



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	20/08/2003
Inspector Name	Jackie Sharon Black

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Creche Day Care
Setting Name	HARROW LEISURE CENTRE CRECHE
Setting Address	CHRISTCHURCH AVENUE KENTON HARROW MIDDLESEX HA3 5BD

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	MR JAMES PICTON
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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

Harrow Leisure Centre Crèche opened in 1999. It operates from a purpose built building in the leisure centre. The Crèche serves parents using the leisure centre for up to 2 hours.

There are currently 14 children from 6 months to 5 years on roll.

The Crèche open five days a week all year round, sessions are from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

Three full time staff work with the children. Over half the staff have early years qualification to NVQ Level 2 and 3.

How good is the Day Care?

Harrow Leisure Centre provides satisfactory care overall for children aged 6 months to 5 years. Staff give high priority to ensuring children are safe both inside and outside in the club. Risk assessments are in place and these are adhered to.

The staff are aware of good hygiene practices, and encourage children to have good routines.

Staff organise a varied programme of activities and encourage the children to make their own choices about play and learning.

There is a wide and varied selection of age appropriate toys and resources, well planned to meet the needs of children. A selection of the toys promote equality of opportunity.

Staff value the importance of partnership with parents, they discuss individual needs, for example children's likes, dislikes, religious, cultural, dietary and any special requirements.

Responses to questionnaires for parents confirmed that parents are happy with the care and activities provided for their children.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the provider agreed to make sure that 3 members of staff are on duty at all times during the day, staff ratios are now maintained.

What is being done well?

- Staff respond to children's interests and provide choices, children relate well to each other and are interested and enjoy their play. (Standard 3)
- There is a range of toys and resources for children that offer challenge and interest for the age range attending. (Standard 3)
- There is an effective system for managing access to the premises and ensuring appropriate supervision of the children. (Standard 6)
- The crèche is warm and welcoming to parents and there is a system in place for staff to share information with parents. (Standard 12)
- Staff have established good partnership with parents and meet with them daily to give verbal feedback on children's routine and progress. (Standard 12)
- All staff are made aware of safety issues and training in health and safety. (Standard 7)

What needs to be improved?

- develop a procedure if a parent fails to collect child or a child is lost;
- qualifications of the Deputy manager.

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 should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection

Std	Recommendation
2	Deputy to achieve a level 3 qualification, to enable her to deputise for the

	PIC in her absence
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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.