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Our Reference EY398352

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Laura Hoyland, monitored your provision on 25/09/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 27/06/2014, 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.

During the monitoring visit the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. She held discussions with you and a representative from the local authority. The inspector had a tour of the premises, discussed your development plan, training courses you have attended and planning documents. She also checked the suitability of all adults living on the premises.

The inspector found that you have created a clear and concise development plan with the early years consultant from the local authority and used it to drive improvement. For example, training courses have been booked and attended. In particular, you have attended a paediatric first-aid training course to update your knowledge and understanding of the how to manage accidents and injuries to children. You have also developed your understanding of safeguarding issues and completed safeguarding training. You are now knowledgeable about the signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect and how to respond to such concerns. Following the safeguarding training you have updated your safeguarding policy, which details the procedure following an allegation made against you or a family member. The policy also covers the use of mobile telephones and cameras. In addition, all persons living on the premises have been vetted and are suitable to have contact with children.

The inspector found that you have conducted thorough risk assessments of your home and minimised all risks to children. For example, all chemicals are kept out of children's reach and cupboards are locked. In addition, you clearly demonstrated an understanding of how and when to record accidents and incidents to children.

The inspector found that you have updated your knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. You are aware of children's individual needs and interests and how to plan challenging and enjoyable experiences for children using this information. Activities and learning opportunities are planned and implemented through a range of adult-led and child-initiated play. You have worked closely with the local authority adviser to develop your knowledge and understanding of observation and assessment and use this information to support children's development. Progress checks for children aged between two and three years have been completed, are detailed and shared with parents. Furthermore, you provide parents and other settings with information regarding what children are learning and how you deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage to ensure children's learning is complemented between home, the setting and other providers children attend.

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
develop an up-to-date knowledge of child protection issues, including having regard to the statutory guidance 'Working Together to Safeguard Children', in order to confidently identify possible signs of abuse or neglect and respond promptly to such concerns	11/07/2014	25/09/2014
implement a policy and procedure to safeguard children which is in line with the guidance and procedures of the relevant Local Safeguarding Children Board and which includes an explanation of the action to be taken in the event of an allegation being made against the childminder or a family member, and also covers the use of mobile phones and cameras in the home	11/07/2014	25/09/2014
keep and implement a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	11/07/2014	25/09/2014
undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment at least once in each calendar year, and immediately where the need for an assessment arises; ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	30/06/2014	25/09/2014
undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment at least once in each calendar year, and immediately where the need for an assessment arises; ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	30/06/2014	25/09/2014
consider children's individual needs,	08/08/2014	25/09/2014

interests and stage of development by undertaking regular and precise observations and assessments, and planning challenging and enjoyable experiences across all areas of learning and development, and extend the range of resources to support children's learning

develop knowledge and understanding of observing and assessing children's progress so that their learning can be better supported, and accurate information can be used to write the progress check carried out for children between the ages of two and three years	11/07/2014	25/09/2014
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develop a shared and consistent approach to children's care and learning by informing parents about how the Early Years Foundation Stage is delivered in the setting, discussing their child's progress and development, including how they can support learning at home, and by developing partnership working with other providers	08/08/2014	25/09/2014
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ensure there are clear and well-understood policy and procedures for assessing any risks to children's safety, review risk assessments regularly and take action to minimise hazards to promote children's welfare	30/06/2014	25/09/2014
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ensure that an accurate record is maintained of accidents or injuries, in order to promote the efficient and safe management of the childminding service and promote children's welfare	30/06/2014	25/09/2014
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keep an accurate record of accidents which occur on the premises and retain such records for a period of two years (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	30/06/2014	25/09/2014
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keep an accurate record of accidents which occur on the premises and retain such records for a period of two years (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	30/06/2014	25/09/2014
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make copies of the written statements of safeguarding procedures and complaints procedures available to parents, as well as Ofsted's address (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	11/07/2014	25/09/2014
inform Ofsted of the name, date of birth, address and telephone number of any person aged 16 or over working or living on the premises (compulsory part of the Childcare Register).	11/07/2014	25/09/2014
inform Ofsted of the name, date of birth, address and telephone number of any person aged 16 or over working or living on the premises (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	11/07/2014	25/09/2014
ensure that each area of learning and development is implemented through planned, purposeful play and a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities, in order to fully support children's all-round learning and development.	08/08/2014	25/09/2014
ensure that information is provided to Ofsted so that the suitability of every person aged 16 years and over who lives on the premises on which the childcare is provided can be checked	11/07/2014	25/09/2014
ensure that any person having unsupervised contact with children is suitable to be in regular contact with children, and an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check has been obtained in respect of that person (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	11/07/2014	25/09/2014
ensure that any person having unsupervised contact with children is suitable to be in regular contact with children, and an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check has been obtained in respect of that person (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	11/07/2014	25/09/2014
obtain a current paediatric first-aid certificate that is local authority approved and relevant for workers caring for	25/07/2014	25/09/2014

children, in order to be able to respond appropriately to minor and major accidents or incidents

ensure that an appropriate first-aid qualification is held (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	25/07/2014	25/09/2014
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ensure that an appropriate first-aid qualification is held (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	25/07/2014	25/09/2014
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keep and implement a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	11/07/2014	25/09/2014
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make copies of the written statements of safeguarding procedures and complaints procedures available to parents, as well as Ofsted's address and the registration system for the voluntary part of the Childcare Register (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	11/07/2014	25/09/2014
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