

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 1993. She lives with her husband and their three children age 19, 15 and 2 years. The family lives in a residential area of Newmarket, Suffolk. The whole of the ground floor is used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. The family have a pet cat.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five children at any one time, two of whom may be in the early years age group. She currently has no children on roll. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates, through discussion, a suitable understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage in order to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. She has documentation in place to record information from parents about their child's individual needs. The childminder understands about planning for children's learning and the procedure for observation and assessment to help her identify their next steps for learning. The childminder understands the importance of planning a range of activities, both indoors and out, which means that children would enjoy a suitable range of experiences.

The childminder demonstrates, through discussion, a sound knowledge of what to do if she has any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. She understands how to promote children's safety and takes precautions to prevent accidents. The premises are safe and secure and the childminder carries out risk assessments along with daily checks to maintain the safety of her premises. However, the childminder does not hold a current first aid certificate which would compromise children's health in an emergency. This is a breach of regulation.

The childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of the importance of developing partnership with parents, carers and others to meet children's individual needs. Processes for managing children's behaviour are in place and the childminder has an appropriate knowledge and awareness of the importance of treating each child with equal respect and concern. The childminder has some policies in place to share with parents.

The childminder is aware of the strengths and areas for improvement within her provision. She is keen to attend further training to improve her practice, demonstrating a capacity to improve.

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:

- complete an appropriate paediatric first aid course (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register). 30/04/2012

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:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Welfare of the children being cared for). 30/04/2012

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 early years section of the report (Welfare of the children being cared for). 30/04/2012