

# Inspection of Afc Social Opps

Elton Community Centre, Alston Street, Bury BL8 1SB

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Inspection date:

15 August 2023

**The quality and  
standards of early  
years provision**

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Met

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- Staff are well trained to care for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. They explain how they develop positive, trusting relationships with children to help them feel safe and secure at the setting. Leaders and staff also understand the importance of working closely with parents and other agencies. This is so that they have a deep knowledge of children's emotional and developmental needs.
- Staff demonstrate through discussion how they keep children safe. They collect detailed information about each child's health and medical needs and follow robust procedures to ensure that each child receives the care that they need.
- Staff have a good understanding of the possible signs and symptoms of abuse and know how to report any concerns they may have about the welfare of a child. Throughout discussions, they demonstrate their clear understanding of how to protect and safeguard children.
- Leaders explain the robust procedures that are in place to help monitor and develop staff performance. This includes daily reflective meetings, supervisory meetings and targeted training to help to meet the specific needs of children.
- Leaders and staff understand how to support children's behaviour positively. For example, they explain how they help children to develop social skills so that they enjoy positive relationships with their peers.
- The provider has recently failed to notify Ofsted in a timely manner of a significant matter relating to an allegation against staff. However, leaders have taken prompt and effective action. Staff have received detailed training in the setting's whistle-blowing policy and now have a comprehensive understanding of the procedures to follow if they have a concern about a colleague. Leaders now also have procedures in place to ensure they take swift action in the event of any future allegations.
- Leaders are highly reflective of their practice at the setting and discuss how self-evaluation helps drive improvements to the setting. As a result, staff receive bespoke training, which is tailored to the unique needs of the children attending, to enhance the quality of their practice. Leaders report that through their evaluations and observation of staff's interactions, they see greater engagement in activities and measurable, improved outcomes for them.

There were no children in the early years age range present 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 early years children present, 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 whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY499921
<b>Local authority</b>	Bury
<b>Inspection number</b>	10306798
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childcare on non-domestic premises
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Day care type</b>	Out-of-school day care
<b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b>	0 to 0
<b>Total number of places</b>	10
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	35
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Action for Children
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP901399
<b>Telephone number</b>	07795447193
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	6 May 2018

## Information about this early years setting

Afc Social Opps registered in 2016. It operates from 10.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 4.30pm Sunday and 5.15pm to 7.45pm Thursday. The setting employs 14 members of staff, four of whom hold relevant qualifications at level 3 and above.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Richard Sutcliffe

## Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- We carried out this inspection as a result of a risk assessment, following information we received about the provider.
- The manager showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure it is safe and suitable.
- The inspector spoke with the management team about the leadership and management of the setting.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of the suitability of staff working in the setting.

We carried out this inspection under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

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