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Our Reference EY372882

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Pauline Nazarkardeh, monitored your provision on 09/05/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 06/12/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

These notices required childminder to:

Develop procedures to ensure that Ofsted is informed of all adults working in the premises to enable required checks to be carried out

Display your certificate of registration when working at the premises.

In addition the childminder was also issued with notices to improve to:

Develop a key person system to ensure children's individual needs are met effectively and inform parents and/or carers of the name of the key person, and explain their role, when a child starts attending the setting

Make sure that assistants have a secure knowledge and understanding of safeguarding children issues in order to be able to implement an effective safeguarding children policy and procedure appropriately

Update and maintain the first aid box to ensure it contains appropriate content to meet the needs of children in the event of an accident

Extend children's individual learning by planning effectively, ensuring that there are readily available appropriate resources and activities for babies throughout the session

Strengthen knowledge of the areas of learning to improve the system for tracking children's progress and gain a understanding of the required progress check at two years old

Provide evidence to demonstrate that you hold public liability insurance for this

registration.

On the 9 May 2014 a monitoring visit took place. During this visit the inspector discussed with the childminder the steps that had been taken to address the actions raised in the welfare requirement notice and the notice to improve.

The inspector observed that arrangements for children's safety had improved; children were protected as all adults having contact with the children had undergone an assessment of their suitability. In addition all items in the first aid box had been replaced. The childminder had improved her safeguarding knowledge and she was aware of how to protect children, should she have a concern for their safety. Further improvements were needed in the childminder's safeguarding practice, in particular the need to ensure that all assistants were familiar with safeguarding policies and the need for a procedure to follow should a safeguarding allegation be made against any childminder or assistant working with the children.

During the visit the childminder provided a range of activities covering the breadth of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum which were based on observations of the children and linked to an assessment of how the children can be helped to progress. The childminder had introduced learning journey records to achieve this and had sought support and advice from the Local Authorities childminding development worker.

It was found that the childminder had extended her knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework and was ensuring compliance with requirements, for example, maintaining insurance cover, displaying certificate of registration and monitoring first aid equipment. During the visit the childminder demonstrated that she had made improvements to the information provided to parents especially that relating to the introduced key person system.

The childminder had taken prompt and effective action. Although everything was not yet in place she was on track to be judged as requires improvement or better at her next inspection.

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.

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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
develop a key person system to ensure children's individual needs are met effectively and inform parents and/or carers of the name of the key person, and explain their role, when a child starts attending the setting	07/02/2014	10/05/2014
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update and maintain the first aid box to ensure it contains appropriate content to meet the needs of children in the event of an accident	07/02/2014	10/05/2014
extend children's individual learning by planning effectively, ensuring that there are readily available appropriate resources and activities for babies throughout the session	07/02/2014	10/05/2014
strengthen knowledge of the areas of learning to improve the system for tracking children's progress and gain a understanding of the required progress check at two years old	07/02/2014	10/05/2014
provide evidence to demonstrate that you hold public liability insurance for this registration	07/02/2014	10/05/2014