

Our Reference EY398718

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Mandy Mooney, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 03/12/2012. 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 02/10/2012, we sent you a notice to improve.

The actions raised in the notice to improve under the Early Years Foundation Stage Welfare Requirements asked you to: not allow people whose suitability has not been checked, including through a criminal records check, to have unsupervised contact with children being cared for (Safeguarding, also applies to the Childcare register and voluntary part of the childcare register); ensure unvetted staff and people under the age of 17 years are supervised at all times when working with children (Suitable people, also applies to the Childcare register and voluntary part of the childcare register); ensure parents are informed of the following: how the EYFS is being delivered in the setting, how parents can share learning at home, and details of staffing in the setting (Information for parents and carers); improve the educational programme for communication and language by keeping background noise to a minimum, for example by using music or radio briefly only for particular purposes (Education programmes); develop the educational programme in all areas of learning by planning challenging and motivating experiences for children's individual needs and interests to ensure they make progress in their learning and development (Education programmes) and develop observation and assessment to understand the level of children's achievement, interests and learning styles to shape the learning experiences for each child (Assessment).

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

At the second monitoring visit on 4 December 2012 the regulatory inspector found, through observation, discussion and documentation, that those actions to be

completed by 20 October 2012 have been met. This is because steps have been taken to ensure assistants aged 17 or under are not counted in the ratios and supervised at all times while caring for children. Assistants are deployed to ensure that any adults without suitable checks in place, are not left alone with the children. You confirmed that although you work with one trainee assistant and two assistants, only the two assistants are counted in the ratios. In practice, it was observed that the trainee assistant aged 16 years was not left alone with the children throughout the visit and was not needed to meet the required adult: child ratios today.

Information is on display about the Early Years Foundation Stage and the prime and specific areas of learning to help parents understand the learning and development requirements. Contact books are provided for those parents that want information in writing which includes the activities children take part in, details of how their care needs are met and observations and assessment of their progress. Parents are encouraged to contribute to the child's learning and development in writing or verbally. You have started completing the progress reports for children aged two to three years and you explained this is something you intend to do for all children as required. A completed report was seen by the inspector and this demonstrated parents were actively involved in this process and encouraged to contribute their comments.

From our discussion you explained that you were unable to attend the training on the 1 December 2012 which was to cover developing the educational programme for children and using observation and assessment to meet their individual learning needs. You explained you intend to rebook this and attend as soon as a space becomes available and you also intend to seek further advice from the local authority advisor on best practice for planning and assessing to meet the needs of all children. You confirmed you refer to 'Development Matters' to guide your planning and next steps for children.

At the visit children appeared content. Their care needs were met; they were organised in two different rooms where quiet activities were taking place, whilst older children took part in a cooking activity. Children made independent choices and were engaged with various appropriate resources for play.

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 further monitoring visit.

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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