

## **New inspection procedures for Scottish childminders**

The Care Inspectorate has carried out a series of pilot inspections with the 'Getting it Right for Every Child' approach very much at the centre of the inspection process. They are now ready, from April 2014, to roll out a new way of inspecting Scottish childminders.

You can find out more about 'Getting it right for every child' here –

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright>.

The focus of the new inspections will be on how well the childminder ensures the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators are met for every child in their service. The SHANARRI wellbeing indicators will be used to evaluate how well the childminder ensures children are –

- S – safe
- H – healthy
- A – achieving
- N – nurtured
- A - active
- R – respected
- R – responsible
- I – included

You can find out more about the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators and how they can be used to raise outcomes for young children here...

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright/well-being>

...and here -

[http://www.careinspectorate.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=8370&Itemid=709](http://www.careinspectorate.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8370&Itemid=709)

It will be up to each childminder to demonstrate that the SHANARRI wellbeing outcomes are being met by all the children. E-book 69 'SHANARRI – Scotland' from Knutsford Childminding looks at each of the 8 SHANARRI wellbeing indicators in detail and considers how you can provide evidence to your Care Inspector that you are complying with the new requirements.

You can buy e-book 69 for £3.99 from [Knutsford Childminding Resources](#). It has been written by an early years writer with support from an experienced Scottish childminder.

The new Scottish Self-Assessment Form (SAF) also uses the 8 SHANARRI outcomes within every question to further emphasise their importance. The new SAF has been shortened and the style of questions is different from previously. All childminders will need to do their SAF again.

E-book 68 'SAF – Scotland' from Knutsford Childminding walks you through each question of the SAF and a second chapter talks in detail about continuous professional development (CPD) and how you can use it to support your future learning and development.

You can buy e-book 68 for £4.99 from [Knutsford Childminding Resources](#). It has been written with support from an experienced Scottish childminder.

You can find more information about how to use SHANARRI in your SAF in this SAF prompt guide – <http://www.childmindinghelp.co.uk/forum/scswis-formerly-scottish-care-commission-information-inspection-tips/130453-saf-prompt-our-scottish-colleagues.html>

This document is freely available to all members of the Childminding Forum.

The Care Inspectorate wants all childminders to recognise that the focus of inspections will be to consider outcomes for the children - they are very much moving away from a paperwork based inspection. During inspections, they will talk to the children and watch the childminder to see how well s/he meets the children's needs within SHANARRI.

However, remember that if relevant and required documentation is not in place to help you comply with the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators and the National Care Standards, inspectors will of course require improvements to be made.

You can find a copy of the National Care Standards for Scotland here – <http://www.nationalcarestandards.org/213.html>.

When evaluating how well you support each child using the SHANARRI outcomes, it will also be important that you involve parents, asking them to give you feedback on how well they think you keep their child safe, healthy etc. Where possible, inspectors will try to engage parents in the inspection process, speaking to them and asking them questions about how well you support their child – so you will need to make sure all your parents understand the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators and how you are using SHANARRI in your service to raise outcomes for their child.

We are currently writing further advice and information about SHANARRI for parents. It will be available soon...

If Scottish childminders have concerns about completing the new style SAF or using the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators in their work, they can ask questions on the Childminding Forum in a section dedicated for use by our Scottish colleagues – <http://www.childmindinghelp.co.uk/forum/scswis-formerly-scottish-care-commission-information-inspection-tips/>.

Please let us know if there is anything more we can do to support you. Thank you.