

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 4 May 2011, the provider notified us that a child left the premises unsupervised. This notification means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements relating to 'Suitable people.' In particular, to notify Ofsted particulars 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. We needed to investigate to see whether the provider was meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements relating to 'Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare'. In particular, these include a requirement that providers must ensure children do not leave the premises unsupervised and provide parents with a procedure to be followed in the event of a child going missing. We also needed to investigate whether the provider was meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements relating to 'Suitable people'. In particular, these include a requirement that providers should consider at all times whether there is adequate supervision of children. Finally, we needed to investigate whether the provider was meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements relating to 'Suitable premises'. In particular, these include a requirement that providers must conduct a risk assessment and review it at least once a year or more frequently where the need arises.

We carried out an unannounced visit to the premises and found that risk assessments were in place and included risks that had been identified in relation to the security of the premises. The provider had carried out a risk assessment following this incident and provided the head of children's care a report about the incident. The inspector observed children to be adequately supervised whilst playing in the garden and that the premises were secure.

The provider had taken prompt action following this incident to further

enhance the security of the premises by:

- immediately moving the low level door release button in the children's centre entrance to ensure children are unable to leave the premises unsupervised (The Early Years Foundation Stage General Welfare requirements - Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare)

We are satisfied that the provider took prompt and appropriate action to further enhance the security of premises that had been judged as a low risk by the health and safety representative. This action promotes the safety of the children further. As a result, we decided it was not necessary for us to take further action. 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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