

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

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SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Sessional Day Care

Setting Name Woodford Leisure Centre Creche

Setting Address Holderness Road

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REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Kingston upon Hull Council

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

Woodford Leisure Centre Crèche is based in the Woodford Leisure Centre which is situated in the East of the City of Hull.

It is owned by the Hull City Council and is registered to care for a total of 18 children aged two to five years, maximum twelve of whom can be under three years of age at any one time.

They can also alternatively take 17 children aged birth to five years with a maximum of 11 of whom are under 3 years; maximum of 3 of whom can be under 2 years of age at any one time.

The crèche is open every weekday, mornings and afternoons, registered for sessional care, with a break across lunchtime.

There is a Manager in charge with a Level 111 NVQ qualification and a Deputy also with Level 111 NVQ, available to deputise in the Manager's absence.

6 of the 7 regular staff have worked in the crèche for over 6 years; 2 of them over 20 years.

The crèche have just achieved the Platinum Award through the Focus on Safety Scheme, one of only 7 reported facilities in the City to have achieved this.

How good is the Day Care?

Woodford Crèche provides good care for the children.

The premises are safe and well organised, into different areas of play for the children, with a good range of furniture; equipment; to meet all of the children's needs.

Staff in the crèche are well qualified and have a commitment to furthering their training needs in all relevant areas of childcare.

Records were all available as required by regulation with additional comprehensive policies and procedures to ensure the crèche's smooth operation. Medication recording does need to improve however to ensure clarity of information recorded.

Safety in the crèche is good with the staff taking all positive steps to promote this through proper precautions to reduce risks and prevent accidents.

Staff also take positive steps to promote the health and hygiene of the children and also have appropriate procedures in place when children are ill.

Children are provided with healthy snacks and drinks are freely available for them whenever they wish.

All children's individual needs are catered for with staff proactive in ensuring that appropriate action is taken, in partnership with parent's, to promote the welfare and development of children with special needs.

The curriculum is well planned and ensures that children have the opportunity to learn and increase their knowledge about the world around them. The balance of the activities helps them to progress in all areas of development.

Staff are able to manage a wide range of children's behaviour and do so in ways which are appropriate and consistently applied.

Partnership with parent's is the continued aim of the crèche staff, with such a high turnover, due to the function of the crèche.

They are provided with a warm welcome and given all relevant information about the crèche's operation.

Staff endeavour to work with them and care for their child according to their wishes.

What has improved since the last inspection?

There is now a deputy in place with a Level 3 NVQ equivalent qualification.

What is being done well?

- Provision at the crèche is good with staff providing a safe; warm and welcoming environment for the children.
- The premises are also clean and safe.
- Staff at the nursery receive regular training in health and safety as well as the majority being trained in first aid and child protection. There is also the aim to ensure they all have food handling training as well.
- The Manager and Deputy have a Level 3 qualification and both have had recent training in Special Needs.
- Children's individual needs are met and provision is made, where possible, for any particular situation where 1:1 care may be needed, to help further support a child's specific needs.
- Activities are varied and introduce children to the world around them. The recent 'focus on safety' in line with their recently achieved Platinum Award,

has highlighted for them the importance of safety throughout all aspects of their daily life.

 Good relationships observed with parent's who speak highly of the crèche staff and the care given to their children by them. Also written comments state satisfaction with the care provided at the crèche for their children.

An aspect of outstanding practice:

Partnership with parent's has been commendable during the last year. Parent's have been encouraged to join in the crèche activities based around all aspects of safety in and outside of the home, safety being the main focus of crèche activities. This being in line with their recently achieved goal of the Platinum Award through the Focus on Safety Scheme.

What needs to be improved?

• the recording of medication.

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	Ensure medication recording is made much clearer.

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.