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Regulation of Care Act 2013

Childminding

Kerry Pledger

Announced Premises Inspection

Undertaken: 6 July 2021

Desk-top inspection

Undertaken: 24 May 2021

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Part 1 - Service Information for Registered Service

Name of Service:

Kerry Pledger

Telephone No:

495693

Care Service Number:

ROCA/P/0117

Conditions of Registration:

The registered person must not look after more than 6 (six) children at any one time under the age of 8 (eight) years, including the childminder's own children.

Of these 6 (six) children:

- No more than 2 (two) children must be under the age of 1 (one) year
- No more than 3 (three) children must be under the age of 5 (five) years

Date of latest registration certificate:

1 April 2021

Date of any additional regulatory action in the last inspection year (ie improvement measures or additional monitoring):

None

Date of previous inspection:

3 May 2019

Name of Inspector:

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Part 2 - Descriptors of Performance against Standards

Inspection reports will describe how a service has performed in each of the standards inspected. Compliance statements by inspectors will follow the framework as set out below.

Compliant

Arrangements for compliance were demonstrated during the inspection. There are appropriate systems in place for regular monitoring, review and any necessary revisions to be undertaken. In most situations this will result in an area of good practice being identified and comment being made.

Substantially compliant

Arrangements for compliance were demonstrated during the inspection yet some criteria were not yet in place. In most situations this will result in a requirement being made.

Partially compliant

Compliance could not be demonstrated by the date of the inspection. Appropriate systems for regular monitoring, review and revision were not yet in place. However, the service could demonstrate acknowledgement of this and a convincing plan for full compliance. In most situations this will result in requirements being made.

Non-compliant

Compliance could not be demonstrated by the date of the inspection. This will result in a requirement being made.

Not assessed

Assessment could not be carried out during the inspection due to certain factors not being available.

Recommendations based on best practice, relevant research or recognised sources may be made by the inspector. They promote current good practice and when adopted by the registered person will serve to enhance quality and service delivery.

Part 3 - Inspection information

The Inspection report is based on the information provided as part of the pre inspection desk top analysis and the findings of the inspection visit.

The purpose of this inspection is to check the service against the service specific minimum standards – Section 37 of The Regulation of Care Act 2013 and The Regulation of Care (Care Services) Regulations 2013 part 3, regulation 9.

Inspections concentrate on specific areas on a rotational basis and for most services are unannounced.

The inspector is looking to ensure that the service is well led, effective and safe.

Summary from the last inspection**Number of requirements from last inspection:**

None

Number met:

Not applicable

Number not met:

Not applicable

All requirements not met will be addressed within this inspection report

Please note that any requirement carried forward for three consecutive inspections will lead to the service being served an improvement notice.

Part 4 - Inspection Outcomes, Evidence and Requirements

Regulation of Care Act 2013, Part 2 (37) and Care Services Regulations Part 3 (9) Standard 2- Organisation

2.1 - The maximum number of children between 0 years and 7 years the childminder may look after, when working alone, is six; this is dependent upon the required space standards being met. In addition a childminder must have regard to the numbers allowed within the following age bands:

- no more than 2 children under the age of 1 year;
- no more than 3 children, in total, under the age of 5 years.

The numbers within the age bands above can be exceeded to take account of exceptional circumstances; such as to provide for siblings, or other continuity of care issues that are considered to be in the best interests of the child. Each circumstance will be considered on its individual merit and the ability of the childminder to provide evidence to support their request. The maximum number of six children cannot be exceeded at any time.

NB: These ratios may be decreased as well as increased if a childminder's circumstances warrant such a change.

Childminders cannot exceed six children aged 0-16 on the premises at any one time. This includes minded children, childminder's own children and any other children who may visit the home.

Our Decision:

Compliant

Reasons for our decision:

The childminder is registered to care for six children and there were three children present on the day of inspection. Evidence was seen that confirmed the ages and numbers of children being cared for at any one time has not exceeded the conditions of registration.

Evidence Source:

Observation	✓	Records	✓	Feedback		Discussion	✓
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Requirements:

None

Recommendations:

None

Regulation of Care Act 2013 Part 2 (37) and Care Services Regulations Part 3 (9) Standard 3 – Care, Learning and Play

3.2 - The childminder must select resources and provide activities, play opportunities and first-hand experiences which allow children to build on their natural curiosity as learners, develop their language and mathematical thinking, use their imagination and develop social relationships.

Our Decision:

Compliant

Reasons for our decision:

During the premises inspection, it was observed that the children have access to a wide range of play resources and are being offered a variety of planned activities that will promote of all areas of learning and development. The inspector noted the resources available were all appropriate for the ages of the children attending and that there were resources in place ready for the children's next stage of learning and development.

