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Dynamic Childcare Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home provides care and accommodation for up to two children who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. The home is privately owned.

There have been a number of changes in the directorship and management of the home. The previous director of the company resigned on 21 December 2020. A new director was appointed and commenced his role on 20 December 2020. However, he resigned on 17 March 2021. He has since been reappointed on 29 March 2021.

A new responsible individual was appointed on 8 August 2020. However, they resigned on 22 December 2020. He was reappointed on 17 March 2021 but resigned again on 29 March 2021.

The registered manager left the organisation in December 2020.

Inspection date: 9 July 2021

This monitoring visit

The children's home was suspended on 9 November 2020 and, at the time of this monitoring visit, remains suspended.

This monitoring visit was undertaken in accordance with Ofsted policies to review the provider's compliance with the current suspension notice. However, at the time of the visit, there was nobody at the home to allow access to the premises.

Ofsted has been notified that the registered manager has resigned with immediate effect in December 2020 and that the responsible individual has left the organisation. However, Ofsted has not been provided with the current arrangements for the management of the home, including the new director's contact details. Therefore, the inspector was unable to contact the provider.

The previous requirements could not be considered at the time of this visit.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/01/2020	Full	Good
14/03/2019	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
29/05/2018	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
In meeting the quality standards, the registered person must, and must ensure that staff— seek to involve each child's placing authority effectively in the child's care, in accordance with the child's relevant plans; seek to secure the input and services required to meet each child's needs. (Regulation 5 (a)(b))	17 December 2020
The quality and purpose of care standard is that children receive care from staff who— understand the children's home's overall aims and the outcomes it seeks to achieve for children; use this understanding to deliver care that meets children's needs and supports them to fulfil their potential. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— ensure that staff— provide to children living in the home the physical necessities they need in order to live there comfortably; ensure that the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed and furnished so as to— meet the needs of each child. (Regulation 6 (1)(a)(b) (2)(b)(vii)(c)(i))	17 December 2020
The children's views, wishes and feelings standard is that children receive care from staff who— develop positive relationships with them; engage with them; and take their views, wishes and feelings into account in relation to matters affecting the children's care and welfare and their lives. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to—	17 December 2020

ensure that staff— ascertain and consider each child's views, wishes and feelings, and balance these against what they judge to be in the child's best interests when making decisions about the child's care and welfare; help each child to express views, wishes and feelings; help each child to understand how the child's views, wishes and feelings have been taken into account and give the child reasons for decisions in relation to the child; ensure that each child— is given appropriate advocacy support. (Regulation 7 (1)(a)(b)(c) (2)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(b)(iii))	
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. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i))	17 December 2020
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 the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed, furnished and maintained so as to protect each child from avoidable hazards to the child's health. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(d)) This is particularly with regard to fire safety.	17 December 2020
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—	17 December 2020

ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child; ensure that the home's workforce provides continuity of care to each child. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(c)(e))	
A person may only manage a children's home if— the person is of integrity and good character; having regard to the size of the home, its statement of purpose, and the number and needs (including any needs arising from any disability) of the children— the person has the appropriate experience, qualification and skills to manage the home effectively and lead the care of children; and the person is physically and mentally fit to manage the home; and full and satisfactory information is available in relation to the person in respect of each of the matters in Schedule 2. For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b)(i), a person has the appropriate experience and qualification if the person has— within the last five years, worked for at least two years in a position relevant to the residential care of children; worked for at least one year in a role requiring the supervision and management of staff working in a care role; and by the relevant date, attained— the Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management for Residential Childcare (England) ("the Level 5 Diploma"); or a qualification which the registered provider considers to be equivalent to the Level 5 Diploma. The relevant date is— in the case of a person who starts managing a home after 1 April 2014, the date which falls three years after the date on which that person started managing a home; or in the case of a person who was managing a home on 1 April 2014, 1 April 2017. The registered provider may defer the relevant date if the person— does not manage, or has not managed, a home for a prolonged period; or	17 December 2020

manages, or has managed, a home on a part-time basis. (Regulation 28 (1)(a)(b)(i)(ii)(c) (2)(a)(b)(c)(i)(ii) (3)(a)(b) (4)(a)(b))	
The registered person must recruit staff using recruitment procedures that are designed to ensure children's safety. The registered person may only— employ an individual to work at the children's home; or if an individual is employed by a person other than the registered person to work at the home in a position in which the individual may have regular contact with children, allow that individual to work at the home, if the individual satisfies the requirements in paragraph (3). The requirements are that— the individual is of integrity and good character; the individual has the appropriate experience, qualification and skills for the work that the individual is to perform; full and satisfactory information is available in relation to the individual in respect of each of the matters in Schedule 2. (Regulation 32 (1) (2)(a)(b) (3)(a)(b)(d))	17 December 2020
The registered person must give notice in writing to HMCI, as soon as it is reasonably practicable to do so, if any of the following events take place or are expected by the registered person to take place— if the registered provider is an organisation— the organisation's name or address changes; any change of director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the organisation. (Regulation 49 (e)(i)(ii))	17 December 2020

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: 1264696

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Dynamic Childcare Limited

Registered provider address: Dynamic Childcare Limited, 11 Retiro Street,
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Responsible individual: Post vacant

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Maria McGranaghan, Social Care Inspector

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