



Inspection Report

Cylch Meithrin Pili Pala

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About Cylch Meithrin Pili Pala

Type of care provided	Children's Day Care Full Day Care
Registered Provider	Cylch Meithrin Pili Pala
Registered places	19
Language of the service	Welsh
Previous Care Inspectorate Wales inspection	
Is this a Flying Start service?	
Does this service provide the Welsh Language active offer?	The service provides an 'Active Offer' of the Welsh language. It anticipates, identifies and meets the Welsh language and cultural needs of people who use, or may use, the service.

Summary

This was a focused inspection, and, on this occasion, we have not considered each theme in full.

Most children are happy and feel secure at the setting. They have warm relationships with care staff and enjoy the company of their friends. Children have good opportunities to develop their relationships and independence through a mixture of free play and focussed activities. Care staff mostly follow the setting's policies and procedures to keep children safe.

The premises are secure. Risk assessments inform daily checklists which identify unnecessary risks to children. However, the fire risk assessments and fire arrangements are not effective. The people who run the setting ensure they inform Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) of notifiable events and records are kept. The newly appointed leader is committed to developing the setting, to improve outcomes for children.

Well-being

As this was a focused inspection, we have not considered this theme in full.

Children make decisions about how they spend their time at the setting. On arrival, they go straight to play in one of the areas of learning on offer. They know they can access the resources available to them.

Children feel safe, secure, and have a good sense of belonging. They were confident and happy to chat to us (Care Inspectorate Wales) about their activities. For example, one child approached us, showing us a truck and how they were able to move sand using it.

Interactions between children and care staff are appropriate. Children generally play successfully together. For example, a group of children played together in the role-play kitchen, preparing food, and taking turns. They happily include us in their discussions about what to have for breakfast.

Most children are happy in their play and learning. They engage in their own activities, with friends or in small groups. The majority of children concentrate well, sustaining interest in activities they have chosen for extended periods, especially with adult support. Children are enthusiastic and happy whilst singing in an adult led group activity on the mat. Children who are unsettled are comforted warmly.

Children are developing their confidence and independence through the opportunities provided. They are learning to co-operate and engage with each other in their play. For example, we saw two children playing in the sand, engaging appropriately with each other and the adult who was supporting them.

Care and Development

As this was a focused inspection, we have not considered this theme in full.

Care staff generally keep children safe, following the setting's policies and procedures most of the time. They understand their roles and responsibilities and appropriately adhere to the setting's daily procedures. For example, they use daily check lists to ensure the environment is safe. Care staff follow the setting's policies for recording accidents, incidents, and pre-existing injuries. They have not had to administer medication.

Environment

As this was a focused inspection, we have not considered this theme in full.

The people who run the setting ensure the premises is secure, by locking the external door. A bell is in place for the collection of children and visitors' records are kept. Care staff sign in and out of the building and record their break times. The temperature of the room is monitored, and action is taken if it's too cold for children. The people who run the setting intend keeping records of the room temperature in future.

The people who run the setting ensure the safety and welfare of children. Risk assessments are in place for the environment and have been reviewed. Risk assessments inform daily checklists, which identify unnecessary risks to children and as far as possible, eliminate these. For example, exposed pipes are covered, and bins have lids. Relevant safety checks are completed, and copies are available to Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW). The priority action notice (PAN) issued at the last inspection in respect of the environmental risks, hazards, and safety measures is now closed.

A fire risk assessment is in place. However, it is not an accurate reflection of the setting. It identifies the testing of a fire alarm, but the building does not have an alarm. There is a procedure in place to follow in the event of a fire and all staff wear whistles to raise the alarm if needed. However, there is no fire detection system in place and staff have not received training in fire prevention. This is an area for improvement, and we expect the provider to take action.

Leadership and Management

As this was a focused inspection, we have not considered this theme in full.

Leadership and management of the setting is inconsistent. The newly appointed person in charge is settling into the leadership role at the setting. They are committed to improvement and have begun to address recommendations made at the last full inspection. However, the leaders job description is not reflective of their duties at the setting. They work in partnership with external agencies such as Flying Start, and this has a positive impact on the running of the setting.

The people who run the setting engage with CIW, as regulators, and notify CIW of significant events. Records in relation to these notifications are kept. The system of recording accident, incidents and pre-existing injuries accurately has been an area for improvement for the setting. These records are now reviewed regularly. The people who run the setting are in the process of putting in place a suitable form to record the administration of medication. This will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Recommendations to meet with the National Minimum Standards

R1. Keep a record of the temperatures in the rooms.

R2. Review the leader's job description and ensure it is an accurate reflection of their duties.

Summary of Non-Compliance	
Status	What each means
New	This non-compliance was identified at this inspection.
Reviewed	Compliance was reviewed at this inspection and was not achieved. The target date for compliance is in the future and will be tested at next inspection.
Not Achieved	Compliance was tested at this inspection and was not achieved.
Achieved	Compliance was tested at this inspection and was achieved.

We respond to non-compliance with regulations where poor outcomes for people, and / or risk to people's well-being are identified by issuing Priority Action Notice (s).

The provider must take immediate steps to address this and make improvements. Where providers fail to take priority action by the target date we may escalate the matter to an Improvement and Enforcement Panel.

Priority Action Notice(s)		
Regulation	Summary	Status
N/A	No non-compliance of this type was identified at this inspection	N/A
25	The responsible individual failed to carry out robust risk assessments for all areas of the setting and they do not identify all risks to children effectively. They failed to ensure that all safety checks, many of which are identified in the risk assessments for the environment, had been completed and checked in a timely manner. The responsible individual must take all reasonable steps to ensure the environment is free from avoidable risk and ensure all safety checks are in place. They must ensure risk assessments are effective in identifying risks to children and that prompt action is taken where required.	Achieved

Where we find non-compliance with regulations but no immediate or significant risk for people using the service is identified we highlight these as Areas for Improvement.

We expect the provider to take action to rectify this and we will follow this up at the next inspection. Where the provider has failed to make the necessary improvements we will escalate the matter by issuing a Priority Action Notice.

Area(s) for Improvement		
Regulation	Summary	Status
38	The responsible individual must ensure adequate precautions against the risk of fire and make arrangements for suitable training for staff in fire prevention.	New
30	The responsible individual has failed to ensure that accurate records for accidents, incidents, pre-existing injuries and medicine administered are kept. They must ensure accurate records are consistently maintained.	Reviewed

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