

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 20 August 2021, the provider notified us of an incident whereby it was suspected a child had ingested what was possibly a fragment of a sterilising tablet. 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 23 August 2021, we received additional concerns that the provider was not meeting some of the requirements. This related to the same incident.

On 25 August 2021, we carried out a regulatory visit. The provider had commenced an investigation. They had introduced written risk assessments and specific instructions on how to ensure the premises are clean and safe for children's arrival. However, we found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements. We have served a welfare requirements notice. This is a legal notice that requires the provider to take the actions below within the timescales set out. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

In addition, we discussed previous concerns reported to Ofsted which related to a breach of confidentiality. The provider had taken appropriate action to ensure this does not happen in the future.

The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

Actions needed by 14 September 2021:

- train and support staff to understand the importance of seeking immediate medical help in any future emergencies, without delay
- ensure children are not exposed to risks and any risks identified are minimised.

On 15 September 2021, we visited the provider to monitor compliance with the welfare requirements notice. We found that the provider had ensured staff fully understand their responsibilities to minimise the risk to children. Staff have been trained to follow detailed instruction on ensuring the premises are safe. Staff understand the importance of seeking immediate help in an emergency and follow specific procedures. Staff spoken with had a good understanding of the procedures they should follow in different circumstances. We are satisfied the provider has met the safeguarding and welfare actions raised. 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.