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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Sally Smith, monitored your provision on 04/03/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 04/12/2013, we sent you a notice to improve. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

During the monitoring visit the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. You confirmed that you have received no contact from the local authority since your last inspection and you have not contacted them for advice or support. The inspector looked at Disclosure and Barring Service checks for yourself, partner and childminding assistant. She looked at your medication procedures and documentation, children's learning journeys and your observations, assessments and planning for children's learning. She looked at your first aid certificate and discussed your provision for snacks and meals for children. She looked at the play areas used for childminding. The inspector found that while you have addressed some of the actions raised, you have not developed a clear action plan to prioritise all areas for consideration.

Through discussion the inspector found that you have obtained Disclosure and Barring Service checks for all people living and working on the premises to ensure they are suitable to be in contact with children. You now ensure that parents provide written consent prior to each course of medication being given to their child. They also sign to say they acknowledge the time, date and amount their child has been given by the childminder throughout the day. This contributes to ensuring that children's well-being and safety is promoted while children are in your care.

You are now supporting children's health better as you ensure that packed lunches provided by parents are balanced and nutritious. You have discussed healthier contents so that children eat less processed food. You have informed parents that you will not give children sweets, even if they are put in children's lunchboxes. You have held a healthy eating month to share information with parents and children to promote healthy diets. Parents have been provided with relevant literature while children have engaged in discussions and cooking activities to raise their awareness

of good foods to eat. You provide children with nutritious and healthy snacks. You have begun to devise a written healthy eating policy to share with parents, outlining how this will be promoted within your setting. However, this is still in the early stages of being written, so has not yet had an impact on promoting children's health and well-being.

Systems are in place to monitor the quality of teaching and assessment. You have revised your planning and now carry out regular observations and assessments on children, tracking their progress and identifying the next steps for their learning. This ensures that activities are based on their individual needs and provide sufficient challenge.

However, you have not ensured that your childminding assistant has an up-to-date first aid certificate, despite this expiring in January 2011. At times you have left her in the sole charge of children. This means that children's health and well-being is not effectively promoted.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that the childminder has not taken prompt and effective action to address the points for improvement.

Next steps

We will take enforcement action to ensure compliance with children's welfare and/or learning and development requirements.

If you have any further queries please contact us on the number at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Lorna Fitzjohn
National Director, Childminding

Actions

Action	Due date	Closed date
ensure that information is supplied promptly to Ofsted, to allow checks to be undertaken to establish the suitability of adults living on the premises to promote children's safety	04/03/2014	04/03/2014
ensure that at least one person who has a current paediatric first aid certificate is present at all times when children are being cared for on the premises or on outings to promote children's good health and well-being in the event of an accident	04/03/2014	04/03/2014
ensure that written permission is obtained from the child's parent and/or carer for each medicine before it is administered to ensure children's good health and well-being	04/03/2014	04/03/2014
ensure that meals and snacks provided for children are healthy, balanced and nutritious to promote their good health	04/03/2014	04/03/2014
develop further the planning of adult-led activities to ensure there is an appropriate balance and that children's learning is maximised by fully supporting all of their next steps.	04/03/2014	04/03/2014
ensure that a record is kept of parent/guardian/carer's consent for medicine administered to any child who is cared for on the premises (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	04/03/2014	04/03/2014
ensure that Ofsted is informed of the name, date of birth, address and telephone number of any person aged 16 or over living on the premises (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	04/03/2014	04/03/2014
ensure that a record is kept of parent/guardian/carer's consent for medicine administered to any child who is cared for on the premises (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	04/03/2014	04/03/2014

ensure that Ofsted is informed of the name, date of birth, address and telephone number of any person aged 16 or over living on the premises (voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 04/03/2014 04/03/2014

ensure that at least one person who has a current paediatric first certificate is on the premises at all times when children are present and must accompany children on outings. 28/03/2014