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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Josephine Northend, monitored your provision on 07/04/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 09/01/2014, 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. She observed you working with the children and viewed the resources and activities available to the children. The inspector looked at your certificate of attendance at a first aid course, and the systems you have in place to assess children's progress and complete a progress check at age two. The inspector discussed with you how children learn and also viewed your activity planning, children's journals and daily diaries that you have put in place to record your observations of children.

The inspector found that you have taken action to address the actions raised at your last inspection. You have evaluated the quality of your practice and the impact this has on outcomes for children. You have welcomed the support from your local authority. The inspector found that you now have a current paediatric first aid certificate which contributes to supporting your safeguarding practice and supports the well-being of children.

You are using the information you gather about children's learning and development in order to review children's progress. You have systems to provide parents with a written summary of their child's progress at age two. This will enable you and the parents to have a clearer understanding of each child's strengths and areas where their development is less than expected.

The inspector found that you introduced a system to observe children and use this information to assess their progress and plan for the next steps in their learning. You are using guidance to match your observations to the areas of learning and the expected development bands. This has improved your understanding in how to plan for children's learning.

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

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

Lorna Fitzjohn
National Director, Childminding

Actions

Action	Due date	Closed date
obtain a current first aid certificate so that appropriate action can be taken, should it be needed, to promote children's well-being and health	09/03/2014	07/04/2014
implement assessments for all children, including the progress check at age two, to identify children's strengths and where progress is less than expected.	12/01/2014	07/04/2014
obtain a current first aid certificate so that appropriate action can be taken, should it be needed, to promote children's well-being and health (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	09/03/2014	07/04/2014
obtain a current first aid certificate so that appropriate action can be taken, should it be needed, to promote children's well-being and health (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	09/03/2014	07/04/2014