

Childminder report

Inspection date	20 June 2019
Previous inspection date	14 August 2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Inadequate Met	4
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

- Children's welfare is significantly compromised. The childminder does not have a secure knowledge and understanding of safeguarding or know who to contact in the event of a concern about a child's safety or welfare or the procedures to follow if an allegation is made. She does not have a written safeguarding policy.
- The childminder's risk assessment processes are not sufficiently robust. She does not effectively recognise hazards in her home or take reasonable steps to keep children safe. The childminder has failed to ensure the premises are clean and hygiene standards are maintained. She does not ensure the first-aid equipment is in date.
- The childminder has failed to ensure that appropriate fire safety equipment is in full working order and that the property can be quickly evacuated in an emergency.
- The childminder does not maintain or make accessible all the required records to ensure the safe and effective management of her setting. She does not keep accurate records of children's attendance or hold address details for all parents and/or carers or records of accidents involving children. She does not have a clear procedure in the event a child requires medication and consent is not obtained from parents to administer medication. This prevents her from fully ensuring children's safety.

It has the following strengths

- The childminder promotes children's communication and language skills well.
- Children develop good social skills because the childminder regularly takes them to groups and places of interest.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

We intend to take steps to suspend registration and will issue a Welfare Requirements Notice requiring the provider to:

	Due date
develop a full and thorough understanding of the procedures to follow to safeguard children, particularly regarding the procedures for reporting allegations and recognising signs that a child may be at risk and who to report concerns to	02/08/2019
review the risk assessment process to ensure all risks to children's safety are effectively minimised and ensure first-aid equipment is in date	02/08/2019
ensure there are suitable facilities for the hygienic preparation of food for children	02/08/2019
ensure fire detection equipment is in working order and that an effective emergency evacuation procedure is in place	02/08/2019
ensure an accurate record of children's attendance is maintained, including their times of arrival and departure	02/08/2019
maintain a record of all accidents involving children	02/08/2019
ensure the required records of children are maintained and accessible, including details of all parents/carers	02/08/2019
implement rigorous policy and procedures for administering medicines.	02/08/2019

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

	Due date
ensure a written safeguarding policy is in place	02/08/2019
take action to develop a secure knowledge of all aspects of the learning and development requirements, to improve outcomes for children and use assessment to accurately identify where children are in their development and target any gaps in their learning.	02/08/2019

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors. She assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint evaluation of an activity with the childminder.
- The inspector held a number of discussions with the childminder.
- The inspector spoke with children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector viewed all areas of the premises.

Inspector

Jennifer Turner

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is inadequate

Safeguarding is not effective. The childminder does not fully understand her role in ensuring appropriate procedures are implemented effectively with regards to safeguarding children. She has a limited understanding of safeguarding legislation, such as who to contact if she has a concern about a child's safety and the procedures to follow in the event an allegation is made against her. In addition, she does not hold a safeguarding policy. This puts children's welfare at significant risk. The childminder does not maintain a clean and safe environment for children. This particularly relates to the poor hygiene standards in the kitchen. She has failed to recognise or act appropriately to minimise dangers in her home. For example, the childminder has not identified the potential risk of storing bleach and cleaning substances which are easily accessible to young children. She has failed to take steps to ensure emergency routes are clear so that children can be evacuated in an emergency. There is no working fire equipment in place in the event of a fire. In addition, she does not ensure the contents of the first-aid box are in date. She does not have written consent from parents to administer medication or records to show when medication has been given to children. This compromises children's safety. The childminder does not consistently obtain or keep an accurate record of the required details about all children in her care or ensure all required records are accessible. She does not gain information, such as the home address of parents and/or carers, and she fails to keep accident and attendance records. This limits how well she can monitor children's safety.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is inadequate

Weaknesses in teaching and assessment have a significant impact on children's learning and development. The childminder is not aware of the areas of learning. She does not fully understand how to assess children's progress to precisely identify their stage of development or gaps in their learning. The childminder uses various methods of communication to keep parents informed about children's experiences. This includes sharing photographs of outings and activities children engage in. Children have regular opportunities to visit local groups and take part in outings to places of interest. They attend weekly music sessions at a local café, soft-play centres and parks.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are inadequate

The significant weaknesses in leadership and management have an impact on children's care and well-being. The childminder fails to provide a clean and safe environment for children to play and learn. Risk assessments are not robust and the childminder fails to recognise risks, such as cleaning substances being within easy reach of children. Although parents provide children with a packed lunch, the childminder supplies drinks and snacks. However, standards of hygiene in the food preparation areas are poor. This compromises children's health. The childminder ensures young children understand about personal hygiene and they wash their hands after using the potty. The childminder takes the children out daily for walks in the park and to local groups. This ensures their physical development is supported. Children play nicely together and the childminder reminds them to share and take turns.

Outcomes for children are inadequate

Children do not make the progress they are capable of, as their individual learning needs are not always taken into consideration. Despite this, some children enjoy listening to stories and making marks as they draw pictures. Children gain some useful skills to help prepare them for school. They are developing their confidence and speaking skills.

Setting details

Unique reference number	251858
Local authority	Wolverhampton
Inspection number	10112470
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	2 - 3
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Date of previous inspection	14 August 2013

The childminder registered in 1998. She lives in the Penn area of Wolverhampton. The childminder holds a relevant early years qualification at level 2. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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