

# YOUNG INSPECTORS



Young Inspectors report on: Care Connect IOW CIC Doodles

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With the views and voice from Young Inspectors

## **Young Inspectors report on: Care Connect IOW CIC**

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The 'Young Inspectors Scheme' has been developed to capture the voice of children and young people who have a disability and/or additional needs giving them the opportunity to contribute in shaping and developing the service.

The Young Inspectors reviewed the Short Breaks service based on the following areas deemed important to them. The inspection is part of an agreement between Short Breaks and the provider highlighted within the Short Breaks agreement. This is what the Young Inspectors found:

## Report Summary

Inspected areas	Overall (star rating) out of 3 Stars	Did they meet Young Inspectors needs
Staff		See 4.1
Fun and Enjoyment		See 4.2
Accessibility		See 4.3
Safety and surroundings		See 4.4

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## **1.0 Details about the provision that was inspected**

Doodles Club is an after school club based in Medina House School.

### **Overview of the organisation/service:**

Doodles Club offers sensory arts and crafts sessions for children with additional needs.

### **What they provide:**

Doodles Club provides after school arts and crafts sessions during term time on Mondays. Activities include sensory arts, seasonal crafts, group games, soft play and time in the dark room.

**When is it available:** Monday's during term time 3-5pm

**How much is the costs:** £6 per person, per session

**Who to contact to book:** Jenny Barker

## **2.0 Introduction – Why we inspected Doodles Club?**

We decided to inspect Doodles Club to capture the views and opinions of young people who attended the activity as we have yet to inspect this provision.

## **3.0 Methodology – How we inspected Doodles Club?**

The inspection took with 2 Young Inspectors.

## **4.0 Review analysis- What we reviewed**

### **4.1 Staff**

Young Inspectors stated that they were greeted nicely by all the staff at Doodles Club. Both of the Young Inspectors left feedback to say they found the staff friendly, happy, fun and helpful.

### **4.2 Fun and enjoyment**

Young Inspectors both enjoyed the session. Both feedback that they would attend the session again, one young inspector felt that the club “was better suited to younger children”. Young Inspectors attending had not previously met and both also met someone new at the Doodles Club session. They both said the session was fun.

### **4.3 Accessibility**

Accessibility was discussed with both Young Inspectors; it was felt that Medina House School was a good location as it was accessible to wheelchair users. Young Inspectors agreed that £6 was a good price for Doodles Fun Club; both agreed that the session was held at a good time.

### **4.4 Safety and Surroundings**

Young Inspectors who participated in Doodles Club feedback that they felt safe when attending the session and that they understood what to do during the session and staff were happy to help with the activity. Both of the Young Inspectors commented that they were not told about any safety.

### **4.5 Food and Dining experience**

There are no facilities available on site to purchase food or drinks. Snack was provided and dietary requirements were catered for. Biscuits, rice cakes were provided and a drink was offered. Participants were allowed to bring their own snack and drink.

## **5.0 Summary of Inspection - What the Young Inspectors found**

Young Inspectors were asked to inspect the safety and surroundings, the staff, accessibility and the fun and enjoyment of the activity.

The two Young Inspectors attending the session both feedback that they enjoyed the activity and would like to attend again. There were no recommendations of how the session could be different.

## **6.0 Recommendations – How the activity can be made better?**

The Young Inspectors commented that the setting of Doodles could possibly put people off – it is currently located in Medina House School and this could limit attendees to Doodles due to the location it could be presumed that only children attending Medina House School could attend Doodles. However it was felt that the location offered lots of space and the Dark room was a hit with both Young Inspectors

### **6.1 Young Inspectors views**

Young Inspectors felt that the session overall was good and they would both attend again.

### **6.2 Young Inspectors Lead recommendations**

Doodles are a fun after school activity for children aged 5-13, the location is Medina House School which is an accessible building allowing the club to be inclusive. The activities were very much child lead which worked well. Doodles have access to the schools dark room which was a favourite with the Young Inspectors attending, which I personally thought was amazing! Snack was provided and dietary needs were catered for in advance. This club seems to be most popular with pupils from Medina House School although it is attended by other children.

The price of the session is £6 which I believe is a fair price for a 2 hour session and includes the materials in order for the participants to take home their crafts.

A student was shadowing my on this inspection and left the following feedback I think that the doodles was really well run group, all the staff seemed friendly and helpful. The kids looked like that had fun and there was lots of different task for them to do. I think its great time for parents to have a break while the kids are having fun, and well looked after. The school was suited to all of the children's needs with Ramps etc. However o noticed that it looked like it is more suited for younger children as it's more playing and colouring so o think as 10+ you may not enjoy this as much.

I think it brilliant that they run these things for children as it's great for them to meet new people and the parents to have some time out.

## **6.2 Parents Feedback**

Not available as this session was unsupervised by parents.

## **7.0 Overall award**



**3 stars awarded**

## **8.0 Provider feedback**