Inspection report for early years provision

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| **Unique Reference Number** | 500444 |
| **Inspection date** | 18 January 2008 |
| **Inspector** | Susan Magaret Lyon |
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| **Type of inspection** | Childcare |
| **Type of care** | Childminding |

This inspection was carried out under the provisions of Part XA of the Children Act 1989, as inserted by the Care Standards Act 2000

## ABOUT THIS INSPECTION

The purpose of this inspection is to assure government, parents and the public of the quality of childcare and, if applicable, of nursery education. The inspection was carried out under Part XA Children Act 1989 as introduced by the Care Standards Act 2000 and, where nursery education is provided, under Schedule 26 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

This report details the main strengths and any areas for improvement identified during the inspection. The judgements included in the report are made in relation to the outcomes for children set out in the Children Act 2004; the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding; and, where nursery education is provided, the *Curriculum guidance for the foundation stage.*

The report includes information on any complaints about the childcare provision which Ofsted has received since the last inspection or registration or 1 April 2004 whichever is the later.

### The key inspection judgements and what they mean

*Outstanding: this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality*
*Good: this aspect of the provision is strong*
*Satisfactory: this aspect of the provision is sound*
*Inadequate: this aspect of the provision is not good enough*

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## THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF THE CARE

On the basis of the evidence collected on this inspection:

The quality and standards of the care are satisfactory. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll. Ofsted judges that the provider remains suitable to provide care.

## WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The childminder was registered in 1996 to care for four children. At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll. She lives with her three children in a quasi-semi detached house in Manchester. The rooms and areas of the house used for childminding are the lounge, kitchen, downstairs toilet and back garden. There is a pet rabbit which is kept in the garden. The childminder provides an out of school service from local primary schools.

When a provider does not have children on roll at the time of the inspection, inspection judgements are based on evidence gathered from discussions with the provider and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation.

As there are no children on roll, the quality of the provision cannot be judged better than satisfactory because there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children.

## THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

### Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder has a sound understanding of suitable procedures to:

* promote children's good health, by ensuring that positive steps are taken to prevent the spread of infection and appropriate measures are put in place when children are ill. (National Standard 7: Health)

* ensure that food and drink for children is adequate, properly prepared, nutritious and complies with dietary and religious requirements. (National Standard 8: Food and drink)

### Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

* The premises are safe, secure and include the necessary facilities for children. The childminder demonstrates an awareness of how to ensure the environment is made welcoming to children. (National Standard 4: Physical environment)

* The furniture, equipment and toys are safe and appropriate for the needs of children. (National Standard 5: Equipment)

* The childminder understands how to promote children's safety and take precautions to prevent accidents. (National Standard 6: Safety)

* The childminder has a sound knowledge of child protection procedures approved by the Local Safeguarding Children Board, and is aware of their responsibility to protect the welfare of the child. (National Standard 13: Child Protection)

### Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

* The childminder has a satisfactory knowledge of how individual children, develop and learn. (Standard 3: Care, learning and play)

### Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

The childminder:

* has an appropriate knowledge and awareness of the importance of treating each child with equal respect and concern. (National Standard 9: Equal opportunities)

* is aware that some children may have learning difficulties or disabilities, and understands the importance of working in partnership with parents and with other professionals to promote the welfare and development of the child. (National Standard 10: Special needs)

* shows a willingness and commitment to working with parents to manage children's behaviour in a consistent way which promotes the child's welfare and development. (National Standard 11: behaviour)

* has a satisfactory understanding of the need to develop a strong partnership with parents, taking into account their differing needs. (National Standard 12: Working in partnership with parents and carers)

**Organisation**

The organisation is satisfactory.

The childminder:

* is aware of the duty to ensure that other people living or working on the premises are suitable to be in contact with children. (National Standard 1: Suitable person)

* understands the importance of working within the constraints of the condition of registration relating to number of children; and of organising space and resources to best meet the needs of the children. (National Standard 2: Organisation)

* has a sound awareness of the records to be kept and the importance of these. (National Standard 14: Documentation)

**Improvements since the last inspection**

At the last inspection the childminder was asked to, ensure records of children's attendances and consent forms are in place; make the garden safe; obtain checks for persons having regular contact with children and organise play resources so children are able to access them freely and make choices about their play. Actual times of children's attendances and parents consent forms are now kept, the garden is fully enclosed and safe for children and the childminder knows to obtain checks on adults who have regular contact with children. Furthermore, play resources are now organised in low drawers and boxes on the lounge floor so children can view the range and easily access them as they choose.

**Complaints since the last inspection**

Since registration, there have been no complaints made to Ofsted that required the provider or Ofsted to take any action in order to meet the National Standards.

The provider is required to have procedures for dealing with concerns and complaints from parents and to keep a record of complaints and their outcome.

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## WHAT MUST BE DONE TO SECURE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT?

### The quality and standards of the care

To improve the quality and standards of care further the registered person should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- There are no recommendations raised, as children were not on roll at the time of inspection.

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