

## INSPECTION RECORD SHEET

Inspector's Names: Thought Tank – \*\*\*\*\*

Place / Activity Inspected: Rhino's – Group leader Linzi Lawrence – Uplands Main Hall

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### Staff

Treat everyone equally



Listen to young people



Firm but fun



Friendly



Polite



Encouraging



Helpful



### Our Thoughts:

We felt that the staff treated the young people in the group with the same respect (not necessarily equally) but we could see that all the young people had very different needs and different understandings of things that were being said to them. All the staff seemed to have a clear understanding of the needs of the young people in the group and how they should be treated (what they liked and what they did not like, what they could do and could not do).

The staff made sure that the young people were looked after and that they were all safe at all times, this sometimes meant that for some activities certain young people did not take part.

Staff were busy (looking after the young people in their care) but they were still welcoming to us and helpful, taking the time to explain things to us about the group and the activities. They were more than

happy to let us join in with activities and to interact with the young people in the group.

Staff repeatedly encouraged the young people to take part in activities, giving praise when the young people had completed a task (even if it made a mess, especially during the cooking activity).

At times there did seem like there were a lot of adults watching the young people, especially during the cooking activity (because it was quite a small space for so many people).

**Recommendation** – when the young people were doing the cooking activity it may have been helpful to have pictures of the utensils and the ingredients to make instructions easier for the young people to understand.

**Score out of 35 = 33**

## Fun

Fun activities



Everyone is welcome



Everyone is happy



No bullying



Everyone is joining in



## Our Thoughts:

There were lots of things to do both inside and outside, there were lots of free time activities that the young people could choose to do, if they wanted to, which we thought was good. The young people were encouraged to try the activities BUT were not forced to do something that they did not want to do.

We found out that every session the young people have the opportunity to take part in a cooking activity, all the young people that took part, joined in and shared the cooking and they all looked like they were enjoying what they were doing (even though it made a mess!).

Not all the young people could take part in all the activities either because it was not safe for them to do so (one boy did not go to the park because he may try to run away) and (two boys did not do the cooking because they were not able to sit and do an organised activity), so they just stayed with their 1:1 worker.

We saw no bullying while we were in the group.

Recommendation – did not see any kitchen safety rules, perhaps some could be made with simple and easy to understand pictures that could be used every time the Rhino's group does cooking.

Recommendation – we did not see any group rules displayed, so that the young people could see what behaviour was expected from them while they were in the Rhino's group.

**Score out of 25 = 19 ½**

## Accessible

### Good Accessibility

(ramps, wide doors, lifts, on one level)



### Good clear signs



### Everyone can take part



### Transport for everyone

(not counted as part of this inspection)



### Car park close by



### Good opening hours



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### Cost



## Our Thoughts:

We know that the group is run in the Uplands school BUT there were no signs up that explained that it was the Rhino's group and what they were going to be doing or what was expected of them (rules) and a (timetable of activities).

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The building was easy to move around (even for one young person, who was in a wheelchair) and the corridors were wide and it was easy to get to the outside space from inside as there were no steps (was all on one level).

The session is 4 hours long and this gives families an excellent 'short break' and the children get a good amount of time to try all the activities and to do something away from their families. We think there should be more sessions available but we appreciate there is only so much funding and it's better to have a quality service as it is rather than trying to make changes that might make the service not so good.

We found out that parents pay £10 for the 4 hours; we think this is very fair as the young people in this group get 1:1 supervision and lots of different activities to join in with.

**Score out of 30 = 24 ½**

## Safety and Surroundings

Everything works	★	★	★	★	★
Lots of space to move around	★	★	★	★	★
Safe activities	★	★	★	★	★

## Our Thoughts:

Everything was working.

The Hall was great and was very big, there were lots of different activities set up and there was still plenty of space for everyone to move around without getting in one another's way.

All the activities were safe and there were a lot of adults in the group to make sure that all the young people were safe, all of the time. Sometimes for the young person's safety they did not do an activity (it's a shame they can't all do things like going to the park) but we understand why some decisions have to be made to keep the young people safe.

**Score out of 15 = 15**

## Overall Comments

We really enjoyed our visit to this group.

The staff, even though they were busy looking after the young people made an effort to make us feel welcome and we had fun joining in activities with the group.

There were lots of activities both inside and outside and the young people were encouraged to try lots

of different things BUT were not forced to do anything they did not want to.

The young people seemed to be having a good time and we felt that this group was a very safe place to be a member of.