However, not all mandatory procedures are kept.

Staff have a general regard for children's safety and explain issues to them. Access to the premises is well monitored. Visitors and parents have to ring a bell to gain access. There are unguarded heaters which pose a hazard to children when in use. Staff encourage children in their personal hygiene and care. However, care of the sick child is restricted through the lack of appropriate furniture for them to rest on. Staff are aware of children's individual needs and take account of these. This is particularly apparent in the care of children with special needs.

Children are confident within the setting, interested in the activities and play well together. Staff involve themselves in the activities with the children offering them constant praise and encouragement. This reflects on the children's behaviour, which

is good.

Parents are provided with an informative welcome pack identifying policies and procedures the setting works under. The setting clearly enjoys a good relationship with parents who provide very positive feedback.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable. This is the first inspection since the new owners took over.

What is being done well?

- Good use is made of available space and children receive good support from staff during their activities
- Provision of resources is good. Children are able to choose from a wide range. They are interested and occupied in what is available.
- Staff involve themselves with the children offering praise and support. This results in children being confident and their behaviour good.

What needs to be improved?

- the policies, procedures and records to ensure all mandatory requirements are met and others are written and maintained in line with national standards and associated guidance
- the arrangements for ensuring children's safety so heaters do not pose a hazard to them
- the provision of soft furnishings to provide comfort for children who may need to rest or who are ill.

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 must take the following actions by the date shown		
Std	Action	Date
14	Ensure all mandatory procedures and records are kept especially in respect of a policy for lost and uncollected children and the child protection policy.	27/02/2004

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection	
Std	Recommendation
6	Ensure electric wall heaters are guarded or inaccessible to children while in use.
14	Ensure all records are maintained, policies and procedures written in line with the national standards and associated guidance, especially in relation to the registration system and policy for sick children.

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.