

57847 Assessment of Wee Mack's Nursery

I would like to request any assessment that was made of Wee Mack's Nursery prior to the decision taken in 2025 to revoke its partnership provider status.

Please include any assessment made against the Scottish Government Guidance: Funding Follows the Child and the National Standard for Early Learning and Childcare Providers: Operating Guidance.'

The guidance is published on the Scottish Government website at:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/early-education-and-care/national-standard-for-early-learning-and-childcare/>

Please refer to the main points below:

- Funding follows the child and the national standard for early learning and childcare sets out what children and their families should expect from their ELC experience, regardless of whether they access their funded entitlement in local authority, private or third sector settings, or through a childminder. This is to ensure that there is consistency of high-quality provision across all funded provider types. It is also underpinned by the regulations in the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 which applies to all care services across Scotland, including day care of children and childminding settings.
- To deliver funded ELC all providers must have Care Inspectorate quality evaluations of good or better across all quality indicators which are:
 - How good is our care, play and learning?
 - How good is our setting?
 - How good is our leadership?
 - How good is our staff team?
- The National Standard for ELC provides guidance on the process for managing cases where a setting does not meet the required quality standards of 'Good' or better, across all indicators. This is called the Service Improvement Period (SIP) and is put in place for 12 months to allow the setting time to address issues and put improvements in place.
- The table below provides details of the duration of SIP for Wee Mack's Nursery along with their inspection history.

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Date	How good is our care, play and learning?	How good is our setting?	How good is our leadership?	How good is our staff team?
27 Apr 2023	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
31 Oct 2023	Weak	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate
30 May 2024	Adequate	Good	Adequate	Adequate
29 Jul 2025 (still to be published)	Adequate	Good	Adequate	Adequate