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Subject: Papilio Barton - Affinity Education concern

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Hi Delphine,

I took this phone call from a very concerned educator [p01] [P01] ([P03]) at Pappilio. [p01] wants to remain anonymous as she came from Sydney recently and is afraid of losing her job. She is concerned as she has not seen similar practices in Sydney. [p01] was hoping CECA could do a spot check.

She raised a number of concerns.

- Preschool room often operating with 23 children and 2 educators
- Babies room often operating with 13 babies and 3 educators
- Bookings -children on the attendance sheet in all 3 rooms can go well over the maximum capacity of the rooms. Management relies on absences. [p01] doesn't think they actually go over the maximum number across the centre, which is 65.
- Workers came to fix ceiling panels and placed a ladder in the room during operation hours

for about 2 hours.

- Heating system doesn't work, parents were concerned because it was so cold, so, individual heaters blowing warm air were brought in each room. Furniture has been placed around it to prevent children from accessing it.
- The preschool and toddler rooms are always in a rush as numbers of children in each room are often over the room capacity and out of ratio
- NS claims they do ratios under the roof
- p01 said the NS doesn't seem to be very experienced and is allowing unsafe practices such as workers in the room and heaters to go on.

I have explained the requirement of adequate supervision in addition to the ratios.

The centre had their last audit on 12/1/2021 and is due for next one in December 2023. They are a High risk centre.

The NS P01 P01 has been there since 17 April 2023. There has been a fast succession of 4 NS during 2022.

Kind regards

P01

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