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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Diane Stone, monitored your provision on 29/04/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 25/11/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

The notices required you to:

improve knowledge and understanding of the signs of possible abuse and neglect so that any concerns can be responded to in a timely and appropriate; and gain secure knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements and the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundations Stage, to ensure that children make good progress in their learning and are kept safe and well

At the visit on 20 January 2014 the inspector concluded that although the provider had taken some steps to address the areas of development identified at inspection, insufficient progress had been made in all areas. As a result the welfare requirement notices, the learning and development notice of actions to improve and notice of action to improve relating to completing a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, under the compulsory and voluntary parts of the General Childcare register had not been met.

Through documentation used at the setting and through discussion and observation at the monitoring visit on 29 April 2014 the inspector concludes that the provider has addressed all of the issues raised at inspection.

The provider has recently attended a child protection training course and now has a safeguarding policy in place which addresses how they will respond to any concerns they have of a child protection nature. The provider has developed their knowledge and understanding of roles and responsibilities with regard to child protection procedures and what action they may need to take to ensure children remain safeguarded.

The provider has continued to work with the Local Authority to develop their knowledge and understanding of Early Years Foundations Stage requirements. Daily diaries continue to be used to record children's daily routines and to provide parents with an account of what their child has been doing during the day. Development records are now in place to enable the provider to assess children's progress in all areas of learning. Although the daily dairies contain information about children's development this is not yet used to inform the provider's assessment of children's progress. The provider needs to consider how this information can be incorporated into children's development records which will provide a more rounded picture of children's development.

Reviews of children progress at age two have been completed. Children's progress in communication and language, personal, social and emotional development and physical development have been appropriately assessed. The information from the provider's assessment has been shared with parents and next steps agreed.

A number of ways are used by the provider to communicate with parents. Daily verbal interaction is a key way the provider keeps parents informed of their child's time at the setting. Daily diaries help to keep parents up to date of their child's achievements and routines. Observations are shared with parents and the providers discuss next steps and how their child can be supported at home.

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
WRN improve knowledge and understanding of the signs of possible abuse and neglect so that any concerns can be responded to in a timely and appropriate way	17/01/2014	29/04/2014
WRN gain secure knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements and the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundations Stage, to ensure that children make good progress in their learning and are kept safe and well	17/01/2014	29/04/2014
keep and implement a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	17/01/2014	29/04/2014
keep and implement a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	17/01/2014	29/04/2014
review children's progress when they are aged between two and three years and provide parents with a short written summary of their child's development in the prime areas, identifying the child's strengths and any areas where the child's progress is less than expected	17/01/2014	29/04/2014
enable a two-way flow of information with parents and between providers, with particular regard to sharing information about children's development with other early years provisions that children attend and by supporting parents in guiding their children's development at home	17/01/2014	29/04/2014