

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 19 October 2022, we carried out an inspection and found the provider was not meeting some of these requirements.

The report and inspection outcome will be published in due course.

We suspended the provider's registration on 20 October 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.

Following the inspection, we served a welfare requirements notice on 24 October 2022. 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 8 November 2022:

- implement an effective policy, and procedures, to safeguard children that is in line with the guidance and procedures of the local safeguarding partners, including the action to be taken where there are safeguarding concerns about a child and in the event of an allegation made against a member of staff
- train all staff to understand the safeguarding policy and procedures, to ensure that all staff, including the lead practitioner for safeguarding, act on identified signs of possible abuse and neglect at the earliest opportunity, and to respond in an appropriate way
- ensure that confidential information and records relating to children is only accessible and available to those who have a right or professional need to see them
- ensure that fresh drinking water is available and accessible to children at all times and that the food that is provided is healthy, balanced and nutritious.

On 10 November 2022, we carried out a regulatory visit. The focus of the visit was to check whether the provider had met the safeguarding and welfare actions raised at their last inspection.

We found the provider had met some of the safeguarding and welfare actions but not others. We found that the provider now has procedures in place to provide children with healthy foods and ensure that fresh drinking water is available at all times. However, we found that their knowledge and understanding of safeguarding policies and procedures remained poor. The provider has not implemented an effective policy, and procedures, to safeguard children. We found that information and records were not organised, made available upon request and that some records are not clear and sufficiently detailed.

We have served another 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. The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

Actions needed by 6 December 2022:

- implement an effective policy, and procedures, to safeguard children that is in line with the guidance and procedures of the local safeguarding partners, including the action to be taken where there are safeguarding concerns about a child and in the event of an allegation made against a member of staff
- demonstrate that all staff, including the lead practitioner for safeguarding, understand the safeguarding policy and procedures in order to act on identified signs of possible abuse and neglect at the earliest opportunity, and to respond in an appropriate way
- ensure that confidential information and records relating to children is made accessible and available to those who have a right or professional need to see them
- ensure that all information and records, particularly relating to child protection records, are clear and sufficiently detailed in order to promote the safe and efficient management of the setting and the safeguarding of children

We will monitor the provider's response to ensure the actions are successfully completed.

On 17 November 2022, the provider notified us 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.

