

1257739

Care 4 Children Residential Services Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately owned home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to three children who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

The manager registered with Ofsted in August 2017.

Inspection date: 10 February 2021

This monitoring visit

This visit was arranged due to an escalation in safeguarding notifications. This is specifically in relation to children going missing from home and concerns about incidents between children when they have harmed each other. Furthermore, a review of recent notifications showed that several bank staff were working at the home. Therefore, the visit was also arranged to establish the current staff team.

The inspectors found that risk management strategies are not always effective. This has led to incidents occurring within the home, such as a child going missing from home and an incident occurring between two children when a child was harmed. Since these incidents occurred, the registered manager has implemented strategies to reduce the risk of harm to children. Staff spoken to at the visit demonstrate that they know what these strategies are and how they will work together to reduce any risks to children.

The registered manager has also implemented additional strategies to prevent children going missing from home. The inspectors found that staff spoken to at the visit understand these strategies. Furthermore, staff follow children's missing-from-care risk management plans when they go missing from home.

Children's risk assessments do not include all known risks to children or strategies to reduce risk. The registered manager knows that this is an area to improve and she has put plans in place to address this.

Medication is not safely administered to all children. The registered manager and staff have not sought sufficient medical guidance when a child has failed to take a controlled drug on a regular basis.

The registered manager reviews and evaluates incidents within the home. However, the manager has not yet completed a robust review and evaluation of a serious incident when a child went missing from home. This is in order to understand the impact that the quality of care is having on the progress and experiences of children and to prevent any reoccurrence of safeguarding incidents. This is necessary to ensure that the registered manager can make improvements in the quality of care that the children receive.

Regulation 44 reports are not received as per regulation. There are delays with these reports. This means that Ofsted cannot monitor the home effectively.

Social workers who the inspectors spoke to were positive about the progress that children have made. One social worker commented on how her child has engaged with education and how well he has presented when she has visited him at home.

The inspector also spoke to children. Children were generally positive about their home and the staff team. One child told the inspector that he could talk to staff. Observations of children with staff were also positive.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
09/09/2019	Full	Good
07/08/2018	Full	Good
20/02/2018	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 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. understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; 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. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(v)(b)) In particular, ensure that staff understand children's risks and how to reduce the risk of harm to children. Furthermore, ensure that children's risk assessments are sufficiently detailed and include all known risks to children.	29 April 2021
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—	29 April 2021

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)(f)) This is to ensure that the registered manager reviews and evaluates all significant incidents that occur in the home with the staff team and individual members of staff as appropriate.	
The registered person must make arrangements for the handling, recording, safekeeping, safe administration and disposal of medicines received in the children's home. In particular the registered person must ensure that— medicine which is prescribed for the child is administered as prescribed to the child for whom it is prescribed and no other child; and a record is kept of the administration of medicine to each child. (Regulation 23 (1) (2)(b)(c))	29 April 2021
The registered person must use reasonable endeavours to ensure that an independent person visits the children's home at least once each month. The independent person must produce a report about a visit ("the independent person's report") which set 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 (1) (4)(a)(b))	29 April 2021

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

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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