

Childminding - *Your Business, Your Decision!*

As a self employed Childminder, you like any other service provider within business can choose the level of service you wish to provide. With regard to quality, one can assume that any service provider will endeavour to provide an optimum service to clients so as to build a sound reputation and generate business.

If you are required to notify the HSE, you may select to notify as a full-time, part-time or sessional childcare service. The Pre-school Inspector may suggest that you change to a more appropriate category or change the number of children on the grounds of quality or health and safety considerations. You should receive such a ruling in writing from the Inspector. No other person has the right to determine your service type!

Categories of Childminding Services:

Sessional service – periods for not more than 3.5 hours per day. Childminders may run sessional services in the morning and afternoon for different groups of Children so long as the limit set under their notification status is not exceeded.

Part time service – periods for greater than 3.5 hours, but no more than 5 hours, (which may include a sessional service).

Full day care service - periods of more than 5 hours, (which may include a sessional service).