

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under Sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of the registered early years provision. 'Early years provision' refers to provision regulated by Ofsted for children from birth to 31 August following their fifth birthday (the early years age group). The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and welfare, known as the *Early Years Foundation Stage*.

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The setting also makes provision for children older than the early years age group which is registered on the voluntary and/or compulsory part(s) of the Childcare Register. This report does not include an evaluation of that provision, but a comment about compliance with the requirements of the Childcare Register is included in Annex B.

There were no children on roll when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children on roll, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states if the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

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Description of the childminding

The childminder was registered in 1999. She lives in the West Denton area of Newcastle upon Tyne. The whole ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding. Children do not have access to the garden but there are playing fields and open spaces nearby for outdoor play. The family has two dogs and a budgerigar.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. A maximum of two children under eight years may attend at any one time. At the time of the inspection, there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder acknowledges that she has not kept up-to-date with the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and has not yet obtained the framework guidance. Through discussion, it is clear that there are significant areas of weakness in the learning and development requirements and her ability to support children to make progress towards the early learning goals. She has not considered how to plan for individual children's needs or how to monitor children's progress over time. The childminder stated she collects some information from parents about what children enjoy doing before they start but was unable to demonstrate fully how the information is then used to identify their starting points. Furthermore, she does not hold a current first aid certificate. These are breaches of requirements and do not promote positive outcomes for children.

The childminder demonstrated through discussion and documentation an adequate understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse and of the procedures to follow should she have concerns about any child. The premises are safe and secure, with written risk assessments in place. Daily visual checks are also carried out on the premises by the childminder, along with regular fire drills which are recorded.

Partnerships with parents are achieved through the sharing and exchanging of information. Parents are encouraged to read the policies and procedures. Information about what their children have enjoyed is exchanged verbally at the end of the day. The childminder outlined how she endeavours to make everyone feel welcome and offers parents and children the opportunity to have introductory visits to ensure they feel secure in their new environment. Appropriate boundaries and house rules are in place to promote positive behaviour. The childminder demonstrates a satisfactory awareness of the need to provide children with healthy food options and opportunities to play outdoors.

The childminder stated she does not readily identify areas within her practice that require development therefore she has not ensured continuous improvement of her practice. However, she has made some progress with the recommendations made at the previous inspection.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- develop knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage and associated requirements (Qualifications, training, knowledge and skills) 01/12/2011
- complete local authority approved paediatric first aid training and notify Ofsted of: the name or type of qualification; the organisation awarding the qualification; the date it was obtained; and the duration of the course in hours (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare). (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register) 01/12/2011

Annex B: the Childcare Register

The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are:

Not Met (with actions)

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are:

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the Early Years section of the report (Welfare of the children being cared for). (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 01/12/2011

To comply with the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the Early Years section of the report (Welfare of the children being cared for). 01/12/2011