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## **Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate**

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

## **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 07/01/2014, we sent you a notice to improve.

During the monitoring visit, the inspector discussed with you the steps you had taken to address the actions raised in the notices to improve. She observed your interaction with a minded child and spoke to you. She sampled documentation in place for planning, observation and assessment and relating to medication records. The local authority advisor attended the visit. She confirmed that you have received support from them since the last inspection.

You have developed a clear action plan for you to address the issues raised at the last inspection and this has been successful in helping you move forward to improve your practice. You have developed your assessment systems to clearly identify children's starting points and to plan support their next steps for learning. You have improved your planning systems to help children progress in all areas of learning appropriate for their age in order to meet their individual needs. You have also developed your assessment systems to include parents more actively in their children's learning and development, including through their learning journals.

You have developed your communication with other early years settings children also attend to further support continuity in each child's care and learning. You commented how the new systems you have implemented are already proving beneficial and making a difference to your practice. You are continuing to develop your systems for observation, assessment and planning through the completion of a module on planning and assessment in the local authority's quality assurance scheme. You are also booked on to a training course with the local authority regarding planning and assessment to further develop your skills and knowledge in supporting children's learning and development.

You have obtained written permission from parents to administer medication to children. You have drawn up new forms to enable you to do this and to record clear

details of all medication administered to a child, in order to safeguard their welfare. You have purchased a new first-aid box, which is appropriately stocked with contents to enable you to provide emergency care to children following an accident. You also have a travel first-aid kit to take on outings to support you in your care of children in the event of an accident. You have systems in place now to regularly check the contents of the first aid boxes to ensure they have appropriate contents in them. This demonstrates your commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of children in your care.

You have reflected on your practice, made changes to your systems for supporting children's learning and development and introduced new record-keeping documents to support you in your practice. You have been proactive in seeking support and working in partnership with the local authority to meet the actions raised at the last inspection. You have drawn up an action plan together and you are accessing local authority training to further develop your skills as a childminder. You understand the importance of robust self-evaluation and fostering continuous improvement in the quality of your provision in order to improve outcomes for children.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that you have taken prompt and effective action to address the points for improvement.

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### **Next steps**

The next step 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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National Director, Childminding