

# Childcare Inspection Report on

**Gemma Rees-Prance**

**Beddau**



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## **Description of the service**

Gemma Rees-Prance is based in Beddau, in Rhondda Cynon Taf. Her child minding service is provided from her home and she minds alone. The service operates five days a week in term time and in school holidays and is conducted through the medium of English. The child minder is registered to care for a maximum of 10 children and she has been registered since June 2011. This focused inspection was undertaken to test whether the service has achieved compliance with the regulations.

## **Summary**

### **1. Overall assessment**

Children attending this service enjoy their time and are happy to attend. They are able to make choices over their play and they have access to a suitable range of play resources. Warm relationships with the child minder and between the children are evident. Parents and children benefit from a reliable service which meets its legal responsibilities.

### **2. Improvements**

At the last inspection of the service in July 2018, we found that the service was not meeting its legal responsibilities in respect of:

- Keeping of records (regulation 30(1)(a)): ensuring complete information is held on all children for whom care is provided;
- Health needs of children (regulation 24(2)(b)): ensuring the carer holds a suitable, current certificate in paediatric first aid; and
- Provision of information (regulation 31(4)): ensuring suitable, current public liability insurance is in place for the service.

At this inspection, we found that the service has met compliance with these regulations. Complete records were held for all children for whom care is provided, the child minder held a current certificate in paediatric first aid and public liability insurance was in place for the service.

### **3. Requirements and recommendations**

There are no recommendations arising from this focused inspection. Any outstanding recommendations from the previous CIW inspection in July 2018 should continue to be addressed.

# **1. Well-being**

## **Summary**

This was a focused inspection to consider non-compliance. We have not considered this theme in full and therefore we have not issued or revised any ratings awarded previously.

## **Our findings**

Children are secure, comfortable, happy and relaxed in the care of a child minder with whom they have developed warm relationships. Four children were present during our visit, all under eight years of age. We observed that they were each happily occupied with the toys available and that these were toys of their choosing. One of the young children loved trains and was building and playing with a wooden trainset. Another of the young children was becoming sleepy and so the child minder read with them when they indicated they wanted a story. The two older children played with small construction resources on the kitchen table so the small pieces were out of reach of the younger children. All of the children were polite and considerate, as appropriate for their age and stage of development, and they played happily alongside or with each other. One of the children began to play with a doll and pram. The child minder saw this and asked if they would like some more dolls and some hairbrushes. The child smiled and agreed, and they went together to find them in the playroom. The child minder had bought a 3D jigsaw for the oldest child as they had gone to Cardiff Museum earlier in the week (our visit was during the half term school holidays) and the child told us that they had enjoyed seeing the dinosaurs and the insects. The child persevered well with this puzzle and they were proud when they managed to complete it, despite expressing that it was a challenge. The child told us that they enjoy attending the service and that their favourite thing to do was craft and painting, which they get to do often.

## **2. Care and Development**

### **Summary**

This was a focused inspection to consider non-compliance. We have not considered this theme and therefore we have not issued or revised any ratings awarded previously.

### **3. Environment**

#### **Summary**

This was a focused inspection to consider non-compliance. We have not considered this theme in full and therefore we have not issued or revised any ratings awarded previously.

#### **Our findings**

Since the last CIW in July 2018, the child minder has moved home and her service has been registered by CIW to her new address. We noted that the new home was well maintained and decorated. Children have use of a playroom, the lounge and the dining table in the kitchen for play. A garden is accessible directly from the play space and a separate garden and utility room are available to ensure the family dog does not come into unsupervised contact with minded children. A downstairs toilet is available for children which aids their developing independence. We observed no risks to highlight to the child minder.

## **4. Leadership and Management**

### **Summary**

This was a focused inspection to consider non-compliance. We have not considered this theme in full and therefore we have not issued or revised any ratings awarded previously.

Parents and children receive a consistent service upon which they can rely, and which pays suitable regard to the requirements of the regulations and National Minimum Standards for Regulated Child Care.

### **Our findings**

Since the last CIW inspection in July 2018, the child minder has worked to ensure that her service is compliant with the regulations. We examined children's records and found that records for each child cared for at the service are now complete. The child minder has undertaken training in paediatric first aid and the certificate from the training was available for inspection. We also saw that public liability insurance was in place for the service. The service has therefore achieved compliance with the regulations.

## **5. Improvements required and recommended following this inspection**

### **5.1 Areas of non compliance from previous inspections**

At the previous inspection, we issued a non-compliance notice to the registered person because they did not meet their legal requirements in relation to:

- Keeping of records (regulation 30(1)(a)): At this inspection, we were satisfied the regulations were complied with. We saw that there was complete information held about each child for whom care is given.

At the previous inspection, we also notified (but did not take the action to issue a non-compliance notice to) the registered person that the service was not meeting its legal responsibilities in respect of:

- Health needs of children (regulation 24(2)(b)): At this inspection, we were satisfied the regulations were complied with. The child minder has completed suitable paediatric first aid training and we saw the certificate of completion; and
- Provision of information (regulation 31(4)): At this inspection, we were satisfied the regulations were complied with. We saw that there was suitable, current public liability insurance in place for the service.

### **5.2 Recommendations for improvement**

None



## **6. How we undertook this inspection**

This was a focused inspection undertaken to test whether the service has achieved compliance with the regulations, following the identification of non-compliance at the previous CIW inspection in July 2018.

- One inspector undertook an unannounced visit to the service;
- we observed children and the care they received;
- we reviewed information held by CIW;
- we spoke to the children present and the child minder;
- we looked at relevant records: children's records; paediatric first aid certificate and certificate of public liability.

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## 7. About the service

Type of care provided	Child Minder
Registered Person	Gemma Rees-Prance
Registered maximum number of places	10
Age range of children	Birth to 12 years
Opening hours	7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday
Operating Language of the service	English
Date of previous Care Inspectorate Wales inspection	9 July 2018
Date of this inspection visit	30 May 2019
Is this a Flying Start service?	No
Is early years education for three and four year olds provided at the service?	No
Does this service provide the Welsh Language active offer?	<p>This is a service that does not provide an 'Active Offer' of the Welsh language. It does not anticipate, identify or meet the Welsh language needs of people /children who use, or intend to use their service. We recommend that the service provider considers Welsh Government's <i>'More Than Just Words follow on strategic guidance for Welsh language in social care'</i>.</p> <p>The service is situated in a primarily English speaking area and the provider does not currently intend to offer or promote a Welsh language service.</p>
Additional Information: None	

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