

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 27 January 2023, the provider notified us that an allegation has been made. 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. In addition to this, on 27 January 2023, we received a complaint about the setting which had related concerns.

On 1 and 2 February 2023, we carried out a regulatory telephone call. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements. The provider had failed to follow the correct safeguarding procedures.

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

Action needed by 16 February 2023:

gain a secure knowledge and understanding of safeguarding policy and procedures, in particular, when to notify the local authority designated officer (LADO) of an allegation and to seek and follow their advice and to inform other agencies with statutory responsibilities, including the local child protection agencies, without delay.

On 8 February 2023 the provider responded to the action set. We found that the provider had improved their knowledge and understanding of child protection and safeguarding procedures. This included when to notify the local authority designated officer (LADO) of an allegation and to seek and follow their advice and to inform other agencies with statutory responsibilities, including the local child protection agencies, without delay. Going forward, after discussion with the LADO and following his advice, they have arranged for the Early Years Safeguarding and Quality Improvement Lead, to conduct a safeguarding audit in the setting. The designated safeguarding leads are to attend further refresher training and further staff meetings are planned to reinforce the safeguarding and procedures with all

staff members. 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.