

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 8 September 2016 the provider notified us of a serious accident that had occurred at the setting. The notification means that the provider met her legal responsibility as set out in the early years foundation stage welfare requirements. The notification raised concerns about the safety and supervision of children. We looked into these concerns to see whether the provider was meeting the regulatory requirements for safeguarding and promoting children's welfare. In particular, these include 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 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 carried out an unannounced visit and found that the provider has assessed risks and taken some steps to minimise identified hazards. However, insufficient numbers of staff are deployed in the outdoor areas to enable them to adequately supervise the children. As a result, children have sustained injuries due to accidents that have occurred when they have been playing, unobserved by staff.

Following our investigation, we sent the provider a notice to improve that asked her to:

make sure staff are deployed effectively so that they can adequately supervise children to ensure they are kept safe, particularly in the outdoor areas.

The provider sent a written response, detailing the actions that have been taken to address supervision of children at all times. Risk assessments have

been reviewed and updated and new procedures shared with all staff. We are satisfied with the actions taken. 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 .