

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 17 August 2022 and 26 September 2022, we received concerns that the provider was not meeting some of these requirements. On 21 September 2022, the provider notified us of an incident where a child was left unsupervised. However, the notification was not made within the required timeframe. This means that the provider did not meet their legal responsibility as set out in the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage to notify Ofsted of any significant event.

On 24 November 2022 and 8 December 2022, we carried out regulatory telephone calls. We identified that the provider failed to notify us of a significant change. In addition, we found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements. We have issued actions for the provider to take.

Actions needed by 29 December 2022:

- ensure that staff designated to take lead responsibility for safeguarding liaise with local statutory children's services agencies, and with the Local Safeguarding Partnerships promptly and within the required time frame
- ensure staff understand how to respond in a timely and appropriate way to concerns about the welfare of a child, with particular regard to unexplained injuries
- ensure there is always a named deputy who is capable and qualified to take charge in the manager's absence

- ensure staff have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities, with particular regard to the arrangements for safer sleeping.

The provider responded to the actions set on 21 December 2022. We were satisfied the provider had met these safeguarding and welfare actions raised.

Also, on 21 December 2022, we received new concerns that the provider was not meeting some of the requirements.

On 9 January 2022, we carried out a regulatory telephone call. 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 3 February 2023:

- ensure effective systems, including vetting processes, are in place to be certain that people looking after children are suitable to fulfil the requirements of their roles.

On 6 February 2023, we carried out a monitoring visit. 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.