

ECYE32. Summary of Scrutiny Activity - Early Learning & Childcare

The Education, Children and Young People Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which provided an overview of the performance of early learning and childcare settings that were inspected by Care Inspectorate between August 2020 and September 2021.

Early Learning and Childcare settings were subject to external scrutiny through inspection by two national bodies: Education Scotland (Her Majesty's Inspectorate) and Care Inspectorate. The outcome of inspection activity was summarised in reports giving evaluative information and gradings using the 6-point evaluation scale.

Unannounced 'virtual' inspections were carried out between January 2021 and March 2021 with these moving to a blended model of on-site and virtual inspection activity from April 2021. Three Falkirk settings were inspected as part of the process. Overall evaluations were awarded as:-

Date	Methodology	Establishment	Overall Evaluation
February 2021	Virtual	Sacred Heart	Very Good
April 2021	Blended	Glenburn	Good
September 2021	Blended	Larbert	Good

The Care Inspectorate also resumed the previous model of unannounced themed inspections in August 2021. Rannoch ELC Centre was the only setting inspected under this model. Evaluations were:-

Quality of Care & Support – Good.
Quality of Environment – Adequate.

A report would be taken to Scrutiny Committee in light of the grade of adequate for Quality of Environment at Rannoch ELC Centre.

Decision

The Education, Children and Young People Executive noted the evaluation given to each establishment