

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 26 July 2016, we received a notification from the provider that raised concerns about a child being left unsupervised within the setting for a period of time. These concerns relate to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) welfare requirements. 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 the provider who undertook an internal investigation into their own practice. Ofsted then conducted an unannounced investigation visit to look into the concern to see whether the setting was meeting EYFS welfare requirements, in particular we considered the requirement relating to, Staff to child ratios which states: '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'.

We found that at the time of the investigation visit that the provider had begun to review their systems in order to bring about the necessary improvements. The investigation confirmed that a child was left unattended in the setting for an extended period of time. Whilst systems had been in place to record children's attendance, some registers had not been maintained and as a result, staff showed a lack of knowledge as to children's whereabouts. We also found that some newly appointed staff were not given an effective induction so that they were clear of their roles and responsibilities.

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

- ensure that children are adequately supervised and decide how to deploy

staff to ensure children's needs are met. Staffing arrangements must meet the needs of all children and ensure their safety. Children must usually be within sight and hearing of staff and always within sight or hearing

- ensure that all staff receive induction training to help them understand their roles and responsibilities. This training must include information about emergency evacuation procedures, safeguarding, child protection, the provider's equality policy, and health and safety issues
- maintain a daily record of the names of the children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance.

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.

On 5 October 2016 we carried out a further investigation visit to ensure that the provider was compliant with the notices issued. We found that the actions in the welfare requirements notice had been met and the provider was complying with the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

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 .