

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 9 May 2016, a concern was raised by the local safeguarding team that the provider's knowledge and understanding of how to safeguard children was not sufficiently robust because she had failed to report safeguarding issues to the relevant agency within a timely manner.

We carried out an announced visit in which we spoke to the provider and the managers of the settings to look into this information to see whether the setting was meeting safeguarding and promoting children's welfare; in particular the requirement relating to Child protection 3.7 which states that if providers have concerns about children's safety or welfare, they must notify agencies with statutory responsibilities without delay.

At the visit a discussion took place with the provider and two of the managers and it was established that on two occasions information that should have been reported to the Local Safeguarding Team had not been completed.

However, the managers concerned had recorded the incidents but failed to pass this information on. The provider has already taken some action to provide staff with additional training in safeguarding reporting procedures and as a result of the investigation, we also served a welfare requirements notice on the provider that required them to:

ensure that there is a robust process in place to notify the relevant agencies with statutory responsibility for safeguarding of any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child without delay.

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.

We will monitor this provider to ensure that they meet the requirements set out in the welfare requirements notice.

We carried out a monitoring visit to check that the provider was meeting the welfare requirement notice set. We are satisfied that the provider has done so and no further action was required. 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 .