

Elphinstone Enterprises Child Minding

Aberdeen

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About the service

Elphinstone Enterprises provides a childminding service, delivered from the childminder's home in Aberdeen.

The service is registered to provide care to a maximum of six children at any one time up to 16 years of age, of whom no more than three are not yet of an age to attend primary school and of whom no more than one is under 12 months.

Children are cared for in the downstairs of the property, with access to an upstairs bathroom and an enclosed garden. The service is on a bus route and is close to local amenities.

Three children attended during the time of the inspection.

About the inspection

This was an unannounced follow up inspection which took place on 4 February 2026 between 13:30 and 14:00. The purpose of this inspection was to assess the requirement from the previous inspection which took place on 3 December 2025. The inspection was carried out by one inspector from the Care Inspectorate.

To prepare for the inspection we reviewed information about this service. This included previous inspection findings, registration and complaints information, information submitted by the service, and intelligence gathered throughout the inspection year.

To inform our evaluation we:

- spoke with the childminder
- observed practice and children's experiences
- reviewed documents.

Key messages

- The childminder had updated their practice and procedures to ensure the safe and effective storage and administration of medication.

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

Requirements

Requirement 1

By 15 January 2026, the provider must ensure that children's medical needs are safely and effectively met to protect their health and wellbeing. To achieve this the provider must ensure:

- a) information about children's medical needs and symptoms is fully recorded to support the childminder in the safe administration of medication
- b) all medication is stored and recorded in line with guidance
- c) review medication at least every three months, earlier if required, in line with guidance.

This is to comply with Regulation 4(1)(a) (Welfare of users) of The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210).

This is to ensure that care and support is consistent with the Health and Social Care Standards (HSCS) which state that: 'Any treatment or intervention that I experience is safe and effective' (HSCS 1.24).

This requirement was made on 4 December 2025.

Action taken on previous requirement

When we arrived at the service, the childminder told us that they had just returned to the premises after being at a playground with the children. As a result, they had not had time to put medication away and one child's medication was still in their bag in the living room, where children played. The childminder showed us where they store medication, at the back of the kitchen worktop, and proceeded to place the medication there. This resulted in the medication being stored safely, out of children's reach.

The childminder had updated children's records with up to date and complete information about their medical needs. Information had been updated within the last three months and the childminder had noted in their diary when the next review was due to be carried out. This was within three months to ensure all information is current and in line with guidance.

Met - within timescales

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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