32. Soother Policy

Policy Statement

Links Childcare understands that some children require the use of soothers throughout their day in creche. Links Childcare aims to keep the use of soothers at a minimum during the day. Links Childcare aims to ensure a high standard of hygiene is promoted at all times around the use of soothers.

Procedure

- Parents of children who use soothers should provide two soothers and labelled containers for children under 3 years of age.
- Soothers are not recommended for children over 3 years of age.
- For children under 2 years of age, their soother should be attached to a soother chain while in use during the day, excluding sleep time. Parents should provide a soother chain.
- Soothers will be used predominately during sleep time.
- Soothers will be stored in individual containers while not in use.
- Soothers will be sterilised as required.

Review

Management, in consultation with staff, monitors and reviews the effectiveness of this policy yearly or as required.