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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Heather Morgan, monitored your provision on 08/04/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 06/03/2014, 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.

We carried out a monitoring visit on 8 April 2014 to assess the progress you had made in addressing the actions set for improvement. We found that you had increased your knowledge and understanding of safeguarding issues. You are aware of potential signs and symptoms of abuse and have appropriate procedures in place to support you in taking action in the event of any concerns. To further develop your knowledge and confidence in this aspect of your work, you plan to attend a relevant training course later in the year.

You have begun to develop a record of the progress that children are making in their learning and development. You have started to use photographs and observations of the children to illustrate the record and you sometimes cross reference this information with the 'Early years outcomes' document to help you begin to identify the children's stage of development and the next steps in their learning. You know each of the children well and offer some activities that reflect their interests and you are beginning to link this to the next steps in their learning.

In order to reflect on your practice, you have begun to canvass the views of parents and to seek advice and support from other professionals. You link with other providers to identify training events that will support your continuous professional development and help you improve the ways in which you support children's learning and development.

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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 further monitoring.

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
develop knowledge of the learning and development requirements and implement observation and assessment procedures, to show children's progress and plan clearly for their next steps	06/04/2014	
reflect on practice in order to identify how to improve ways to support children's learning and development.	06/06/2014	
develop effective systems of self-evaluation to identify areas of weakness and bring about continuous improvement.	06/06/2014	