

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 March 2021, the provider notified us that the designated officer for safeguarding in the local authority had received an allegation against a member of staff, which had already been investigated by the provider and was considered to be unfounded. On 25 March 2021, we carried out a regulatory call. We found the provider had failed to notify Ofsted of the significant event, within required timescales, which is a requirement of their registration. We also found that the provider was not meeting some other requirements, and she had already taken action to put this right.

The provider improved her knowledge of the procedures to follow when concerns are raised about staff. This includes the requirement to inform the designated officer in the local authority and to notify Ofsted as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any case within 14 days. The provider also took action to renew her safeguarding training. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

We are satisfied with the action taken. 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.