

Caveat Brief

To: Minister for Early Childhood Development
Subject: CECA — Allegations of inappropriate discipline by an educator at Edge Early Learning Charnwood
Date: 7 December 2023

Noted / Please Discuss

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Summary

On 24 October 2023, the Authority received a notified incident report from the approved provider of Charnwood Edge Early Learning. The information alleged that an educator pulled a child's hair resulting in the child falling and hitting their head.

While reviewing CCTV, the approved provider identified the same educator forcibly moving a child by placing their arms around or near the child's shoulders and neck.

This conduct was reported to ACT Policing. The approved provider suspended the educator's employment.

On 7 December 2023, ACT policing advised verbally that summons is likely to be sought against accused educator for two assaults. Police indicated they will advise CECA once the summons is sworn.

Next steps

CECA's investigation remains open and remain in contact with ACT Policing. If ACT Policing provides the evidence supporting the summons, CECA will commence prohibition process.

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