

1257706

Gravitas Care Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is run by a private organisation which provides care and accommodation for up to two children or young people.

The registered manager resigned from her post in October 2019. An acting manager is in post. She has the relevant experience and qualifications to work with children and young people.

Inspection date: 13 November 2019

This monitoring visit

This children's home was judged outstanding at the full inspection on 10 September 2019. Following receipt of concerns relating to the care being provided, a monitoring inspection has been undertaken to check that the Children's Homes Regulations 2015 are being adhered to.

The children and young people have positive relationships with the staff.

The children and young people are looked after by suitably experienced staff, and there is close oversight by the acting manager and deputy manager. There are sufficient finances to support the day-to-day running of the home. This allows the children to access social and leisure activities that include going shopping, going to boxing classes and gym sessions.

The following matters did not meet the requirements of the regulations:

- Not all visitors to the home have signed into the visitors' book. Consequently, an accurate record has not been kept of all visitors to the home, including the names of visitors and the reason for the visit, as required.

- Not all staff supervision records were stored at the home or were available for inspection.

The recommendation made at the last inspection is carried forward and will be checked at the next inspection visit.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/09/2019	Full	Outstanding
03/10/2018	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 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 within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
Schedule 4 sets out the other information that the registered person must keep in relation to a children's home. The registered person must— maintain in the home the records in Schedule 4; ensure that the records are kept up to date; and retain the records for at least 15 years from the date of the last entry. (Regulation 37 (1)(2)(a)(b)(c)) In particular, ensure that a record is kept of all visitors to the home, including their name and reason for the visit.	18/12/2019
The registered person must ensure that all employees— undertake appropriate continuing professional development; receive practice-related supervision by a person with appropriate experience; and have their performance and fitness to perform their roles appraised at least once every year. (Regulation 33 (4)(a)(b)) In particular, ensure that all staff receive supervision and that the records are available for inspection.	18/12/2019

Recommendations

- For children's homes to be nurturing and supportive environments that meet the needs of their children, they will, in most cases, be homely, domestic environments. Children's homes must comply with relevant health and safety legislations (alarms, food hygiene etc.); however, in doing so, homes should seek as far as possible to maintain a domestic rather than 'institutional' impression. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality

standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9)

In particular, remove the wood and hazards over the perimeter fence of the garden to make the area safe.

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: 1257706

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Gravitas Care Limited

Registered provider address: 99 Cragg Road, Mytholmroyd, Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire HX7 5FB

Responsible individual: Peter Whitworth

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Debbie Foster: social care inspector

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