

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 2007. She lives with her husband, baby daughter and five-year-old daughter in house on the outskirts of Northampton. She is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory part of the Childcare Register to care for a maximum of four children up to the age of eight years. There are currently no children on roll. Care is provided on the ground floor of the childminder's house and an upstairs bedroom may be used. The premises is accessed via a step to the front door. The childminder is able to walk to local schools to take and collect children. She has links with local schools and pre-school groups. The family has one cat.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

There are currently no children on roll, however evidence available during the inspection shows that requirements are not met, resulting in breaches to requirements of registration. The childminder does not have sufficient familiarity with the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. She has not established a suitable system to observe and assess children, and to plan for their progress towards the early learning goals. She has not developed a suitable system of self-reflection in order for her to identify weaknesses and to plan to improve. The childminder has booked on first aid training for September, but has allowed her qualification to expire in the meantime. The childminder has not reviewed her risk assessments of the premises, since significant changes have been made and not all potential hazards to children within the home are currently minimised. On the day of the inspection the smoke alarm on the first floor of the premises was not in working order. The childminder not kept her public liability insurance up to date in order to meet with requirements of registration.

Observations show that the childminder has sufficient toys and equipment to meet a variety of needs and stages of development and to offer children a suitable range of activities. She has some experience of working with children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. She has reviewed her practice in order to improve upon inclusion for children. She plans to make sure all children's needs are met in order for them to feel involved and challenged. Discussions suggest that the childminder understands the importance of working with parents and other provisions involved in the care of the children, in order to plan cohesively to meet the needs of the children. The childminder has a suitable understanding of the possible indicators of child abuse, and she knows how to refer any concerns she may have, in line with Local Safeguarding Children Board policies and procedures. Information regarding how to make a complaint, that includes details of how to contact Ofsted as the regulator, is available for parents. This helps to promote a safe and transparent provision for parents and children. The childminder has prepared suitable systems to keep records on the children to promote their welfare.

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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| • obtain first aid training that is approved by the local authority is completed (Suitable People) (also applies to the compulsory part of the Childcare Register) | 30/09/2010 |
| • improve knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework in order to plan and organise systems to ensure that every child receives and enjoyable and challenging learning and development experience that is tailored to meet their individual needs (Organisation) | 10/09/2010 |
| • improve the systems to identify children's individual needs through encouraging a culture of reflective practice and involving parents and practitioners in evaluating the impact of your provision (Organisation) | 10/09/2010 |
| • conduct a risk assessment and review it regularly - at least once a year and where the need arises (Suitable premises, environment and equipment) (also applies to the compulsory part of the Childcare Register) | 31/08/2010 |
| • take all reasonable steps to ensure that hazards to children are kept to a minimum (Suitable premises, environment and equipment) | 13/08/2010 |
| • obtain public liability insurance for the provision (Suitable premises, environment and equipment) (also applies to the compulsory part of the Childcare Register) | 29/07/2010 |
| • ensure that fire detection equipment is in working order (Suitable premises, environment and equipment) | 29/07/2010 |

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 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:

- keep and implement a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect (Arrangements for Safeguarding Children) 13/08/2010
- take action as specified within the early years section of the report (Qualifications and training, Suitability and safety of premises and equipment, Insurance) 31/08/2010