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13FL0484 Chrysalis Montessori (Community Centre) (ELC & SAC Service)

10. Health, Well-being and Safety

10-1. We will undertake the following Quality and Inclusion Actions:

1.Focus on Child Protection, with particular emphasis on:

- a.Training of our Designated Liaison Person in particular Child Safeguarding training which will be run by the Fingal County Childcare Committee (by 1/5/25)
- b.We will also avail of all online training and webinars available for DLP training. Training courses yet to be identified. (by 1/5/25)
- c.Training of all other staff to the level of Children First / Mandated Persons (by 31/12/24)
- d.Our commitment is to refresh this training every 2 years
- e.Ensure staff understand their role and responsibility as mandated persons (by 31/12/24)
- f.Review Child Protection and Welfare Policy, Child Safeguarding statement. (by 1/2/25)
- g.Improve communication with staff, children and parents

2.Review and update our Service Safety Statement (by 1/5/25)

3.Focus on our management and reporting of Accidents and Incidents and the handling of illness and medical emergencies.

- a.Train at least 2 people to First Aid Responder Level (by 31/12/24)
 - b.Update our Care/Action plans for each child who is identified as having allergies, or any illness that requires the administration of medication (by 31/1/25)
 - c.Review our approach to Medication Administration and its documentation. (by 31/12/24)
- 4.Focus on Food Safety and safe handling of food in the service, incorporating Healthy eating and nutrition
- a.Train food handlers (FSAI resources)
 - b.Review our Healthy eating/ Food Safety Policy. (by 1/4/25)
 - c.Review menu planning
 - d.Promote allergen awareness

10-2. The Quality and Inclusion Actions we have chosen to focus on have been identified in a recent inspection report?

No

10-3. The Quality and Inclusion Actions we have identified will require the review and development of certain policies, procedures and statements?

Yes

10-3-1. We will review and develop the following policies, procedures and statements:

1. Child and Adult Protection Policy
2. Child Safeguarding Statement
3. Medication Management Policy
4. Healthy Eating / Food Hygiene Policy
5. Accident and Incident Policy
6. Safety Statement
7. Infection Control Policy
8. Insurance Policy
9. Complaints Policy
10. Anti Bullying Policy

All the above policies will be reviewed and updated by 1/5/25.

They will be uploaded onto our iclass app for parents and staff to view. We will notify parents when the updated policies are uploaded. A hardcopy will be help in the service

10-4. We have identified possible challenges or risks to achieving our identified Quality and Inclusion Actions?

Yes

10-4-1. Please list possible challenges or risks.

We have not identified any risks in carrying out this exercise but great benefits to all stakeholders in the service. However, there will be challenges.

1. Releasing staff for training and arranging cover by suitably qualified personnel. Some of the training courses, especially FAR (First Aid Responder) take place over 3 days.
2. Cost of training courses. Some courses eg FAR are very expensive courses to send staff on. Others especially the online webinars can have a very modest cost, but the cost can very quickly add up. We intend to make use of all forms of training; formal structured, online webinars, and informal.
3. Administration. A significant amount of time will be involved in searching and identifying such suitable courses, booking them, communicating and emailing staff with course details, identifying and arranging cover to enable the release of staff for training.

10-5. We have identified who within our service will be responsible for ensuring our identified Quality and Inclusion Actions are progressed and achieved?

Yes

10-6. In achieving our identified Quality and Inclusion Actions we will avail of the National Síolta Aistear Initiative (NSAI) supports and resources?

Yes

10-6-1. We will:

Start or continue the process of self-evaluation and quality improvement through use of the Aistear Síolta Practice Guide

10-8. In progressing our identified Quality and Inclusion Actions we will:

Seek support

10-8-1. We will seek support from the following:

City/County Childcare Committee

Did you achieve what you set out to achieve Health, Well-being and Safety? Yes / No

Yes

Please provide a brief explanation for your answer and outline how the actions identified may be addressed in the future Health, Well-being and Safety

1.WE FOCUSED ON CHILD PROTECTION

We focused on Child Protection and creating awareness and understanding amongst staff in understanding their roles and responsibilities as mandated persons.

- Designated Liaison Persons trained through a blend of online and in person training. Online training provided through the Tusla website for DLP Training and Mandated Person training. In person training provided through Fingal County Childcare committee
- All teaching staff trained to Child First/ Mandated Person level
- All training certs on display in the service
- Signage placed up in the service, prompting children to always speak with their teacher about any concerns or worries they may have.
- We are committed to refreshing all Child Protection training every 2 years
- Policies Reviewed and updated: Child Safeguarding, Child Protection and Welfare, Anti bullying policy, Complaints Policy

2.WE FOCUSED ON OUR SERVICE SAFETY STATEMENT

Reviewed and decided to work on in more detail during 2025/2026

3.WE FOCUSED ON MANAGEMENT & REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS & INCIDENTS AND THE HANDLING OF MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

- A thorough review of our procedure of recording all accidents and incidents was carried out
- Accidents & Incidents are recorded in an Accident Recording Record Book. A sample sheet of the correct way to complete the form is

attached to the record book.

- Teacher signs the record form, then manager signs and finally parent
- It forms part of the managers daily/weekly checklist to ensure all accident/incident forms are fully completed with all requested information and properly signed off by all parties.
- In line with regulations, we have had 2 staff trained to First Aid Responder (FAR) level. This training will be updated every 2 years.
- Our first aid kit is checked multiple times per year and replenished as required.
- All medication required to be administered to children is recorded in an Administration of Medication Record, which is filled out by the parents and signed by the teacher. No medication will be administered to a child without the parents instruction and consent.
- EPIPEN Training provided by service manager.
- Policies reviewed and updated: Accident and Incident Policy, Infection Control Policy, Medication Management Policy,

4.WE FOCUSED ON FOOD SAFETY & SAFE HANDLING OF FOOD

All training on Food Safety , Food Handling and allergen awareness was identified and completed by planned date, 21/1/25.

- Training courses were taken on the Early Childhood Ireland learning hub.

oCourses were free of charge

oThere was an abundance of choice in courses to take

oCourses could be taken at a staff members own pace

- All staff were trained

oFood Hygiene HACCP Level 1 training taken by all Lead / Educators , AIM Support Workers and management

oFood Hygiene Level 2 taken by chef and management

oAllergen awareness training taken by all staff

oAll certificates displayed within the service.

oEPIPEN Administration training provided to all staff by service manager

- Policy Reviewed and updated: Healthy Eating/ Food Safety Policy