



## Early Childhood Education Directorate Convictions and Significant Enforcement Actions

Nominated Supervisor	Ms Cathy Anderson
Service Name	Guardian Early Learning – Arthur Street
Type of Service	Centre based education and care service
Action Taken	Prosecution action against Ms Cathy Anderson for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>one offence of failing to take every reasonable precaution to protect children from harm and from any hazard likely to cause injury - section 167(2) of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>.</li></ul>
Date of conviction	15 April 2020
Sentence	Convicted at Sydney Downing Centre Local Court and fined a total of \$750

### Proven offence:

Ms Cathy Anderson, in her capacity as nominated supervisor:

- failed to ensure that every reasonable precaution was taken to protect children from harm and from any hazard likely to cause injury, in that she had prior knowledge that the staff room did not shut properly and did not take steps to log this in the centralised maintenance system of the service. The child was exposed to harm and a hazard likely to cause injury during the period when she was in the service staff room, in that she was left alone and unsupervised and gained access to a cleaning product.