

Singleton Inspections – Pre-Schools

The Care Commission published 15 Singleton Inspection Reports in relation to pre-school centres within Moray.

Pre-school centres undergo an annual inspection. From April 2003, 2 out of every 3 of these were to be a Singleton Inspection by the Care Commission and one an Integrated Inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) jointly with the Care Commission.

In Singleton Inspections the report is written in terms of Strengths, Areas for Development, Enforcement (powers to enforce change or to close a service) and Other Information. The action points are given as 'Requirements' (enforceable action required of a service provider in order to comply with current legislation, usually within a timescale) and 'Recommendations' (proposed actions to be taken to improve the quality of the service but which would not be subject to enforceable action).

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Name of Pre-school Provider	Date of Inspection	Number of Recommendations	Number of Requirements
Bishopmill Pre-School Centre	18/05/07	0	0
Portknockie Playgroup	12/06/07	0	4
Hop, Skip and Jump, Forres	06/09/07	2	1
Rainbow Childcare and Education Ltd, Forres	11/09/07	2	0
Jack 'n' Jill Pre-school Centre & 1 st Base Out of School Care, Elgin	20/09/07	4	0
Ladybird Development Playgroup, Lossiemouth	25/09/07	0	1
Magic Roundabout Childcare Centre, Elgin	08/10/07	1	1
Noah's Ark Day Care, Forres	10/10/07	1	0
Double Decker Pre-School Centre, Duffus	30/10/07	3	0
Magic Roundabout Childcare Centre, Fochabers	30/10/07	6	2
Portknockie Playgroup	05/11/07	5	0
Newmill and District Playgroup, Elgin	18/12/07	2	0
Playmates Pre-5 Centre, Forres	14/12/07	2	0
Seafield Primary School Nursery, Elgin	10/01/08	1	0

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Name of Pre-school Provider	Date of Inspection	Number of Recommendations	Number of Requirements
Burghead Primary School Nursery	15/01/08	0	0

Summary of Requirements	
Portknockie Playgroup	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To further progress the review of the snack provision to ensure children were given a nutritionally balanced diet in accordance with the 'nutritional guidance for the early years, food choices for children aged 1-5 in early years education and childcare setting' document. 2. To review the Behaviour Management Policy to reflect the principles of promoting positive behaviour. 3. To arrange dates for staff training in relation to behaviour management. 4. The manager needs to develop a more formal procedure for staff induction, to include support, supervision, information and examples of best practice along with policies, staff rules and relevant guidelines.
Hop, Skip and Jump, Forres	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To further enhance nappy changing procedures to include wearing a protective apron.
Ladybird Development Playgroup, Lossiemouth	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to the storage of resources, procedures must be put in place to ensure a clean and healthy environment for children.
Magic Roundabout Childcare Centre, Elgin	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ensure that two references are obtained for the candidates prior to employment, one of which should be the previous employer.
Magic Roundabout Childcare Centre, Fochabers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The service provider/manager should access current information relating to infection control to promote best practice, which is then reflected in the service policies and procedures. 2. To ensure that two references are obtained for the candidate prior to

	employment, one of which should be the previous employer.
Educational Services monitor recurring issues arising from Singleton Inspections and apply best practice throughout the service as required.	