

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 27 July 2024, the provider notified us of a significant event relating to safeguarding policies and procedures; qualifications, health; training, support and skills; safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment. 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 which is likely to affect the suitability of the childminder to look after children.

We suspended the provider's registration on 23 August 2024 because we believe children are, or may be, at risk of harm. Suspension allows time for the provider to take steps to reduce or eliminate the risk of harm to children. The provider has a right to appeal against a suspension. 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 30 August 2024 we carried out a regulatory visit. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements and had taken action to put this right. The provider has updated their safeguarding policy and procedures relating to allegations against staff. These now reflect the arrangements of the Local Safeguarding Partnership. Staff have attended additional training in relation to safeguarding children. The provider has also reviewed and amended their procedures in relation to risk assessment and safety of children on outings.

The provider will be able to give parents further information about this. The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

On 18 September and 30 September 2024, we carried out further regulatory visits. We found that the provider was not meeting requirements relating to health and had taken action to put this right. They have attended additional training in relation to the management of allergies.

The provider will be able to give parents further information about this. The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

On 4 October 2024 we extended the suspension of the provider's registration because we believe children remain at risk of harm. Suspension allows time for the provider to take steps to reduce or eliminate the risk of harm to children. The provider has a right to appeal against a suspension. 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.

The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

On 10 October we took steps to cancel the provider's registration. The provider has a right to object to our intention to take these steps. The provider did not object to us taking this step.

On 24 October Ofsted served a notice of decision to cancel the provider's registration. The provider has a right to appeal this decision to an independent external tribunal, the Health, Education and Social Care First-tier Tribunal.

The provider did not appeal to the First-tier Tribunal and on 22 November 2024 the registration as a childminder was cancelled.

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.