

Shine

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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The setting also makes provision for children older than the early years age group which is registered on the voluntary and/or compulsory part(s) of the Childcare Register. This report does not include an evaluation of that provision, but a comment about compliance with the requirements of the Childcare Register is included in Annex B.

There were no children on roll when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children on roll, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states if the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

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Description of the setting

Shine was registered in 2003 and provides services for children and young people with additional needs and/or disabilities, and their families. It operates from the Alpha Centre located in Gorleston in Norfolk and serves families of the town and local area. Facilities include a large playroom, a messy play room and direct access to an enclosed outside play area.

Shine operates on selected days during the school holidays and every Saturday from 10am until 3pm. It also opens one Sunday per month offering a Nurture Group. Children who speak English as an additional language are supported by the setting.

Shine is registered to care for 20 children in the early years age range and also cares for older children. Shine is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. At the time of inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group although the setting is providing for children over the age of five.

A total of 21 staff and volunteers work with the children. Over half the staff hold appropriate childcare qualifications and the management team hold qualifications to level 3 and level 4.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion with the manager, the senior play leader and by inspecting documents, the setting demonstrates a thorough understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage in supporting children to reach their full potential and make progress. Processes for observation and assessment have been established for older children. Activities provided are based on key person's assessment of children's developmental stage and information from the child and family about their current interests, likes and dislikes. This system would be applied to younger children attending the setting.

Documentation shows that in-depth information is collated about each child before joining the setting in order to meet their specific needs effectively. There is a clear understanding of the importance of partnership with parents, carers and other professionals involved with the children in order to care for them well. There is comprehensive information available to parents and their views and ideas are highly valued by the staff.

The staff have a comprehensive understanding with regard to protecting children from abuse and have thorough policies and procedures in place to make their concerns known without delay. Daily risk assessment are carried out in the setting to ensure all users are safe and secure and stringent procedures are in place with regards to administering medication and recording accidents and incidents. All staff hold first aid qualifications and relevant insurances are in place

Positive strategies for managing children's behaviour are in place and Shine works

closely with other settings to share behaviour management plans so that children are treated consistently. The setting is dedicated to meeting children's individual needs and understands the importance of each child feeling valued and included.

Recommendations raised at the last inspection have been addressed appropriately. For example, policies and procedures are now available to parents and they are regularly reminded of their whereabouts. The complaints policy has been updated. As a result parents are better informed about how the setting runs and what they can expect. The children, parents and staff at Shine have all been involved in the process for self-evaluation and as a result areas for development have been highlighted and acted upon, demonstrating a positive attitude towards providing quality care and education.

Compliance with registration requirements

The registered person continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Annex B: the Childcare Register

The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are: Met

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are: Met