

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 05 May 2016 the provider notified Ofsted that a child had left the premises unsupervised, this raised concerns about the supervision of children. The notification means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements to notify Ofsted of any significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of the early years provider or any person who cares for, or is in regular contact with, children on the premises to look after children.

On 06 May Ofsted conducted an announced visit and looked into this concern to see whether the setting was meeting Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements, in particular we considered the requirement relating to premises which states: providers must only release children into the care of individuals who have been notified to the provider by the parent, and must ensure that children do not leave the premises unsupervised.

We also looked into the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements relating to: learning and development; child protection; staff qualifications, training, support and skills; staff:child ratios; safety and suitability of premises, risk assessment; outings.

During the visit we scrutinised related documentation, interviewed the provider and manager, and checked the security of the premises. We found that staff deployment had not been effective prior to the incident. However the provider had put in place measures to improve practice and comply with requirements by carrying out a risk assessment which led to revised arrival and collection arrangements to improve safety. In addition the provider took steps to improve deployment of staff and ensure they are clear about their responsibilities. We were satisfied with the actions taken by the provider but identified that the safeguarding procedures were not sufficiently robust

therefore we a welfare requirement notice, which required the provider to:

make sure that all staff understand the safeguarding procedures and are clear about their role and responsibilities. In particular ensure the person with lead responsibilities is appropriately knowledgeable to provide support, advice and guidance to any other staff on an ongoing basis, and on any specific safeguarding issue as required.

Although it did not form part of the original concerns, we found that the risk assessments for outings were not robust; and children did not have daily access to outdoor activities which extends their learning and development opportunities.

Following our investigation we issued the provider with a welfare requirements notice which required the provider to:

make sure all risk assessments take full account of potential risks and serve as an effective tool to minimize risks and safeguard children particularly in respect of risk assessments completed for outings;

extend children's learning experiences by ensuring they have daily access to an outdoor play area where they can explore and become involved in a range of suitably planned outdoor activities.

The provider has taken appropriate action to comply with requirements. 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.

We publish details of any actions we take, or the childminder or childcare provider takes to bring about compliance with requirements on our website for a period of five years commencing on the date we complete our investigation.

For further information please read the *Early years compliance handbook* which can be found here at www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted .