

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 20 December 2016 we received a notification from the provider about an incident, which gave us cause for concern relating to how risk assessments were being effectively implemented for sleeping children. This 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 significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of the early years provider or any person who cares for, or is in regular contact with, children on the premises to look after children. We looked into the concerns to see whether the provider was meeting the early years foundation stage welfare requirements relating to: first aid; ratios; child supervision; staff deployment; staff qualifications, training, support and skills; and safety and risk assessment. In particular, the requirement that states that 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 on 21 December 2016 and found that staff to children ratios were met; staff were supervising children well and were deployed effectively. Staff had appropriate induction and sufficient staff had appropriate paediatric first aid qualifications. However, we found that written risk assessments did not include all measures taken at the setting to ensure sleeping children's safety and staff had not effectively implemented these. We also found that staff had not effectively implemented other risk assessments and a blind cord was not secured, posing a risk to children. Following our investigation, we served a welfare requirements notice on the provider which requires them to: implement effective risk assessments to ensure the safety of children in relation to children sleeping in high cots in the baby room and how blind cords are made safe.

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 monitored the action taken by the provider on 6 January 2016 and found that risk assessments now included all measures taken to ensure children's safety when sleeping in cots. The provider had purchased new cots which now stand on the floor. Some blinds had been removed by the provider and any still in place were made safe. 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 .