

1244283

Registered provider: Sandcastle Care Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This is a privately run children's home. The service provides care for up to three children who may have emotional and/or social difficulties.

There is no registered manager in post.

Due to COVID-19, at the request of the Secretary of State, we suspended all routine inspections of social care providers carried out under the social care common inspection framework (SCCIF) on 17 March 2020. We returned to routine SCCIF inspections on 12 April 2021.

Inspection date: 22 December 2021

Date of last inspection: 10 March 2020

Judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

This inspection

The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection

This home was judged good at the last full inspection.

At this interim inspection, the home was 'not judged'.

The home has been closed since the last child left in August 2021.

The manager made the decision to relinquish her responsibilities and return to a different position in the organisation. The home does not currently have a manager and the staff team has been redeployed across the organisation.

The provider has made the decision not to move any new children into the home until a new manager is recruited and there is a stable staff team.

The requirements from the last inspection were not considered as part of this visit and will be reviewed at the next full inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/03/2020	Full	Good
16/10/2018	Full	Good
31/01/2018	Interim	Improved effectiveness
22/05/2017	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, 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 leadership and management standard is that the 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— demonstrate that practice in the home is informed and improved by taking into account and acting on— feedback on the experiences of children, including complaints received use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(g)(ii)(h)) This specifically relates to ensuring that there is robust oversight and monitoring of record-keeping. Records must be accurate and accessible, and demonstrate that the processes and practice of the home are consistently followed, and that any lessons learned are identified and acted on. The feedback obtained from children should be used to inform the manager's review of the quality of care and continuous improvement.	13 January 2021
The policies for the protection of children standard is that the registered person must prepare and implement a policy which— is intended to safeguard children accommodated in the children's home from abuse or neglect; and	13 January 2021

sets out the procedure to be followed in the event of an allegation of abuse or neglect. The procedure to be followed in the event of an allegation of abuse or neglect must, in particular— provide for the prompt referral of an allegation about current or ongoing abuse or neglect in relation to a child to the placing authority and, if different, the local authority in whose area the home is located; provide for records to be kept of an allegation of abuse or neglect, and the action taken in response. (Regulation 34 (1)(a)(b) (2)(c)(b)(d))	
The registered person must notify HMCI and each other relevant person without delay if— there is an allegation of abuse against the home or a person working there; a child protection enquiry involving a child— is instigated; or concludes (in which case, the notification must include the outcome of the child protection enquiry); or there is any other incident relating to a child which the registered person considers to be serious. (Regulation 40 (4)(c)(d)(i)(ii)(e))	13 January 2021
The independent person must produce a report about a visit (“the independent person’s report”) which sets out, in particular, the independent person’s opinion as to whether— children are effectively safeguarded; and the conduct of the home promotes children’s well-being. (Regulation 44 (4)(a)(b))	13 January 2021

Information about this inspection

This inspection focused on the effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection.

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, using the 'Social care common inspection framework. This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, and to consider how well it complies with the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1244283

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Sandcastle Care Ltd

Registered provider address: Sandcastle Care Ltd, 49 Whitegate Drive, Blackpool
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Responsible individual: Suzanne Grocott-Waters

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Michelle Edge, Social Care Inspection Manager

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