

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 30 May 2014, the provider notified Ofsted of an allegation against a member of staff. The notification was not received within the 14 day timescale. This means that the provider has not met their legal responsibility as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage safeguarding and welfare requirements to notify Ofsted of any significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of any person who cares for, or is in regular contact with, children on the premises to look after children. At an inspection we looked at the concerns to see whether the provider was meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements relating to Safeguarding Practice and Safeguarding Policy: in particular the requirements that providers must notify Ofsted within 14 days of a significant event. It was found that the provider did not have a reasonable excuse for the delay. However, the provider did notify their local authority designated officer of the allegation and carried out their own internal investigation. As a result, the appropriate disciplinary action was completed with the member of staff concerned. The preschool has a clear safeguarding policy and procedure that meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage, although, this was not implemented in a timely manner on this occasion. The provider has reviewed the procedure and all staff have read it and signed to that effect and have refreshed their training. Following our inspection, we sent the provider a notice to improve to; ensure that management have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities with regards to meeting and implementing the requirements of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, with particular reference to notifying Ofsted within required timescales, so that they are aware of the standards that all early years providers must meet to ensure that children are kept healthy and safe. The provider remains registered with Ofsted.

Publication of compliance action

We aim to ensure that the welfare of children and young people is protected in the services we regulate. The Childcare Act 2006 and accompanying regulations set out our responsibilities to regulate childminders and childcare providers. This includes the enforcement powers we have in relation to those registered providers who do not comply with the requirements for registration.

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