

Changes to inspection and regulation from September 2012

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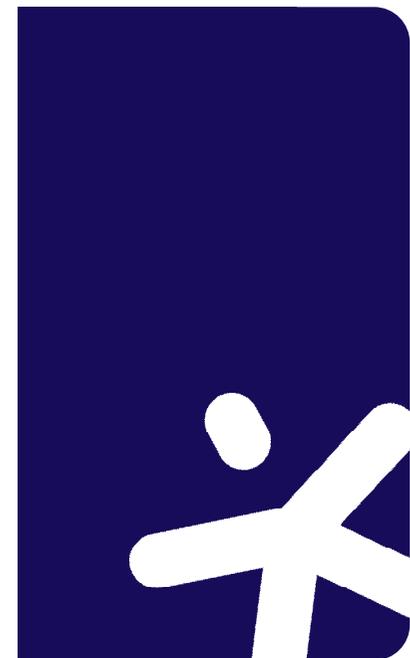


Overview

The Government's vision for early years with a revised Early Years Foundation Stage provides the timetable for change.

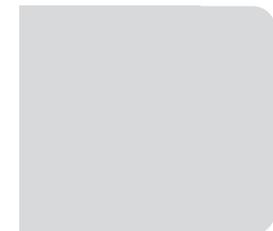
The revised Early Years Foundation Stage and a number of amended regulations and orders will take effect on 1 September 2012.

New frameworks for registration, inspection and enforcement will be introduced on this date to take account of the changes.



Timetable

- Consultation launched January 2012
- Pilot inspections February – April 2012
- Pilot evaluation and consultation response agreed and published May 2012
- Guidance and frameworks published end June 2012
- Dissemination conferences and training June/July 2012
- Implementation September 2012

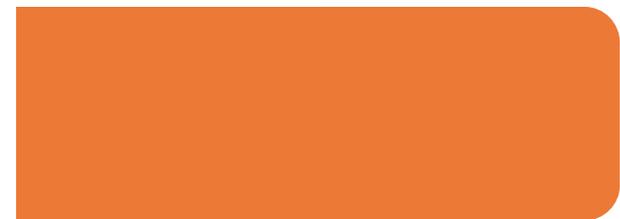
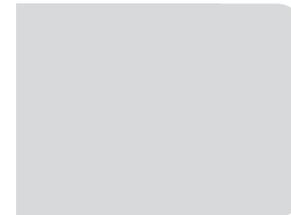


What we intend to achieve



From September 2012 regulation will:

- minimise risks to children so that they thrive in a safe environment when in registered early years provision
- allow more autonomy to providers to manage their own service alongside robust registration arrangements and continued rigorous enforcement for those who cannot or will not comply with requirements



What we intend to achieve (2)



Inspection will

- focus on children's progress
- consider the importance of a family's involvement with their child's provision
- judge how well provision is enabling early intervention to support children's identified needs
- assess whether children's personal and emotional needs are met through an effective key worker system



How we will do this

By September 2012 we will:

- focus on safeguarding children through a robust registration system
- remove the routine imposing of conditions of registration to give providers more flexibility in how to run their provision
- give the responsibility for checking managers and deciding on their suitability to employers



How we will do this (2)



- cease the routine interviewing of nominated persons when they change
- carry out inspections instead of investigations for the majority of occasions where information is shared with us suggesting non-compliance
- focus inspection on outcomes for children especially in relation to progress from their starting points



Proposed inspection judgements



- Outcomes for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage
- The quality and standards of the early years provision including:
 - the role of the practitioner in supporting children's learning and development
 - the effectiveness of care practices in helping children feel emotionally secure and develop independence
- The leadership and management of the early years provision
- The overall effectiveness of provision in meeting the needs of children who attend.



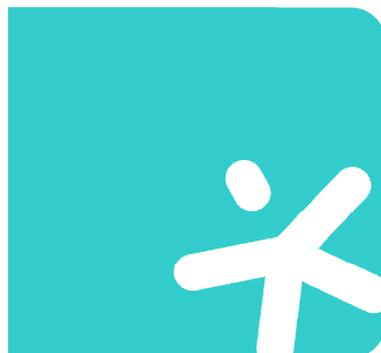
Consultation

On-line consultation runs from 9 January – 6 April 2012, covering six main issues:

- whether providers, not Ofsted, should look into minor concerns
- retaining the current arrangements for notice of inspections
- continuing to make available an online self-evaluation form
- a short summary report for small-scale providers
- whether the proposed inspection criteria cover all the things inspectors should take account of
- using electronic communication as the main way of communicating with applicants and providers.



Conclusion



Through inspection and regulation we will continue to:

- protect children
- ensure that registered providers meet legal requirements
- improve outcomes for children through the actions we take and the recommendations we make
- promote high quality care, learning and development
- provide reassurance for parents