

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 28 November 2023, we carried out an inspection and found the childminder was not meeting some of these requirements. The overall effectiveness of the provision was judged to be not met. The inspection report sets out the actions the childminder was required to take to meet the requirements. Following the inspection, we served a welfare requirements notice. This is a legal notice that requires the childminder to take the actions within the timescales set out.

On 17 January 2024, we carried out a regulatory visit. The focus of the visit was to check the childminder had met the safeguarding and welfare actions raised at the previous inspection. During the visit, we found that the childminder had improved staffing arrangements. The childminder ensured that children were in sight and/or hearing at all times to protect their safety and welfare. The childminder also ensured that children were not left in the sole care of assistants for more than two hours in a single day. We were satisfied the childminder had met the safeguarding and welfare actions raised.

On 21 February 2024, due to other concerns, we took steps to cancel the childminder's registration. On 19 April 2024, the childminder objected to us taking this step. Having reviewed the childminder's reasons for objecting to this step, we proceeded with steps to cancel the childminder's registration. On 18 June 2024, the childminder appealed to an independent external tribunal, the Health, Education and Social Care First-tier Tribunal. On 24 September 2024, the childminder closed their setting and resigned their registration. The childminder is no longer a registered childcare provider.

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.