

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Date: 2 February 2022

Summary of outcome

All early years providers must meet the legal requirements in the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage, which you can find at www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2. If we find that a provider is not meeting the requirements, we can take action to ensure they put matters right.

On 7 September 2021 we received concerns that this provider was not meeting some of these requirements. On 20 September 2021 we carried out a regulatory visit. We found the provider had failed to notify us of a change to the person who is managing the early years provision, which is a requirement of their registration. We also found the provider was not meeting some of the other requirements. We 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.

Actions needed by 4 October 2021:

- ensure that staff have an up-to-date knowledge of child protection issues including an understanding of the different types of abuse and possible signs or indicators
- ensure that staff are familiar with Local Safeguarding Children Partnership procedures for referring child protection concerns about children and managing allegations against staff
- ensure that staff understand and can follow the procedure for managing concerns about children that happen outside of the nursery

On 6 October 2021 we carried out a welfare requirements notice monitoring visit. We found that the provider had met the actions set. The provider had ensured staff have an up-to-date knowledge of child protection issues. Also, that staff understand how to manage concerns that happen outside of the nursery and the procedures for referring child protection concerns.

We took steps to cancel the provider's registration. On 9 December 2021, the provider objected to us taking this step. Having reviewed the provider's reasons for objecting to this step we proceeded with steps to cancel the provider's registration. On 13 January 2022, the provider appealed to an independent external tribunal, the Health, Education and Social Care First-tier Tribunal. On 2 April 2022, the provider withdrew the appeal to the Health, Education and Social Care First-tier Tribunal. The provider's registration is cancelled.

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.