

Our Reference EY359775

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Michael Dwyer, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 06/08/2013. 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 27/06/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

In order to ensure that children are kept safe you were issued with a welfare requirements notice which required you to 'obtain written permission from parents to administer medication and keep a written record each time a medicine is administered', 'keep a daily record of the names of the children being cared for on the premises, their hours of attendance and the names of each child's key person', and 'protect the privacy of children by ensuring that all information relating to the child is handled in a way that ensures confidentiality, with specific regard to the entries made in the incident book and its current accessibility to parents and carers.'

In addition to the welfare requirements notice you were also issued with a notice to improve which required you to 'improve self-evaluation to promote monitoring and evaluation to strengthens the links between identified priorities and plans to secure improvements to the provision for children', 'improve knowledge of the learning and development requirements in order to consider the individual needs, interests and stage of development of each child and use this information to identify their next steps and plan a challenging and enjoyable experience for each child in all of the areas of learning and development', 'obtain and share information regularly with parents and carers to allow an effective two-way flow of information that informs planning and supports effective teaching', 'keep records of the following and retain them for a period of two years: any medicine administered to any child who is cared for on the premises, including the date and circumstances and who administered it, including medicine which the child is permitted to self-administer, together with a record of a parent/guardian/carer's consent', and 'keep records of the following and retain them for a period of two years: a daily record of the names of the children

looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance'.

A monitoring visit was completed on 6 August 2013 to see if these actions had been met.

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

Following the monitoring visit and having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that at this time your setting is making satisfactory improvement overall.

During the monitoring visit of 6 August 2013, you demonstrated that you now had a system in place to record where you had obtained written permission from parents to administer medication and a file set up to keep a record of any instances. You understood when it was appropriate to give medication, what type of medication, and what information to record about this. You had kept a daily record of the names of the children being cared for on the premises, their hours of attendance and a record of when your assistant is in sole charge of the children. A booklet with information about a number of the children was no-longer available for parents to access in the hallway, and you had a system in place to ensure that when you allowed access to the information, parents only saw that which related to their child.

You had completed a self evaluation of your childcare service and had identified areas that you required additional support in. You were able to demonstrate a knowledge of the Learning and Development requirements and how you analysed the stage of development that each child was at, the next steps for each child, and then had a system of using this information to plan activities. You also analysed activities to show how they were linked to the areas of learning. Information was then shared with parents regarding this and their input was sought.

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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