



Services for Young Children

OFSTED Safeguarding actions; which are likely to lead to a Requires Improvement or Inadequate OFSTED Inspection Outcome

It has been identified that there is a clear trend between settings not having the full range of safeguarding procedures in place and subsequent OFSTED inspection outcomes of Requires Improvement or Inadequate.

Therefore, we are asking all types of providers to ask themselves the following question:

How am I going to ensure that I do not receive a Require Improvement or Inadequate OFSTED inspection outcome because of a safeguarding action?

Out of the actions raised by OFSTED, the following safeguarding actions have appeared most often in post inspection reports in the last year:

Actions which have been in post inspection reports constantly in the last year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suitability• Knowledge• Policy• Medication• Risk Assessment
Actions which have been in post inspection reports frequently in the last year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Security and access
Actions which have been in post inspection reports occasionally in the last year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervision• Deployment/ratios• Maintain/share records• Inform parents• Registers• Mobile phones and cameras• Inform OFSTED• Allegations procedure• First aid• Confirm parental responsibility

The chart below outlines the impact safeguarding actions have had on OFSTED inspection outcomes since July 2018

Theme	PS	DN	CM	OOS	Trend	Number who received a RI outcome	% who received a RI outcome	Number who received an Inadequate outcome	% who received an Inadequate outcome
Staff knowledge of SG (including training)	1	1	1	0	Y	0	0	2	67% - This would be 100% and is only due to the 1 type of registration which could only have a 'met' or 'not met' outcome
Security of premises	1	0	0	0	Y	0	0	1	100%
Policy and procedures	0	0	1	0	Y	0	0	0	0% - This would have been 100% and is only due to 1 type of registration which could only have a 'met' or 'not met' outcome
Risk assessments	0	1	0	0	Y	1	100%	0	0%
Suitability (including informing OFSTED, recruitment, and particularly around management committees and DBS paperwork)	0	1	1	0	Y	1	50%	1	50%
Medicines	0	0	1	0	Y	1	100%	0	0%
Staff deployment	0	1	0	0	N	0	0%	1	100%

Key:
 PS = preschools
 DN = day nurseries
 CM = childminders
 OOS = out of school clubs
 Trend = an action which has been raised regularly through the last year as well

Remember to ask yourself:

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