

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 was registered in 2005. She lives with her husband and four children, aged 12, 11, five and three years old. They live in a three bedroom ground floor flat in Woolwich in the London Borough of Greenwich. The whole of the premises is used for childminding except for the bedrooms. The premises is accessed via one step into the property.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory part of the Childcare Register to care for a maximum of two children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than one may be in the early years age range. There are currently no children on roll. The childminder is also registered on the voluntary part of the Childcare Register.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder does not meet all requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder has some procedures in place to ensure that the home is safe and welcoming to children. However, these are not fully effective as the childminder has not identified all potential risks and dangers to children, from unlocked storage cupboards, for example. Visual risk assessments have been carried out by the childminder but she has not updated her knowledge of the requirement to keep a record of risk assessments for the premises and outings, which is a breach of a legal requirement. Although, the childminder demonstrates an adequate awareness of the signs and signals of abuse, she is not sure of the procedures to follow if allegations of abuse are made against herself or any members of the household. Furthermore, the childminder has failed to inform Ofsted of all adults living on the premises and therefore, not all adults have been vetted for suitability. Children's safety and well-being is compromised further as the childminder has not maintained her first aid certificate and there is a limited supply of first aid items available. The childminder has basically updated her knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and is aware of the need to assess children's progress towards the early learning goals. She understands the importance of developing secure relationships with parents to meet children's individual needs. However, the childminder does not provide parents with access to any written procedures, such as safeguarding children and complaints. These are breaches of legal requirements.

Self-evaluation of the setting does not take place and although the childminder has some input from the local authority, but the impact on outcomes for children is minimal. The provider acknowledges through the inspection process, the need to update her knowledge through attending training courses.

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:

- develop knowledge and understanding of child protection procedures in line with those of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)(Safeguarding and welfare) 06/11/2009
- devise and implement an action plan showing how an approved paediatric first aid course will be completed (Suitable people)(also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register) 06/11/2009
- develop a system to record risk assessments for the premises and outings, including ensuring all risks to children on the premises are identified and action taken(Suitable premises, environment and equipment) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register). 06/11/2009

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:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report 06/11/2009

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 early years section of the report 06/11/2009