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Our Reference 104667

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Linda Williamson, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 19/07/2013. 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 12/07/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The welfare requirements notice required you to take the following action to meet the requirements of registration; ensure you care for a maximum of 3 young children, unless you are caring for sibling babies and can demonstrate that the individual needs of all children are being met. It is an offence to fail to meet the requirements of a welfare requirements notice.

We also issued a notice to improve asking to take the following steps to meet the requirements of registration:

Review the planning and organisation of activities, to ensure that each child benefits from challenging and enjoyable experiences, in all areas of learning and development, with particular regard to promoting children's communication and language development (Learning and Development – Planning)

Review risk assessments and develop robust self-evaluation procedures, to improve and monitor safety, supervision and effectiveness of children's care and learning (Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment)

Ensure a daily record is kept of the name, home address and date of birth of each child who is looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance (Records to be kept, Childcare Register)

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

A monitoring visit was carried out on 19 July 2013 and you are making satisfactory progress.

You have ensured you do not care for more than 3 young children at any one time, unless you are caring for a sibling baby. When you are caring for a sibling baby you have ensured you do not care for more than 4 young children. You explain how you will ensure you do not start a new contract to childmind an additional child.

During the visit you were observed caring for 4 young children and generally you met their needs well. Friendly conversation with the children allowed them to talk about the day's activities and their food choices. Following the nutritious mid-day meal, you encouraged the children to have a sleep; this ensured the children's normal daily routines were observed. You ensured children were supervised at all times. You have a daily record of the name, home address and date of birth of each child who is looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance.

You have made some progress towards the actions detailed in the notice to improve. However, due to extenuating circumstances including a delay in the inspection report being issued, you have been unable to obtain support and guidance in meeting the actions relating to the learning and development requirements. You explained how you use puppet play to promote children's communication and language development. A range of resources and equipment were observed to be available to the children. You explained you have started to access documentation to assist your planning of the educational programme, and the subsequent assessment of the children's learning and development achievements. You explained how you conduct regular risk assessment to ensure children's safety. You are looking at available resources to assist you to develop your self-evaluation procedures.

Ofsted will carry out a further monitoring visit to ensure that the changes in place are sustained, and additional steps are taken to meet the actions as detailed on the notice to improve.

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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