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Our Reference 254428

Dear Beeches Day Nursery Limited

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Kamaljit Kaur Jandu, monitored your provision on 29/05/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 16/04/2014, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

The welfare requirements notice asked you to: train all staff to ensure that they understand the safeguarding policy and procedures and have up-to-date-knowledge of safeguarding issues, with specific reference to making appropriate notifications.

We also sent you a notice of action to improve which asked you to: ensure that key persons are aware of who their key children are to enable them to effectively tailor each child's care to meet their individual needs; take steps to ensure the safety of children by ensuring that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks indoors or outdoors to allow children to move around and play safely and keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance to maintain children's safety at all times.

The additional action that you were required to take to improve related to the learning and development aspects of care for children. We asked you to: provide challenging and enjoyable experiences for children in all areas of learning and development by; improving planning for individual children, taking into account their interests, starting points and the next steps in their learning and develop effective methods of monitoring the planning and assessments to ensure robust observation and assessment of children's learning is in place to support them effectively in making good progress towards the early learning goals.

A monitoring visit took place on 29 May 2014. The provider has worked with staff to

ensure that they understand the safeguarding policy and procedures. Staff spoken to at the time of the visit have up-to-date-knowledge of safeguarding issues, with specific reference to making appropriate notifications. Safeguarding is to be discussed at every staff meeting to ensure staff knowledge and understanding remains up to date. A daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance to maintain children's safety at all times is now in place.

Staff are now aware of who their key children are and each child's care is effectively tailored to meet their individual care needs. Visual risk assessments are undertaken to remove most risks and ensure children can move around and play safely indoors or outdoors.

Some progress has been made regarding the learning and development aspects of care for children. They are provided with challenging and enjoyable experiences based on their interests. For example, children show great enthusiasm playing with water and soil in the outdoor area, this helps to develop their physical development. Staff interact appropriately with children, using opportunities for language development such as words like fill and pour effectively. Some progress has been made within planning for individual children. Next steps are identified and activities to help children make progress are planned. Staff know which areas individual children are working on and support children through their chosen activities. However, starting points for all children are not identified and assessments do not show how next steps have been reached. Children's learning journals are in disarray, this means it is difficult to identify progress children are making and if any children require additional support. It would be difficult for parents to see progression using the learning journals because they are not in date order. Methods to monitor the planning and assessments to ensure robust observation and assessment of children's learning to support them effectively in making good progress towards the early learning goals are in their infancy.

During the visit, we also found that a Disclosure and Barring Services check has not been obtained for a member of staff who has been working at the setting since November 2013.

Following the visit, we issued a further notice of actions to improve that required the provider to:

obtain an enhanced criminal records disclosure in respect of every person aged 16 and over who works directly with children (Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage: Suitable People)

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that the setting has taken prompt and effective action to address the points for improvement.

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Next steps

The next step will be further monitoring.

I hope that you have found the visit helpful in promoting improvement in your setting. If you have any further queries please contact us on the number at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Nick Hudson
National Director, Early Education

Actions

Action	Due date	Closed date
obtain an enhanced criminal records disclosure in respect of every person aged 16 and over who works directly with children (Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage:Suitable People	20/06/2014	