

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 27 August 2021, the provider notified us of a child being administered medication meant for an older child. 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 any significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of the early years provider or any person who cares for or is in regular contact with children.

On 3 September 2021, we carried out a regulatory visit. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements and had taken action to put this right. Prior permission to administer medication had been provided, however medication for an older child had been given which resulted in what could have been a 'double dose.' On being made aware of this mistake, the setting took immediate action by notifying the parent who was able to seek medical advice. It was also found that although the setting's medication procedures require two members of staff to witness the administering of medication and a signature to show this, only one member of staff had signed the required documentation. The setting has revisited medication procedures with staff and have now stored medication for different age ranges separately.

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.

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.