

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

We received information about the setting that raised concerns the provider was failing to meet the requirements of the statutory framework for the early years foundation stage (EYFS) in relation to 'child protection,' 'suitable people,' 'staff qualifications, training, support and skills,' and 'premises.' We carried out an unannounced visit on 9 March 2017 and found multiple breaches of the requirements of the EYFS. The provider had failed to carry out suitability checks on persons working with children. They had failed to implement a key persons system, or train staff to understand their roles and responsibilities. Staff did not know how to recognise or report a concern about staff or children in their care. They were not take reasonable steps to protect children in the case of a fire. Children were at risk of cross contamination from using the same towel to dry their hands, and these were not regularly washed. Children did not have opportunities for everyday outdoor play and there was no suitably qualified person to take charge as deputy manager in the manager's absence.

Due to the number and nature of the breaches of requirements Ofsted issued welfare requirement notices in relation to the breaches to the provider to be met by 22 March 2017. We carried out an unannounced visit to the setting on 23 March 2017. We found that the provider had taken some action to meet the notices served. She has provided some training to staff. They were now aware o how to evacuate the premises in the case of a fire. New checklists and procedures were in place to protect children's health. Children now had daily outdoor play. However, staff were still unsure about how to recognise a child protection concern. Suitability checks had been requested but were not yet returned. No key person system was in place and there was still not suitable qualified person to take charge in the event of the manager's absence. The provider chose to resign their registration on 31 March 2017. The setting is no longer 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 .