

Scheme of Excellence Scottish Childminding Association

SCMA promotes registered childminding as a quality childcare service, through its vision and key priorities for childminding developed by the Association's elected members.

"Quality childminding... building confident children within a family childcare experience"

Profile

- 1 Raising the profile of childminding and the work of the Association.
- 2 Improving the quality of childminding.
- 3 Recruiting and Retaining quality childminders.

SCMA was first set up in 1985 and became an independent organisation in 1990 at the AGM of the National Childminding Association.

The structure of the Scottish Childminding Association is based on a network of volunteer members from 32 local authority areas and around 60 staff who work to promote the organisation's aims daily. The strength of the Association lies in its belief that every member has the right to contribute and play an active part in the future of the Association through its many networks.

The Association has around 6,000 members. More than half of these members are part of local childminding support groups. There are also a number of corporate and other members who support the Association in its promotion of high quality childminding.

The Association is a Company Limited by Guarantee, whose directors are selected from 32 elected members representing the Unitary Authorities in Scotland. The Association seeks to promote childminding as a quality childcare service. Through its members, elected representatives, volunteers and paid staff, the Association strives to give advice on how the highest standards of childminding can be achieved.



SCMA has a team of development officers covering Scotland who are available for local support and information. These staff members develop childminding on the local authority areas and cover 5 regional teams: North, South East, South West, Central West and Central East.

Through this structure SCMA aims to provide registered childminders with a strong support network that provides training, advice, support, information and a representative for childminding in that area.

The Qualification(s)/Learning Programme(s)

The Scheme of Excellence was developed as an open learning resource to encourage registered childminders to become actively involved in the development of their childminding service.



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