

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

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### **Summary of outcome**

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills is leading Ofsted's work into how regulated early years and childcare providers in England have delivered child-centred practice and care within the context of the restrictions placed on society during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

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 21 June 2020 the provider notified us that an allegation had been made against a member of staff. The notification means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage' to notify Ofsted of allegations of abuse by any person looking after children on the premises. Following discussions with the provider we served a welfare requirements notice. This is a legal notice that required the provider to take the actions below within the timescales set out. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

Actions needed by 26 June 2020.

update your safeguarding policy to ensure the allegations management procedure is in line with the guidance and procedures of the local safeguarding children's board

improve your knowledge and understanding of how to safeguard children, specifically the action to take when an allegation is made against a member of staff

take steps to improve the designating safeguarding leads knowledge and understanding of

the steps to follow in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff.

Following receipt of further information, we suspended the provider's registration because we believed children may be at risk of harm. Suspension allows time for the provider to take steps to reduce or eliminate the risk of harm to children.

We have now lifted the suspension because the provider took appropriate action to deal with the matter that led to the suspension. We completed a visit on 21 September 2020 to monitor compliance with the actions raised in the welfare requirements notice of 24 June 2020. We are satisfied with the action the provider has taken to meet the safeguarding and welfare actions.

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).