

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 23 November 2020, the provider notified us of a safeguarding concern that had not been dealt with in a timely manner. 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 significant events. On 2 December 2020, we carried out a regulatory visit. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements in relation to safeguarding practice and procedures. 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 16 December 2020:

- ensure the designated safeguarding leads have a secure knowledge and understanding of their roles, with particular regard to the monitoring of safeguarding concerns and procedures
- ensure all staff have a secure knowledge and understanding of safeguarding matters to be able to respond appropriately to any concerns
- improve safeguarding arrangements to ensure that concerns about children's welfare are acted on effectively, and reported to the responsible authorities promptly in line with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board procedures.

We telephoned the provider on 17 December 2020 to monitor their response to these actions. We found the provider had improved their knowledge and understanding of safeguarding procedures. We are satisfied the provider has met the safeguarding and welfare requirements. 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.

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.