

McGuire, Lynn Child Minding

Glasgow

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Unannounced

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Service provided by:
Lynn McGuire

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About the service

The childminder operates a childminding service from her home in Croftfoot, Glasgow. The service is delivered from the family home and children have access to the lounge, kitchen, hall, playroom and bathroom. Children also have access to a partially enclosed rear garden.

The childminder is registered to provide a care service to a maximum of six children at any one time. The childminder employs an assistant. At the time of our inspection, the childminder was caring for three children.

About the inspection

This was a follow up inspection which took place on 12 January 2026. The inspection was carried out by one inspector from the Care Inspectorate. The inspection focused on the requirement and areas for improvement made during the previous inspection, which took place on 30 July 2025. We evaluated how the service had addressed these to improve outcomes for children.

To prepare for the inspection we reviewed information about this service. This included previous inspection findings, registration information, information submitted by the service and intelligence gathered since the last inspection. In making our evaluations of the service we:

- spoke with children using the service
- spoke with the childminder
- observed practice and daily life
- reviewed documents.

Key messages

- Children were protected from harm as a result of secure access to the premises.
- Indoors, hazardous materials were stored safely out of reach of children.
- Access to the garden needed to be improved to support children's health and wellbeing.
- The home was clean, reducing the potential spread of infection.

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

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Further details on the particular areas inspected are provided at the end of this report.

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Quality indicator: Children experience high quality spaces

Overall, the childminder's home was found to be clean and safe, providing a suitable environment for children to receive care.

At the previous inspection, we made a requirement to ensure that children were protected from harm by receiving care in a safe environment. At this inspection we found that the childminder had made progress in relation to this requirement. For example, by securing access to the home and storing medicine out of children's reach.

However, some concerns remained about the safety of the outdoor environment. Whilst some action had been taken to remove hazardous items from the garden, access pathways were unsafe, which limited children's opportunities for outdoor play. Plant pots and garden furniture blocked the steps, and broken resources from a recent storm posed risks. These hazards restricted children's ability to enjoy outdoor experiences that support their safety and wellbeing. We were satisfied that children were not accessing the garden at the time of the inspection, which kept them safe in the interim. The childminder assured us that they would action this.

We are satisfied that the childminder has progressed the requirement. To support the continued development of the garden we have created an area for improvement specifically related to this (see area for improvement 1).

Areas for improvement

1. To ensure children's safety and wellbeing, the provider should make sure the garden is safe and accessible for children.

This should include, but is not limited to, keeping pathways clear and ensuring resources are in good repair.

This is to ensure that care and support is consistent with the Health and Social Care Standards (HSCS) which states that: "My environment is secure and safe." (HSCS 5.17).

What the service has done to meet any requirements we made at or since the last inspection

Requirements

Requirement 1

By the 14 October 2025 the provider must ensure children are protected from harm through receiving care in a safe environment. To do this, the childminder must, at a minimum:

- a) Ensure secure entry procedures to the premises are in place and maintained.
- b) Ensure hazardous materials are stored safely, and out of reach of children.
- c) Ensure the garden is safe and free of hazards.

This is to comply with: The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulation 2011 (SSI 2011/210) - Regulation 10(2)(a) - Fitness of premises.

This is to ensure that care and support is consistent with the Health and Social Care Standards (HSCS) which state that: "My environment is secure and safe." (HSCS 5.17).

This requirement was made on 1 August 2025.

Action taken on previous requirement

The childminder had effective measures in place to ensure secure entry to the premises. The front door was kept locked, and the door key was accessible and colour coded for easy identification. The childminder controlled access for carers entering the house, ensuring they were aware of all individuals entering and leaving. These arrangements ensured the premises remained secure when children were present.

Children were kept safe from hazardous items as they were stored securely. Medication was stored in a closed box secured with a combination lock. All alcohol was stored in a closed cupboard away from children's play areas. Younger children were supervised at all times when accessing the kitchen area, reducing the risk of accidents. Older children developed an understanding of potential hazards through regular discussions with the childminder. A record of these discussions was intended to be added to the risk assessment, however this had still to be actioned at the time of inspection.

Further action was required in the garden area to fully support children's safety and wellbeing. We acknowledged that some of the more dangerous objects had been removed and that children were not accessing the garden at the time of inspection. The steps to access the play area required to be clear and resources needed to be in good repair. These actions would have ensured a safe environment for outdoor play. To support children's wellbeing and enable safe access to the garden, we have identified a specific area for improvement. This can be viewed under the section of this report titled, "Children thrive and develop in quality spaces".

The requirement had been met.

Met - within timescales

What the service has done to meet any areas for improvement we made at or since the last inspection

Areas for improvement

Previous area for improvement 1

To ensure children are protected from the potential spread of infection, the childminder should make sure infection control practices promote a safe environment for children.

This should include, but is not limited to, embedding thorough handwashing, providing a wipeable changing mat and storing toothbrushes safely.

This is to ensure that care and support is consistent with the Health and Social Care Standards (HSCS) which states that: "I experience an environment that is well looked after with clean, tidy and well maintained premises, furnishings and equipment." (HSCS 5.24)

This area for improvement was made on 1 August 2025.

Action taken since then

The childminder had reviewed infection control practices and children benefited from a safe and hygienic environment. The childminder used a wipeable changing mat to maintain hygiene and reduce the risk of cross-contamination. Children's toothbrushes were clean, stored in a cupboard, and individually covered. One child confidently told us they washed their hands before snack, showing that positive hygiene habits were being encouraged.

This area for improvement had been met.

Previous area for improvement 2

To improve outcomes for children, the childminder should develop approaches to self-evaluation.

This should include but is not limited to, developing a deeper understanding of good practice and using what has been learned to make improvements to the service.

This is to ensure that care and support is consistent with the Health and Social Care Standard (HSCS) which states that: "I benefit from a culture of continuous improvement, with the organisation having robust and transparent quality assurance processes." (HSCS 4.19)

This area for improvement was made on 1 August 2025.

Action taken since then

There was no evidence to show any progress within this area for improvement. This area for improvement remains in place and will be followed up at the next full inspection of the service.

Complaints

There have been no complaints upheld since the last inspection. Details of any older upheld complaints are published at www.careinspectorate.com.

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