



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 16/09/2003
Inspector Name Judith Margaret Reed

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Creche Day Care
Setting Name Sure Start Creche
Setting Address 60 Foxcott Close
Weston
Southampton
Hampshire
SO19 9JQ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Southampton City Council

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

Sure Start Creche is part of the Sure Start project in Weston funded by Southampton City Council. It was registered in January 2001 when the project began. It is situated in a purpose built premises in the grounds of Weston Shore Infant School on a large housing estate. The Creche operates from a large room with direct access to toilets, a kitchen and an enclosed outside play area all of which has wheelchair access, as well as a further community room within the Weston Shore school, also with toilets, and a kitchen. It has sole use of these rooms when the Creche is operating.

The Creche is registered to provide occasional care for a maximum of 27 children under 5 years, although it is the policy of the Creche to accept children from 1 to 5 years and for no more than 2 hours a day. This will be up to 18 children in the Sure Start building and 9 children in the Community room.

Sessions vary and are arranged as needed to coincide with training and activities for parents being run in, or off the project site.

All staff hold relevant childcare qualifications and attend regular training. The site has no pets.

How good is the Day Care?

Sure Start Creche provides good quality care for children.

Sure Start Creche employ trained and experienced staff, who are able to offer children an accessible, wide range of toys and equipment, in a well organised environment. However, minor amendments are required relating to certain documentation issues.

Sure Start Creche is effective in promoting good health and hygiene, as well as ensuring staff have excellent awareness of safety issues. Children are offered a range of healthy foods for their snack. Staff have good knowledge and understanding of child protection matters.

Sure Start Creche staff value and encourage children as individuals. They have good awareness of special needs, and ensure the resources reflect diversity. The children are involved and interested in their play while also relating well to staff and to one another.

Sure Staff Creche staff ensure that they build good relationships with parents, and look after the children according to the parent's wishes. The range of policies should be regularly reviewed.

What has improved since the last inspection?

This section does not apply as the last inspection was a transitional inspection.

What is being done well?

- Sure Start Creche staff are well trained, experienced child carers, who organise the toys and equipment to ensure children can access the broad range of activities available.
- The staff promote healthy living through ensuring good health and hygiene procedures, as well as offering a range of healthy snacks to children. The staff are vigilant about children's safety, and are trained in first aid, and child protection procedures.
- Sure Start Creche staff acknowledge children's individual needs and are particularly aware of special needs. Resources reflect positive images of diversity and include posters, books, puzzles, dolls, puppets, as well as dressing up clothes and musical instruments. The children are involved and interested in their play. They make decisions, and are praised and encouraged at all times.
- Sure Start Creche staff and management ensure that children are looked after according to parent's wishes, and build strong, supportive relationships with parents.

What needs to be improved?

- times of attendance in register; (Standard 2)
- keeping Ofsted informed concerning changes; (Standard 1)
- information in complaints policy. Standard 12

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
1	ensure Ofsted is kept informed concerning any changes in the crèche;
2	ensure times of arrival and departure are recorded in register;
12	ensure complaints policy includes the name and address of Ofsted.

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.