The childminder was observed supporting and encouraging the children in their play and asked open questions, using age appropriate language in order to promote their learning. Parents commented that they felt the childminder provided their child with stimulation from toys/play and interactions.

The childminder described the outings and experiences the children participate in and that stated that all are planned and resourced beforehand.

Evidence Source:

Observation	✓	Records		Feedback	✓	Discussion	✓
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Requirements:

None

Recommendations:

None

**Regulation of Care Act 2013 Part 2 (37) and Care Services Regulations Part 3 (9)
Standard 4 – Physical Environment**

4.2 - All exit doors must be secured against unsupervised exit by children but easily accessible in the case of an emergency.

Our Decision:

Compliant

Reasons for our decision:

When arriving at the premises, the inspector found the door to be locked. After entering the premises, the inspector observed the childminder re-locking the door and placing the key in an accessible place, out of the reach of the children.

Evidence Source:

Observation	✓	Records		Feedback		Discussion	✓
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Requirements:

None

Recommendations:

None

**Regulation of Care Act 2013 Part 2 (37) and Care Services Regulations Part 3 (9)
Standard 4 - Physical Environment**

4.8 - Rooms must be maintained at a minimum of 18°C. Where children are less active the temperature of the environment must be regulated accordingly.

Our Decision:

Compliant

Reasons for our decision:

The temperature of the room was checked during the premises inspection and found to be within the required range.

Evidence Source:

Observation	✓	Records		Feedback		Discussion	
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Requirements:

None

Recommendations:

None

**Regulation of Care Act 2013 Part 2 (37) and Care Services Regulations Part 3 (9)
Standard 5 – Safety**

5.28 - The childminder must have a valid driving licence.

Our Decision:

Compliant

Reasons for our decision:

A photograph of the childminder's driver's licence was submitted as part of the desktop inspection. The information on the licence confirmed it was valid.

Evidence Source:

Observation		Records	✓	Feedback		Discussion	✓
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Requirements:

None

Recommendations:

None

**Regulation of Care Act 2013 Part 2 (37) and Care Services Regulations Part 3 (9)
Standard 6 – Health**

6.4 - The childminder must ensure that any animals on the premises are safe to be in the proximity of children and do not pose a health risk. Parents must be made aware of all animals kept on the premises and have signed their acknowledgement of this.

Our Decision:

Compliant

Reasons for our decision:

There was a dog at the setting and the inspector observed that suitable arrangements were in place to ensure it did not pose a health risk to the children.

The parents meet the dog during their initial visit to the home and there was evidence available to show they have signed their acknowledgement and agreement.

Evidence Source:

Observation	✓	Records	✓	Feedback		Discussion	✓
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Requirements:

None

Recommendations:

None

**Regulation of Care Act 2013 Part 2 (37) and Care Services Regulations Part 3 (9)
Standard 6 - Health**

6.6 - Medicines must be stored in their original containers, clearly labelled and inaccessible to children

Our Decision:

Compliant

Reasons for our decision:

There were no children currently requiring medication but the childminder explained that should any medicines be brought into the setting, she would ensure they were clearly labelled and stored in the child's own bag. The children's bags were stored out of the reach of the children.

Evidence Source:

Observation	✓	Records		Feedback		Discussion	✓
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Requirements:

None

Recommendations:

None

**Regulation of Care Act 2013 Part 2 (37) and Care Services Regulations Part 3 (9)
Standard 10 – Behaviour**

10.1 - The childminder and staff must help children to learn about what is right and wrong.

Our Decision:

Compliant

Reasons for our decision:

The childminder was observed to have clear boundaries in place and was seen to be consistent in her approach with the children. She interacted with them as they played, listened to and responded to what they had to say and offered positive guidance and explanation when required.

Evidence Source:

Observation	✓	Records		Feedback		Discussion	✓
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Requirements:

None

Recommendations:

None

**Regulation of Care Act 2013 Part 2 (37) and Care Services Regulations Part 3 (9)
Standard 12 - Safeguarding**

12.2 - The childminder must have attended safeguarding training prior to registration and attend refresher training, as a minimum, every 3 years. The online option can be taken up once the full safeguarding course has been attended.

Our Decision:

Non-compliant

Reasons for our decision:

Due to the recent Covid-19 restrictions, Safeguarding training had been suspended and many providers were unable to refresh their training within the required timescale. The childminder is currently waiting to attend the training in order to refresh her training.

