

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 4 July 2016, we received a notification from the provider that a child had sustained an injury that required hospital treatment after falling from fixed equipment in the outside play area. 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 serious accident, illness or injury to a child.

We needed to investigate the notification to see if the provider was meeting the legal requirements in relation to staff: child ratios, accident or injury, risk assessments and safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment. In particular, the requirements that state:

staffing arrangements must meet the needs of all children and ensure their safety. Providers must ensure that children are adequately supervised and decide how to deploy staff to ensure children's needs are met.

Providers are required to keep a written record of accidents or injuries and first aid treatment. Providers must inform parents and/or carers of any accident or injury sustained by the child on the same day, or as soon as reasonably practicable, of any first aid treatment given. 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.

We conducted an unannounced visit to the setting and found that at the time of the accident the child was adequately supervised. The equipment had been risk assessed and was suitable for the age of the children allowed to use it. A record of the accident was completed and parents were informed of the accident just after it happened.

However, it was that found, and the provider concluded in their investigation, that when the accident happened none of the staff who were present held a current paediatric first aid certificate. The provider followed appropriate disciplinary procedures and has taken action to ensure that sufficient staff, who hold a current paediatric first aid certificate, are available at all times when children are present.

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 .