

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 14 February 2011, On 14 February 2011, the provider notified us of a child protection allegation made against a member of staff. The notification means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements relating to 'safeguarding and promoting children's welfare'. In particular, these include a requirement that states that providers must inform Ofsted of any allegations of serious harm or abuse by any person living, working or looking after children at the premises.

We carried out an unannounced visit to the premises and found the provider has carried out an internal investigation. We are satisfied with the action taken by the provider, following the internal investigation, to safeguard children. However, we found the provider had not notified the local authority children's services or Ofsted, of the allegation within the prescribed time of 14 days or earlier, of the allegations being made. This is an offence. We did not caution the provider for the offence in this instance because once the provider received the information from the setting, the provider and management team, took immediate action to ensure the legal requirements were met.

Following our investigation, we issued a notice to improve that requires the provider to,
ensure the safeguarding children's policy and procedure is effective and implemented - the Early Years Foundation Stage General Welfare Requirement - Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare

ensure notification without delay, to any child protection agency (usually local children's services or the police) identified by the Local safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) of allegations of abuse - the Early Years Foundation Stage General Welfare Requirement - Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare

ensure necessary steps are taken to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, with particular regard to engaging with parents and maintaining a regular two-way flow of information - the Early Years Foundation Stage General Welfare Requirement - Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare.

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.

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