

NHS Childminder Scheme

How it works.....

Childcare is changing the NHS and changing the lives of many parents who work in the NHS. The NHS is a service that operates 24 hours a day, therefore it has proven very difficult for the workforce who have dependant children to find good quality childcare.

The Government's NHS childcare strategy has started breaking down the barriers that parents face when looking for emergency childcare.

The aim of this service is to provide good quality childcare to NHS staff. Bradford Childminding Network is working in partnership with the NHS to provide quality assured childminders.

Childminders who want to be part of the NHS scheme have to be assessed onto the Children Come *first* Quality Assurance Scheme through the Bradford Childminding Network.

NHS staff need flexible childcare due to working shift patterns and long hours therefore choosing a registered childminder would be the most suitable childcare option to fulfil their needs.

Childminders are able to offer personal service to all parents and meet children's individual

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Working in Partnership with

Bradford Childminding Network



Quality Assurance Scheme

Children Come *first*



NHS Childcare Co-ordinators are working in partnership with Bradford Childminding Network to provide access to the NCMA's Children Come *first* scheme for parents employed within the NHS.



Registered childminders who wish to join Bradford Childminding Network are assessed by a co-ordinator, fulfilling the requirements set out in the NCMA's Quality Charter.

Assessment areas covered by the charter are:

Children's learning and development

Working in partnership with parents and families

Children's behaviour

Equality of opportunity and anti-discrimination

Confidentiality

Keeping children safe

Nutrition and diet

Continuity of childminding care

Business practice.

Network co-ordinators give advice and support to both the childminders and parents. The co-ordinators visit network childminders every 6—8 weeks, including monitoring visits and unannounced visits.

Bradford Childminding Network helps to raise the standard of good quality childcare.

Training for NHS Childminders

Personal Safety

Safety in the Home

Lifting and Handling

Stress Counselling

Handling Aggression

Business Seminar

Summer Social Event

Further training will be developed and offered by the NHS