

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

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### **Summary of outcome**

On 09 March 2016, the provider notified us that a child had been left unsupervised on the premises for a short period of time. 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 needed to look into this notification to ensure the setting was meeting the 'Staff: child ratio' requirements; in particular the requirement relating to providers ensuring that children are adequately supervised and ensure children's needs are met. Children must usually be within sight and hearing of staff and always within sight or hearing. In addition we needed to ensure the requirements relating to 'Staff qualifications, training, support and skills' were adhered to. Specifically that providers must ensure practitioners have appropriate qualifications, training, skills and knowledge and a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

We visited the setting where we found staff: child ratios were appropriate; however a child had been unsupervised for a very short period of time. Action was immediately taken to ensure this could not happen again. Risk assessments were revisited and action plans put in place for those involved. During the investigation it emerged that a child had been unsupervised on another occasion and this had not been notified to Ofsted. The notification should have been made to Ofsted within 14 days, as this is a requirement of their registration. On this occasion Ofsted issued the provider with a warning letter. No further action was required from the setting. The provider remains registered with Ofsted.

### **Publication of compliance action**

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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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