Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

The regulatory call urgently identified that the setting is failing to consistently meet key safeguarding and welfare requirements essential to keeping children safe and well cared for.

Although leaders have completed safeguarding training and demonstrate a basic understanding of safeguarding responsibilities, they lack confidence in recognising, recording, and responding to potential concerns about a child's welfare.

The environment is not always maintained to a safe and suitable standard. Hazards are inconsistently identified and addressed in a timely manner, creating avoidable risks in the setting.

Risk assessments are in place but are not used effectively to proactively manage risks or to demonstrate how children's safety is monitored and maintained.

Leaders understand the setting's processes and information management only to a limited extent. This makes it difficult to show that appropriate procedures are consistently followed to support children's wellbeing.

These weaknesses mean the setting is not consistently safe and secure for children. However, there are currently no identified risks, as the childminder stays compliant and meets children's immediate care needs.

Immediate improvements are required. Leaders must implement more frequent and thorough safeguarding reviews, schedule regular training on recognising and responding to concerns, assign clear responsibility for daily hazard checks, revise and document risk assessments with practical controls, and monitor checks for consistent, accurate record-keeping.

Required Actions

To meet the statutory requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), the provider must take the following actions:

Safeguarding Policies and Procedures - EYFS 3.5

• Review and update safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure they are clear, current, and fully implemented in practice.

• Strengthen leaders' confidence in identifying, responding to, recording, and escalating safeguarding concerns appropriately.

• Ensure safeguarding procedures are consistently followed and understood.

Risk Assessment - EYFS 3.91

• Review and improve risk assessment processes so that hazards are consistently identified, assessed, and addressed promptly.

• Ensure risk assessments are actively used to manage children's safety and demonstrate how risks are reduced or removed.

• Implement regular checks of the premises and equipment to always maintain a safe and suitable environment.

Leadership Oversight and Record-Keeping

• Improve leaders' understanding of the setting's procedures and responsibilities.

• Establish clear systems for record-keeping and information management to demonstrate compliance with safeguarding and welfare requirements.

• Ensure records are accurate, up to date, and readily available to evidence practice.

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.

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