



Early Childhood Education Directorate Convictions and Significant Enforcement Actions

Nominated Supervisor	Ms Sagarika Kaula
Service Name	Little Smarts
Type of Service	Centre based education and care service
Action Taken	Prosecution action against Ms Sagarika Kaula for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">one offence of failing to ensure adequate supervision of children - section 165(2) of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>.
Date of conviction	29 January 2018
Sentence	Convicted at Penrith Local Court and fined a total of \$1,000

Proven offence:

On 30 November 2015, at approximately 5:30pm, a one year old child was locked inside the service premises after the staff and other children had left for the day. Neither of the educators (one of whom was Ms Kaula) who were the last to leave checked the child attendance records, or checked each room of the service prior to leaving to ensure that all children had been collected.

When the child's father arrived at the service at approximately 5:40pm, it became apparent that the service had been closed for the evening. Upon realising that the child was still inside the premises, the child's father contacted the police, who gained entry to the service. The child was found in one of the cots.

Ms Sagarika Kaula, in her capacity as nominated supervisor, failed to ensure that adequate supervision was provided when she left a child alone inside the service premises after it had been closed for the evening.