

Our Reference 124397

## **Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate**

An Ofsted inspector, Elizabeth Coffey, monitored your provision on 31/03/2015 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 04/03/2015, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. 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.

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During the monitoring visit on 31 March 2015 the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the welfare requirements notice and notice to improve. Although no minded children were present she observed the resources and activities available for children and the areas, including the dedicated playroom, you use with minded children. The inspector looked at your records and documentation and the written policies and procedures you have in place.

The inspector found that you had taken steps to address all of the actions raised at your last inspection.

You have engaged with the local authority Early Years Advisory Team to address the issues raised at your inspection. This has enabled you to identify and access training and support to help improve your service. You have also enlisted the help of another registered child carer who has provided you with support in developing and maintaining required records including observations and assessments of children's learning and development.

You have completed safeguarding training and can now demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of your role and responsibilities in helping protect children from harm. You have updated your written safeguarding policy which now includes the action to be taken in the event of an allegation being made against you or a member of your household and the use of cameras and mobile phones. You have also reviewed and updated all other written policies and procedures, including

accidents and emergencies, complaints and health and safety. Policies and procedures are now stored in clearly marked files and available for inspection as required.

You are now recording children's attendance on a daily basis which contributes to ensuring children are kept safe while in your care. You have in place a fully equipped first aid box and have introduced a system for regularly checking that the contents of this are complete.

You have begun to make written observations of children's progress that are linked to the early learning goals and used to identify how you can support children's ongoing development. You have also introduced a daily dairy sheet which records children's daily care and activities and includes parent's feedback and comments. You have developed a basic understanding of the two year old progress check and how you will contribute to this. However your knowledge of this check is limited and you have not as yet had an opportunity to complete a two year old progress check.

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 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
implement safeguarding policies and procedures in line with guidance from the relevant Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB); this should include an explanation of the action to be taken in the event of an allegation being made against a member of the household, and cover the use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting	30/03/2015	31/03/2015
develop sufficient knowledge to be able to identify, understand and respond appropriately to the possible signs of abuse and neglect, that a child may be at risk of harm	30/03/2015	31/03/2015
implement a policy and procedure for safeguarding children that is in line with the guidance of the relevant Local Safeguarding Children's Board	30/03/2015	12/03/2015
ensure that ongoing observation and assessment, including the required progress check for two-year-old children, are used to identify children's levels of ability and to plan effectively for their future learning	15/04/2015	31/03/2015
provide a varied and interesting educational programme that covers all areas of learning and offers activities that reflect children's individual needs and interests	15/04/2015	31/03/2015
maintain a daily record of the names of the children being cared for and their hours of attendance	04/03/2015	31/03/2015
Ensure that records are accessible and available for inspection	04/03/2015	31/03/2015
ensure that a fully equipped first-aid box is accessible at all times with appropriate content for use with children.	04/03/2015	31/03/2015

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 (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	15/04/2015	31/03/2015
attend child protection training to be able to identify and act on any indications that a child may be suffering from harm (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	15/04/2015	31/03/2015
keep a daily record of children's hours of attendance (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	04/03/2015	31/03/2015
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 (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	15/04/2015	31/03/2015
attend child protection training to be able to identify and act on any indications that a child may be suffering from harm (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	15/04/2015	31/03/2015
keep a daily record of children's hours of attendance (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	04/03/2015	31/03/2015