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## **Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate**

An Ofsted inspector, Jennifer Fisher, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 26/11/2013. 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.

As a result of our inspection on 27 June 2013, we sent you a welfare requirement notice that required you to; take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children and others on the premises in the case of fire or other emergency, by ensuring that you have an emergency evacuation procedure and appropriate fire detection and control equipment, such as smoke detectors, which are in working order and ensure that fire doors are free from obstruction; improve your understanding of children's safety by ensuring that you have clear procedures for assessing risks to children's safety, and that they are reviewed regularly and to ensure that the risk assessment identifies aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis and that you have taken appropriate steps to minimise or remove these risks.

A notice to improve was also given that required you to undertake a risk assessment of the home and equipment at least once in each calendar year or immediately where the need arises to identify and minimise risk; ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register); obtain a current public liability insurance; make sure there is insurance cover in respect of liability which may be incurred for death, injury, public liability, damage or other loss (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register); obtain from parents the full details of the children including the name and address of every parent or carer who has parental responsibility for the child and with whom the child normally lives with including emergency contact details; keep records of the name, home address of each child who is looked after, as well as the name, home address of parent and/or carer of each child who is looked after. (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register); ensure that there is a

first aid box accessible at all times with appropriate content for use with children; ensure parents are provided with information about the activities the children will undertake (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register); develop your understanding of the learning and development requirements, giving priority to educational programmes for the prime and specific areas of learning; make regular observations of children's learning, assess their progress across the seven areas of learning in relation to their age and stage of development, and use this information to plan the next steps for each child; Implement systems to initiate progress checks for two-year-olds and discuss with parents and/or carers how the summary of development can be used to support learning at home and encourage parents to share their observations of children's learning at home.

We sent you a further Welfare requirements notice following your monitoring visit on 02 August 2013 requiring you to ensure that the risk assessment identifies aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis and that you have taken appropriate steps to minimise or remove these risks and to remove the hazards identified in the living room, specifically trailing wires and pipe and ensure that equipment to be used by children is safe and suitable for children.

As a result of the monitoring visit of 02 August 2013, a notice to improve was also sent that required you to; ensure parents are provided with information about activities the children will undertake (voluntary and compulsory part of the Childcare Register); ensure that the balcony can be made inaccessible and that children are not able to easily exit this area unsupervised, whilst ensuring that it is an access route in the event of an emergency; complete paediatric first aid training to ensure a current paediatric first aid certificate is held, to safeguard children's health and well-being in case of an accident; ensure that appropriate first aid qualification is completed to protect children's welfare (compulsory and voluntary part of the Childcare Register); obtain from parents the full details of the children including the name and address of every parent or carer who has parental responsibility for the child and with whom the child normally lives with including emergency contact details; develop your understanding of the learning and development requirements, giving priority to educational programmes for the prime and specific areas of learning; make regular observations of children's learning, assess their progress across the seven areas of learning in relation to their age and stage of development, and use this information to plan the next steps for each child and implement systems to initiate progress checks for two-year-olds and discuss with parents and/or carers how the summary of development can be used to support learning at home and encourage parents to share their observations of children's learning at home.

As a result of the visit on 07 October 2013 a further welfare requirement was raised at this visit which required you to ensure that you complete paediatric first aid training. In addition, a further notice to improve was raised requiring you to develop

your understanding of the learning and development requirements, giving priority to educational programmes for the prime and specific areas of learning; make regular observations of children's learning, assess their progress across the seven areas of learning in relation to their age and stage of development, and use this information to plan the next steps for each child.

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 third monitoring visit on 26 November 2013, the regulatory inspector found, through observation, discussion and observation of documentation that you have a clear knowledge and understanding of risk assessment and have developed a risk assessment policy that is specific to your premises. You are able to identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis and you have taken appropriate steps to minimise or remove these risks. You have steps in place to continue to risk assess. You have ensured that the balcony can be made inaccessible and that it is also a clear access route in the event of an emergency. You continue to monitor this and keep exits clear and free from obstruction.

You are not actively minding at the moment, however you have put steps in place so that information about activities the children will undertake can be shared with parents, this includes a notice board and activity plans on display. You have a daily diary ready for use for when you begin minding, and you plan to share these with parents.

You have successfully completed paediatric first aid training to ensure that safety and well-being of children in your care.

You have organised your records to ensure that you have the necessary forms in place to obtain from parents, the full details of the children including the name and address of every parent or carer who has parental responsibility for the child and with whom the child normally lives with including emergency contact details

You have a clearer understanding of the learning and development requirements, you understand the prime and specific areas of learning and are able to describe activities that you will provide in each of these areas. You are not actively minding so have not been able to put these plans into practice, however you have a much clearer understanding of the areas of learning.

You understand the need for observation of children's progress; you understand that these must be linked to the areas of learning and the importance of identifying children's levels of development and using children's progress to plan for next steps. You understand that progress checks for two years olds are required and you have the format for completing these. You have completed an information sheet for parents to explain how observation and assessment is used to monitor children's

progress and to assess children's strengths and weaknesses. You plan to share these with parents. You are clear that next steps for children need to be identified and that the key focus is on the prime areas of learning.

To further ensure professional development, you have also completed a course on allegations against practitioners and development of safer professional practice and you are attending college twice a week to complete training on English and maths in order to improve spelling and written English. In addition, you are planning to attend more courses as they are available.

### **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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