

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 2005. She lives with her husband and children aged 22, nine and six years and baby aged six months in Hartlepool. The whole of the ground floor of the property is used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The childminder is able to take and collect children from local schools and pre-schools.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of four children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than two may be in the early years age range. She is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. 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 demonstrated through discussion her secure understanding of what to do if they have any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. A wide range of policies and procedures are in place, which includes a policy for safeguarding and complaints. The safeguarding procedure includes the action to take, telephone numbers of whom to contact and the system for recording any action taken. The premises are safe and secure, with risk assessments in place and undertaken. These are regularly reviewed and combined with a daily checks to maintain the safety of the premises. However, the childminder has not informed the regulator of recent additions to the family, this is a breach of requirement.

The childminder demonstrates through discussion and documentation, that she has sound understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Also, systems are in place for observation and assessment to support children's progress towards the early learning goals. A wide range of available resources and planned activities, means children can take part in a varied and interesting range of activities including crafts, outdoor play, and outings to explore the local environment to promote children's enjoyment whilst at the setting.

Partnerships with parents, carers and other agencies are built through the sharing of information which will help meet children's individual needs. The childminder has attended recent training for managing children's behaviour, keeping her up to date with strategies for promoting children's good behaviour. Policies and procedures, for example, equality of opportunity ensure a fully inclusive environment is promoted. Resources have been developed to promote children's understanding of the world around them, including other cultures. The childminder can provide healthy meals and snacks for all children, and understands the importance of working with parents to meet children's individual needs.

The quality improvement processes, such as attending a wide range of training and the provider's commitment and drive to improve, ensure the childminder has an awareness of the strengths and weaknesses of the setting in order to implement relevant action plans to improve the service provided.

Recommendations from the previous inspection have been implemented to develop the service provided.

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:

- notify Ofsted of any significant events, such as new additions to the family. (Suitable people. 21/12/2011

Annex B: the Childcare Register

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