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Our Reference 115533

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

Thank you for the help which you gave when we visited your setting with the above registration number on 22/01/2009. This monitoring visit follows your inadequate inspection.

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Outcome of the visit

As a result of the inspection on 11/11/2008, you were sent a welfare requirements notice.

There were five welfare requirement notices and four actions set which required the provider to improve the provision of the childminding service. The provider was not complying with the welfare requirements: safeguarding and promoting children's good health, because she had not completed an appropriate paediatric first aid course. The childminder was also not complying with the welfare requirement: documentation, as she was not ensuring full details of all medication administered to a minded child and accidents are appropriately recorded, nor was she ensuring an attendance register is maintained with times of arrival and departure. Therefore welfare requirement notices were set. The welfare requirement: safeguarding and promoting welfare of children, was not being complied with because she did not ensure that an effective safeguarding policy is implemented or have sufficient knowledge and understanding of child protection in line with the Local Safeguarding Children Board procedures, so that a welfare requirement notice was set. The provider had not ensured hazardous items are inaccessible to children, for example sharp knives, so another welfare requirement notice was set. Actions were set under the welfare requirement: organisation, as the childminder did not have systems in place to observe, assess and plan to provide children with experiences that aid their

progress towards all of the early learning goals. The childminder was also required to develop knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to enable children's learning and development and another action was set. The welfare requirement: documentation was not met as the childminder had not ensured all required documentation is available for inspection; nor was there a record of risk assessments, stating when it was carried out, by whom, date of review and any action taken following a review or incident.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that at this time you are making inadequate improvement overall.

Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

The childminder has made inadequate improvements since the last inspection. The provider has booked a place on a paediatric first aid course but has not yet attended this. As a result there are safeguarding issues for children. Children are not being safeguarded as attendance records are not completed with the time of arrival and departure. Children are further at risk as the safeguarding policy and procedure do not include details of what must happen if they make any allegation, although the childminder has ensured she has contact numbers and documents to refer to. The childminder has made the sharp knives in the kitchen inaccessible by placing a lock on the drawer these are stored in. The children are protected by a risk assessment which is now in place and the provider is able to demonstrate that she is aware of risks inside and outside. The children are safeguarded by records for administering medication and recording accidents which the childminder is using. However, the children's learning and development is not being observed or assessed to enable the childminder to plan experiences that support their progress towards the early learning goals as the childminder has not developed her understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Next steps

Having considered all the evidence the inspector is of the opinion that at this time:

- The childminder has made inadequate progress in addressing the points for improvement. This visit has raised serious concerns about the standard of welfare, learning and development. The next visit will be a further monitoring visit at which we expect to see improvement or we will be taking steps to cancel your registration or move to prosecution.

If you have any further queries please contact us on the number at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Shippam", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Roger Shippam
Director, Children