

1240936

Meadows Care Ltd

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

A private company owns this home. It is operated under a contract with a large children's trust. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to three children who may have experienced trauma, placement breakdown and/or family breakdown.

Inspection date: 17 April 2019

This monitoring visit

Ofsted undertook an interim inspection at the home on 7 March 2019. The inspector identified serious failings. At that time, children were not safe in the home because of poor arrangements to manage risks. Following this interim inspection, Ofsted suspended the registration in respect of this home on 8 March 2019.

There are no children currently living in the home. The service has complied with this condition of the notice of suspension.

The organisation is in the process of recruiting a new staff team for this children's home. However, there are no staff in post or working in the home at this time.

The responsible individual and senior management team have devised an action plan to support the development of the home. They continue to address the shortfalls identified at the interim inspections in line with this plan and specified timescales.

The notice of suspension in respect of this home remains in place. Ofsted will continue to monitor the progress of this service

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
07/03/2019	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
23/05/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good
02/11/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
13/06/2017	Full	Requires improvement to be 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, 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 within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child; have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm; manage relationships between children to prevent them from harming each other; understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare; and are familiar with, and act in accordance with, the home's child protection policies; that the home's day-to-day care is arranged and delivered so as to keep each child safe and to protect each child effectively from harm; that the effectiveness of the home's child protection policies is monitored regularly. (Regulation 12(1)(2)(a)(i)(iii)(iv)(v)(vi)(vii)(b)(e))	22/04/2019
The leadership and management standard is that the	22/04/2019

registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that— helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose; ensure that staff work as a team where appropriate; ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child; ensure that the home has sufficient staff to provide care for each child; ensure that the home's workforce provides continuity of care to each child; understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child and use this understanding to inform the development of the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13(1)(a)(b)(2)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e))	
The care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— (e) that the child's placing authority is contacted, and a review of that child's relevant plans is requested, if— (i) the registered person considers that the child is at risk of harm or has concerns that the care provided for the child is inadequate to meet the child's needs. (Regulation 14(1)(a)(2)(e)(i))	22/04/2019
The registered person must— ensure that each employee completes an appropriate	22/04/2019

induction. (Regulation 33(1)(a))	
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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: 1240936

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Meadows Care Ltd

Registered provider address: Meadows Care Ltd, Egerton House, Wardle Road, Rochdale OL12 9EN

Responsible individual: Niel Shelmerdine

Registered manager: Samantha Goodrickmeech

Inspector

Jo Stephenson, social care inspector

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