

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 3 July 2024, 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. 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 8 August 2024, we completed a regulatory visit. The focus of the visit was to check whether the childminder had met the safeguarding and welfare actions raised at their last inspection. We found that she had met some of the safeguarding and welfare actions but not others. For example, the childminder had improved the toileting arrangements for children and she had removed cleaning materials that posed a risk to children. Additionally, the childminder had provided appropriate sleep provision and started to follow government guidance to ensure children can sleep safely.

However, the childminder was not able to demonstrate a clear understanding of her safeguarding training or an ability to recognise and respond to signs of abuse.

We served another welfare requirements notice.

Action needed by 24 September 2024.

- improve knowledge of the 'Prevent' duty guidance to promote children's safety and welfare.

We took steps to cancel the childminder's registration. The childminder objected to us taking this step. Having heard her reasons for objecting to this step, we decided to proceed with cancellation. However, the childminder informed us of their intention to resign from the Early Years Register. This means that we are unable to monitor the action raised at the last visit. We have decided not to proceed with the cancellation. The provider is no longer registered on the Early Years Register but remains registered on the Compulsory and voluntary part of the Childcare Register.

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

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.