



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 18/08/2003
Inspector Name Patricia Ann Sang

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Halewood Youth Centre, Junior Club & Playscheme
Setting Address Halewood Youth In Community Centre
Lichfield Road, Halewood
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Merseyside
L26 1TT

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of Halewood Youth In Community Centre

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

Halewood Youth In Community Centre is a purpose built youth club where many activities take place for local people. The out of school provision have sole use of the centre during their hours of opening. Three large areas make up the club and include a gym and pool/table tennis room. Children may attend from the age of four provided they attend school full time. A complement of eight staff, three of whom are qualified in Playwork, with two worker's who have completed an introduction to Playwork with the Early Years Development Childcare Partnership, look after the children. The club is open 3.15 pm to 5.30pm Monday to Thursday during term time. In the holidays the playscheme opens every week day from 10.00am to 12.00pm and again from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. There are no particular teaching methods employed.

How good is the Day Care?

Halewood Youth in Community Centre provides good quality care for children. The centre is set out and organised with much thought given to the activities on offer. Staff are suitably qualified and experienced to look after children. Policies and procedures of the centre are effectively implemented. Children are able to move about freely making choices of what they want to do.

Safety of the premises and equipment is given much priority and staff carry out health and safety checks before children are admitted. Some minor attention needs to be given to the accident and attendance records. Staff are alert to the individual needs of children and much is done to introduce them to the diversity of the world in which we live.

The programme of activities offers many interesting things for children to enjoy. Much thought goes into the art and craft projects when children can learn about other cultures. Staff are deployed to best advantage for children ensuring that there is good supervision. Children and workers relate well and show respect for each other.

Parent's receive an information leaflet giving much detail about the provision. A notice board and leaflet rack supplies further relevant reading material. Outings and the occasional weekend away are arranged for all to participate in.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection, it was agreed that the provider extend the key worker system to the holiday provision, to review and update the risk assessment, to update the child protection policy to include procedures should an allegation be made against a staff member or volunteer, to update the complaints procedure and to show times of departure in the attendance records for children.

A key worker is now identified for specific areas of the club, the risk assessment has been fully updated, the child protection policy now includes procedures should an allegation be made against a staff member or volunteer, the complaints procedure is now in place and displayed and the records of attendance show times of departure.

What is being done well?

- Good staff:child ratio's are maintained which allow for good supervision with small groups of children.
- The organisation of the activities and play areas for the playscheme is well thought out. Staff ensure that quieter pursuits are kept separate from the more boisterous games.
- The range of art and craft pastimes is excellent and provides opportunities to learn about the world we live in.
- Health and safety checks are carried out daily before children are admitted.
- Individual needs are fully met with staff accessing appropriate training.
- Children are fully involved with setting the ground rules for acceptable behaviour.
- Parents enjoy day trips and the occasional weekend away with their children and staff.
- Documentation is kept secure, updated and is easily accessible.

What needs to be improved?

- attendance records to show times of arrival
- accident records to show parent's have signed the entry

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	make sure attendance records show when children arrive
7	make sure that the record of an accident is signed by the child's parent

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.