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Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Linda Cass, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 10/02/2014. 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 01/10/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The welfare requirement notice required you to address the following:

have an effective system in place to ensure that assistants, and any other person who is likely to have regular contact with children (including those living or working on the premises) are suitable; take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children and others on the premises in the case of a fire or any other emergency, in particular exits must be clearly identifiable and doors must be free of obstruction and easily opened from the inside; ensure that you meet the required adult to child ratios as set out in the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage; ensure that you meet the indoor space requirements to meet the needs of the range of children cared for.

A notice to improve was also issued which required you to address the following:

improve and develop knowledge and understanding of all aspects of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, and ensure all requirements are met, in order to provide a safe and suitable care and learning environment which will enable all children to make progress; ensure that staffing arrangements are organised to ensure safety and to meet the needs of the children with particular regard to the supervision of children at all times; ensure the premises and equipment are organised to meet the needs of children this refers to children being provided with suitable bedding and a place where they can rest and or sleep safely without disturbance; ensure you have a clear and well-understood policy, and procedures, for assessing any risks to children's safety, and review risk assessments regularly;

ensure that any person caring for or having regular contact with children is suitable to work with children: this includes obtaining a Disclosure and Barring Service check (Voluntary and compulsory part of the Childcare Register); ensure that the premises and equipment used for the purposes of childcare are safe and suitable for that childcare (Voluntary and compulsory part of the Childcare Register); display the certificate of registration at all times (Voluntary and compulsory part of the Childcare Register)

A monitoring visit took place on 06 November 2013. An additional notice to improve was issued to ensure any care provided for older children does not adversely affect the care of children receiving early years provision. With particular regard to ensuring space requirements are 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

A monitoring visit took place on 10 February 2014.

You have made good progress with regard to meeting the space requirements. You have purchased attractive low level storage boxes that house a variety of good quality resources. Children are able to self-select activities and move between the lounge and playroom. A wide selection of games, books and art and craft activities are available for older children. Younger children enjoy a variety of resources that promote their all-round development.

Children are mostly given kind and caring support. However, children's behaviour is not always managed appropriately. For example, using the 'time out' cushion caused a child to become distressed. This was because he was removed from the room and left alone sitting on the cushion. Alternative methods such as distraction were not used to encourage the child to help to tidy up. You acknowledged that using alternative behaviour management methods was best practice and 'time out' would be used as a last resort in future. You said the children would remain in the same room as you if they did need 'time out' in future.

You have made satisfactory progress to improve and develop knowledge and understanding of all aspects of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. You have all the required documents to support your practice. You have implemented learning journeys for the children and have taken steps to provide a learning environment which will enable all children to make progress. You know what stage of development each child is at and plan activities to promote their learning.

You speak to a child's parent and teacher if you are worried about the wellbeing of a child. However, at the time of the visit you were not fully confident in reporting

concerns to the relevant child protection agency without delay. This was discussed with you at length and you are now clear about your role in safeguarding the children in your care.

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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