

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 16 August 2016, we received a notification from the provider that a child had sustained a serious injury during an outing to a park. This raised concerns about the level of child supervision and the use of risk assessment for the outing. 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 investigate these concerns to check that the provider was meeting requirements in relation to accident or injury; risk assessments; staff deployment; safety; risk assessment; information for parents and carers; complaints; child supervision; suitable people; qualifications; first aid; and ratios. We found that the risk assessment on the day of the incident was inadequate. The equipment was not suitable for the age and ability of the child. The provider failed to investigate the incident promptly, to ensure children's safety and to minimise the risk of a reoccurrence of such an incident. There were no first aiders on site or present with the children at the time the accident occurred. Staff did not seek medical advice promptly and treated the child's injury inappropriately. Although ratio requirements were met those in charge lacked the knowledge and skills to manage the provision safely. The provision was judged to be inadequate and Ofsted took enforcement action. Following the inspection, we issued a welfare requirements notice that required the provider to: ensure that those with responsibility to manage the provision have the relevant knowledge and skills to fulfil their roles and responsibilities; use risk assessments effectively to ensure equipment is safe and suitable for the age and ability of all children; and ensure there is an appropriately trained first aider onsite and on outings at all times and that staff seek medical advice or treatment in the event of an emergency, and maintain accurate records of all accidents or incidents that occur. It is an offence for a person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with a welfare requirements notice. Failure to comply may result in a prosecution. 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 .