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Our Reference 115533

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Susan Jennifer Scott, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 11/02/2009. This visit follows on from your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of the visit

As a result of our inspection on 22/01/2009, we sent you 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 that full details of all medication administered to a minded child and accidents were 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 were 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 framework 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, the 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 satisfactory improvement overall.

Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

The childminder has made adequate improvements since the last inspection. The provider has completed a paediatric first aid course. The children are being safeguarded as attendance records are now completed with the time of arrival and departure. Children are further safeguarded as the policy and procedure include details of what must happen if they make any allegation, and the childminder has ensured she understands what she must do in this event and has contact numbers to refer to if necessary. The children are protected by a full risk assessment and the childminder is able to demonstrate that she is aware of risks and has made the sharp knives in the kitchen inaccessible by placing a lock on the drawer these are stored in. The children are safeguarded by records for administering medication and recording accidents which the childminder is using. The childminder has developed her understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework so that she supports children's learning and development. The childminder plans experiences that support children's progress towards the early learning goals as she uses observations and assessments to enable their progress.

Next steps

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

- The childminder has made satisfactory progress in addressing the points for improvement. The next visit will be a full inspection.

I hope that you have found the visit helpful in promoting improvement in your childminding service. 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 that reads "Sheila Brown".

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