

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 25 July 2016, the provider notified us that a child had been unsupervised in the outdoor area of the setting. 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. We needed to look into this notification to ensure the provider was meeting the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage in relation to 'Staff: child ratios.' In particular, these state: Staffing ratios 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 in within sight and hearing of staff and always within sight or hearing.

We visited the premises where we found the provider had taken appropriate action by reviewing the procedures when children move from the outdoor to the indoor area. Staff have been retrained in these procedures and will be observed in their practice. It was however, found that access could be gained to the premises without identification being checked on the day of the visit. We have therefore issued a notice to improve requesting the provider to: ensure only those persons whose identity has been checked and are authorised, can access the premises.

The provider responded appropriately by taking appropriate action. 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 .