

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 23 April 2015 we received a notification from the provider advising us of a child protection referral that had been made relating to a concern about a member of staff.

We investigated the concerns to see if the provider was meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements relating to 'Safeguarding'.

In particular requirements that state providers must have and implement a policy, and procedures, to safeguard children. These should be in line with the guidance and procedures of the relevant Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). The safeguarding policy and procedures must include an explanation of the action to be taken in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff.

We carried out an unannounced visit to the provider and discussed the concerns. We found that there was a child protection incident relating to a volunteer member of staff which the provider had not referred without delay.

In addition we found that there had been changes to the committee members which the provider had failed to notify us about. This is an offence for which the provider may be prosecuted.

Following our investigation, we issued the provider with a notice to improve which required them to:

ensure you implement your policy and procedures to safeguard children, particularly with regard to making child protection referrals without delay (Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements- Safeguarding)

We also issued a warning letter for the offence. This will be taken into



consideration if any future offences are committed.

The provider has taken action to meet the requirements.

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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