

Our Reference EY274903

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Julie Larnar, monitored your provision on 25/07/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 29/05/2014, 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.

The welfare requirements notice required you to comply with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage under the following requirements: Outings and Staff:Child ratios. The steps you were required to take were detailed in the notice sent out to you on 15 May 2014. A notice to improve was also issued on 15 May 2014 under the following requirements: Suitable people and Information about the provider. A notice to improve was issued under the following requirements Premises and Safety after a visit to your premises by an inspector on 29 May 2014.

During the monitoring visit of 3 July 2014 the inspector discussed with you the steps you had taken to address the notice to improve and how you had met the welfare requirements notice. The inspector found that while you had begun to address the actions, you displayed an insufficient understanding of how to interpret the exceptions to the usual ratios set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage and you had taken on new children who were not siblings to existing children.

During the next monitoring visit of 25 July 2014 the inspector discussed with you the steps you had taken to address the notices to improve. The inspector looked at your attendance records for children, and the assistants who work at your setting, how you organise sleeping space for children and how you manage emergency fire evacuations. The inspector found that you now ensure that all records are easily available for inspection as hard copies of the times of attendance for children and assistants who work in your setting are kept and can be made available for inspection. You told the inspector that children now sleep in their buggies to ensure that they remain safe. The inspector saw that assistants are able to easily locate the keys for the gates at the front of your property which ensures that they can easily

open these in the event of an emergency.

On 1 July 2014 Ofsted received a complaint that raised concerns about, children not being collected from school; communication with parents being poor; large numbers of children being cared for and assistants being left for longer than two hours. We needed to investigate this concern to see whether you were meeting the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. We do not investigate to prove or disprove a complaint but we look into the information we receive to see if the childcare provider is meeting all legal requirements.

The inspector discussed these issues as part of the monitoring visit. You told the inspector of an instance when one of your assistants had been late to collect a child from school. You told us that this had been due to her car breaking down and on that occasion the assistant arrived at the school about ten minutes late. You told us, other than this occasion, there have been no occasions when children have not been collected from school. You told us that parents are provided with written newsletters on a monthly basis informing them about the events and activities that are happening in your setting, and the inspector looked at a sample of these during the visit. You told the inspector that the assistant who is at the door greeting parents shares information with them about their child's day, and there are also menus and activities planners displayed around the setting. You have continued to record the times that assistants have had sole care of the children, and you told us that you ensure that this is no more than two hours a day. The inspector looked at your records of attendance for the children who attend your setting and found that you maintain the required ratios and ensure that you do not exceed the numbers of children in the early years range that you and your assistants are allowed to care for.

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
ensure that assistants are competent and suitable for the areas of work they undertake, with specific regard to obtaining information on assistants through an application process and obtaining suitable references	23/05/2014	13/06/2014
maintain an accurate record of the names of children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance	23/05/2014	13/06/2014
support children's personal, social and emotional development by ensuring they are always learning in an environment where they are well supervised and can feel safe and secure.	23/05/2014	13/06/2014
ensure childminding assistants are only left for a maximum of two hours per day (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	23/05/2014	13/06/2014
ensure childminding assistants are only left for a maximum of two hours per day (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	23/05/2014	13/06/2014
ensure an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check has been obtained through Ofsted for all persons having unsupervised contact with children (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	23/05/2014	13/06/2014
ensure an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check has been obtained through Ofsted for all persons having unsupervised contact with children (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	23/05/2014	13/06/2014
keep a daily record of the names of children and their hours of attendance (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	23/05/2014	13/06/2014
keep a daily record of the names of	23/05/2014	13/06/2014

children and their hours of attendance
(voluntary part of the Childcare Register).

ensure children are kept safe on outings by ensuring they are adequately supervised at all times	23/05/2014	13/06/2014
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ensure children are not left with assistants for more than two hours at most in a single day	23/05/2014	13/06/2014
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ensure that childminding records are available for inspection by Ofsted at all times, with particular regard to daily records showing the names of the persons looking after children	30/05/2014	13/06/2014
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