

Our Reference 204940

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Julia Galloway, monitored your provision on 19/09/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 23/06/2014, we sent you a notice to improve. If you were set actions at the inspection, or as a result of our subsequent monitoring or investigations, these are included at the end of this letter.

During the monitoring visit, the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. You confirmed that you have had three visits from your local authority support worker and that you took immediate action with regards to seeking this support. The inspector spoke to a representative from the local authority who telephoned her after your monitoring visit. The inspector had a discussion with you about changes that you have made to your procedures and additional training that you have attended to strengthen your practice. She discussed with you the action plans that you have implemented to evaluate your setting to ensure continuous improvements. The inspector looked at your policies and procedures with regards to safeguarding, including the action to be taken if an allegation is made against you or your household and suitability checks carried out on persons living in your household. She viewed evidence of your attendance at and completion of a paediatric first aid course. The inspector viewed a sample of children's learning and development records and discussed with you the changes that you have made to your system of observation and assessment of children's progress.

The inspector found that you have reviewed your safeguarding policies and procedures and attended training to ensure that you understand your safeguarding responsibilities. You demonstrated that you are now aware of the procedure to follow if you have a concern about a child in your care. You have notified Ofsted of all persons living in your household and submitted applications for Disclosure and Barring Service checks for these people. You provided documentation which confirms that you have attended a paediatric first-aid training course. This means that you can safely administer first aid if the need arises. You have implemented an observation

and assessment system that means that you now record information about children's progress. This is helping you to identify their next steps in learning, which you take into account when planning activities. All children have individual files and diaries which are used to share this information with parents and carers. Action plans have been used effectively to strengthen your practice and monitor your progress towards identified weakness. You explained that you intend to build on this by using additional methods of self-evaluation.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that the childminder has taken prompt and effective action to address the points for improvement.

Next steps

The next step will be a full inspection.

I hope that you have found the visit helpful in promoting improvement in your childminding service. If you have any further queries please contact us on the number at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Nick Hudson
National Director, Early Education

Actions

Action	Due date	Closed date
inform Ofsted of the name, date of birth, address and telephone number of any person aged 16 or over living on the premises and of any significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of anyone working or living on the premises within 14 days (compulsory part of the Childcare Register).	21/07/2014	19/09/2014
improve knowledge of Local Safeguarding Children Board procedures and guidance, including attending a child protection training course for lead practitioners that enables you to understand and respond appropriately to signs of possible abuse and neglect	25/08/2014	19/09/2014
complete and maintain a current paediatric first-aid qualification	25/08/2014	19/09/2014
ensure safeguarding procedures are in line with Local Safeguarding Children Board guidance and include; action to be taken in the event of an allegation of abuse being made against anyone working or living on the premises; the use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting	25/08/2014	19/09/2014
assess children's progress across all the areas of learning accurately and use the information to better identify and plan for children's individual next steps in learning.	25/08/2014	19/09/2014
complete and maintain a current paediatric first-aid qualification (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	25/08/2014	19/09/2014
improve the written safeguarding policy to clearly explain current procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being	25/08/2014	19/09/2014

cared for from abuse or neglect
(compulsory part of the Childcare
Register)