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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 10/11/2003
Inspector Name Janet Ann Forster

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Roundabout Nursery
Setting Address 382-384 Werrington Road
Stoke-on-Trent
Staffordshire
ST2 9AB

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Mrs Gillian Clarke

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

Roundabout Bucknall opened in 1980. It operates from seven rooms in a converted house in Bucknall. The day nursery serves the local area.

There are currently 46 children from six months to four years on roll. This includes eight funded three year olds. Children attend for a variety of sessions. At the current time, none of the children have special needs.

The nursery opens for five days a week all year round. Sessions are from 7:15 until 18:00.

Ten full time and two part time staff work with the children. Three quarters of the staff have early years qualifications to NVQ level 2 or 3 and the others are currently working towards recognised early years qualifications. The setting receives support from a teacher from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP).

How good is the Day Care?

Roundabout Bucknall provides good quality care for children. The nursery is a member of day care associations and staff are committed to further training to keep up to date with developments in childcare. Staff meetings are held and appraisals are completed. There is an induction programme for new staff and students. There are well documented policies and procedures in place.

The premises are clean and tidy and offer a welcoming environment for parents and children. Staff emphasise safety at all times and risk assessments are carried out. Staff promote good health and hygiene practices which help reduce the spread of infection. The nursery is working towards a healthy eating award and is implementing changes to the children's diet.

Staff have good relationships with the children. The key worker system enables staff to care for children effectively and have good knowledge of children's individual needs. There are clear routines in place for playing, eating and sleeping. Staff talk and play with the children, helping them to learn and have fun. Children are happy, settled and behave well. There is a good range of easily accessible toys and equipment to help children progress in all areas.

There are positive relationships with parents and carers. Parents are informed of

how the nursery operates through policies and parent notices. Daily record sheets or diaries are used for all children to share information with parents. All the relevant paperwork is in place although it sometimes lacks the necessary detail and accuracy.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the previous inspection, the manager agreed to obtain written parental permission to seek emergency medical advice or treatment and to devise a child protection policy which includes the procedure to be followed in the event of an allegation being made against staff. The written parental permission is now available and the child protection policy now includes the necessary procedure.

What is being done well?

- There is a commitment towards training. Staff update their skills and knowledge by attending appropriate childcare courses.
- Provision for children is good. Staff spend time talking and playing with the children and praise and encourage them.
- Children are settled and enjoy their day.
- Partnership with parents is good. Information is shared daily about their child's day and the care they receive.

What needs to be improved?

- the accuracy and details of staff attendance.

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	Improve the accuracy and details on individual room registers for recording staff attendance and work patterns.

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.