Compliance action taken for childcare provision

Date: 27/05/2016

Summary of outcome

On 5 May 2016, the provider notified us that a child had been able to access medication that had not been appropriately stored. 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 significant events.

We liaised with other agencies and interviewed the provider to check compliance with the safeguarding and welfare requirements. In particular, the requirements relating to medication and risk assessment, which states that providers must have an implement a policy, and procedures, for administering medicines and 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.

The provider took action by carrying out an internal investigation and confirmed that they had followed their staff disciplinary procedures regarding the matter. The provider also carried out a risk assessment. We found that the current systems for administering medication may not prevent this event from possibly reoccurring in the future.

We served a welfare requirements notice on the provider that required them to:

• ensure robust procedures are implemented regarding the safe storage and administration of medication.

On 25 May 2016, we carried out an unannounced monitoring visit. We found that the arrangements for administering medication had been reviewed to minimise the risk of the incident re-occurring. The premises were observed to be safe and staff were able to confirm safe procedures for the storage and
administration of medication. We are satisfied that the provider has taken appropriate action. 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.

For further information please read the *Early years compliance handbook* which can be found here at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted).