

Caveat Brief

To: Minister for Early Childhood Development

Subject: CECA — Complaint relating to a serious incident occurring at Communities@Work
Ngunnawal OSHC

Date: 16 June 2023

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Summary

On 16 June 2023 Children’s Education and Care Assurance (CECA) was notified by the provider of a complaint alleging that a ten year-old child intimidated and threatened two younger children with a pair of scissors in the toilets.

The two younger children are siblings aged nine and seven years. Threats included stabbing and killing the siblings. Allegations include an attempt to stab both siblings with a pair of scissors outside of the bathrooms.

The service is located at Ngunnawal Primary School. The incident is alleged to have occurred on 13 June 2023.

The complainant alleges years of systemic bullying and intimidation by the ten year-old to the siblings that has gone unresolved.

The provider has suspended the enrollment of the ten year-old until a meeting is undertaken with their Inclusion Support Team on 20 June 2023, with the aim of developing an effective behaviour support plan.

The provider is liaising with the school principal and a meeting with parents is scheduled for 20 June 2023.

The complainant advises that a complaint will also be made to the ACT Education Directorate and the Minister of Education to ensure their children are protected and to seek advice.

The complainant spoke to ACT Policing about the matter.

Next steps

CECA will liaise with the complainant. CECA will liaise with the provider, the school and ACT Policing on the issue.

CECA will triage the matter in its usual manner to assess any next regulatory steps.

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