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Our Reference EY418304

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Mandy Mooney, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 03/06/2013. 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 01/05/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The welfare requirement notice raised under the Early Years Foundation Stage Welfare Requirements asked you to ensure the assistant receives induction training to help them understand their role and responsibilities, for example, in safeguarding, child protection, and health and safety issues and take action to ensure there are procedures covering the use of phones and cameras in the setting. Actions were also raised in a notice to improve which asked you to improve the risk assessment to include all hazards when outside the home; for example, to ensure children are kept safe in hot weather and how risks will be removed or minimised when they are outside and improve the procedures for keeping children healthy and safe when they engage in outdoor activities in the sun.

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

To further improve the early years provision the registered person should:

- Ensure the assistant receives induction training to help them understand their role and responsibilities, for example, in safeguarding, child protection and health and safety issues 17/06/2013
- ensure the risk assessment covers all areas accessed by children and records the potential hazards and steps taken to minimise these. Ensure this is dated and signed by the person who has completed it. 17/06/2013

Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

At the first monitoring visit on 3 June 2013 the regulatory inspector found, through observation, discussion and documentation that satisfactory progress had been made on the welfare requirement notices and actions. This is because the provider has taken some steps to devise an induction process for her assistant and this includes devising a job description, which records very specific tasks for caring for the children and some safety aspects and policies and procedures. However, this does not include all areas of health and safety and safeguarding and furthermore, the process of checking that the assistant is secure in her knowledge of her role and responsibilities is not evident. The provider has developed and implemented a clear written policy for the use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting and this contributes to ensuring children are kept safe. Considerable action has been taken to ensure children are kept safe in hot weather and to minimise risks whilst outside. This includes, ensuring a record is kept of when sun cream is administered and regular checks of this, minimising the time children spend in the sun, a large canopy has been erected in the garden which offers shade and a sun tent is available to protect children. The risk assessment has been reviewed and a new checklist is being developed, however, the current risk assessment does not clearly identify all potential hazards to children or the steps taken to minimise the hazards and furthermore, risk assessments are not dated or signed by the person completing them.

As a result of this monitoring visit the provider was issued with two notices to improve which asks her to: ensure the assistant receives induction training to help them understand their role and responsibilities, for example, in safeguarding, child protection and health and safety issues and ensure the risk assessment covers all areas accessed by children and records the potential hazards and steps taken to minimise these. Ensure this is dated and signed by the person who has completed it.

The provider has made satisfactory progress since her inspection and the next visit will be a further monitoring visit.

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

Susan Gregory HMI
National Director, Inspection Delivery

For the attention of: Compliance, Investigation and Enforcement Team.

Reply slip

ACTIONS

Please complete the box below to show what you have done in order to meet the action required:

Action Required	Action Taken	Date Completed
Ensure the assistant receives induction training to help them understand their role and responsibilities, for example, in safeguarding, child protection and health and safety issues		
ensure the risk assessment covers all areas accessed by children and records the potential hazards and steps taken to minimise these. Ensure this is dated and signed by the person who has completed it.		

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