

COSMOS After School Club

Day Care of Children

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COSMOS After School Club

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About the service

COSMOS After School Club is a daycare of children service and is committee led. The service is registered to provide a care service to a maximum of 56 children from school age up to 14 years. Other registration conditions include; when using the coffee bar area, a care service may be provided to a maximum of 70 children from school age up to 14 years.

The service operates from COSMOS community centre, St Andrews, Fife. During operational hours of the service, children have exclusive use of a sports hall and function hall, with access to an enclosed courtyard and toileting facilities. There are a number of local amenities close by such as parks, beach and shops.

About the inspection

This was a follow up inspection which took place on Friday 17 January 2025 between 15:00 and 16:00 to assess the actions taken by the provider to meet the outstanding requirement and areas for improvement. The inspection was carried out by one inspector from the Care Inspectorate. To prepare for the inspection we reviewed information about this service. This included previous inspection findings, information submitted by the service and intelligence gathered since the last inspection.

In making our evaluations of the service we:

- observed children using the service
- spoke with the management team
- observed practice
- reviewed documents

Key messages

The service had made considerable improvements to ensure appropriate safety and security measures were in place.

Some progress had been made to support children to experience play opportunities that promote curiosity and creativity.

From this inspection we evaluated this service as:

In evaluating quality, we use a six point scale where 1 is unsatisfactory and 6 is excellent

How good is our setting?	4 - Good
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Further details on the particular areas inspected are provided at the end of this report.

How good is our setting?

4 - Good

As a result of the progress made, this quality indicator has been re-evaluated as good, where there is a number of important strengths.

Children accessed the after school club via the community centre. Since the previous inspection, a number of security and safety measures had been put in place to ensure children were safe and protected.

Further details about the progress made can be found in 'What the service has done to meet any requirements we made at or since the last inspection'.

What the service has done to meet any requirements we made at or since the last inspection

Requirements

Requirement 1

By 27 September 2024, the provider must ensure children are safe and protected. As a minimum, they must ensure appropriate security and safety measures are in place.

This is to comply with Regulations 4(1)(a) (Welfare of users) of the Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210).

This is to ensure that care and support is consistent with the Health and Social Care Standards (HSCS) which states that: 'My environment is secure and safe' (5.17)

This requirement was made on 20 August 2024.

Action taken on previous requirement

Children were safe and protected as appropriate security and safety measures were in place. The door to the space used by children had a locking mechanism in place to prevent unauthorised people entering the hall. Staff sign keys in and out daily to ensure they can effectively let parents/carers drop off or collect children. Security cameras are pointed in the direction of the doorway with a working monitor to allow staff to see who is at the door before opening.

Doorways to the gym hall now have appropriate locks in place to ensure access is limited to unauthorised people. In addition to this, appropriate measures have been put in place to increase the security and safety with regards to the corridor area.

Met - within timescales

What the service has done to meet any areas for improvement we made at or since the last inspection

Areas for improvement

Previous area for improvement 1

To support children to build on their own play and current interests the staff team should ensure children have access to a range of resources that provide challenge and curiosity for all children.

This is to ensure that care and support is consistent with Health and Social Care Standards (HSCS) which state that: 'As a child, I can direct my own play and activities in the way that I chose, and freely access a wide range of experiences and resources suitable for my age and stage, which stimulate my natural curiosity, learning and creativity' (HSCS 2.27).

This area for improvement was made on 20 August 2024.

Action taken since then

The staff team were developing play experiences for children to ensure children have access to a range of resources that provide challenge and curiosity. Areas had been developed for some of the older children. Children were creating models with cogs to explore movement and developing their problem solving skills.

The service should continue to develop this area for improvement in line with their improvement plan.

Complaints

There have been no complaints upheld since the last inspection. Details of any older upheld complaints are published at www.careinspectorate.com.

Detailed evaluations

How good is our setting?	4 - Good
2.2 Children experience high quality facilities	4 - Good

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