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Our Reference EY455749

Dear ACPH Limited

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Rebecca Hurst, monitored your provision on 17/09/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 16/06/2014, 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 improvements you have made and the steps taken to do this. The inspector asked about the support you had received from the local authority development team. You state that you have received support and training from the team and they have supported you in making positive changes to the setting.

The inspector looked at documents at the visit, which included your safeguarding policies and procedures, attendance registers and training certificates. The inspector spoke with you about your understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and notifying Ofsted of significant events and changes.

All your staff have attended in-house training to enhance their knowledge of safeguarding procedures. You have carried out quizzes to test the staff to make sure they understand their roles. The head office team and the provider also attended the training and have now rolled out the training to their other nurseries. You have said that they now have a better understanding of their role in notifying the relevant authorities of any allegations made against staff members. You demonstrated that you are now aware of the information you need to notify Ofsted of and the timescale

in which to do this. Your policies and procedures have been updated to show these changes. You carried out a safeguarding audit with the local authority development team which highlighted changes for you to make. This promotes the children's safety and well-being.

You demonstrate that you are maintaining daily attendance registers which show children's arrival and departure times. You and your deputy complete the registers at the front door as children arrive and depart. To make sure they are completed accurately you and your deputy also carry out spot checks throughout the day. This further safeguards the children's welfare.

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.

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Next steps

The next step will be a full inspection.

I hope that you have found the visit helpful in promoting improvement in your setting. 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 the lead person responsible for safeguarding understands and implements the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage, with particular regard to informing the local child protection agency of any allegations of abuse by adults who work with children	23/06/2014	17/09/2014
ensure the lead person responsible for safeguarding understands and implements the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage, with particular regard to notifying Ofsted of any allegations of serious harm or abuse by any person working on the premises and of the actions taken in respect of allegations within 14 days of the allegation being made	23/06/2014	17/09/2014
ensure that a daily record of the children's hours of attendance is maintained appropriately.	20/06/2014	17/09/2014
maintain a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance	20/06/2014	17/09/2014
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.	23/06/2014	17/09/2014