



Department of Health and Social Care

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## **Regulation of Care Act 2013**

### **Childminding**

Andreas Humphries

### **Announced Inspection**

Date: Desk Top 1 April 2021  
Premises 22 June 2021

***Registration and Inspection Team,  
Ground Floor, St George's Court,  
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**Part 1 - Service Information for Registered Service**

**Name of Service:**

Andreas Humphries

**Telephone No:**

491686

**Care Service Number:**

ROCA/P/0268

**Conditions of Registration:**

1. 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

2. The childminder must complete the Induction talks

3. The study must only be used for sleep times.

**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:**

17 February 2021

**Name of Inspector:**

Jenny Percival

**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:

There were two children present during the inspection. And according to the information provided by the childminder, it showed she had been minding within the restrictions of her 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:

The childminder was providing activities and play opportunities that encourage the children to build on their natural curiosity, develop language and physical skills, promote their aesthetic

awareness, use their imagination, promote early mathematical understanding, and develop social skills.

On the day of the inspection there were two minded children present. One was a bit unsure of the inspector and preferred to play behind the sofa occasionally popping out to get a toy. The childminder sat on the floor assuring the children that they were alright. One child was happy looking at books and playing with the toys. The childminder was aware of both children's needs and ensured that she engaged with them both.

The childminder stated that she meets with other childminders on outings enabling the children to socialise together. She preferred outdoor settings such as children's parks and occasionally attended mums and tots group, this was weather dependent.

**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:**

Exits were locked to prevent children exiting unsupervised.

**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 room temperature was above 18°C.

**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:**

The childminder submitted her driving licence, this was current and in date.

**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:**

The childminder had notified parents of her pets in writing and parents signed to acknowledge that they had been informed.

**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:**

Not Assessed

**Reasons for our decision:**

None of the children required any medication.

**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 had a clear policy with guidelines for managing children's behaviour to ensure they understand right and wrong.

**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:**

Compliant

**Reasons for our decision:**

The childminder had completed her training in March 2019. This is valid for three years.

**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**

13.1 - 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:**

Children's records contained all of the above criteria.

**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:**

Children's records were reviewed to ensure the information was current.

**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 with the childminder, the inspector was able to ascertain the childminder's understanding of the above criteria and ensure that she was aware of what action to take.

**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:**

The childminder submitted her public liability insurance and this was appropriate and current.

**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:**

The childminder submitted her vehicle insurance which as appropriate and current.

**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.**

1.Standard 1.11. All childminding preparation talks to be completed when arranged by the Registration and Inspection Unit.  
Due to the restrictions imposed because of COVID 19, these training dates had been postponed.

**Evidence Source:**

Observation		Records	✓	Feedback		Discussion	
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**Requirements:**

One

**Recommendations:**

None

The inspector left details of how to contact the Inspector with the childminder. This was to be given to parents of minded children so they could provide feedback, if they wanted directly to the inspector regarding the care provided for their child.

The following are some of the comments received;

Andie is an amazing childminder and we feel very blessed to have her taking care of \*\*\*\*. He gets so excited to go in and runs to Andie for a cuddle.

She makes sure we are always updated with \*\*\*\* daily routine as well as his mood and development.

Andie, as well as her family, are part of \*\*\*\* (and our lives) and we are forever grateful for having them here on the Island, especially during this unusual year.

**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:** Jenny Percival

**Date:** 6 July 2021

**Provider's Response**

**From:** Andreas Humphries

I / we have read the inspection report for the inspection carried out on **1 April 2021 and 22 June 2021** and confirm that there are no factual inaccuracies in this report.

X

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

X

**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**

A Humphries  
06/07/2021