

1230416

Registered provider: Cambian Childcare Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately run home provides care for up to four children who may have experienced trauma that has left them vulnerable. Education is offered at a linked provision on a different site.

The inspector only inspected the social care provision on this site.

There has been no registered manager since December 2023.

Inspection date: 29 November 2024

This monitoring visit

The purpose of the visit was to establish the provider's progress in addressing the shortfalls identified at the last monitoring visit in August 2024.

No children have moved in or out of the home since the last monitoring visit. At the time of this visit, no children were living at the home. The home was not ready to accommodate children. There was no heating or hot water in the home and no timeframe for when this issue would be resolved. Staff are currently working in the organisation's sister homes.

The home has a newly appointed, experienced and qualified manager who has applied to register with Ofsted. They were present during this monitoring visit.

At the time of the last monitoring visit, the responsible individual had created additional monitoring tools for leaders and managers to maintain oversight of the home. However, the new manager has not received an induction. This has limited her understanding of the organisation's systems and processes.

Records of the home's health and safety checks were not readily available, and some outstanding maintenance work is still required, meaning children cannot live comfortably at the home.

The provider has made progress meeting the requirement raised at the last monitoring visit. Large portions of the home have been painted and decorated, carpets have been replaced throughout the home, and new furniture has been purchased. However, due to the extent of the maintenance issues identified, the issues have only been partially addressed, and the requirement is restated. One further requirement has also been raised at this monitoring visit.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
03/07/2024	Full	Inadequate
23/01/2024	Full	Good
11/10/2022	Full	Outstanding
04/01/2022	Full	Good

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person(s) must take to meet The Care Standards Act 2000, The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards'. The registered person(s) must comply with the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The quality and purpose of care standard is that children receive care from staff who— understand the children's home's overall aims and the outcomes it seeks to achieve for children. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— ensure that staff— provide to children living in the home the physical necessities they need in order to live there comfortably. (Regulation 6 (1)(a) (2)(b)(vii)) In particular, this relates to the registered person ensuring that the home is well maintained and provides children with a safe and homely environment. This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	30 December 2024
The registered person must— ensure that each employee completes an appropriate induction. (Regulation 33 (1)(a))	30 December 2024

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the children's home since its last Ofsted inspection.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1230416

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Cambian Childcare Limited

Registered provider address: Metropolitan House, 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar
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Responsible individual: Dennise Springett

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Anver Rose, Social Care Inspector

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