

Changes to Minimum Standards for Childminding and Day Care for Children Under Age 12

1. Cover page updated to include “amended October 2018.”
2. Page 3 – the first line has been changed to “Childminding and Day Care” to reflect the title of the standards.
3. Page 3 – last paragraph – “for the full working day” has been removed from the second sentence.
4. Page 4 – second paragraph – “for school aged children” has been added after out of schools clubs.
5. Page 4 – fourth paragraph – group has been changed to “setting.”
6. Page 5 – link to Children NI Order 1995 updated.
7. Page 6 – Article 4 reference changed to “protection and implementation of children’s rights.”
8. Page 6 – Article 12 reference changed to “respect for and weight given to the views of the child.”
9. Page 8 – Paragraph changed to “Safeguarding has been placed at the start of this section as safety and well-being is at the centre of a quality service.”
10. Page 30 – first paragraph – wording changed to “and on site at all times, this may be the manager, deputy manager or a person identified by the Registered Person as in charge and who holds the appropriate Level 5 Diploma (or equivalent).”
11. Page 31 – second paragraph - group has been changed to setting.
12. Page 32 – second paragraph – wording changed to “where a setting is registered for more than 26 children, the number of children in each room never exceeds 26.”
13. Page 32 – fifth paragraph – wording changed to “Minimum ratios of staff to children must be met and at least 2 members of staff must be on duty in each room within a setting at all times.”

14. Page 32 – sessional care – “person in charge/manager” has been added to paragraphs on out of school clubs and pre-school sessional care or crèches.
15. Page 33 – sessional care – fifth paragraph – wording changed to “and at least 2 members of staff are on duty in each room within the setting at all times.”
16. Page 33 – sessional care – seventh paragraph – wording changed to “As with full day care, in pre-school and crèches the minimum ratios of staff to children must be maintained and at least 2 members of staff on duty in each room within a setting at all times. With the exception of out of schools clubs no more than 26 children should be accommodated in a room within a sessional care setting.”
17. P35 – “by April 2016” removed from paragraph.
18. Page 51 – Wording changed to include “if the child’s need for medicine has changed or ceased.”