

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 registered in 1994. She lives with her husband in the village of Chedzoy, near Bridgwater, Somerset. Childminding only takes place on the ground floor of the home, which has its own bathroom facilities. There is a fully enclosed rear garden for outside play.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for six children under eight years of age, three of whom may be in the early years age range, of these one may be under one year of age at any one time. There were no children on roll at the time of inspection.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has not cared for children for many years and therefore has not kept up-to-date with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, which was implemented in 2008. This has impacted on her lack of knowledge of the specific legal requirements. She failed to notify Ofsted of a change of address. It is a legal requirement to do so. On this occasion Ofsted does not intend to take further action.

The childminder does not hold a current paediatric first aid qualification and has not conducted a risk assessment on her home or garden. She does not have a procedure for recording complaints. These are legal requirements. Therefore risks such as dangerous substances, blind cords, small decorative stones and an accessible bathroom lock are accessible to children. However, the home and garden are otherwise immaculately presented and spacious, with designated areas for different activities. The childminder has given consideration to children's easy access to a wide range of age appropriate toys and resources.

The childminder has appropriately addressed the four recommendations raised at her last inspection. She has improved her knowledge of safeguarding issues, implemented a system for the recording of administered medication, informed her car insurance that she uses her car for business use and improved her resources to reflect positive images of diversity. This shows her capacity to maintain continuous improvement.

The childminder has no knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has not considered how to plan for individual children's needs but is enthusiastic about improvements she can make to observing children and sharing their progress with parents and other settings they may attend. The childminder has a sound knowledge of general child development issues from previous childminding experience and as a mother and grandmother. She values the importance of play and interaction to meet individual needs.

The childminder has a positive attitude to seeking further support and training and understands that she has gaps in her knowledge and understanding. She is aware

that she has not kept up-to-date with changes or identified these areas of weakness herself through self-evaluation.

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:

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| • complete an appropriate paediatric first aid course
(Welfare of the children being cared for) | 12/06/2012 |
| • conduct a risk assessment of the premises and
maintain a record of the particular aspects that need
to be checked on a regular basis, to include when and
by whom they have been checked (Suitable premises,
environment and equipment). | 16/05/2012 |
| • plan and organise systems to ensure that every child
receives an enjoyable and challenging learning and
development experience that is tailored to meet their
individual needs (Organisation) | 16/05/2012 |
| • keep a record of complaints and any subsequent
action taken (Documentation) | 10/05/2012 |

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:

- obtain an appropriate first aid qualification (Welfare of the children being cared for) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 02/06/2012
- ensure a written statement of procedures in relation to complaints is in place (Procedures for dealing with complaints) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 10/05/2012
- ensure a written statement of procedures for the protection of children is in place and implemented (Arrangements for Safeguarding Children) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 10/05/2012
- undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment at least once in each calendar year, and immediately, where the need for an assessment arises to ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (Suitability and safety of premises and equipment) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 16/05/2012

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 requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register (Arrangements for Safeguarding Children, Procedures for dealing with complaints, Suitability and safety of premises and equipment, Welfare of the children being cared for) 16/05/2012