

## **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](http://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 20 July 2023, we received concerns that the provider was not meeting some of these requirements.

We suspended the provider's registration on 20 July 2023, because we believed 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.

On 1 August 2023, we carried out a regulatory visit. Following this visit 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.

However, 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 15 August 2023:

- ensure children are supervised effectively and are within sight or hearing at all times, in all areas of the premises
- ensure that the premises remain secure at all times to prevent children from being able to leave unsupervised or unauthorised persons entering the home
- ensure risk assessments are effective to minimise any potential dangers to children, particularly in relation to the security of the premises so that children cannot leave unsupervised
- ensure that all the required information is gathered for each child being cared for,

including emergency contact details for parents and carers.

On 16 August 2023, we carried out a regulatory visit. The focus of the visit was to check whether the provider had met the welfare actions, raised at their last regulatory visit.

The provider responded to the actions set. We found that the provider ensures that children are supervised effectively, in all areas of the premises. They have improved the security of the premises to make sure that they are safe. Children cannot leave the premises without supervision and no unauthorised persons can enter the home. The provider has reviewed and improved risk assessments, particularly in relation to the premises, to ensure that children are safe. They have gathered all required information for children that they care for, including emergency contact details for parents and carers.

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](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted).