

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 12 July 2017, we received a notification from the provider that two children had been left unsupervised in the outdoor area for 20 minutes.

This means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements relation go '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.

On 7 August 2017 we telephoned the provider to discuss the incident and consider the detailed information that they provided. As a result of our phone call we found that the provider had taken appropriate action to address the concerns. She had carried out new risk assessments and re-trained staff in the supervision of children, including head counts and the taking of registers throughout the day.

On 12 September 2017 we carried out an unannounced visit to the setting to check the premises. We found that following the provider's phone call with Ofsted she had identified that the premises was not secure and that while the children were left unsupervised intruders would have been able to gain access to the area where the children were. The provider has now taken further steps to ensure that the inside and outside of the premises is secure. She now has locked the entrance gate on the inside so any visitors or parents need to ring a bell and cannot access the premises unsupervised. The provider has also locked the gate adjacent to the baby room. Following our observations of the premises and discussion with the provider, the provider has taken appropriate action to address the concerns and to ensure that risk assessments reduce or remove the risks to children's safety. Therefore, no further action will be taken.

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 .