

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 6 November 2023, we carried out an inspection and found that the childminder was not meeting some of these requirements. The overall effectiveness of the provision was judged to be inadequate. The inspection report sets out the actions the provider was required to take to meet the requirements.

Following the inspection, on 27 November 2023, we served a welfare requirements notice. This is a legal notice that requires the childminder to take the actions set out in the inspection report.

On 19 December 2023, we completed a regulatory visit. The focus of the visit was to check whether the provider had met the safeguarding and welfare actions raised at their last inspection. We found that the childminder had met some of the safeguarding and welfare actions but not others. The childminder had improved sleeping arrangements, in line with the latest government safety guidance. The childminder had provided appropriate equipment, to enable children to sleep safely. Additionally, we found that the childminder's assistant had completed training to obtain a current paediatric first-aid certificate. However, the childminder had not met some of the other actions set in the welfare requirement notice.

On 11 January 2024, we served another welfare requirements notice.

Actions needed by 16 February 2024:

- ensure the policy and procedures to safeguard children are implemented effectively and that the policy, and procedures are in line with the guidance and procedures of the relevant local safeguarding partners (LSP)
- ensure that as the designated person responsible for safeguarding children, that support, advice and guidance is provided to any assistants on an ongoing basis, and that the lead practitioner attends an appropriate child protection training course
- ensure that assistants receive training and support to enable them to understand the

safeguarding policy and procedures, and they have up to date knowledge of safeguarding issues

- ensure that when increasing the number and age ranges of children being cared for, every child's individual needs can still be met
- take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children, and others on the premises in the case of fire or any other emergency situation
- implement arrangements for assistants to undertake appropriate professional development opportunities to help them offer quality learning and development experiences that meet the individual needs of all children
- maintain professional development to help meet requirements and offer quality care, learning and development experiences for children.

We will monitor the childminder's response to ensure the actions are successfully completed.

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

The childminder 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.