

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 24 April 2017, we received a notification from the provider which raised concerns about the supervision and safety of children in the nursery. 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 investigate these concerns to see whether the provider was meeting the early years foundation stage welfare requirements relating to 'child supervision, 'staff deployment', child safety and risk assessment. In particular the requirement that states, 'providers must ensure that they take all reasonable steps to ensure staff and children in their care are not exposed to risks and must be able to demonstrate how they are managing risks.

We carried out an unannounced visit to the setting to discuss the safety and supervision of the children and to observe the arrangements for the storage of cleaning materials. We found that that ratios were maintained and staff were appropriately deployed. However, we found that that hazardous materials were placed at low levels which posed a risk to children's safety.

Although it was not part of the original concern, we found that staff were not following the setting's safeguarding procedures.

As a result of our visit we issued the provider with a welfare requirements notice which requires them to;

-improve safety in the nursery through robust risk assessments and by increasing staff awareness of the hazards that pose a risk to children's health and safety;

- improve staff knowledge and understanding of the safeguarding procedures in the nursery, ensuring that they take appropriate action in a timely manner,

when dealing with injuries that children sustain at home.

It is an offence for a person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with a welfare requirements notice. Failure to comply may result in a prosecution.

The provider has reviewed the risk assessments and made them robust. They have also provided guidance and training for staff on safety matters. We are satisfied with the action taken by the provider to meet the action issued in the welfare requirements notice.

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 .