

The Scottish Experience

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What is unique about childminding?

- Family Day Care
- Community based
- Small ratios
- Learning from real life experiences
- Mixed age ranges
- Early intervention

Definition of Childminding

- Someone who looks after one or more children on domestic premises for more than two hours a day for reward.
- All adults over 16 years must undergo an enhanced disclosure check.
- Premises are checked for suitability
- Service providers must hold public liability insurance

History of Legislation in UK and Scotland

1948 - Nursery and Childminders Act

1989 - Children Act

1998 - Meeting the Childcare Challenge

1999 - Opening of the Scottish Parliament

2002 – Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act

2010 – Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act

Advantages of Regulation

- Improved the status of childminding
- Improved the quality of childminding
- Improved confidence in childminding
- Introduced regular inspections
- Allowed childminding to be seen alongside of other childcare services
- Allowed childminding services to be used to provide for families at times of need

Current Requirements

- Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland

Independent regulator who regulate, inspect and support the improvement of all social care and social work services in Scotland.

- One set of standards for all early years services
- Services must self assess against the standards
- Services are graded at inspection
- Clear recommendations about ongoing training

Useful Websites

www.childminding.org

www.careinspectorate.com

www.sssc.com

www.scotland.gov.uk/topics/people/young-people

SCMA Vision Statement



Quality childminding....building confident children within a family
childcare experience