

Sharr's For Ma's And Pa's Child Minding

Inverness

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About the service

We wrote this report following an unannounced, focused inspection which evaluated how well children were being supported during the COVID-19 pandemic. We evaluated the service based on key areas that are vital to the support and wellbeing of children experiencing care during the pandemic.

We carried out an unannounced inspection on 26th May 2021, between 12:00 and 13:00. Feedback was given to the childminder on the same day. This inspection was carried out by one inspector from the Care Inspectorate.

Sharr Lukas provides a care service from her property in a quiet residential area of Inverness. The parts the premises used for childminding are the living room, kitchen and toilet. There are gardens to the front and rear of the property which are used on a regular basis. The childminder also made good use of local walks and parks.

The childminder is registered to provide a care service for a maximum of 4 children up to 16 years of age, of whom no more than 3 are not yet of an age to attend primary school and of whom no more than one is under 12 months. Numbers are inclusive of children of the childminder's family.

What people told us

There were no children or parents present at the time of the inspection.

From this inspection we evaluated this service as:

In evaluating quality, we use a six point scale where 1 is unsatisfactory and 6 is excellent

How good is our care and support during the COVID-19 pandemic?	4 - Good
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Further details on the particular areas inspected are provided at the end of this report.

How good is our care and support during the COVID-19 pandemic?

4 - Good

5.1: Children's health and wellbeing are supported and safeguarded during COVID-19

From the evidence gathered, we evaluated this quality indicator as very good. At the time of the inspection, the childminder provided a very small service supporting one child two days a week after school. Consequently, she had a very good knowledge and understanding of the individual needs of the child who attended.

The childminder explained that she had known the family she worked with for a number of years as they were neighbours. She stated that they had a very well established relationship which allowed for open communication and information sharing. Up until recently she had also minded the child's older sibling.

The childminder continued to operate her service during lockdown as the child's parent was a keyworker. She spoke with the child and their family about any changes she had to put in place to ensure she adhered to Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance and continued to safeguard the child's health and wellbeing. The childminder had told the child and their parent about the extra infection control practices she had introduced as well as any changes to risk assessments. She was very sensitive in relation to any concerns or questions the child had about the pandemic and recognised the importance of offering support and reassurance. She told us how she and the child had on more than one occasion gone online to find answers to any questions the child had.

From our observations and discussions with the childminder, it was evident that she had a very good knowledge of the individual needs of the child and their older sibling who had previously attended the service. She was able to show us the personal plans she had developed for the child and was aware of the need to routinely review and update plans in conjunction with parents.

5.2: Infection prevention and control practices support a safe environment for children and staff

From the evidence gathered during the inspection, we found the service was performing to a good standard in this area.

The childminder was able to demonstrate that she had an awareness and understanding of current Scottish Government guidance in relation to infection prevention and control measures. She was able to discuss the various measures she had put in place to ensure the health and wellbeing of the child in her care was protected. The child was supported by the childminder to routinely wash their hands throughout the day.

We looked at the areas within the childminder's home which the children used and found these to be clean and tidy. The childminder explained that she cleaned the premises at the beginning and end of each day, as well as during the day. The childminder advised that she continued to make good use of her garden.

The childminder confirmed that she had a supply of appropriate cleaning products and personal protective equipment (PPE) and made good use of these.

The childminder should continue to review and develop her service in line with best practice guidance as outlined in this report. Information can be found here: <https://hub.careinspectorate.com/>

Detailed evaluations

How good is our care and support during the COVID-19 pandemic?	4 - Good
5.1 Children's health and well being are supported and safeguarded during COVID-19	5 - Very Good
5.2 Infection prevention and control practices support a safe environment for children and staff	4 - Good

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