

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Date: 8 December 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 17 June and 21 July 2022, we received concerns that the provider was not meeting some of these requirements.

On 28 July 2022 we carried out a regulatory visit. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements.

We suspended the provider's registration on 29 July 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.

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.

Actions needed by 19 August 2022:

- ensure leaders have a secure knowledge and understanding of the early years foundation

stage for their role as a nominated individual

- ensure there is a named deputy in place, who is capable and qualified to take charge in the manager's absence

- implement effective contingency arrangements for staff absence to ensure required child; adult ratios fully meet the needs of children

- ensure the premises are safe and secure and take appropriate action to minimise hazards

- implement an effective risk assessment to identify and remove hazards in all areas.

The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

On 8 September 2022, we lifted the suspension because the provider took appropriate action to deal with the matter that led to the suspension. We are satisfied that the identified risk of harm to children has been removed.

The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

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On 20 October 2022, we carried out an inspection and found the provider was not meeting some of these requirements.

The overall effectiveness of the provision was judged to be inadequate. The inspection report sets out the actions the provider was required to take to meet the requirements.

On 2 December 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 that the provider had improved their knowledge and understanding of safeguarding procedures and now fully understands their responsibilities.

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.