

FYI: A scam in Childcare . Several childcare providers have been contacted by this 'parent.'

A childcare service in the area recently informed us that they were the victim of an attempted scam. A person purporting to be a parent based in the UK contacted the crèche to book childcare for a six week period in their service for two children in advance of being placed here for a short period for work. The 'parent' sent a cheque to the childcare provider to pay for the fees in advance. The cheque amount was higher than the fees quoted. The parent advised the service to cash the cheque and lodge the balance of the 'accidental overpayment' to her account as soon as possible as her travel arrangements to Ireland depended on it. Sterling cheques take up to two weeks to clear and the childcare service spotted the scam, which was confirmed by the bank.