

Title of example
Centre submitting example
Local authority/local area

First Years Childcare
York and surrounding areas

Background details to the practice

First Years Childcare, based in York and the surrounding areas, is a new childcare organization aiming to improve quality and support for childminders and nannies including a dedicated website. The owner previously ran a children's nursery and childcare agency which focused on supplying nannies and occasional childcare to families. The owner wants to focus on a small childminding setting and move towards supporting other childcare professionals.

About the practice

First Years Childcare intend to start work with a small group of childminders in York. They will work closely with childminders and investigate how childminders might set up and be involved in running their own agency. That will offer more support, information, training and guidance to childminders and inspect them yearly, not every three years. Parents will be secure knowing childminders have been trained and met with and are of a high quality and are supported by other childminders who understand their unique role in the childcare sector. The agency will direct parents to the childminders in their area that have spaces, and will reduce paperwork for childminders by helping with accounts, registration etc. Packages will include the childminder's details on their website and a monthly newsletter. Childcare professionals can then choose additional services. First Years intends to offer help with policy, planning, risk assessment, training and quality assurance and improvement support. The First Years website is being created and this will help First Years Childcare to play the role of a local one stop shop around childminders.

Evidence and evaluation of difference to children and families

This will be assessed and updated throughout the trial.

First Years Childcare are in the process of recruiting childminders and developing their website.

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