

M: Paediatric first aid - Childminders

What do I need to know?

- Legal Framework
 - [Equality Act 2010](#)
 - [The Health and Safety \(First-Aid\) Regulations 1981](#)
- [Early years foundation stage statutory framework for childminders](#) page 24, paragraphs 3.42-3.44

Paediatric first aid (pages 26-27 of audit)	Things to consider and discuss:
Do you know that childminders are required to have a paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate to register and must continue to hold this at all times that you are registered? You can refer to: The Childcare (Early Years Register) Regulations 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you ensured that your certificate which was required to register must continue to be held at all times that you are registered? How do you monitor this so that it remains full and relevant?
Do you ensure at least one person has a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate and is on the premises and is available at all times when children are present, and accompanies children on outings?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who are the staff members with a current paediatric first aid certificate (PFA)? When do they need to renew their qualification? How do you plan to ensure there is always at least one person in your provision holds a current PFA certificate? How do you ensure there is always a member of staff with a current PFA certificate on-site, on visits and on school-runs? Where do you keep your first aid kit? How do you ensure the first aid kit is easily accessible? Does everyone know where to find it? Who would use it? Do you have separate, portable first aid kits for outings or school runs? What procedures are in place to ensure the contents of first aid kits are regularly checked and returned to allocated storage space? How do you know what should be in your first aid kit to meet Health and Safety Regulations? What are your contingency plans if a staff member with a current PFA certificate isn't available?
Do you ensure the certificate is for a full course consistent with the criteria set out in Annex A of the 'Statutory framework for the EYFS'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do you know PFA certificates meet the requirements of the Statutory framework for the EYFS, Annex A?

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<p>Do you ensure you renew PFA training every three years and ensure it is relevant for workers caring for young children and where relevant, babies?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do staff renew their PFA certificate every three years? • Who is responsible for monitoring PFA certificates to ensure they do not lapse? • How do you know that PFA training is relevant to working with young children and babies?
<p><i>Are you aware that childminders are responsible for identifying and selecting a competent training provider to deliver their PFA training. There is no hierarchy in relation to the range of Training Providers who offer Paediatric First Aid training, however you may want to consider one of the following: one that is a member of a Trade Body with an approval and monitoring scheme, the Voluntary Aid Societies and those who work under Ofqual Awarding organisations offering nationally regulated qualifications. It may also be helpful to refer to HSE's guidance about choosing a first aid training provider, which can be found at:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Register of Regulated Qualifications: Qualifications search results (ofqual.gov.uk) may help you identify PFA providers. • HSE guidance about choosing a first aid training provider may be helpful. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would you obtain information on local companies who are able to provide appropriate, high quality first aid training?
<p>Do you take into account the number of children, assistants, and layout of premises to ensure that a paediatric first aider is able to respond to emergencies quickly?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you manage staff with PFA to ensure they are able to respond to emergencies quickly e.g. if staff with PFA are on another floor, in another building (on-site) or outdoors? • How quickly and easily accessible is the first aid kit and other equipment that may be required in an emergency? • How do you maintain ratios if staff with PFA have to move to another area of the provision?
<p>Do you make sure that PFA certificates or a list of staff who have a current PFA certificate, are available to parents on request?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you provide the PFA certificates or a list of staff who have a current PFA certificate to parents if a request is made?

Useful links and further help:

[UK Government and Ofsted guidance to registration](#)

[Early years qualifications list](#)

[First aid at work - your questions answered](#)

[Basic advice on first aid at work](#)

[First aid in schools](#)

[HSE guidance](#)

[The Register of Regulated Qualifications: Qualifications search results \(ofqual.gov.uk\)](#)

[Derbyshire SchoolsNet - Early Years](#)

[Derbyshire Early Years Service - Eventbrite](#)

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