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Our Reference 139804

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Elizabeth Coffey, monitored your provision on 21/05/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 26/02/2014, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

The welfare requirements notice required you to:
improve knowledge and understanding of safeguarding requirements in relation to leaving children with an unvetted adult;
ensure people whose suitability has not been checked, including through a Disclosure and Barring Service check, do not have unsupervised contact with children being cared for.

We also issued you a Notice to Improve that required you to:
ensure that all children are usually within sight and hearing and always within sight or hearing.

At the monitoring visit on 21 May 2014 the regulatory inspector found, through observation, discussion and documentation that you have met all actions that were raised within the timescales. The action that you have taken shows that you are making satisfactory progress overall.

You have engaged fully with the local authority Early Years team who have offered you support advice and training. You have attended an updated Child Protection awareness course and can demonstrate a sound knowledge of safeguarding practice. This includes the need to ensure the suitability of all adults who may have unsupervised access to children and the requirement that unvetted adults must not have unsupervised access to children. You are also clear about the need for minded children to be with sight and/or hearing at all times. Your written safeguarding procedures have been updated to reflect these requirements and have been shared with parents.

Three children were attending during the monitoring visit and were observed to be

well engaged and appropriately supervised by you throughout the visit. There are no other adults living or working in the home and you have suitable contingency arrangements in place in the event of an emergency. You fully accept that leaving minded children in the care of an unvetted adult is a breach of requirements and does not adequately safeguard children.

You are aware of the need to keep a record of complaints and their outcome and to make this available to Ofsted on request. You have complied a record of the complaint that a parent made regarding leaving a child with an unvetted adult and this information has been shared with parents.

You accept that you failed to notify Ofsted of the parent's complaint which raised concerns about your suitability and safeguarding practice as soon as was reasonably practicable. However the matter was discussed with you within 14 days and as result there is no failure to comply with the requirement to notify Ofsted about particular matters. You are able to demonstrate a sound knowledge of changes that must be notified to Ofsted and were clear about your responsibility to meet this requirement.

Overall you have made progress in all areas highlighted at inspection and taken appropriate action to deal with identified weaknesses. You will now be scheduled for a full 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.

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
ensure that any person having unsupervised contact with children is suitable to be in regular contact with children and an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check has been obtained through Ofsted in respect of that person (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	25/04/2014	21/05/2014
ensure that any person having unsupervised contact with children is suitable to be in regular contact with children and an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check has been obtained through Ofsted in respect of that person (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	25/04/2014	21/05/2014
ensure that all children are usually within sight and hearing and always within sight or hearing.	25/04/2014	21/05/2014
WRN: improve knowledge and understanding of safeguarding requirements in relation to leaving children with an unvetted adult	25/04/2014	21/05/2014
ensure people whose suitability has not been checked, including through a Disclosure and Barring Service check, do not have unsupervised contact with children being cared for	25/04/2014	21/05/2014