

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 1997. She lives with her two adult children and two other children aged 17 and eight years old in the residential area of Dewsbury in West Yorkshire. The whole of the ground floor of the childminder's home is used for childminding. She has two cats as pets. The childminder cares for children on weekdays from 6.30am to 6pm for 49 weeks of the year.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than two may be in the early years age group. She also offers care to children aged over eight years to 11 years. The childminder is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She receives support from the local authority. 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 has a warm and caring nature, which is conducive to children and their families feeling welcome. She demonstrates a positive attitude to providing an inclusive environment. The childminder shows a suitable understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and how to implement it appropriately. She is knowledgeable on the benefits of providing a range of activities to promote children's learning and development. This includes the effective organisation of time, space and resources to encourage free choice and independence. Appropriate systems are in place to observe children at play to inform future plans.

The childminder shows a good understanding of the need to supervise children and appropriate safety equipment is in place to ensure hazards are reduced. She has a suitable knowledge of safeguarding procedures, in order to keep children safe. Satisfactory written risk assessments are in place to reduce the chance of accidental injury. Ofsted has contacted the childminder on several occasions with regard to her three older children obtaining enhanced Criminal Record Bureau Checks. However, she has not responded, which has resulted in an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check not being obtained through Ofsted for all those aged 16 or over living or working on the premises. This is a breach of a legal requirement of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. Consequently, children's safety is compromised.

The childminder shows a positive attitude to promoting equality and diversity. Written policies and procedures provide parents and carers with information on the service provided for their children. The childminder demonstrates a suitable understanding of the benefits of working with other professionals and practitioners to ensure children's individual needs are met appropriately. It is clear through discussion that the childminder values children's good behaviour and has positive strategies in place to promote this. Examples of menus show that meals and snacks are planned, which include pasta dishes, fresh fruit and vegetables.

The childminder has an appropriate attitude to improving the service she provides. Suitable systems are in place for her to reflect on her practice. These include gaining feedback from parents and carers. She demonstrates a satisfactory capacity for continuous improvement to be maintained. The recommendations raised at the previous inspection have been positively addressed. This has a favourable impact on improving outcomes for children.

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:

- obtain an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check through Ofsted for all those aged 16 or over living or working on the premises (Suitable people). 08/03/2012

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:

- ensure that any person having unsupervised contact with children is suitable to be in regular contact with children and an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check has been obtained through Ofsted in respect of that person (Arrangements for safeguarding children). (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 08/03/2012

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 compulsory section of the report (Arrangements for safeguarding children). 08/03/2012