

# Childminder Report

## Inspection date

3 June 2015

## Previous inspection date

11 May 2011

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>	<b>4</b>
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Inadequate	4
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Inadequate	4
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Inadequate	4
The setting <b>does not meet legal requirements for early years settings</b>			

## Summary of key findings for parents

### This provision is inadequate

- The childminder does not meet a number of the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and the associated requirements of the Childcare Register. Consequently, children's welfare is at significant risk.
- The childminder fails to protect children due to her significant lack of knowledge and understanding of safeguarding procedures. As a result, she is unable to take prompt and effective action, which compromises children's welfare.
- The childminder does not have an adequate understanding of working in partnership with parents to promote children's health if they are unwell and/or display any health issues. She does not follow procedures for administering medication, including obtaining prior written parental consent, to meet their health needs adequately. This has a significant effect on children's well-being.
- The childminder shows a poor understanding of maintaining the required records so that children's welfare is consistently monitored. In addition, she has not taken effective steps to ensure sensitive information kept about children remains confidential to help promote their well-being.
- The childminder has failed to maintain a consistent record of children's hours of attendance, which compromises children's welfare. Furthermore, the childminder demonstrates an insufficient understanding of the need to notify Ofsted of relevant significant events which affect children's welfare.

### It has the following strengths

- The childminder provides a child-centred playroom, which enables children to make independent decisions about their play and pursue their own interests.

## **What the setting needs to do to improve further**

### **The provision is inadequate and Ofsted intends to take the following enforcement action:**

We will issue a welfare requirements notice that requires the provider to:

develop knowledge and of understanding of safeguarding procedures in line with the relevant Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSBC) procedures; including the importance of liaison with the local statutory children's services agencies without delay and the procedures for reporting concerns

ensure records, including sensitive information documentation, are consistently maintained and kept securely on the premises and stored confidentially in line with the Data Protection Act (DPA) 1998 and where relevant the Freedom of Information Act 2000

maintain the good health of children by ensuring that procedures are discussed with parents for responding to children who are ill and/or have any other health issues

obtain written parental consent for administering medication to children, and ensure a written record is maintained each time it is administered to children and inform the child's parents and/or carers on the same day, or as soon as reasonably practicable.

### **To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage the provider must:**

- be alert to any issues for concern in a child's life at home or elsewhere to ensure they are kept safe from harm
- keep a consistent daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance.

### **To meet the requirements of the Childcare Register the provider must:**

- improve knowledge and understanding of child protection issues and update written statements of procedures intended to safeguard children being cared for from abuse or neglect
- ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm
- develop procedures to ensure liaison with any local Safeguarding Children Board and Director of Children's Services
- keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance
- keep a record of any medicine administered to any child who is cared for on the premises, including the date and circumstances and who administered the medicine, together with a record of a parent/guardian/carer's consent.

## Inspection activities

- The inspector had discussions with the childminder about her knowledge of the safeguarding and welfare requirements, including how she supports children's learning and development.
- The inspector discussed the childminder's processes for self-evaluation and changes made since the previous inspection.

### Inspector

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## Inspection findings

### **How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This is inadequate**

The childminder demonstrates a secure understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to help children make progress. However, she demonstrates a poor understanding of the need to ensure records are maintained to effectively monitor children's care and well-being, which significantly impacts on children's welfare. In addition, the weaknesses identified in the safeguarding and welfare requirements mean the childminder is not providing a safe learning environment to meet children's needs. Nevertheless, the childminder provides opportunities for children to take part in role-play activities to help promote their imagination, for example children enjoy playing with the doctor's kit. The childminder obtains useful information about children's starting points, enabling her to build on what children already know and can do. The childminder promotes children's early mathematical skills through everyday routines. For example, she encourages children to count steps while using the stairs and learn simple problem-solving skills by playing with puzzles and sorting cups. The childminder develops positive relationships with children. Children refer to her as aunty and demonstrate they are settled in their environment.

### **The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children is inadequate**

Children's health and well-being is compromised. The childminder has not obtained written parental consent to give children medication and she has failed to ensure each dose was documented to help safeguard children. Furthermore, the childminder does not share the procedures with parents for responding to children who are ill and/or have any other health issues. This shows an insufficient understanding of building effective partnerships with parents to promote continuity of care and puts children at risk. In addition, the childminder's weak understanding of safeguarding children means their well-being cannot be assured. The childminder provides a variety of healthy foods to help children learn about cultural foods and promote healthy eating. She promotes children's independence by encouraging them to make choices about their food. The childminder supports children's understanding of keeping themselves safe on outings, as she reinforces road safety awareness and stranger danger. She manages children's unwanted behaviour using explanation and distraction, which helps young children learn right from wrong.

### **The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision is inadequate**

The childminder's understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements is inadequate. This significantly affects children's welfare. In addition, she has weak understanding of child protection issues and fails to act upon any concerns. This puts children's safety at considerable risk. Furthermore, the childminder shows little understanding of the type of significant events she must notify to Ofsted, or of the reporting procedures for child protection concerns. Subsequently, she did not inform

Ofsted of a child protection concern. This is a significant breach of requirements that compromised children's safety and welfare. The childminder fails to ensure information kept about children remains confidential because it is not kept safely and securely to help promote children's welfare. Furthermore, she has not maintained a consistent record of children's hours of attendance. The childminder has failed to meet all the recommendations made at the last inspection. She now has a suitable range of resources to help children learn about similarities, differences and the wider community, and takes time to talk to children about disabilities to help them learn to respect others. However, self-evaluation is weak, as the childminder fails to identify breaches in requirements and address priorities for improvement. As a result, she does not promote outcomes for children adequately.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY420814
<b>Local authority</b>	Havering
<b>Inspection number</b>	1015843
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childminder
<b>Registration category</b>	Childminder
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 - 8
<b>Total number of places</b>	5
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	2
<b>Name of provider</b>	
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	11 May 2011
<b>Telephone number</b>	

The childminder registered in 2010. She lives in Hornchurch, Essex within in the London borough of Havering. The childminder holds a childcare qualification at level 3.

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