

Our Reference 402691

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Lorraine Meldrum Sunter, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 07/06/2013. 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 08/04/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The notice required you to ensure people, whose suitability has not been checked, including through the Disclosing and Barring Service, do not have unsupervised contact with children; that any assistant who might be in sole charge of the children for any period of time, holds a current paediatric first aid certificate; obtain permission from parents and/or carers to leave children with an assistant, including for very short periods of time; ensure children are not left in the sole care of childminders' assistants for more than 2 hours at most in a single day; ensure that the premises and equipment are fit for purpose and are organised in a way that meets the needs of children, with particular regard to enabling children to have privacy during nappy changes and toileting.

In addition to the welfare requirements notice you were issued several actions to improve requiring you to ensure suitable systems are in place to reflect on the different ways that children learn and reflect these in the practice within the educational programme to provide children with appropriate challenges that meets their needs, aptitudes and interests (Learning and Development); ensure that any person having unsupervised contact with children is suitable to be in regular contact with children and has completed suitability checks for the Disclosure and Barring Service through Ofsted in respect of that person (voluntary part of the Childcare Register); implement effective systems to ensure that any person caring for children is suitable to work with children, which must include obtaining being vetted by the Disclosure and Barring Service through Ofsted (compulsory part of the Childcare Register); implement effective systems to ensure that any person caring for children is suitable to work with children, which must include obtaining being vetted by the

Disclosure and Barring Service through Ofsted (voluntary part of the Childcare Register); maintain records of the name, home address and telephone number of every person living or working on the premises on which childcare is provided (compulsory part of the Childcare Register); maintain records of the name, home address and telephone number of every person living or working on the premises on which childcare is provided (voluntary part of the Childcare Register); inform Ofsted of the name, date of birth, address and telephone number of any person aged 16 or over working or living on the premises (voluntary part of the Childcare Register); inform Ofsted of the name, date of birth, address and telephone number of any person aged 16 or over working or living on the premises (compulsory part of the Childcare Register); ensure that any person having unsupervised contact with children is suitable to be in regular contact with children and has completed suitability checks for the Disclosure and Barring Service through Ofsted in respect of that person (compulsory part of the 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 undertaken on 07 June 2013. It was found that overall progress made since the last inspection was satisfactory.

The childminder understands it is her responsibility to ensure all suitability checks are completed for new assistants and any persons within the household. She intends to be rigorous in applying and overseeing the process. She will consider not allowing a person to work as an assistant until all checks are completed. The childminder will make sure any unchecked person does not have unsupervised access to children and will arrange her assistants work accordingly.

Currently there are two assistants who have not completed their first aid training course. They are booked to attend a course in the near future. The childminder said at that point everyone will have attended current 1st aid training. She knows and is very clear that until then neither of the two assistants can be in sole charge of the children.

Completed parental consent forms are now in place, which stipulate permission is given for an assistant to care for their child for a period of up to two hours.

Previous misunderstandings regarding how long a child can be in the sole care of an assistant have now been clarified. The childminder is very clear and fully understands the period of time cannot exceed more than two hours in a single day.

Due to better organisation of areas, routines and resources within the premises, children are able to have privacy during nappy changes and toileting.

Currently each child has an individual file which is used to record progress in their learning and development. The childminder is implementing an online system, relating to the areas of learning, which she and assistants will complete. This will show each child's progress in their learning and development. Parents will have a secure password, can access their child's details at home and see any photos relevant to their child.

The childminder acknowledges this system is in its infancy as yet. The childminder understands how to use children's interests to engage them and plan for learning. She intends to use the system to reflect on each child's progress in their learning, and use to plan the next steps in their development.

A further monitoring visit is to take place to assess what improvements the childminder has made and how she is able to sustain these.

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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