

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 1994. She lives in the residential area of Marden in Cullercoats. The whole of the ground floor and the bathroom on the first floor of the childminder's house are used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden for outside play.

The childminder is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of six children aged under eight years at any one time, of whom, no more than three may be in the early years age range. She can also offer care to children aged over eight years. Currently the childminder has no children on roll. The childminder will care for children Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm for 52 weeks of the year. At the time of this inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates through discussion and documentation, her appropriate understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to protect children's welfare and promote their development. The childminder would talk to the parents to find out about each child's stage of learning and development. She has several documents that she will use when she starts to care for children, which will record what children can do. She will then use this to enable her to build a picture of their progress and plan for the next steps in their development. She has attended training in the Early Years Foundation Stage and shows a sound understanding of how to promote the six areas of learning for different ages of children in her care. Through a mixture of planned activities, spontaneous learning opportunities and trips in the local community she will ensure that children remain motivated and interested in their play.

The childminder shows a sound understanding of how to safeguard children. She regularly updates her knowledge of child protection through attending various courses. She follows a sound policy if she has any concerns about a child in her care and through discussion, shows a thorough understanding of signs and symptoms to look out for. The premises are safe and secure and the childminder is aware of the requirement to complete a risk assessment of all the areas that the children use before they start to attend. The childminder has a wide range of well maintained toys and equipment that cover all ages and stages of development. Most of the required policies are in place to meet the welfare requirements, however, a policy to show how complaints are dealt with is lacking. The childminder seeks to improve her knowledge and understanding of child care issues through attending regular training, which in turn, will benefit the children in her care. She has begun to reflect on her practice and identify further training opportunities that will improve the outcomes for children.

The childminder has clear systems in place to gain information about children's individual needs. She will share written policies with the parents and provide them with updated information about their child's welfare and learning. A written

behaviour policy is in place. The childminder shows a strong understanding of the need to use appropriate strategies with different ages of children who attend and focuses on a positive approach to encourage good behaviour. She provides a variety of healthy foods and snacks through planning a weekly menu which takes account of the children's individual needs and preferences.

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:

- ensure that the complaints procedure, details for contacting Ofsted and an explanation that parents can make a complaint to Ofsted, are made available for parents (Safeguarding and welfare) 13/12/2011

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 (Procedures for dealing with complaints) 13/12/2011

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 (Procedures for dealing with complaints) 13/12/2011