

## **Compliance action taken for childcare provision**

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### **Summary of outcome**

On 15 December 2016 we received a notification from the provider who informed us of a significant incident where a child had been left on their own in the enclosed outdoor play area, for approximately five minutes. The notification means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the early year's foundation stage (EYFS) welfare requirements, to notify Ofsted of significant events which may affect their suitability.

We carried out an unannounced visit to see if the provider was meeting the requirements of the EYFS, relating to Risk assessments, Suitable people and Ratios. In particular the requirements which state providers must ensure that they take all reasonable steps to ensure staff and children in their care are not exposed to risks; providers must ensure that people looking after children are suitable to fulfil the requirements of their roles; and children must usually be within sight and hearing of staff and always within sight or hearing.

We found that the provider had systems in place to ensure a head count is carried out when children leave a room or the outdoor play area, however on this occasion the procedure had not been followed by staff. The provider investigated the incident and have reinforced the importance of the head count with all staff and are monitoring the staff to ensure continued suitability.

We were satisfied that the provider had taken sufficient action to ensure the requirements were met. As a result, no further action was required and the provider remains registered.

### **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](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted) .