

Staff Leave:

Reminder—Tracey will be on leave from 2nd October returning to work on 15th October. Wishing her a very well deserved break.

2019 Excellence in FDC Awards

Congratulations to those educators who were nominated in the awards. Thank you to those educators who took the time to nominate the Service and another special congratulations to Sally Lovell for winning the regional award.

The award dinner is to be held on November 23rd at the Grand Chancellor Hotel.

Please let us know soon if you are interested in attending the dinner so we can make a decision about whether to book a whole table.

We encourage educators to attend the educator Forum part of the FDCA National Engagement Program to be held at the Grand Chancellor during the day on the 23rd November.

Training ‘Save the Date’:

Wednesday 5th December 2019 - 7PM

Presenter: Lisa Ford Clinical Psychologist and Director of The Resilience Co.

Topic: Resilience and the Anxious Generation

Field Visits:

Current focus is on preparing for Assessment and Rating. Please do your best to attend the scheme meeting on Monday night.

Reminder: Scheme meeting Monday 7th October

ECU FDC Targeted Campaign—Spot Checks April 2019

We have now received a report from the Education and Care Unit which outlines issues noted during the spot visits to educators homes in April.

From the three days they spent with us, visiting 11 educators and scouring the educator files, they have to date only noted 4 points of concern.

The concerns raised included:

- Incorrect use of a porta cot
- Medical risk minimisation and communication plan not completed for children with known medical conditions
- A rope hanging in a position that could cause harm
- A window accessible in the outdoor registered play area (low to the ground) that does not meet Regulation 117

These are all issues that I or other staff should have been aware of during visits to educators homes. We feel our educators are demonstrating that to the best of their knowledge and ability they are endeavouring to meet the requirements of the National Law and Regulations in providing a safe environment for the children in their care. Please continue to be vigilant at all times not just when you complete your hazard checks.

What Strategies Do You Have to Manage?

Animal Management: Direct supervision when in the same area as children in care, hygiene, food, water and bedding.

Moveable Equipment: Where is it placed Indoors / Outdoors. Near fences, glass, on or near hard surfaces.

Maintenance: Are sandpits, softfall and other areas well maintained.

Benches: Clean, free from clutter, no dangerous products or items. Hot drinks, hot food and sharps are out of reach.

REMEMBER FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE MOST IMPORTANT