

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 08 May 2015, the provider notified Ofsted of an incident whereby children had locked themselves in a cupboard. This resulted in the fire brigade being called. The notification means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) welfare requirements to notify Ofsted of a significant event.

We needed to visit the setting to ensure the requirements of the EYFS, specifically in relation to Staff: child ratios. These state staffing arrangements must meet the needs of all children and ensure their safety. Providers must ensure that children are adequately supervised and decide how to deploy staff to ensure children's needs are met. Children must usually be within sight and hearing of staff and always within sight or hearing. In addition we needed to ensure the requirements relating to Risk assessment were met. These state risk assessment should identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis, when and by whom those aspects will be checked and how the risk will be removed or minimised.

We visited the setting where we found that the setting had taken immediate action by removing the risk posed by low level locks on storage cupboards. Locks had been removed throughout the nursery. Although the risks had been identified previously, the setting had been advised they could not remove them as a result of fire safety. Further action should have therefore been taken to minimise the risk of children locking themselves in the cupboard. It has since been an agreed course of action to remove the locks in consultation with the building owners and fire safety.

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

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