

## **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](https://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 18 September 2023 we received information from another agency in relation to a significant event. On 27 September 2023, the provider also notified us of the same matter. This 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 childminder to look after children.

We suspended the provider's registration on 19 September 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.

On 18 January 2024, we carried out a regulatory telephone call. We found the provider had failed to notify Ofsted of other significant operational changes. We issued an action for the provider to take. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

Action needed by 9 February 2024:

- gain an understanding of the requirement to notify Ofsted of significant operational changes.

We worked in partnerships with other agencies and on 19 January 2024, we lifted the suspension because we were satisfied that the identified risk of harm to children was removed.

On 22 January 2024, the provider responded to the action set. We found that they now understand their responsibilities. We are satisfied the provider has met the safeguarding and welfare action 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](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted).