

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 9 March 2016, the provider notified Ofsted that an allegation had been made against a member of staff. 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 any allegations of serious harm or abuse by any person loving, working or looking after children at the premises. We needed to look into the allegations to ensure the provider was meeting the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage in relation to 'Child protection'. In particular, these state providers must have and implement a policy and procedures to safeguard children. These should be in line with the guidance and procedures of the relevant Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). The policy must include an explanation of the action to be taken in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff.

We visited the setting where we found that following an allegation being made against a member of staff, the provider did not follow the setting's child protection policy and procedures. They did not notify the Local Authority Designated Officer and instead contacted other professionals. As a result, a notice to improve will be issued requesting the provider to:

ensure any allegations against staff are reported to the LADO, in line with the setting's child protection policy and procedures.

The provider took appropriate action to address the notice to improve.

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.

We publish details of any actions we take, or the childminder or childcare provider takes to bring about compliance with requirements on our website for a period of five years commencing on the date we complete our investigation.

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