

McAulay, Amanda Child Minding

Kilmarnock

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About the service

The childminder is registered to provide a care service to a maximum of six children under the age of 16 years, of whom no more than three are under 12 years, of whom no more than three are not attending primary school and of whom no more than one is under 12 months. Numbers are inclusive of the children of the childminder's family. Minded children cannot be cared for by persons other than those stated on the registration certificate. Overnight care is not provided.

The service is provided from the childminder's home within a residential area of the town of Stewarton, East Ayrshire. The areas used to provide the service were the playroom, downstairs bathroom and garden. The childminder's home is close to local amenities, schools and parks. There were three children registered with the service and two minded children were present at the time of the inspection.

About the inspection

This was an unannounced follow up inspection which took place on 17 July 2025 between 10:30 and 11:20. 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 information, information submitted by the service and intelligence gathered since the last inspection. In making our evaluations of the service we:

- spoke with the childminder;
- observed practice and daily life;
- reviewed documents.

Key messages

- The childminder had made amendments to children's attendance to ensure they complied with their conditions of registration.
- Children were happy and content within the childminder's care.
- Children were kept safe as the childminder had identified risks within the indoor environment, outdoor environment and familiar outings.
- The childminder was confident in identifying risks to children through play and with any new or unfamiliar experiences.

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

Requirements

Requirement 1

By 16 June 2025 the childminder must ensure they are working to their conditions of registration at all times.

This is to comply with Regulation 4(1)(a) (Welfare of users) of the 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:

I experience high quality care and support because people have the necessary information and resources' (HSCS 4.27); and 'My care and support meets my needs and is right for me' (HSCS 1.19).

This requirement was made on 10 June 2025.

Action taken on previous requirement

We made a requirement at the last inspection regarding the childminder having too many children who were not attending school. The childminder had made amendments to the days the children attend, following the previous inspection, to support them in complying with their conditions of registration. At the follow-up inspection, there were the appropriate number of children in with the childminder's conditions of registration, and registers we sampled further evidenced this. This ensured that children were kept safe. Therefore, this requirement has 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 keep children safe the childminder should ensure they reflect current risks and implement risk assessments to reflect these involving children in the process.

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 area for improvement was made on 10 June 2025.

Action taken since then

The childminder had created an overview of risks identified within the indoor environment, the outdoor environment, and familiar outings. They had identified a need to log any further risks and any risks associated with new or unfamiliar experiences, and ensure mitigations were in place to help reduce these risks. They also identified logging risks associated with any new, unfamiliar outings they may take part in, helping them reduce risks to children. Therefore, this area for improvement has been met.

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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