

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 18 July 2024, the provider notified us of an allegation made against a member of staff. 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 that may affect the suitability of the early years provider or any person who cares for children on the premises to look after children. On 22 July 2024, we carried out a regulatory telephone call. We found the provider was not meeting a legal requirement. This related to not following their own safeguarding policy which states that in all cases where a complaint or allegation has been made with regards to any inappropriate behaviour or poor practice by a staff member or volunteer, they will notify the local authority designated officer (LADO) before making a decision about the best way forward. The provider has now however, carried out an appropriate investigation and notified LADO. We have issued a notice to improve that requires the provider to take the following action within the timescales set out.

Action needed by 14 August 2024:

ensure that the provision's safeguarding policy is implemented effectively, to keep children safe; this particularly refers to the action to be taken in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff.

We are satisfied with the action taken by the provider. 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.