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Our Reference 124397

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

An Ofsted inspector, Elizabeth Coffey, monitored your provision on 07/07/2015 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.

During the monitoring visit on 31 March 2015 the inspector discussed with you the steps you had taken to address welfare requirements notice and the actions raised in the notice to improve. She found that you had taken steps to address all of the actions raised. You had enlisted the support and assistance of your Early Years Advisor and another registered childcare provider. You had revised and reviewed your policies and procedures, completed training in safeguarding and put in place required records including attendance registers. You had begun to collate observations on children but this was still at the very early stages. We also found that your knowledge of the two year old progress check was limited.

We carried out a further monitoring visit on 7 July 2015. The inspector found that you had improved your knowledge of the two year progress check and had completed a two year progress check on one of the children in your care. You were able to identify and explain how well the child was progressing in line with the expectations of a child of their age and demonstrated a sound understanding of the prime and specific areas of learning and development. The inspector observed your interaction with the children present and viewed the resources and activities available to them. She found that children were provided with a variety of toys and equipment suitable for their age and stage of development and that your interaction with the children helped support their learning and development.

The inspector found that you had continued to engage with your local authority Early Years representative and had welcomed their input and support. You had also attended an Early Years event run by the Local Authority that helped to guide and

inform your knowledge and understanding of systems that are in place for children who may require additional support.

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 |
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| 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  |

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| 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 |