

Appendix A**ASSESSMENT OF FITNESS OF PREMISES AND
EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGISTRATION OF
CHILDMINDERS****Policy**

Under Article 124(5) (a) of the Children (NI) Order it is a mandatory requirement that the Trust satisfy itself about the fitness of the premises before registration. The physical environment both indoors and outdoors must promote safety and encourage positive growth and development for children.

Procedure

1. At the home visits the registering social worker (or in some Trusts, Health Visitors) must satisfy themselves about the fitness and suitability of all the premises indoors and outdoors, using the Health and Safety Checklist provided and that all the toys and equipment are of good quality and of sound construction and meet the developmental needs of the proposed minded children.
2. Following inspection of the premises and equipment the registering social worker discusses any issues which need addressed before leaving the premises and obtains an agreement from the applicant that these will be complied with. These issues are then put in writing to the applicant and a copy is placed on file.
3. The applicant informs the registering social worker that the agreed work is completed. This is noted on file and the registering social worker carries out a home visit to ensure that all identified issues have been addressed.