

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 10 August 2022, we identified concerns that the provider was not meeting some of these requirements.

On 11 August 2022, we carried out a regulatory visit. 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.

Actions needed by 9 September 2022:

- ensure the designated lead for safeguarding has the appropriate knowledge, understanding and skills to be able to undertake the role effectively
- ensure allegations made about members of staff are managed in line with the local safeguarding partner's procedures and are referred to the local authority designated officer
- ensure all staff have up to date knowledge of safeguarding issues and that they are able to identify signs of possible abuse and neglect at the earliest opportunity
- ensure all staff know that they must disclose relevant information that may affect their suitability to work with children
- ensure signs of possible abuse and neglect are responded to in a timely and appropriate way, referring concerns to agencies with statutory safeguarding responsibilities without delay.

We also suspended the provider's registration on 12 August 2022 because we believe children may be at risk of harm. Suspension allows time for the provider to take steps to reduce or eliminate the risk of harm to children. The provider has a right to appeal against a suspension. The provider may not provide childcare for which registration is required while the suspension is in place and may commit an offence if they do so.

On 31 August 2022, we carried out a regulatory visit. The purpose of the visit was to check whether the provider had met the safeguarding and welfare actions raised. We found that although they demonstrated that they had met some of the actions, we needed to gather further information from the provider.

Before we were able to gather this additional information, the provider notified us on 2 September 2022, of their wish to resign their registration. Consequently, we lifted the suspension to allow us to resign their registration. They are no longer a registered childcare provider.

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.