



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 12/01/2005
Inspector Name Valerie Block

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Sessional Day Care, Creche Day Care
Setting Name Maryport Child and Family Centre
Setting Address Ennerdale Road
Maryport
Cumbria
CA15 8HN

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Barnardos

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Barnardos
Address Ewanrigg and Neatherton Community Centre
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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

Maryport Children and Family Centre: Barnardos Under Fives Services is run by Barnardos Ewanrigg Project. It opened in 2004 and operates from a playroom, creche room and medical resource room in a purpose-built building. The setting includes a pre school group and creche. It is situated on the Ewanrigg housing estate on the outskirts of Maryport, Cumbria. A maximum of 31 children may attend the nursery at any one time. The preschool group and attached creche is open each weekday from 09.30 to 12:00 and on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 13:00 to 15:30 throughout the year, except for school holidays. In the school holidays, a preschool group and attached creche are open from 09:30 to 12:00 every morning. A Surestart creche, which is run by the same management group, also operates from 09:00 to 11:30 on a Thursday and from 13:00 to 15:00 on a Tuesday afternoon, according to demand. The groups run in separate rooms. All children share access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area.

There are currently 49 children aged from 6 months under 5 years on the preschool and attached creche roll. Of these 8 children receive funding for nursery education. There are currently 6 children attending the Surestart creche aged from 6 months to 5 years. Children come from the local area.

The setting employs 17 staff. All but one of the staff group hold an appropriate early years qualification.

How good is the Day Care?

Maryport Children and Family Centre: Barnardos Under 5s Services sessional group and creche provides a good quality of care for children. The staff group are well qualified and experienced in early years work. Staff management, relief and recruitment systems are robust. Training needs are well addressed. Children receive a good amount of attention from adults. Records and policies are well kept.

There is a very good amount and range of clean, accessible, age appropriate and interesting play equipment. The premises are clean, welcoming and accessible to children and families. There are insufficient areas for the storage of equipment. Staff supervise children well and children are safe. However the setting has not held regular fire drills. Children's health and nutritional needs are well met. The group has a very good regard to anti discriminatory practice. Children with special needs are

well cared for and supported.

Children's activities are very well planned to the Highscope activity methodology giving children choices of activities and opportunities to learn. Children enjoy their play and are well supported by staff. Staff maintain an environment which helps children to behave well.

Staff have good relationships with parents. There is a good amount of information given to parents about the setting. Information about individual children is shared effectively.

What has improved since the last inspection?

not applicable

What is being done well?

- The setting have a very robust recruitment procedure so ensuring that children are with suitable persons and are safe.
- Children benefit from a staff group that are almost fully qualified with some staff having a good deal of experience working with children. The staff are very warm and attentive to the children. The good staff:child ratios ensure that staff are able to give each child a good amount of attention. This helps to ensure that children are well attended to and cared for.
- Children enjoy their play and the good range of toys and equipment accessible to them. Activities are well planned and provided so ensuring a balance of activities that meet children's needs. For example, the craft area was very accessible. Staff encouraged children to experiment with the different materials and to make their own creation rather than having a creative outcome set by adults.
- Staff have a good understanding of the needs of children with special needs and are proactive regarding supporting them and their parents. For example, the setting conducted a health and safety risk assessment for one child to ensure his needs were addressed.
- Children benefit from welcoming, clean premises with good disability access.
- Parents are made very welcome and are given a good amount of information about the setting and their children. Parents show a good amount of satisfaction with the setting. Parents coming with their children are given a good amount of staff's time and are supported well by staff. This helps children to settle well at the setting and reassures parents about their children's care.

What needs to be improved?

- the training of staff caring for babies

- the provision of adequate storage
- the provision of regular fire drills.

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	Ensure that half of the staff working with babies have received training in this area.
4	Ensure that there is sufficient storage for equipment.
6	Ensure that regular evacuation practices are held.

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.