

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](#). If we find that a provider is not meeting the requirements, we can take action to ensure they put matters right. On 30 January 2020, we received concerns from another agency. The provider failed to notify us of this information within the prescribed timescale, which is a legal requirement. On this occasion we do not intend to take any further action in respect of this.

We reviewed the information available and we made a decision to suspend the registration to allow Ofsted to liaise with other agencies and consider the information we had received. We have since lifted the suspension because we believe that children are no longer at risk of harm.

On 4 February 2020, we conducted an announced visit. Following the visit we served a notice to improve that asked the provider to take action as specified by 17 February 2020:

improve understanding and ability to identify hazards in the areas used by the children including the garden and put in place preventative measures to minimise risks and keep children safe

improve knowledge and understanding of child protection including the ability to identify signs of possible abuse and neglect at the earliest opportunity, and to respond in a timely and appropriate way; this includes the action to be taken in the event of an allegation being made against a member of the household to keep children safe.

The provider responded promptly to the notice to improve and we are satisfied with the action they have taken. The provider has completed training to improve their knowledge of child protection and confirmed that the rear garden will not be used as part of the childminding premises until such time it is safe and suitable. The provider will be able to

give parents further information about this.

The provider is still 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.