

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 12 July 2016, the provider notified us of an incident of a safeguarding nature. This notification means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements to notify Ofsted of any significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of the early years provider or any person who cares for, or is in regular contact with, children on the premises to look after children.

Following the notification we liaised with outside agencies.

We carried out an unannounced visit to the premises and found that the safeguarding policy and procedure had not been implemented effectively with regard to prompt referral or seeking advice from the relevant child protection agencies. In addition, the provider had not ensured that the designated member of staff with lead responsibility for safeguarding had sufficient knowledge to provide support, advice and guidance to staff regarding safeguarding issues.

Following our investigation, we issued a notice to improve that required the provider to:

implement a policy and procedure to safeguard children in line with the guidance and procedures of the relevant Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) with particular regard to prompt referral or seeking advice from the relevant child protection agencies

provide an effective designated practitioner with lead responsibility for safeguarding to provide support, advice and guidance to staff on an ongoing basis and on any specific safeguarding issue as required

We will monitor this provider to ensure they meet this action.

We are satisfied with the action taken by the provider.

The provider remains registered with Ofsted.

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 commencing on the date we complete our investigation.

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 .