

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills is leading Ofsted's work into how regulated early years and childcare providers in England have delivered child-centred practice and care within the context of the restrictions placed on society during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

All early years providers must meet the legal requirements in the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage (EYFS). If we find that a provider is not meeting the requirements, we can take action to ensure they put matters right.

On 24 January 2024 the provider notified Ofsted of a safeguarding concern.

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.

On 9 January 2024 we carried out a regulatory telephone call to the provider. We found that the provider has clear safeguarding policies and procedures in place, which set out the action to take should there be an allegation against a member of staff. However, we found that these procedures had not been followed in the required order. The provider had conducted their own enquiries, regarding an allegation, without first notifying the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO). The provider has now met with the LADO. They have refreshed staff training and reinforced procedures and working practices, in order to minimise the risk of this happening again.

The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

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.