

Our Reference 401848

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Mandy Mooney, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 07/10/2011. 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 08/12/2010, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

In addition to the welfare requirements notice, you were also sent a notice of action to improve.

The welfare requirements notice required you to ensure appropriate qualifications, training, skills and knowledge are in place, by obtaining a current paediatric first aid certificate.

The notice of action to improve asked you to implement an effective safeguarding children policy and procedure, carry out a full risk assessment for each type of outing, to conduct observational assessments in order to plan to meet young children's needs and to implement effective systems to ensure that every child receives an enjoyable and challenging learning and development experience that is tailored to meet their individual needs, implement an effective safeguarding children policy and procedure,

The visit carried out on 07/10/2011 found that the welfare requirement notice relating to first aid had been met. Improvements had been made to the way that observation and assessment takes place and in planning for individual needs and a risk assessment for specify outings had been completed and the safeguarding policy updated and the childminder was able to demonstrate a sound understanding of her responsibility to safeguard children. Satisfactory progress has been made overall. There was satisfactory progress made in consolidating knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements and therefore the next step will be a full inspection.

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 now attended a paediatric first aid course to refresh and update her knowledge should a child have an accident or incident whilst in her care.

Observational assessments of children's progress continue to be made and those viewed show a greater understanding of how to move children forward in their learning to enable their development. This in turn enables the childminder to plan activities in order to help children to make progress. The childminder has sought support from her co-childminder in order to develop her practice with regard to observation, assessment and meeting children's individual needs.

The childminder was able to demonstrate a clear understanding of the safeguarding policy and recognises her responsibilities in regard to allegations that may be made against herself or her co-childminder, in order that children remain protected. Risk assessments for outings and for the premises have been completed, highlighting possible hazards and what could be done about them to keep children safe.

Next steps

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

- The childminder has made satisfactory 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

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