

Our Reference 111538

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Helen Penticost, monitored your provision on 10/07/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 14/04/2014, 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 system for recording children's learning and developmental information, required documentation and your policies and procedures.

The inspector found that you have improved your knowledge of safeguarding procedures through attending a training course and that you have put in place a written safeguarding statement. This statement includes the procedures to follow in the event of an allegation being made against an adult in the household and also the use of mobile phones and cameras. You now record children's attendance using a register and obtain written parental permission for children to take part in outings. These systems support partnership working and children's safety.

You keep a record for each child that includes their full name, date of birth, name and address of every parent and/or carer, along with details of which parent/carers that children live with and their emergency details. You now have a system for the administration of medication. You request written parental permission prior for giving children medicines and you record when you give children any medication. You then inform parents that you have given medicine to their child. These records and procedures help to ensure that you meet children's individual needs.

The inspector found that you have put in place a system for observing, assessing and planning for children's individual learning needs. Through support, you are developing your understanding of the learning and development requirements. You

have a system in preparation for completing the written assessment of children's progress between the ages of two and three years of age. You have begun to develop a procedure for sharing information, although as of yet you have not shared children's learning and developmental information. All of these systems are in their infancy and, therefore, the full impact of this is not yet evident.

You have welcomed support from the local authority to enable you to make improvements. You are making good use of the local authority to enable you to evaluate where you can make improvements and how to maintain these. Therefore, you are able to make improvements to reduce weaknesses in your practice and to improve the quality of your provision. This demonstrates a positive attitude towards maintaining continuous development and improving the outcomes for children.

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
improve knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage in order to use observations to develop precise assessments to understand children's level of achievement, interests and learning styles; shape learning experiences across the seven areas of learning so that children make good progress and carry out the required progress check when children are two	14/10/2014	
ensure a record is kept of the name, home address and date of birth of each child who is looked after on the premises, along with the name, home address and telephone number of a parent/guardian/carer of each child who is looked after on the premises (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	14/05/2014	10/10/2014
improve knowledge of safeguarding procedures in line with the Local Safeguarding Children Board procedures, including knowledge of the action to be taken in the event of an allegation being made against adults in the household and of the use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting	14/05/2014	10/07/2014
ensure that an accurate and up-to-date record of children's attendance is kept	14/05/2014	10/07/2014
share information about children's learning and development with parents and other early years settings children attend, so that information is shared about children's development to promote a fully cohesive approach to children's learning	14/06/2014	
keep a record for each child that includes their full name, date of birth, name and address of every parent and/or carer,	14/05/2014	10/07/2014

along with details of which parent/carer children live with and their emergency details

gain prior written parental consent to administer each individual named medication	14/05/2014	10/07/2014
--	------------	------------

obtain written parental permission for children to take part in outings	14/05/2014	10/07/2014
---	------------	------------

develop reflective practice in order to identify strengths and areas for improvement that will improve the quality of care and education for all children.	14/06/2014	10/07/2014
--	------------	------------

ensure there is a written statement of procedures which are followed for the protection of children (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	14/05/2014	10/07/2014
---	------------	------------

keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance (compulsory part of the Childcare register)	14/05/2014	10/07/2014
---	------------	------------

ensure a record is kept of the name, home address and date of birth of each child who is looked after on the premises, along with the name, home address and telephone number of a parent/guardian/carer of each child who is looked after on the premises (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	14/05/2014	10/07/2014
--	------------	------------

gain prior written parental consent to administer each individual named medication (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	14/05/2014	10/07/2014
--	------------	------------

ensure there is a written statement of procedures which are followed for the protection of children (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	14/05/2014	10/07/2014
--	------------	------------

keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance (voluntary part of the Childcare register)	14/05/2014	10/07/2014
--	------------	------------

gain prior written parental consent to 14/05/2014 10/07/2014
administer each individual named
medication (voluntary part of the
Childcare Register)