

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

All early years providers must meet the legal requirements in the 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage' (EYFS) which you can find at www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2. If we find that a childminder is not meeting the EYFS requirements, we can take action to ensure they put matters right. On 2 April 2019 we received concerns, from another agency, that raised concerns about the suitability of the childminder and their household members. The notification also raised concerns that the childminder may not be meeting EYFS requirements to notify us of significant events likely to affect someone's suitability.

We established that the childminder failed to notify Ofsted of a significant event, within prescribed timescales as set out in the EYFS. Although we identified this breach of requirements, we continued to gather further information before deciding on the course of action to be taken. We received information from other agencies about further past events. A formal interview with the childminder revealed a lack of honesty and integrity in dealing with safeguarding enquiries. We made the decision to take steps to cancel the childminder's registration. The childminder objected to us taking this step. During this process, we received fresh concerns relating to another safeguarding matter. Again, the childminder failed to notify Ofsted about the incident as soon as possible. The childminder remains registered with Ofsted during the objection process.

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.