

Castledearg Childcare Services  
Trading as  
Around the Corner Family Centre

TRUSTEES REPORT  
For the  
Period Ending 31st March 2023

### **Governing Document**

Castledearg Childcare Services which trades as Around the Corner Family Centre is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum & Articles of Association dated 16 March 2007. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission NI.

### **Reference & Administration Details**

Charity No: NIC105884  
Company No: NI063653  
Registered Address: 48 Lurganbuoy Road  
CASTLEDEARG  
Co Tyrone BT81 7HT

### **Purpose of the Charity**

Castledearg Childcare Services objects as per its governing document “are to enhance the development and education of children aged 11 weeks to 11 years by encouraging parents/guardians to understand and provide for the needs of their children.

- Offering appropriate play facilities, with the right of parents/carers take responsibility for and to become involved in the activities of the company, ensuring opportunities for all children, regardless of religion, culture, race or means.
- Encouraging the study of the needs of such children and their families and promoting public interest in and recognition of such needs of children and their families in the local area.

### **Review Period**

#### **Main Activities**

Throughout the review period Castledearg Childcare Services undertook a number of activities to promote the purpose of the organisation. These activities included:

DayCare  
Out of School Activities  
Supported Training for parents  
Supporting local community events

#### **Registration**

During the review period the centre resumed its pre COVID registration occupancy as guided by the Western Health & Social Care Trust (Registering Authority), as detailed below:

0-2 years – 16 places  
2-3 years – 24 places  
3-4 years – 20 places  
4+ years – 20 places

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 a total of 64 families were registered with the centre, representing 72 children.

### **Staff & Trainees**

The centre employed 12 members of staff (2022-2023) in both part time and full-time capacity, with an additional 2 relief staff and 3 volunteers. Staff development continues to be central to the centre activities training completed includes:

- 2 employees working towards Level 5 Qualification
- 2 employees working towards Level 2 Qualification
- 2 employees completed Eager and Able to Learn Framework
- 2 employees completed Respecting Differences Programme

### **Training**

Staff training and the delivery of a quality childcare service is the central ethos, and staff have continued their professional development in the review period by completing training in the following areas.

Makaton

Autism Awareness

Dyslexia Awareness

Managing Challenging Behaviour

Outdoor Play

Mandatory Training – Safeguarding, Paediatric First Aid & Food Safety

Furthermore, staff will complete “Reggio Inspired” training in January 2024 and parenting support training scheduled for the first quarter of 2024.

### **Community Events**

During the year Castledearg Childcare Services worked in partnership with Churchtown Community Association to deliver 2 community events namely, the “Halloween Hoolie” and “Spring Event”. These events were well received within the community attracting approximately 400 attendees at each event.

### **Future Developments**

The trustees of Castledearg Childcare Services have planned a number of initiatives for the incoming period April 2023 – March 2024, such as:

Childrens Creative Mindfulness Sessions

Reggio Training

The centre continues to deliver Diversity/Respecting Differences Workshops & the “Eager & Able to Learn” Programme (*funded by: The Pathway Fund – Dept of Education*). These programmes aim to improve the potential outcomes for local children and their parents. This training will focus on low income families providing free training and resources and aims to achieve the following targets:

- Improve opportunities for socially disadvantaged children
- Provide improved Early Years support for 20 children with additional needs
- Increase access to services in a rural area with low provision
- Promote a culture of Respect for Differences

### **Directors & Trustees**

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. The trustees and officers serving during the year were as follows:

Chairperson :	Marie Reid
Treasurer:	Jane Harvey
Secretary:	Catherine Wells Doherty
	Alicia O`Donnell
	Reena McHugh
	Annie Killoran Lynch

Signed:

Dated: