

## **Compliance action taken for childcare provision**

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### **Summary of outcome**

On 10 February 2015 the provider notified us that a child was able to leave the premises.

The notification means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements to notify Ofsted of a significant event.

We looked into this concern to see whether the setting was meeting Risk Assessment, Staff: child ratios and Premises. In particular, these include requirements that state:

Providers must ensure that they take all reasonable steps to ensure staff and children in their care are not exposed to risks and must be able to demonstrate how they are managing risks. Providers must determine where it is helpful to make some written risk assessments in relation to specific issues, to inform staff practice, and to demonstrate how they are managing risks if asked by parents and/or carers or inspectors.

Risk assessments should identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis, when and by whom those aspects will be checked, and how the risk will be removed or minimised.

Providers must ensure that they take all reasonable steps to ensure staff and children in their care are not exposed to risks and must be able to demonstrate how they are managing risks. That staffing arrangements must meet the needs of all children and ensure their safety.

Providers must ensure that children are adequately supervised and decide how to deploy staff to ensure children's needs are met.

Children must usually be within sight and hearing of staff and always within sight or hearing.

Providers must only release children into the care of individuals who have

been notified to the provider by the parent, and must ensure that children do not leave the premises unsupervised.

We carried out an unannounced visit on 16 February 2015 and found that although risk assessments had been completed not all risks were removed or minimised and consequently children could exit the area and access other areas that were not safe.

Following our investigation, we served a welfare requirements notice on the provider that required them to:  
ensure risk assessments identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis, when and by whom those aspects will be checked, and how the risk will be removed or minimised;

ensure that children do not leave the premises unsupervised.

It is an offence to fail to meet a welfare requirements notice without reasonable excuse.

We conducted a monitoring visit and found that alarms had been fitted to the doors which alert members of staff immediately should a child leave the room. Risk assessments have been reviewed with all staff so that they are fully aware of their role in safety and removing or minimising all risks.

The provider remains registered with Ofsted.

### **Publication of compliance action**

We aim to ensure that the welfare of children and young people is protected in the services we regulate. The Childcare Act 2006 and accompanying regulations set out our responsibilities to regulate childminders and childcare providers. This includes the enforcement powers we have in relation to those registered providers who do not comply with the requirements for registration.

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