



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 29/05/2003
Inspector Name Judith Allbutt

SETTING DETAILS

Setting Name Greenbank Leisure Centre Creche
Setting Address Civic Way
Swadlincote
Derbyshire
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REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Ms Teresa Lea

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

Green Bank Leisure Centre Crèche is sited in a converted squash court downstairs in the Green Bank Leisure Centre situated in the centre of Swadlincote. The crèche serves the local area. The crèche is registered to care for 25 children aged under 5 years. All children attend various times and sessions. Parents are expected to stay on the premises and the crèche is offered to cover classes and activities running in the Centre. The group opens 4 sessions a week from 9.15 am to 1 pm in term time and occasionally during the school holidays. Five part time staff work with the children. Two are working towards an early years qualification and one other is hoping to start training shortly.

How good is the Day Care?

Greenbank Leisure Centre Crèche provides good quality childcare. The staff are committed to attending training events and they work well together as a team supporting each other on their courses. Although staff are currently attending relevant training courses, the present ratio of qualified staff does not meet the National Standards. There is an informative operational plan that sets good procedures, which are reflected in the day to day running of the crèche. However they currently do not have a procedure to follow if a child should be lost whilst in their care or if a parent failed to collect a child from the crèche. Staff have a secure knowledge of childrens' routines and their individual needs. Safety issues are regularly reviewed and amended where necessary. Expert advice is obtained from the Fire Department and the Health and Safety Executive to ensure effective action is taken. Staff are well aware of their responsibilities relating to child protection, although they plan to improve their knowledge and understanding of areas of concern and procedures to follow. A wide range of activities are available for younger children however challenges for older children are limited. Activities are flexibly planned so that staff can respond to the needs and interests of actual children attending any session. Staff interact well with the children and offer satisfactory support and encouragement to them in their play. Good relationships exist between staff and parents. Parents are provided with useful information about the crèche through a leaflet, notice board and one to one contact.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Since the last inspection a separate play area has been established for non walking babies, all staff have completed OFSTED applications and OFSTED has been

informed of changes in staff details.

What is being done well?

the operational plan is informative and sets good procedures, which are reflected in the effective day to day running of the crèche. (Standard 2) staff have a secure knowledge of children's routines and their individual needs. A wide range of activities are available for younger children and activities are being flexibly planned so that staff can respond to the needs and interests of the actual children attending any session. Staff interact well with the children and offer satisfactory support and encouragement to them in their play. (Standard 3 and 12) safety issues are regularly reviewed and expert advice is obtained from the Fire Department and the Health and Safety Executive to ensure effective action is taken. (Standard 6) good relationships exist between staff and parents. Parents are provided with useful information about the crèche through a leaflet, notice board and one to one contact.(Standard 12)

What needs to be improved?

the arrangements for the admission of children. (Standard 2) the procedures for lost or uncollected children. (Standard 2) the ratio of qualified staff. (Standard 2) confidentiality of recorded pre existing injuries. (Standard 12) range of play equipment and activities for older children. (Standard 3 and 5) the variety of food on offer at snack times. (Standard 8)

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
5	provide a suitable range of toys and activities, in order to meet the developmental needs of the older children attending the crèche.
8	provide a variety of snacks that are healthy and nutritious .
12	ensure that all child information is held confidentially.
2	ensure children looked after, are between the ages of 0 and 5 years.
2	provide an action plan that sets out how staff training and qualification requirements will be met.

2	ensure that there is a procedure for lost or uncollected children.
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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.