

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 2006. She lives with her husband and two children aged eight and 15 years in Worthing, West Sussex. The ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding purposes and there is an enclosed garden for outside play. The family has two cats.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, of these only three may be in the early years age range. The childminder currently has no children on roll. The provision is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a very basic understanding of safeguarding matters, in particular child protection. She has little knowledge of possible signs and symptoms which would cause concern, or of local safeguarding children board procedures. As a result, she is not meeting a legal requirement. The childminder is however, aware of potential hazards and her home is a safe environment for children. She demonstrates through discussion a suitable awareness of the variety of documentation she is required to keep, and how to organise it effectively to promote children's safety and welfare.

The childminder is committed to offering an inclusive environment for all. She has a satisfactory understanding of the ways in which children develop and learn and has a variety of toys and equipment to help children to learn through their play. She demonstrates sufficient awareness of how to use observation and assessment and how to plan activities and experiences to meet children's individual needs. The childminder says she would promote effective partnerships with parents and other early years providers. This would be through various forms of verbal and written communication to promote continuity of care.

The childminder is committed to increasing her knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She says she intends to attend further training to increase her understanding of the learning and development requirements, in particular the six areas of learning, should she begin caring for children. The childminder has taken some action in response to the recommendations set at her last inspection. She has improved her range of resources to include a few items that reflect diversity and has given some consideration to how she would support children's awareness of other cultures. She has reviewed her documentation so that the requirements are met with regards to the register and parental permissions. She was also set a recommendation to increase her knowledge and understanding of safeguarding issues. She says she read up on this just after the inspection. However, as this was some time ago and she has since stopped caring for children, she has not retained this information. The childminder is aware of the benefits of evaluating her practice. She says she is keen to do this, to enable her to continually improve the

care she is able to offer to minded children.

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:

- take the necessary steps to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, with specific regard to increasing knowledge and understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse and the procedure to follow in the event of a cause for concern (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare)(also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register). 22/02/2012

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:

- take action as specified for the Early Years Register (Arrangements for safeguarding children) 22/02/2012

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 for the Early Years Register (Arrangements for safeguarding children) 22/02/2012