

Inspection report for early years provision

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<b>Type of care</b>	Childminding

## 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 inadequate – notice of action to improve. The registered person does not meet the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

### WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The childminder has been registered since 1996. She lives with her family in the

the Cricklewood area of the London borough of Barnet. Children have access to the whole of the ground floor of the childminder's house. The childminder is registered to care for two children but has not recently cared for any.

She takes the children out in the area and there is a back garden for the minded children, with a selection of outdoor play equipment.

### 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)

She ensures 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 inadequate.

The childminder does not have a secure knowledge of child protection procedures approved by the Local Safeguarding Children Board, and is not securely aware of the responsibility to protect the welfare of the child. (National Standard 13: Child protection)

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)

### **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. (National Standard 3: Care, learning and play)

### **Helping children make a positive contribution**

The provision is inadequate.

The childminder does not gather necessary information about the children in her care to ensure she works in effective partnership with parents and carers. The childminder does not provide parents with the regulator's details should they wish to raise a concern. She also lacks sufficient knowledge of her duty in regulation should she receive a concern in writing about her practice.

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)

She 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)

### **Organisation**

The organisation is inadequate.

The childminder does not keep the required records in regulation for the safe and efficient management of the children and to promote their welfare. Some records in place lack the necessary detail.

She 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)

She 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)

### **Improvements since the last inspection**

At the last inspection the childminder agreed to meet three recommendations. She agreed to: ensure all necessary documentation for the safe and efficient management of the setting is in place and available for inspection; ensure a suitable range of toys and activities is offered; and increase resources representing the wider world.

The childminder has made insufficient progress in making sure all necessary records are kept to ensure the welfare of the children and as a result these are not available for inspection. Consequently, this continues to remain an area for future development and improvement.

Children now have access to more toys and activities to meet their development and the childminder now provides more resources representing the wider world. This means children have greater chances to learn about the wider world.

### **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, the registered person **must** take the following actions:

- keep accurate records of the children's individual details, needs and circumstances, obtain necessary consents and ensure all records for the safe and efficient management of the children are in place.
- obtain secure knowledge of safeguarding children from harm.

These actions are set out in a *notice of action to improve* and must be completed by the date specified in the notice.

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