

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 1 September 2016 we received information that indicated that the Food Standards Agency had concerns about the poor standard of hygiene on the premises and that there was also evidence of mice. We needed to investigate these concerns to see if the provider was meeting requirements in relation to risk assessments, safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment. In particular these requirements state that providers must comply with requirements of health and safety legislation (including fire safety and hygiene requirements). Providers must also 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. Risk assessments should identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis, when and by whom those aspects will be checked, and how the risk will be removed or minimised. As a result of the concerns the Food Standards Agency issued an improvement notice to the provider.

We liaised with the Food Standards Agency and discussed concerns with the provider. We found that the provider has taken steps to ensure that health and safety and hygiene requirements are complied with at all times. The Food Standards Agency have also confirmed compliance with the notice. For example, the provider has reviewed and updated risk assessments for the premises and has implemented a system to ensure that risk assessments are checked by a senior manager regularly. In addition, the provider also checks the premises regularly to ensure that children are cared for in a safe and suitable environment. A new manager has also been appointed to oversee the running of the nursery. Managers have attended health and safety training in order to improve their knowledge and understanding of health and safety issues. All new employees will also be required to undertake this training. Concerns relating to mice have also been addressed via regular visits from pest control to the premises. The provider has also ensured that all

electrical equipment where appropriate have been tested to ensure that they are in good working order.

We are satisfied with the action taken by the provider so will not be taking any further action in relation to the matter.

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 .