Evidence Source:

Observation		Records	✓	Feedback		Discussion	✓
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Requirements:

One

Recommendations:

None

**Regulation of Care Act 2013 Part 2 (37) and Care Services Regulations Part 3 (9)
Standard 13 – Documentation**

13.1 - Individual records of each child must contain:

- their full name and address;
- their date of birth;
- their photograph;
- contacts in the case of an emergency;
- GP contact;
- authorisation for outings and travel in vehicles and other appropriate permissions and parental consents;
- details of who will collect the child, including photographs where appropriate;
- known medical conditions;
- dietary requirements and preferences;
- first language/ additional language;
- any cultural needs;
- any social/emotional and/or behavioural needs;
- permission to seek emergency medical treatment or advice.

Our Decision:

Compliant

Reasons for our decision:

A blank copy of the child registration forms used were submitted as part of the desktop inspection and found to contain all the required information.

During the premises inspection, completed forms were checked and each file had been completed in full and contained a photograph of the respective child.

Evidence Source:

Observation		Records	✓	Feedback		Discussion	✓
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Requirements:

None

Recommendations:

None

**Regulation of Care Act 2013 Part 2 (37) and Care Services Regulations Part 3 (9)
Standard 13 – Documentation**

13.4 - Records relating to individual children must be shared with the child's parent/s and regular reviews of information are carried out with parents and records to be amended accordingly. Review dates must be recorded.

Our Decision:

Compliant

Reasons for our decision:

The childminder explained that parents have access to their child's records on request and that annual reviews are undertaken to ensure all information held is up to date. Examination of the children's records showed that a reviewed had been undertaken in January 2021.

Evidence Source:

Observation		Records	✓	Feedback		Discussion	✓
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Requirements:

None

Recommendations:

None

**Regulation of Care Act 2013 Part 2 (37) and Care Services Regulations Part 3 (9)
Standard 13 – Documentation**

13.8 -The Department's Registration & Inspection Team must be informed at the earliest opportunity of those matters required to be notified under Regulations 10 & 12 of the Regulation of Care(Care Services) Regulations 2013.

- Requirement to Notify DHSC of death, illness and other events;
- Notification of Change of Purpose (age ranges and additional needs etc).

Our Decision:

Compliant

Reasons for our decision:

Through discussion the childminder demonstrated her awareness of the need to notify the Registration and Inspection Team about serious incidents and contagious illnesses.

Discussion was also had in accessing the on-line forms to ensure the most current version of the document is used.

Evidence Source:

Observation		Records		Feedback		Discussion	✓
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Requirements:

None

Recommendations:

None

**Regulation of Care Act 2013 Part 2 (37) and Care Services Regulations Part 3 (9)
Standard 13 – Documentation**

13.11 - The childminder must carry public liability insurance for the provision. The insurance must cover any circumstance of a child/children suffering harm whilst being looked after at the service, including circumstances where an allegation is made against the childminder.

Our Decision:

Compliant

Reasons for our decision:

A copy of the childminder's public liability insurance certificate was submitted as part of the desktop inspection. The document confirmed the appropriate insurance was in place.

Evidence Source:

Observation		Records	✓	Feedback		Discussion	✓
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Requirements:

None

Recommendations:

None

**Regulation of Care Act 2013 Part 2 (37) and Care Services Regulations Part 3 (9)
Standard 13 – Documentation**

13.12 - Where the childminder uses their car for transporting children the car insurance must cover this activity.

Our Decision:

Compliant

Reasons for our decision:

Evidence submitted by the childminder showed that appropriate vehicle insurance was in place.

Evidence Source:

Observation		Records	✓	Feedback		Discussion	
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Requirements:

None

Recommendations:

None

Other areas identified during this inspection /or previous requirements which have not been met.

No other areas were identified as a result of this inspection.

A feedback poster was given to the childminder to share with the parents using her service to enable them to provide feedback if they wished.

Parents responded and the feedback received was positive. Comments made stated that their children were happy to attend. The childminder was praised for the support she gave to the families especially during the lockdowns and that she 'goes above and beyond' to ensure the children are settled and cared for.

Evidence Source:

Observation	✓	Records	✓	Feedback	✓	Discussion	✓
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Requirements:

None

Recommendations:

None

The inspector would like to thank the childminder and service users for their co-operation with this inspection.

If you would like to discuss any of the issues mentioned in this report or have identified any inaccuracies, please do not hesitate to contact the Registration and Inspection Team.

Inspector: Roci Dón **Date:** 9 July 2021

Provider's Response

From: Kerry Pledger

I / we have read the inspection report for the inspection carried out on **6 July 2021** and confirm that there are no factual inaccuracies in this report.



I/we agree to comply with the requirements/recommendations within the timescales as stated in this report.



Or

I/we am/are unable to confirm that the contents of this report are a fair and accurate representation of the facts relating to the inspection conducted on the above date(s)



Signed.
Childminder
Date

Kerry Pledger
20/07/2021