

Inspection report

Summerlea House Nursery Day Care of Children

9 Union Street
Largs KA30 8DG

Inspected by: Edna Hoyle
(Care Commission Officer)

Type of inspection: Unannounced

Inspection completed on: 14 December 2006

Service Number

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Service name

Summerlea House Nursery

Service address9 Union Street
Largs KA30 8DG**Provider Number**

SP2003000726

Provider Name

Childcare (Scotland) Ltd

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9 months

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Introduction

Summerlea House Nursery is based in the coastal town of Largs within North Ayrshire. Summerlea House Nursery provides full day care for 36 children aged 0-5 years. The inspection was carried out by Edna Hoyle Care Commission Officer. The Nursery was registered with the Care Commission on 1.4.02

The service aims to :

- Promote a caring approach with the safety and well being of each individual child being seen as paramount.
- Where all children will be respected and their individuality and their potential recognised, valued and nurtured.

Basis of Report

Before the visit on 14.12.06 the nursery completed the pre inspection return and themed evaluation online to give to families who use the service. The nursery's range of records, policy statements and parent's information sheets were examined.

These included:

- Aims and objectives
- Health, hygiene.
- Child Protection.
- Policies and Procedures.

The staff were observed working with the children and those areas of the premises used for the care of the children were looked at. During the visit the Care Commission Officers spoke to staff, children and the manager. Comments within this report are based on these discussions, observation of the interaction with the children and their responses and reactions.

The Care Commission Officer took all of the above into account and reported on whether the service was meeting the following National Care Standards for early education and childcare up to the age of 16:

- · Standard 3, Health and Well being.
- Standard 4: Engaging with children
- · Standard 12 Confidence in Staff

The Regulation of Care (Requirements as to Care Services) (Scotland) Regulations 2002 Statutory Instrument 114 were also taken into account

This service was inspected after a Regulation Support Assessment (RSA) was carried out to determine what level of support was necessary. The RSA is an assessment undertaken by the CCO which considers: complaints activity, changes in the provision of the service, nature of notifications made to the Care Commission by the service, action taken upon requirement etc.

This service was required to have a low level of support that resulted in an inspection based on the national inspection standards. Before the visit on 14th December 2006 the manager completed an annual return and self evaluation online. The service was also sent 15 copies of 'The Care Standards Questionnaire 'How happy are you with your childcare service?' to give to families who use the service. The nurseries range of records, policy statements were

examined.

These included:

- Aims and objectives.
- Health, hygiene.
- Child protection

Staff were observed working with the children. During the visit the Care Commission Officers spoke to staff, the manager and the Area manager. Comments within this report are based on these discussions, observation of the children, and paperwork examined.

The Care Commission Officer took all of the above into account and reported on whether the service was meeting the following National Care Standards for early education and childcare up to the age of 16:

- Standard 3, Health and wellbeing
- Standard 4, Engaging with children.
- Standard 12, Confidence in Staff.

The Regulation of Care (Requirements as to Care Services) (Scotland) Regulations 2002 Statutory Instrument 114 were also taken into account.

This service was inspected after a Regulation Support Assessment (RSA) was themes, and any other recommendations and requirements from previous inspections, complaint or any other regulatory activity.

The time spent in the facility was 3 hours 15 minutes and did not include selection and recruitment.

Action taken on requirements in last Inspection Report

None made in last years report

Comments on Self-Evaluation

The self evaluation document was returned online. It was completed in a comprehensive manner for this inspection and the service had identified areas of development.

View of Service Users

During the inspection visit the children were observed to be confident, and well settled within the environment.

They showed a familiarity with the established routines and shared good relationships with staff members present.

View of Carers

12 copies of 'The Care Standards Questionnaire 'How happy are you with your childcare service?' were returned to the Care Commission. All parents indicated they were very happy with the service being provided, however an issue highlighted by the parents were fully discussed during the inspection .

Regulations / Principles

Regulation :

Strengths

Areas for Development

National Care Standards

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

Strengths

2, 3 and 4 only of this standard were inspected at this time, covering the themes of Child Protection, Hygiene and Healthy Eating.

All staff demonstrated a clear understanding of the issues of child protection, and their roles and responsibilities in this matter. A comprehensive child protection policy is in place to support staff. The nursery has a written absent child policy to guide and inform staff on procedures.

Through the curriculum the children were offered opportunities to learn about healthy lifestyles, hygiene, diet and personal safety. The children are encouraged to share and good hygiene practices were observed within nursery during the visit. The nursery takes part in the national tooth brushing scheme and toothbrushes are stored in an appropriate container. The tooth brushing episodes are recorded and staff have received appropriate training on the matter.

The children were offered healthy snacks and meals and the nursery is aware of and uses the nutritional guidance for early years. New menus have been developed and the menus are checked by a dietician. These were seen on the day of the inspection and found to be satisfactory. On the day of the inspection the children had vegetable savoury rice and crusty bread with fruit for pudding and the younger children were having Stovies. The nursery is taking part in the free fruit initiative with North Ayrshire Council's Education department. On the day of the inspection the children had toast and milk or water for snack. Fruit is available on a daily basis. Staff were seen to be helping the children and routines were established.

Areas for Development

None identified at this inspection.

National Care Standard Number 4: Early Education and Childcare up to the age of 16 -

Engaging with children

Strengths

Strengths In all the rooms where children were housed the staff displayed a good understanding of the needs of the children in their care. They had provided good play experiences for the children and each room had been provided with very good ranges of toys and equipment suitable for the ages and stages of development of the children present. Within the baby room interaction was warm and caring with the staff able to discuss each child's stage of development and likes and dislikes. The walls were adorned with photographs showing the babies taking part in varied activities. The staff were aware of and had participated in training on the Birth to 3 document and the planning for each child was on an individual basis and in line with the document. Further training will be provided for staff on this document.

In the 2-3 room the children were playing together with a good variety of wooden toys The staff member in this room was patient and warm in her interactions with the children. During the visit at snack time she was reinforcing good manners to the children in a positive way.

The children in the 3-5 room were engaged in various activities and were chatty and confident. They were aware of routines and at tidy up time all were willing to help. Some of the children were taking part in a baking activity making sweets for Christmas presents, they were seen to be enjoying the experience. The walls had good examples of children's art work displayed and on some displays photographs showing the children engaging in the activities was in evidence. Staff interactions seen were positive and caring towards the children who responded well to all the staff.

Areas for Development

None identified at this inspection.

National Care Standard Number 12: Early Education and Childcare up to the age of 16 - Confidence in Staff

Strengths

Staff ratios observed during the inspection complied with Annex A, input standard 1 of the National Care Standards Early Education and Childcare up to the age of 16. All nursery staff were qualified .

All staff were issued with a copy of the Scottish Social Services Council's codes of Practice and had been made aware of their responsibilities under the code.

Within the last year all staff had attended a good range of in service courses.

An audit of all Childcare Scotland's Safer Recruitment Policies and Procedures was conducted on July 3rd 2006 and was found to be satisfactory.

Areas for Development

None identified at this inspection.

Enforcement

None against this service

Other Information

N/A

Requirements**Recommendations**

Edna Hoyle

Care Commission Officer