

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

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### **Summary of outcome**

On 23 December 2016, we received a notification from a provider, that raised concerns about the child protection procedures in place. We needed to investigate this concern to see whether the setting was meeting the requirements of the early years foundation stage relating to Child protection. In particular, the requirements state that Providers must have regard to the Government's statutory guidance 'Working Together to Safeguard Children'. If providers have concerns about children's safety or welfare, they must notify agencies with statutory responsibility without delay.

We carried out an unannounced visit to the premises and found that concerns had been identified by staff about an incident at one of the children's homes. Management had not been made aware of the concerns until the end of the day and then they had contacted the health visitor for advice rather than reporting the concerns to children's social care straight away.

Following our investigation, we sent the provider a notice of action to improve that asks the provider to:

- ensure that you have regard to the Government's statutory guidance 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' by ensuring that where there are concerns about children's safety or welfare, the local children's social care services are notified without delay
- ensure that staff are able to identify signs of possible abuse and respond in a timely and appropriate way.

We are satisfied with the action taken by the provider

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