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Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Julie Whitelaw, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 30/10/2013. 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 09/09/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The welfare requirement notice asked you to comply with the following actions:

ensure the premises are secure. This refers to the front door so that children cannot leave the premises unsupervised (Safety). This action is due to be met by 24 October 2013

implement a policy and procedures to safeguard children, in line with the guidance and procedures of the relevant Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). The safeguarding policy and procedures must include an explanation of the action to be taken in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff, and cover the use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting (Child protection). This action is due to be met by 24 October 2013

obtain permission from parents and/or carers to leave their children with an assistant, including for a very short period of time (Childminders). This action is due to be met by 24 October 2013

ensure that children are not left in the sole care of an assistant for more than two hours in any single day.
(Childminders). This action is due to be met by 24 October 2013.

We also issued a notice of actions to improve that asked you to:

ensure a maximum of six children under the age of eight are cared for at any one

time. Of these six children, a maximum of three may be young children (A child is a young child up until 1st September following his or her fifth birthday), and there should only be one child under the age of one (Childminders).

This action is due to be met by 24 October 2013

obtain prior written permission from parents and/or carers, for each particular medicine, before administering any medicine to their child (Medicines). This action is due to be met by 09 October 2013;

maintain an accurate record of children's hours of attendance and the name of their key person (Information about the Provider). This action is due to be met by 9 October 2013

ensure that required records are in place for each and every child, which include for example, their date of birth (Information about the Provider). This action is due to be met by 9 October 2013

implement a behaviour management policy, and procedures. This is to ensure effective strategies are used to manage children's behaviour (Managing Behaviour). This action is due to be met by 9 November 2013

consider the individual needs, interests, and stage of development of each child in their care, and use this information to plan a challenging and enjoyable experience for each child in all of the areas of learning and development (Planning). This action is due to be met by 9 November 2013

observe children to understand their level of achievement, interests and learning styles, and shape learning experiences for each child reflecting those observations (Educational Programme). This action is due to be met by 9 November 2013

improve the tracking of children's individual progress, gaining knowledge of the progress check at two years in order to identify the child's strengths and any areas where the progress is less than expected (Assessment). This action is due to be met by 9 November 2013

On 30 October 2013, we carried out an unannounced monitoring visit to check that the actions detailed in the welfare requirement notice and the notice to improve have been met. Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that at this time the progress made is satisfactory overall.

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 monitoring visit on 30 October 2013, the inspector gathered evidence in relation to the actions in the welfare requirement notice and the notice to improve that were due to be met before the visit. It was found that the front door was secure. The door is locked when children arrive and the key is placed on a high hook by the door out of children's reach. This ensures that children can not leave the house unsupervised and are therefore kept safe.

An effective safeguarding policy and procedure is in place. The childminder demonstrated that she now has a clear understanding of the safeguarding policy and procedure which she would implement if she believed a child in her care was being abused. The childminder explained what action she would take if an allegation of abuse was made against any adult working or living on the premises. Therefore appropriate action would be taken to safeguard children. The safeguarding policy also covers the use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting. However, this needs to be further developed to clarify the use of mobile phone by parents and assistant in the setting and will be further reviewed at the next visit.

Written permission to leave children in the care of an assistant, for no more than two hours, is now obtained from parents. The childminder ensures that children are not left alone in the care of an assistant for more than two hours each day. Action has been taken by the childminder to ensure she now meets the requirement in relation to staff to child ratios. This ensures that children's safety is promoted and their individual needs are met.

Written permission is obtained from parents prior to administering medication and a record is now maintained of the time children arrive and leave the setting and who the child's key worker is. Records are in place for each child, including their date of birth. This means that the required information is in place to promote children's safety and wellbeing.

The childminder and assistant have attended training and organised further training to develop their knowledge and skills.

A further monitoring visit will take place to check that the mobile phone and camera policy has been further reviewed, to check the actions with a later due date are met and to ensure that the improvements made are maintained.

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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