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Our Reference EY259941

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Nicola Dickinson, monitored your provision on 08/04/2014 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 improve. She reviewed the action you have taken to improve knowledge and understanding of the different types of abuse and the procedures to follow in the event of a child protection issue. She also reviewed what measures you have taken to ensure you maintain a written record of all medication administered to children. The inspector reviewed the documentation you use to record children's hours of attendance. She discussed with you what action you have taken to develop a programme of professional development to ensure your quality of teaching and learning experiences for children continually improve. She also reviewed what systems you have put in place to obtain information from parents about children's starting points and information about their ongoing development at home. The inspector discussed with you how you plan to make better use of ongoing observations to plan activities that consistently provide good levels of challenge for children across all areas of learning so that they make good progress.

The inspector found that you have developed a comprehensive action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection and have introduced systems to evaluate the quality of practice and the impact this has on outcomes for children. This has enabled you to accurately prioritise the areas for improvement identified at your last inspection and to plan for ongoing improvement.

You have accessed advanced safeguarding training to improve your knowledge of child protection issues. As a result, you have a clear understanding of the different types of abuse. You have also developed detailed safeguarding policies and procedures that include the procedures to follow in the event of a child protection issue.

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You now have documentation in place that enables you to keep a written record of all medication administered to children and this contributes to maintaining their health and well-being.

You are maintaining an accurate record of children's hours of attendance and this ensures ratios are maintained at all times.

You have welcomed support from your local authority and are working closely with them to develop a programme of professional development. You are also working in partnership with the local school to share learning programmes for children and you are using current guidance documents to improve your knowledge and understanding of how children learn. This means you are improving your quality of teaching and as a result, the educational programmes you provide for children are improving.

You have put systems in place to obtain information from parents about children's starting points when they enter your care. You are also encouraging parents to share information about children's progress at home by adding comments to 'record books' which are shared with them daily. This ensures you have accurate information about children's attainment that you can use to plan activities that offer children challenge and help them to make good progress in their 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
improve knowledge and understanding of the different types of abuse and the procedures to follow in the event of a child protection issue	30/01/2014	08/04/2014
develop a programme of professional development to ensure the quality of teaching and learning experiences for children continually improves	30/01/2014	08/04/2014
obtain information from parents about children's starting points and their ongoing development at home; make better use of ongoing observations to plan activities that consistently provide good levels of challenge for children across all areas of learning so that they make good progress	30/01/2014	08/04/2014
maintain a written record of all medication administered to children, to ensure that their well-being is appropriately supported	30/01/2014	08/04/2014
ensure an accurate record of children's hours of attendance is consistently maintained	30/01/2014	08/04/2014
maintain a record of children's hours of attendance (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	30/01/2014	08/04/2014
maintain a record of all medication administered to children (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	30/01/2014	08/04/2014
maintain a record of children's hours of attendance (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	30/01/2014	08/04/2014
maintain a record of all medication administered to children (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	30/01/2014	08/04/2014