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Our Reference 310119

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Janet Fairhurst, monitored your provision on 11/06/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 03/03/2014, we sent you a notice to improve. If you were set actions at the inspection, or as a result of our subsequent monitoring or investigations, these are included at the end of this letter unless we have already verified that they have been completed.

During the monitoring visit the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. The inspector looked at your safeguarding policy, checked your paediatric first aid qualification and confirmed that all adults living on the premises have been vetted. The inspector also discussed and observed how you supervise children to maintain their safety. She also spoke with the early years development worker on the telephone.

The inspector found that you have developed an action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection. You are now supervising children more effectively and explained how you always keep children within sight or hearing of you at all times. You detailed how you prepare meals for children the night before ready for them to be reheated, which enables you to continually supervise children as you quickly access and prepare their meals. In addition, you explained if children wish to play in the adjacent room while you prepare meals, how and where you position yourself. Furthermore you added that you also carry out regular visual checks every few minutes to ensure when children are playing, they are constantly supervised. The inspector also observed during the monitoring visit how you encouraged children to join you in the kitchen and how you provided them with appropriate activities while they await their meal. This promotes children's safety.

Through discussion with the inspector you have demonstrated that you fully understand your responsibility to report any concern about children's welfare. You explained how you would report your concerns to the agencies with statutory responsibility and how this would be done in a timely and appropriate way. The

inspector found that information within your safeguarding policy and procedures has been enhanced. You have added further detail to this clarifying the name and contact details of the Local Authority Designated Officer. In addition, you have also added the relevant contact numbers should a referral need to be made or guidance sought if there are concerns about a child, or if an allegation is made against you or a member of her household. You explained that these procedures are shared with parents, and information relating to complaints is displayed on your notice board. This helps to safeguard children, and ensures parents know who to contact should they have concerns about the service provided.

The inspector found that you have organised your childcare so that you are always in sole charge of children. Through discussion with the inspector you demonstrated that you fully understand the need to ensure that Ofsted are aware of all people looking after children, so that they can carry out relevant suitability checks. Documents provided by you confirmed that all household members have had suitability checks carried out. You provided evidence to show that you have a current paediatric first aid certificate. This means that children's safety and well-being is promoted.

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

Nick Hudson
National Director, Early Education

Actions

Action	Due date	Closed date
ensure that the arrangements for supervising children in the home meet the needs of all children and ensure their safety	03/03/2014	11/06/2014
ensure that roles and responsibilities to report any concerns about children's welfare in a timely and appropriate way, and to notify the agencies with statutory responsibility without delay, are clearly and securely understood	03/03/2014	11/06/2014
ensure that Ofsted are aware of all people looking after children so that they can carry out the relevant checks to ensure their suitability	03/03/2014	11/06/2014
ensure that at least one person who has a current paediatric first aid certificate is on the premises at all times when children are present.	03/03/2014	11/06/2014
ensure that children receiving childcare are supervised appropriately to keep them from harm (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	03/03/2014	11/06/2014
ensure that children receiving childcare are supervised appropriately to keep them from harm (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	03/03/2014	11/06/2014
ensure that procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect, are implemented when required (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	03/03/2014	11/06/2014
ensure that procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect, are implemented when required (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	03/03/2014	11/06/2014

ensure that the childminder is present on the premises at all times when childcare is being provided (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	03/03/2014	11/06/2014
ensure that the childminder is present on the premises at all times when childcare is being provided (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	03/03/2014	11/06/2014