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Our Reference 159381

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Rebecca Hurst, monitored your provision on 15/09/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 24/04/2014, 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.

During the monitoring visit, the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve set at your last inspection. She spoke with you about the steps you have taken to make improvements. The inspector asked if you have received any support from your local authority development team. You state you have not received support from them since your last inspection.

The inspector looked at documents at the visit, which included your risk assessments, self-evaluation, attendance registers and policies and procedures. She spoke with you about your understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage, assessing risks and notifying Ofsted of significant events and changes. The inspector viewed the areas of your home used for childminding.

You demonstrate that you are now aware of the information you need to notify Ofsted of and the timescale in which to do this. You showed the inspector your written risk assessments for your home. The risk assessments include minimising dangers and hazards when any building work is being carried out at your home. You explained the procedures you have taken to safeguard the children during building work. This includes caring for children in a different part of your home away from the building work. This promotes the children's safety and well-being.

You demonstrate you understand the required ratios of children under eight you can care for at any one time. You showed the inspector your colour-coded grid, which relates to the children's ages. This supports you in maintaining the correct ratios. You have taken your documents out of storage and these are now readily available

for inspection. You demonstrate you are maintaining daily attendance registers, which show children's arrival and departure times. This further safeguards the children's welfare.

You have started to carry out a self-evaluation. You discussed with the inspector that you feel you have made improvements since your last inspection as a result.

You have shown a positive approach to the changes required. Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that at this time you have taken prompt and effective action to address the points for improvement.

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
develop a thorough understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements, particularly in relation to knowing what type of changes must be notified to Ofsted, including specifically any changes to premises relating to building work	30/06/2014	15/09/2014
ensure that the required adult-to-child ratios are maintained and, if any exceptions to the usual ratios are made, that the total number of children under the age of eight years being cared for does not exceed six	30/06/2014	15/09/2014
ensure that required records, specifically records of children's attendance, are easily accessible and available to those authorised to view them	30/06/2014	15/09/2014
ensure that arrangements are in place to demonstrate to parents and inspectors how risks are managed and children's safety is protected, particularly when building work is taking place	30/06/2014	15/09/2014
establish effective systems to evaluate the provision so that all areas for development are identified accurately and addressed, in order to drive continuous improvement well	30/06/2014	18/09/2014
ensure that the premises used for the purposes of childcare are safe and suitable (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	30/06/2014	15/09/2014
ensure that the premises used for the purposes of childcare are safe and suitable (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	30/06/2014	15/09/2014
undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment immediately where the need for an assessment arises(compulsory part of the Childcare	30/06/2014	15/09/2014

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undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment immediately where the need for an assessment arises(voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	30/06/2014	15/09/2014
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keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance and retain these records for a period of two years (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	30/06/2014	15/09/2014
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keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance and retain these records for a period of two years (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	30/06/2014	15/09/2014
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