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Care 4 Children Residential Services Ltd

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is one of a range of residential services provided by a private organisation. The home can care for three children and young people aged between 11 and 17 years old who have experienced emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

The current manager was appointed on 11 March 2019 and is working towards the relevant qualification. He is due to complete this in May 2019. He is in the process of submitting his registered manager application to Ofsted.

Inspection date: 16 April 2019

This monitoring visit

A monitoring visit took place on 16 April 2019, following an earlier monitoring visit on 11 March 2019. The monitoring visit on 11 March 2019 was undertaken because of concerns arising from an increase in incidents of a safeguarding nature at the home.

At the monitoring visit on 11 March 2019, two compliance notices and four requirements were made, to address the identified shortfalls. Inspectors reviewed the compliance notices at the monitoring visit that took place on 16 April 2019. It was found that positive progress had been made within the set time frame.

Ofsted is satisfied that the home has taken sufficient action to meet the compliance notices.

It is evident that senior and operational managers are clear about the shortfalls identified at the last inspection and action plans are in place to improve practice. These plans are having a positive impact on the home and it is making good progress.

One child is currently in respite care at a provision that was arranged by the

organisation. This was a senior management decision that was taken to safeguard all children who are living at the home. The senior managers of the home have served notice on this child, as they have concluded that the home is unable to meet his needs.

The home has taken steps to ensure that there are clear plans in place to meet the children's individual needs. The assessments of need and risk are clear. Staff reported that they are effective, as they assist them in helping and supporting the children. Children also said that they now feel better supported and enjoy living at the home.

Safeguarding arrangements provide staff with clear strategies for helping to keep children safe. These arrangements now consider the wider safeguarding concerns and implications. For example, the manager has met with the local police. This was to explore and address external risk factors, such as access to cigarettes and cannabis.

The health needs of one child are now managed well. The safeguarding risks highlighted in the last monitoring visit have reduced considerably. The child has a full care package in place and a specialist nurse coordinates this. This is having a positive impact on the child's health and progress.

Key working has improved. Children are now receiving support to explore their worries, wishes and feelings. However, this is an area of practice that requires further improvement. This particularly relates to key working being more proactive and reflective. Managers recognise that this is an area for development.

Staff have received the training that they required, as identified at the last inspection. For example, they have now been trained in caring for children who have diabetes. However, it is evident that not all staff have received the training that they need. Managers plan to arrange further training and learning opportunities for staff.

A range of improvements have been made to the home. However, there are some areas of the home that still require attention. This largely relates to the furniture in children's bedrooms. Managers advised that they have ordered new furniture.

Care practice in the home has improved and children now live in a safe and supportive environment. However, managers would benefit from having a clear monitoring system in place. This would assist managers in overseeing practice so as to ensure that it continuously improves.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
17/10/2018	Full	Good

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: 1271998

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Care 4 Children Residential Services Ltd

Registered provider address: Care 4 Children, 1 Stuart Road, Bredbury Park Industrial Estate, Bredbury, Stockport SK6 2SR

Responsible individual: Dominic Tumelty

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Lisa Gregoire-Parker, social care inspector

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