

Inspection date	21 January 2015
Previous inspection date	24 March 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met	
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision meets requirements

- The childminder demonstrates a sound knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She talks confidently about how she intends to provide children with interesting and challenging learning experiences, which will meet children's individual needs, once she recommences childminding.
- The childminder demonstrates a good awareness of child protection procedures and recognises the possible signs that children may be at risk from abuse. She further safeguards children by making sure her home is safe, by completing risk assessments of her home and for all types of outings. She ensures that all people in contact with children are suitable and appropriately checked.
- The childminder maintains a current paediatric first-aid certificate. This means that she has up-to-date knowledge on how to meet the needs of children in the event of an accident.
- The areas to be used for the care of children are welcoming and accessible to all. Equipment and resources provided are suitable for a range of ages, plentiful, and organised so that children can access them easily.
- The childminder understands the value of developing positive partnerships with parents and other professionals, so that information about children's care and learning is shared and their needs are well met.
- The childminder has made sufficient progress since her last inspection. She has suitably addressed the recommendations raised and is committed to the ongoing development of her provision by updating her knowledge through training.

There were no children present 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 present, 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 whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed the childminder's understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements, and the systems she has in place to help keep children safe.
- The inspector talked to the childminder about her understanding of the learning and development requirements.
- The inspector looked at and discussed policies, procedures and documents the childminder will use when caring for children.
- The inspector looked at the areas of the premises where childcare is to be provided and the resources that are available to promote children's learning.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability and qualifications of the childminder.

Inspector

Lindsey Pollock

Setting details

Unique reference number	313945
Local authority	Durham
Inspection number	959818
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	24 March 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 1996 and lives in Blackhill, Consett. She operates all year round, from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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