

Childminders and FCCERS and ECERS E

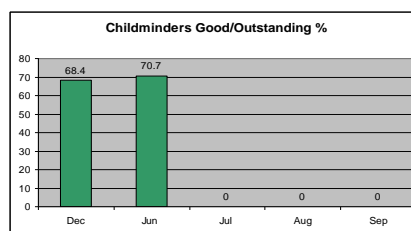
Hertfordshire Overview

1600 childminders
 Herts Quality Standards (HQS) 48 active
 Herts Accredited Childminders (HACS) 16 registered, 6 active (NEG)
 Use of FCCERS

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Childminder Ofsted data



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Childminder feedback re FCCERS

Positives

- “ a chance to show how I work to other professionals”
- Increasing awareness and more self reflective
- Profile graphs useful to share with parents
- Help to highlight how to make my setting more child friendly

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Childminder feedback re FCCERS

Negatives

- “ it was not as bad as having an Ofsted”
- Accessibility of a range of resources *
- Fire checks
- Provide resources to meet a range of ages/needs
- Reluctance to sing in front of adults

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Evaluating the quality of childminding provision?

- **Care**
- **Environment- rooms are suitable approved furniture**
- **Age appropriate equipment**
- **Interactions**
- **Outdoor opportunities**
- **Partnerships**
- **Welfare requirements, safeguarding aspects, routine, health and hygiene, activity provision**
- **Accessibility when limited space and few children (planned access), age of children**
- **Child having ‘sense of self’, home from home environment, child size furniture, separate displays**

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Unique to childminding

- Peer to peer interactions because of differing ages, child adult interactions
- Parental choice, care routines, “family around them”
- Home environment, support system for lone workers, CC links, network access, communication systems-phones,text
- Relationship with parents/carers, CPD for staff, challenge for CM re safeguarding-no appraisal check balance from team
- Different rhythms of the day, we do not always ask enough questions re provision offered to the children that we don't see-access to regular playgroups and facilities that we don't witness as CM 'stays in' to have ECERS ??

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Tools to develop quality of CMs

- Ofsted SEF
- Networks, HQS, CC, YinH training, Ofsted, peer support ?
- Sharing practice/observing other practitioners, understanding transitions
- Special focus on leadership and management to target challenges of being a single/lone worker
- CM rag rating

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Resources – focus should be on potential learning
not about amount of resources accessible
High ratios = high quality
Differentiation easier with small group of children

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Developing CLL and self reflection
Extend children's learning and development
Increase opportunities from learning conversations

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ECERS E - "tricky" items
Print in the environment – space for display
Sounds in words – not planned but spontaneous
Counting – not planned, opportunities in routine events
Natural materials – access to outside
Science resources – access to range of resources

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Possible ways forward

How can we take this forward?

Should accredited CMs have an ECERS
E audit completed ?

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