

1252095

Registered provider: Restorative Social Care Services Ltd.

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately owned. It offers care for up to two children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of the inspection, one child was living in the home.

The manager registered with Ofsted in April 2022. The manager was not present during the inspection. The inspection was supported by the responsible individual and an acting manager.

Inspection date: 24 September 2024

This monitoring visit

On 15 August 2024, Ofsted carried out an assurance inspection and identified serious and widespread concerns regarding the care and protection of children and the leadership and management of the service. Compliance notices under regulation 12 and regulation 13 were raised, and a notice restricting accommodation was issued.

The purpose of this monitoring visit was to assess the provider's compliance with the restriction of accommodation notice and to review the progress that the provider has made against the regulatory shortfalls detailed within the compliance notices.

Since the last inspection, one child has moved out of the home. The staff helped this child to understand the decisions and plans for their move. One child was present during the inspection, and they spoke with the inspector. The child appeared happy and relaxed around staff, and the general atmosphere of the home was welcoming.

Staff spend time with children to help them to understand associated risks. When there are safeguarding concerns around online safety, the staff talk to the children to educate them. They also help to manage the child's use of their mobile phone. The action taken by staff helps to reduce risks and keeps children safe.

Children's risk assessments have been reviewed and updated. These highlight children's needs, potential vulnerabilities and actions that staff should take to reduce risks to children. One child's plan was unclear on how staff support them to have free time. On this occasion, this has not impacted on the child. However, the actions from staff routinely restrict the child's liberty and are not implemented in consultation with the child or their local authority social worker.

Leaders and managers have strengthened their oversight of the home. The acting manager attends daily handovers and provides staff with additional support during team meetings and supervisions. Staff have revisited some online learning and the home's safeguarding policies. The actions and support from leaders and managers are assisting staff to develop their skills and knowledge. Staff are informed of the actions to take to meet children's individual needs.

No children have gone missing from the home or displayed self-injurious behaviours. Staff are proactive in ensuring that systems are in place to strengthen their oversight of children's well-being. Staff sensitively undertake room checks to ensure that children's bedrooms are safe spaces that are free from hazards. On the day of the visit, staff had not yet helped the child to clean their bedroom. The child's bedroom presented as untidy, but no hazards were seen.

Leaders and managers have challenged staff practice and have taken actions to address poor practice. The improvements in monitoring and oversight help leaders and managers to understand the quality of care that staff provide to the child. However, leaders and managers acknowledged that these systems need to be embedded to further strengthen management oversight.

This was a focused inspection. Therefore, all the requirements from the last full inspection have not been reviewed and are restated. The compliance notices from the last inspection have been met by the provider. The notice restricting accommodation has been lifted. One additional recommendation has been raised alongside the restated requirement.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/04/2024	Full	Good
17/05/2023	Full	Good
14/02/2023	Full	Inadequate
22/02/2022	Full	Good

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

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered persons 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 persons must comply with 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— have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm; understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; 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)(iii)(v)(vii)(b)(e)) This requirement has been restated.	29 November 2024

Recommendation

The registered person should ensure that actions routinely taken around children's free time are not unlawfully depriving a child from their liberty. (Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards, page 50, paragraph 9.63)

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: 1252095

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered provider address: 69a Saddleworth Road, Greetland, Halifax HX4 8AG

Responsible individual: Christopher Kershaw

Registered manager: Stephen Tuck

Inspector

Gina Lightfoot, Social Care Inspector

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