

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 22 March 2017, we received information from an outside agency that raised concerns about the suitability of a person in regular contact with children.

We needed to investigate this concern to see whether the setting was meeting safeguarding and welfare requirements of the early years foundation stage. In particular, these include a requirement relating to the suitability of individuals and safeguarding. We liaised with outside agencies and conducted an unannounced visit to the setting on 23 March 2017.

At the visit we viewed documentation, held discussions with staff and managers and checked the premises. We found that the designated lead for safeguarding had failed to identify that an allegation had been made. As a result, the safeguarding policy was not followed.

Following the visit we sent the provider a welfare requirements notice requiring them to:

ensure that the policy, and procedures, to safeguard children are implemented and are in line with the guidance and procedures of the relevant Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) with particular regard to the procedure to follow in the event of an allegation against a member of staff;

ensure that the practitioner designated to take lead responsibility for safeguarding children has sufficient understanding to fulfil the role and provide support, advice and guidance to any other staff on an ongoing basis.

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 conducted a further visit to assess the provider's compliance with the welfare requirements notice. We found that the policies had been updated and training and support sought. We were satisfied with the action taken to comply with the welfare requirements notice.

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 .