

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 4 August 2023, the provider notified us of a significant event. 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 significant events.

On 9 August 2023, we carried out a regulatory telephone call. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements. We have issued actions for the provider to take.

Actions needed by 17 August 2023:

- ensure that the manager/designated safeguarding lead and all staff have an up-to-date knowledge of the potential indicators of abuse, and understand the importance of making timely referrals to the relevant agencies
- ensure all staff, including the manager/designated safeguarding lead, understand the local safeguarding children partnership procedures and how to report concerns about a child's welfare
- gain a secure knowledge and understanding of the role of the local authority designated safeguarding lead (LADO).

On 16 August 2023, the provider responded to the actions set. On 17 August 2023, we carried out a regulatory telephone call. We found that the provider had not met the actions. We have therefore 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 4 September 2023:

- ensure that the manager/designated safeguarding lead and all staff have an up-to-date knowledge of the potential indicators of abuse, and understand the importance of making timely referrals to the relevant agencies
- ensure all staff, including the manager/designated safeguarding lead, understand the

local safeguarding children partnership procedures and how to report concerns about a child's welfare

- gain a secure knowledge and understanding of the role of the local authority designated safeguarding lead (LADO).

On 4 October 2023 we carried out a regulatory visit. The focus of the visit was to check whether the provider had met the safeguarding and welfare actions. We found that the provider had improved staff knowledge and understanding of safeguarding issues and child protection procedures. The practitioner responsible for safeguarding now fully understands their responsibilities, and the roles of relevant agencies.

Additionally, during the regulatory visit on 4 October 2023 we found a new area of concern. This means that the provider was not meeting other requirements as set out in the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage. In relation to the new area of concern, on 6 October 2023 we issued an action for the provider to take.

Action needed by 20 October 2023:

- ensure that staff provide outdoor activities for children, daily.

On 6 November 2023, the provider responded to the action set. We found that the provider has taken appropriate action to ensure that staff plan for and provide outdoor activities on a daily basis.

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.