

## Changes to the 'Early years compliance handbook' – May 2018

No.	Area of change	Brief note of change	Location in handbook
1	References to the word investigation	We have moved away from using the term 'investigation' in relation to Ofsted regulatory activity. The term caused confusion about Ofsted powers in relation to looking into concerns raised about a provider especially where this relates to a safeguarding issue. It is other agencies, such as the police and children's social services who undertake investigations. The term 'investigation' has been replaced with regulatory activity, visit or assessment as appropriate.	Throughout the handbook
2	Planning the regulatory visit	This section has been updated to highlight what <b>must</b> be covered in planning and what should be considered when appropriate.	Pages 35-36 Paragraphs 118-119
3	Policy on writing an Outcome summary	The policy on outcome summaries was covered in a separate guidance document and is now covered in the compliance handbook. This section covers the focus of the outcome summary and the situations when it will be written and published.	Pages 43-45 Paragraphs 156-160
4	Case discussions	Clarification has been made on when to use a case discussion, in particular the ability to conduct a case discussion whenever needed during regulatory activity and not restricted to certain times in the process.	Pages 48-49 Paragraphs 162-166
5	Removal of initial warning letters	The use of initial warning letters has been stopped and this section has been removed from the compliance handbook.	Removed from the compliance handbook
6	DBS referrals	This section has been updated to reflect the change in the DBS referral process which is the ability to make referrals online.	Page 82 Paragraph 348