



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 28/02/2005
Inspector Name Jim Bostock

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Kids 1st - Wansbeck
Setting Address Wansbeck General Hospital
Woodhorn Lane
Ashington
Northumberland
NE63 9JJ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Kids 1st Childrens Nurseries 4360667

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Kids 1st Childrens Nurseries
Address Unit 12, Keel Row
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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 1st was registered in March 2004. It operates from a purpose-built building within the grounds of Wansbeck General Hospital, in Ashington. The premises have a closed circuit television security system throughout the building and security pads at the entrance of the building.

There are four rooms to cater for the children aged nought to eighteen months, two rooms for children aged eighteen months to three years and two rooms for children aged three to five years. The nursery also has a dining room which can also be used for active play, two sleep rooms, nappy changing areas and toilet areas. There are two outdoor play areas for children. There is a parents room and full staff facilities. Kids 1st have 30 places allocated for National Health Service workers in Northumbria and all other places are available for anyone wishing to apply.

There are 14 permanent members of staff to care for the children and they all have early years qualifications. The group receive funding for children aged three and four and use the Foundation Stage of Learning and Birth to Three Matters Framework as teaching methods for the children.

The group opens five days a week from 07:00 to 18:00, 52 weeks of the year and caters for parents variable working hours.

At the time of inspection there were 80 children on the roll, the majority of whom were attending on a part time basis. The nursery caters for children with special needs and children with English as an additional language.

How good is the Day Care?

Kids 1st Wansbeck provides good care for children.

The nursery is well led and managed. Staff are well supported and all are qualified. There are many opportunities for ongoing staff training and development to ensure the nursery continues to improve and run effectively to meet children's needs. There are dedicated staff for each area to ensure continuity of care. There is a good range of toys, playthings and equipment. The playrooms are brightly decorated with children's work, spacious and well organised for the activities. The outdoor areas provide children with the opportunity to experience active play in a safe and stimulating environment.

The premises are safe, clean and tidy and staff supervise the children at all times to ensure their safety and welfare. The premises have closed circuit television to monitor the entrance and the playrooms. All staff have had first aid training. The nursery provides balanced and nutritious snacks and meals for children from the hospital kitchen. The menu is reviewed by a dietician. Equal opportunity issues and children with special needs are well supported.

Children have a good range of interesting and fun activities which help their development. They are encouraged to choose and develop their interests and enjoy their play. There are good relationships between children and staff and children get on well with each other. The services encourage positive behaviour for children through the use of praise and encouragement.

The relationship with parents is good. They have very good information about the service including a daily written report on the child's activities, sleep pattern, food and drink and other notable events. Staff ensure parents are fully consulted about the care of their children and informed about their children's progress. Staff support parents well throughout their use of the service and parents have provided very positive comments about the care their children receive.

What has improved since the last inspection?

not applicable

What is being done well?

- The nursery is well organised and managed with good training and development opportunities for the well supported staff.
- Children are happy with the warm and affectionate care of staff and enjoy the well planned and resourced activities which are stimulating, interesting and promote their development.
- The nursery has very good security and safety systems to ensure children are cared for safely.
- The nursery gives parents very good information about the service provided and the care and development of their children. Parents are very happy with the care and have close working relationships with staff to ensure the needs of children are met.

What needs to be improved?

- the existing good training for staff by implementing a plan for continuous professional development which involves a rolling programme of training.

PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS (This section applies only to inspections carried out from September 2004. The complaint record relates to complaints from the last

inspection or 1st April 2004 whichever is later.)

There are no complaints to report.

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
2	Continue to develop the existing good staff training programme.

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.