

Inspection report

Cranley Nursery - Paties Road Day Care of Children

Paties Road Pavilion
66 Katesmill Road
Edinburgh EH14 1JF

Inspected by: Alison Precup
(Care Commission Officer)

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12 months

Local Office Address

Musselburgh

Introduction

Cranley Nursery at Paties Road is one of two nurseries owned by Mr and Mrs McLean. Cranley Nursery has been registered since April 2002 and provides a full day care and education service for children aged 2 years to 5 years.

The nursery is based in a building they rent from the City of Edinburgh Council and is situated on the edge of a large community football ground. The nursery have access to this football pitch and also to a large enclosed garden at the rear of the building. The nursery itself is a bright, welcoming and attractive facility which comprises of one large playroom, and one smaller playroom with a dining room, kitchen and toilets. There is also an office which doubles up as a staff room.

Basis of Report

Before the visit the nursery provided:

The pre-inspection questionnaire.

The self evaluation document was completed fully and returned to the Care Commission.

During the visit which took place on the 9 May 2005 the Care Commission Officer discussed the service with the owner, manager and staff.

The Care Commission Officer looked at a range of policies and procedures including aims and objectives and complaints.

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 2 A safe environment.

Standard 4 Engaging with children.

Standard 5 Quality of the experience.

Standard 6 Support and development.

Standard 14 Well managed service.

The Scottish Statutory Instruments 114 were also taken into account.

The Care Commission Officer looked around the premises and observed staff and children.

Action taken on requirements in last Inspection Report

There were no requirements made at the last inspection

Comments on Self-Evaluation

The Self Evaluation was completed appropriately and returned to the Care Commission this was discussed at the inspection.

View of Service Users

Some of the children were spoken to and all said they liked it at the nursery, one child said she liked climbing on the climbing frame the best.

View of Carers

13 parents response forms were completed and returned to the Care Commission.

Comments included:

"I am very happy with the nursery, the staff are excellent and very caring"

"Cranley nursery is a wonderful caring nursery. My children previously attended another nursery and Cranley is streets ahead"

"All staff members are kind, caring individuals and my children chat about them and their activities at Cranley with great enthusiasm"

"This is an excellent nursery. My child is very happy there and the staff are attentive to her needs. All staff put a great deal of effort into their jobs and involve the children in activities, trips and experiences that have far outweighed my expectations"

"Each child is treated as an individual and encouraged accordingly"

"Staff maintained a very professional attitude to children they demonstrate love and support when needed while encouraging good discipline"

"Having moved back to Edinburgh recently I looked at many nurseries...none came close to Cranley Nursery. They offer her stability, education and friendship with other children"

All parents ticked that they were happy with the service. Two said they didn't know about the complaints procedure.

Regulations / Principles

National Care Standards

National Care Standard Number 2: Early Education and Childcare up to the age of 16 - A Safe Environment

Strengths

The nursery was in a good state of repair, bright and attractive with a welcoming reception area.

Access to the nursery was safe and secure the main door had a buzzer system in place.

Children can access an enclosed outside garden and have use of the large football field at the front of the building.

The staff had made good use of the space there were opportunities for children to move freely from activity to activity.

Children can work in groups or individually.

All play equipment was observed to be well maintained.

There is an infection control policy in place.

Children do not have access to the internet.

Areas for Development

No areas for development identified at this inspection

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

Strengths

Staff had a very good understanding of the stages of children's development and learning, this was evidenced by the clear formal and informal planning that the staff used to enhance and extend learning.

Staff were observed to interact warmly and appropriately with the children.

Children were encouraged to show care and respect one another.

There were many opportunities for children to express choice and contribute to the nursery, staff were innovative in their approaches to building confidence.

Plans have been put in place to link up with schools that some of the children will attend in order to share relevant information.

Information on each child's development is shared with parents and parents are encouraged to contribute fully to the nursery.

Areas for Development

There were no areas for development identified at this inspection

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

Strengths

Children could choose from a wide selection of activities which were planned effectively by the staff.

Learning activities were stimulating and creative and children were observed to be motivated by them.

The pace of the planned activities were appropriate with opportunities for group activities, quiet times and outside play.

Children could influence the programme and were encouraged to express their views and choices.

Children had individual profiles which were kept up to date by staff and used to plan for continual development of the children.

Areas for Development

No areas for development identified at this inspection

National Care Standard Number 6: Early Education and Childcare up to the age of 16 - Support and Development

Strengths

Staff were flexible and supportive to children and their families needs.

Good relationships have been developed with parents and staff are committed to support families that use the nursery.

Links have been made with outside agencies.

Parents are kept up to date with their child's development and any concerns are raised in a sensitive and confidential manner with parents.

Staff are aware where to get information for families if English is not their first language.

Areas for Development

Recommendation 1.

The manager will look at adding a sentence to their parents information leaflet which states they can have this information translated if they require.

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

Strengths

The nursery have clearly identified who the manager and staff are through photographs in reception.

There is a very detailed information leaflet which states the aims and objectives of the service, how to make a complaint and all relevant policies and procedures.

The manager is currently undergoing a Personal Development Award in Child-care and Education and demonstrated a high level of competence with a thorough understanding of child-care issues.

One staff member is taking her SVQ level 3 and there are a number of informal training opportunities available.

Parents are encouraged to be involved with the nursery and are kept up to date through newsletters and parents events.

Areas for Development

No areas for developed were identified at this inspection.

Enforcement

No enforcement action has been taken since the last inspection.

Other Information

There were no other issues

Requirements

There were no requirements made at this inspection.

Recommendations

Recommendation 1 The nursery should add that their parents information can be translated into appropriate languages if required.

Alison Precup

Care Commission Officer