

Inspection report

Careshare At Port Hamilton Day Care of Children

Block A
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Inspected by: (Care Commission Officer)	Lesley Munro
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Service Number

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Service name

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Service address

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Provider Number

SP2003002870

Provider Name

Just Learning Ltd Trading as Careshare Ltd

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Introduction

Careshare at Port Hamilton is a large purpose built nursery within a business complex in central Edinburgh. Port Hamilton is one of 9 nurseries operated by Careshare across the City of Edinburgh, The Scottish Borders and West Lothian. The nursery is situated close to local bus and rail services and a wide range of local community facilities.

The nursery accommodation is laid out over two storeys, with the children under two being cared for on the ground floor and the facilities for older children being offered on the first floor. An enclosed outdoor play area and veranda is accessed from the ground floor. The stated aims of the service are to;

“Communicate effectively to all our parents/guardians and staff”

“Develop our staff to their full potential through further training”

“Provide a caring, stimulating and fun environment for everyone”

“Provide a safe and secure environment for everyone”

The service is registered to care for a maximum of 90 children of Pre-School age and operates between 7.30am and 6pm Monday to Friday. The service has been registered with The Care Commission since 1st April 2002.

Basis of Report

This report was written following an unannounced inspection on 22nd January 2007 following agreement with the service provider. The purpose of the inspection was to monitor progress on meeting the requirement and recommendations made at the previous inspection.

This inspection was carried out by two Care Commission Officers who took the following into account;

The National Care Standards for early education and childcare up to the age of 16 years,

Standard 3 - Health and Wellbeing

Standard 5 - Quality of Experience

Standard 14 - A Well Managed Service

Account was also taken account of compliance with Scottish Statutory Instrument 114 /2002.

Action taken on requirements in last Inspection Report

1 requirement was made at the last inspection in relation to infection control - progress on this will be outlined within this report. This requirement is now met.

Comments on Self-Evaluation

No self-evaluation document was requested prior to this inspection.

View of Service Users

Due to the ages of children attending the Care Commission Officers did not seek the views of service users at this inspection.

View of Carers

The views of carers were not sought prior to this inspection.

Regulations / Principles

Regulation 4: SSI 114 Regulation 4 (1) Welfare of Users

Strengths

All Staff had received training in infection control.

Staff were able to give consistent responses on the procedures to be followed in the event of the spillage of bodily fluids.

All dishes were now being washed and dried within the main kitchen.

Toys and equipment were observed to be clean and in a good state of repair.

All pots of barrier cream seen within the changing areas were clearly labelled for individual children.

Soap and towels were in place in all toilet areas.

Dummies were being stored appropriately.

Areas for Development

As outlined under standard 3, the ground floor accommodation requires the installation of an additional sink or sinks. See recommendation (1)

Senior staff should continue to monitor that infection control procedures are being adhered to by all staff.

National Care Standards

National Care Standard Number 3: Early Education and Childcare up to the age of 16 - Health and Wellbeing

Strengths

Improvements had been made to the toothbrushing routine for all children who were adequately supervised by staff.

Changes had been made to the programme of cleaning within the nursery.

Improvements were noted in staff supervision of children's toileting.

Areas for Development

During this inspection, in auditing the use of sinks, the officers noted that the ground floor accommodation required additional sinks. This is to ensure adequate sinks are available for handwashing, general purpose and cleaning of soiled equipment such as potties. A

recommendation (1) is made.

National Care Standard Number 5: Early Education and Childcare up to the age of 16 - Quality of Experience

Strengths

Significant improvements were noted in the layout of the baby and toddler areas. Both rooms were attractively laid out with use being made of dividers to create a more homely space. Mobiles and other hanging decorations further helped to create a cosy atmosphere.

Staff in the baby room were developing heuristic play boxes in consultation with parents, who were contributing to the contents of these.

Children within the toddler area were benefiting from a changed layout and lunch routine which staff had developed to better meet the varying development needs of the children in this area.

Improvement was noted in both the layout and range of activities provided within the pre-school room. Staff had begun to take account of the need to provide an environment which was both stimulating yet comfortable for children who spent full days within the nursery.

Staff had undertaken training in "Birth to three, supporting our youngest children" and had begun to use this in their work with the children under the age of three.

Areas for Development

Staff should continue to develop and progress their plans for the improvement of the programme of activities and the provision of a stimulating learning environment.

National Care Standard Number 14: Early Education and Childcare up to the age of 16 - Well-Managed Service

Strengths

The management group were monitoring progress within the service and had designated areas of responsibility.

Areas for Development

The previous recommendation in relation to the layout of staffing files was not inspected against at this inspection and is carried forward to the next inspection. (See recommendation 2)

Enforcement

No enforcement action has been taken by The Care Commission against this service

Other Information

None.

Requirements

No requirements were made at this inspection.

Recommendations

1. The service should ensure that an adequate number of sinks are in place on the ground floor. Designated hand washing sinks and sinks used for cleaning soiled equipment should not be used for general purposes. The National Care Standards in Early Education and childcare up to age 16, Standard 2 - A safe environment
2. The layout of staff personnel files should be reviewed to ensure that all necessary documentation in relation to safe recruitment is in place and can be audited. The National Care Standards in Early Education and Childcare up to age 16, Standard 14 - A well managed service.

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