

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 20 December 2023, we received concerns that the provider was not meeting some of these requirements. We suspended the provider's registration on 21 December 2023 because we believed children may be at risk of harm. Suspension allowed time for the provider to take steps to reduce or eliminate the risk of harm to children. The provider may not provide childcare for which registration is required while the suspension is in place and may commit an offence if they do so.

On 29 December 2023, we carried out a regulatory visit. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements. We have issued actions for the provider to take. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this. The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

Actions needed by 19 January 2024:

- demonstrate that you understand the appropriate procedures to follow, in line with your written safeguarding policy, in the event of an allegation being made against yourself or a household member
- provide Ofsted with information relating to all adults who work with children, so that the appropriate suitability checks can be completed
- put systems in place to ensure an accurate daily record is maintained of children's hours of attendance.

The provider also failed to notify Ofsted of a number of significant events which is a requirement of their registration.

On 15 January 2024 the provider responded to the actions set. We found that the provider has improved their knowledge and understanding of the procedures to follow in the event of an allegation being made. The provider has also submitted forms to carry out suitability checks on an assistant. New procedures have been put in place to record children's attendance.

On 1 February 2024 we extended the suspension of the provider's registration because we believed children remain at risk of harm. Suspension allowed time for the provider to take steps to reduce or eliminate the risk of harm to children. The provider may not provide childcare for which registration is required while the suspension is in place and may commit an offence if they do so.

On 27 February 2024, we lifted the suspension because the provider took appropriate action to deal with the matter that led to the suspension. We are satisfied that the identified risk of harm to children has been removed.

On 4 June 2024, we carried out an inspection and found the provider 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 also found that the provider failed to notify Ofsted of a further significant event which is a requirement of their registration.

On 17 June 2024, we carried out 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 provider has updated their safeguarding policy and procedures. They have ensured that all those caring for children have a secure understanding of safeguarding issues. The provider has also put in place systems for the induction of all those caring for children, to help them to understand their roles and responsibilities.

We are satisfied the provider has met the safeguarding and welfare actions raised. 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.