

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

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### **Summary of outcome**

On 7 July 2017, we received a notification from the provider that a child had managed to leave the premises unsupervised.

This means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements in relation to 'suitable people'. In particular, to notify Ofsted particulars of any significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of the early years provider or any person who cares for, or who is in regular contact with children.

We carried out an unannounced visit to the provider to discuss the incident and consider the detailed information that they provided. As a result of our visit we found that the provider had failed to ensure that staff followed the risk assessment that was in place to keep children safe when using the outdoor area.

Following the visit, we issued a welfare requirement notice that required the provider to:

ensure staff are clear about their responsibility to identify risk, implement risk assessments, and seek support from colleagues to ensure risks to children are minimised. In particular, with regard to strangers gaining access to the premises and children being able to leave the premises unsupervised

deploy staff effectively so that children are at least within sight or hearing of staff, and that staff know where children are at all times, particularly when using the outdoor area

ensure the outdoor area is safe and secure and that children are unable to leave the premises unsupervised

make sure that risk assessments that have been put into place to keep children safe outdoors are implemented.

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 carried out a monitoring visit and found that the provider was complying with all actions set in the welfare requirement 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](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted) .