

Childminder report

Inspection date	21 August 2019
Previous inspection date	16 September 2015

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Inadequate Good	4 2
Effectiveness of leadership and management		Inadequate	4
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Inadequate	4
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Inadequate	4
Outcomes for children		Inadequate	4

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is inadequate

- The childminder failed to notify the local child protection agency of a serious injury to a child in her care. She does not keep the required records of accidents or injuries sustained by children.
- The childminder does not make sure that records relating to individual children are retained for a reasonable length of time and are easily available.
- The childminder does not record essential information for each child, such as contact numbers, parents' addresses, emergency contact details and who has parental responsibility. This compromises her ability to safeguard children and meet their needs effectively.
- The childminder shows a poor understanding of the requirement to safely administer medication. She does not obtain written permission from parents or record all medications administered to children. This does not protect the health and well-being of children.
- The childminder does not complete precise assessments of children's learning and development. She has not made sure that statutory progress checks for children aged two to three years are carried out. This has a significant impact on her ability to promote children's learning and development effectively.
- The childminder does not monitor her assistants' practice to ensure they understand their roles and responsibilities to work effectively with children.

It has the following strengths

- Children develop a positive relationship with the childminder.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

The provision is inadequate and Ofsted intends to take enforcement action:

We will issue a Welfare Requirements Notice requiring the provider to:

	Due date
implement a clear policy and procedure for administering medicines that must include systems for obtaining information about a child's needs for medicines, and for keeping this information up to date	16/09/2019
obtain written permission for each particular medicine from the child's parents and/or carer. Put in place a system for recording written records each time a medicine is administered to children	16/09/2019
put in place a system for recording written records of accidents or injuries sustained by children	16/09/2019
ensure there is a clear process in place to report serious accidents, injuries or the death of a child, while in your care, to the local child protection agencies	16/09/2019
put in place appropriate arrangements for the supervision of staff who have contact with children and families	16/09/2019
ensure records are easily accessible and available to those who have a right or professional need to see them	16/09/2019
ensure records relating to individual children are retained for a reasonable period of time after they have left the provision	16/09/2019
ensure records are in place for each child that include: full name; date of birth; name and address of every parent and/or carer who is known to the provider (and information about any other person who has parental responsibility for the child); which parent(s) and/or carer(s) the child normally lives with; and emergency contact details for parents and/or carers	16/09/2019
ensure thorough knowledge of the 'Prevent' duty guidance in order to protect children and be able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation.	16/09/2019

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage the provider must:

	Due date
ensure there is a process in place that observes children's progress, to understand their needs and learning styles and to plan activities and support	16/09/2019

ensure there is a system in place to carry out progress reviews of children aged between two and three years and provide parents with a short written summary of their child's development in the prime areas	16/09/2019
encourage parents and/or carers to share information from the progress check with other relevant professionals, including their health visitor and the staff of any new provision the child may transfer to. Practitioners must agree with parents and/or carers when will be the most useful point to provide a summary.	16/09/2019

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the premises.
- The inspector spoke to the children during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation that was available.
- The inspector held a number of discussions with the childminder about the statutory requirements.
- The inspector observed the quality of the children's experiences and their interactions with the childminder and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.

Inspector

Marisa White

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is inadequate

Safeguarding is ineffective. Some aspects of the childminder's safeguarding knowledge and practices are weak. This compromises children's overall safety and welfare. The childminder has failed to keep the required records for children in her care. She has also failed to retain children's accident records and contracts for a reasonable length of time. The childminder does not keep accurate records of all medicines administered to children, potentially putting their health at risk. In addition, she has not provided parents with information relating to how she manages medications in her setting. The childminder does not support the professional development of her assistants. She does not purposefully monitor their practice to identify their ongoing training needs and ensure that the quality of their teaching is good. This has a significant impact on their ability to promote children's good progress. The childminder's self-evaluation is ineffective.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is inadequate

Teaching is weak. The childminder has an inadequate understanding of how children learn and develop. She does not assess children's starting points, which was a recommendation at her last inspection. This means that she is not aware of what children know and can do. In addition, the childminder does not carry out ongoing assessments of children's learning and development. Therefore, she is unable to precisely plan a wide range of exciting and challenging learning experiences that meet children's initial and ongoing learning needs. This does not adequately support children's good progress.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are inadequate

The significant weaknesses in leadership and management severely compromise children's safety and well-being. However, children are sociable and confident. They form good relationships with the childminder and each other. They display good manners and behaviour. The childminder promotes children's good health. For example, she ensures that children can easily reach drinks of fresh water. In addition, children are reminded to wash their hands at pertinent times throughout the day, for example before eating.

Outcomes for children are inadequate

Significant weaknesses in teaching, learning and assessment mean that each child's next steps for learning are not met. Children do not make sufficient progress due to the significant weaknesses in the teaching and assessment. This means that children are not helped well enough to develop the important skills needed to be prepared for the next stage in their learning or in preparation for starting school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY468456
Local authority	Suffolk
Inspection number	10072048
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	1 - 4
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Date of previous inspection	16 September 2015

The childminder registered in 2013. She employs two assistants on a part-time basis. The childminder operates from 7am to 6pm from Monday to Friday all year round, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds a relevant childcare qualification at level 3.

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