

# Childminder report

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Inspection date:

19 September 2019

**The quality and  
standards of early  
years provision**

**This  
inspection**

**Not met (enforcement)**

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Previous  
inspection

Outstanding

## Summary of key findings

### This provision does not meet requirements

- The premises are not suitable for the care of children. There are a number of safety and hygiene hazards. The provider has previously been required to take action to address similar issues.
- Surface water used to rinse away dog faeces and urine was present in the back yard. This had a strong odour of faeces and attracted flies, which were present near the entrance to the kitchen. The water was then carried indoors on the dog's feet and transferred onto the carpet and sofa in areas where the childminder indicates that children would play.
- The kitchen is not suitable for the safe preparation of food. Surfaces are unclean and cluttered with items, including dog's dirty food and water bowls.
- Although the childminder is aware of risks in her home, these have not been addressed. This includes the bathroom sink that is falling off the wall and waste in her garden that has not been removed.
- The childminder has failed to maintain appropriate public liability insurance.
- The childminder has a good understanding of child protection procedures. She knows how to identify children at risk of harm and knows what to do if she is concerned about a child's welfare.
- The childminder demonstrates secure knowledge of how to support children's learning. She talks confidently about the ways she will observe children and check the progress that they make, to help her to plan activities that match their individual learning needs.
- The childminder values the benefits of evaluating practice. She acknowledges the current weaknesses in her setting and demonstrates a willingness to improve.
- The childminder has an inclusive approach. She explains how she values children as individuals and that she would take all possible steps to meet their individual needs.
- The childminder discusses the importance of working in partnership with parents. She talks about the many ways that she can involve them in their children's learning.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of how to encourage children's good behaviour. She talks about teaching children good manners, respect and consideration for others.

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.

### What does the setting need to do to improve?

**The provision is not meeting requirements and Ofsted intends to take enforcement action.**

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

	<b>Due date</b>
ensure that the premises are safe and suitable for the care of children. This includes ensuring that all potential risks to children's good health are eliminated, particularly by ensuring that children are not exposed to dog faeces and that all areas used by children are kept clean	30/09/2029
ensure that the kitchen area is suitable for the hygienic preparation of food for children	30/09/2019
ensure that identified hazards are removed and that risk assessments are ongoing. This includes the dangers posed by the bathroom sink and the rubbish in the garden	30/09/2019
ensure that the appropriate insurance is maintained at all times.	30/09/2019

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	401603
<b>Local authority</b>	Northumberland
<b>Inspection number</b>	10117032
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childminder
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Day care type</b>	Childminder
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 to 0
<b>Total number of places</b>	6
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	0
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	29 June 2015

## Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2001 and lives in Blyth, Northumberland. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds a relevant early years qualification at level 3.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Clare Wilkins

### Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the areas of the childminder's home that are used to care for children.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder. The childminder shared her knowledge about how to support children's learning and development. She talked about ways to promote children's welfare and well-being.
- The inspector looked at relevant documents, including evidence of the suitability checks carried out on people in the household.

We carried out this inspection under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

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