

## **Compliance action taken for childcare provision**

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### **Summary of outcome**

On 20 April 2016, an outside agency notified us of an allegation made against the childminder.

We initially liaised with other agencies to gather information regarding the allegation. On 24 April 2016, we suspended the childminder's registration to allow time for investigations to be carried out and to ascertain whether steps needed to be taken to eliminate or reduce the risk of harm. When the external investigations were concluded, we looked into this concern to see whether the childminder was meeting the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements. We focussed on the requirements relating to child protection and suitability for registration. We visited the childminder on 9 June 2016. We also spoke to other agencies and adults working alongside the childminder. We found no concerns relating to the childminder's suitability and concluded that children were not at risk of harm. We lifted the suspension. At the visit, we found that there had been an occasion when an allegation was made and the childminder failed to notify Ofsted and did not follow child protection procedures.

Following the visit, we sent the childminder a notice of actions to improve. This notice required the childminder to ensure that the safeguarding policy is understood and followed at all times, with particular regard to the procedure to follow in the event of allegations against adults. We also sent a warning letter for not notifying Ofsted of the allegation within the required timescales.

The childminder wrote to us to inform us of the action taken to comply with the notice. We were satisfied with the action taken.

The childminder 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](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted) .