Supporting Home-based Childcare Providers to be Outstanding

Dame Gillian Pugh
President, NCMA

Home-based Childcare today

- 60,000 registered childminders in England and Wales caring for around 280,000 children
- 30,000 Nannies working in the UK, with over 7,800 voluntarily registered with Ofsted in England
- NCMA provides support for two-thirds of the home-based childcare workforce.
- Childminders work on a level playing field with other providers delivering the EYFS

Childminding today

- 50 per cent of registered childminders hold a level 3 qualification or above.
- 67 per cent of registered childminders in England achieved ‘Outstanding’ or ‘Good’ grades in the inspections in 2010.
- High-quality childcare proven to improve outcomes for children and families.

Who benefits from high quality care?

Children and families

- Registered childminders provide flexible, high quality, inclusive childcare in a home based setting.
- Children benefit from the consistent care of a childminder in a small, family-focused environment.
- Childminders can tailor childcare to fit in with the needs of each child and their family

Who benefits from high quality care?

Local authorities

- Childminding itself is a highly cost effective and flexible means of delivering services for children and families including the free entitlement to early years education.
- Unique community based family support service
- Sustainable, quality childcare, rooted in the community, can support local authorities to provide high quality services for their local area.

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- Support childminding schemes and dedicated childminding development workers in the community.
- Tailored support for home-based childcare providers is vital to helping childminders to improve their provision.
- Flexible quality Improvement networks a key part of supporting quality provision, with improved inspection outcomes.

Supported to provide quality care

"NCMA came out and helped me prepare for my first inspection. I got a 'Good' in all areas, I am striving to be Outstanding in my next inspection."

Louise Lyons, registered childminder, Nottinghamshire

Support through networks

- Peer support and advice, reducing the isolation of childminders and increasing childminder sustainability
- On-going training and professional development
- A strong local voice in their community aiding collaborative service delivery with their local authority and other local providers.

Support through networks

"The network has been very supportive and allowed us to develop in many ways. Being part of the network has opened up a greater range of funded training than would otherwise been possible."

Robin Dalby, registered childminder, Bradford

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“Being part of NCMA has been a godsend and studying for the Diploma in Home-Based Childcare has been good not only for the course content but also for meeting other childminders. **Melanie Flynn, registered childminder, Suffolk**

Innovative services

- Networks provide expertise in key areas of early years and care.
- Helps local authorities to deliver services to families, including disabled children, respite schemes and emergency foster placements
- Networks provide a valuable link between childminders and children’s centres, schools and other childcare settings

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