

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 February 2023, the provider notified us of a significant event. However, the notification was not made within the required timescale. The delayed notification 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 the significant event.

On 3 March 2023, we carried out regulatory telephone call with the provider, liaised with external agencies, and reviewed information shared by the provider. During our enquiries, we found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements. We have served a welfare requirement 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 6 April 2023

- ensure the designated safeguarding leads (DSL) improve their knowledge and understanding of their roles and responsibilities, including the implementation of child protection procedures that are in line with the local safeguarding partners (LSP). This includes what to do if there is a concern about a child, or an allegation against a member of staff

- ensure all staff are trained in safeguarding and child protection procedures, in particular

when dealing with allegations against staff, and unexplained injuries

- ensure all staff, including managers and designated safeguarding leads (DSL) develop a robust understanding of incidents and changes that must be reported to Ofsted, within the specified period, and when reasonably practicable to do so.

On 11 April 2023, we undertook a monitoring visit. The focus of the visit was to check whether the provider had met the safeguarding and welfare actions.

We found that the provider has taken appropriate steps to ensure all staff have improved their knowledge and understanding of safeguarding procedures. This includes reporting concerns to relevant agencies, and the timescales and significant matters that must be reported to Ofsted.

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.

