

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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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 8 April 2022, we received concerns that the provider was not meeting some of these requirements. In addition to this, on 8 April 2022 the provider notified us that an allegation had been made against a household member. 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 the premises to look after children.

On 18 May 2022, we carried out a regulatory telephone call. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements. The provider has failed to notify the local authority designated officer of an allegation and to seek their advice. In addition, she has not followed the requirement to notify agencies with statutory responsibilities when having concerns about children's safety and welfare. The provider has left children in sole charge of a household member who is not registered as an assistant and who does not hold a current paediatric first aid certificate. The provider has not notified us of any changes to her health.

We have issued actions for the provider to take. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

Actions needed by 8 June 2022:

improve knowledge and understanding of safeguarding, in particular, when to notify the local authority designated officer of an allegation and to seek their advice

ensure that the procedures are followed without delay for notifying agencies with statutory responsibilities of any concerns about children's safety and welfare

ensure that any person left in sole charge of children are registered to do so and hold a current paediatric first aid certificate

ensure any significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of the early years provider

is notified to Ofsted, including any changes to health

On, 31 May 2022 the provider responded to the actions set. We found that the provider had improved their knowledge and understanding of child protection and safeguarding procedures. This included the changes that must be notified to Ofsted and other agencies of significant events without delay. In addition, they have assured us that in the future children will no longer be left with any household member not registered to do so and who does not hold a current paediatric first aid certificate. 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.