

1274341

Registered provider: Park Blue Homes Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This children's home is owned and managed by a private organisation. It provides care and accommodation for up to three children and young people. The manager has been registered with Ofsted since September 2018.

Inspection date: 22 January 2020

Date of last inspection: 16 July 2019

Judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

This inspection

The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection

This home was judged good at the last full inspection. At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has sustained effectiveness.

Since the previous inspection in July 2019, the registered manager and staff team have continued to provide the children and young people with a calming and safe environment in which to thrive.

Actions to address requirements made at the previous inspection have been met. As a result, children and young people who move in to the home do so in a planned and considered way. The manager makes good use of assessment tools to ensure that children safely live together. The response by the manager to allegations and incidents of concern is timely, appropriate and ensures that all professionals are kept informed.

Since the previous inspection, despite the hard work by the staff team, one young person had to be moved on from the home. This was because staff could not prevent the young person from placing herself at risk. However, excellent efforts were taken by the staff team to reduce the risks, work collaboratively with other professionals and to support the young person in her new living environment.

The children living in the home are settled and they are making progress. They enjoy, and benefit from trusting relationships with the staff team. The staff are at times challenged by some of the children's behaviours. Despite this, well-written behaviour management records provide staff with strategies, which means that the use of physical intervention is minimal and always appropriately used.

The manager ensures that new members of staff are recruited safely and access a good range of training. As a result, staff feel supported and kept up to date with learning. The manager uses supervision effectively to address poor practice and when necessary, identifies additional learning.

Monitoring of the home is in the main good, and directly informs the development plan. However, some records lack enough evaluation, analysis and reflection by the manager. Furthermore, the manager has failed to note that some records are incomplete. This means opportunities to learn and develop practice are missed.

During this period, a new manager has been appointed and registered with Ofsted. Both the new manager and the existing manager are working well together, ensuring a smooth transition period for both the children and the staff team.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
16/07/2019	Full	Good
05/12/2018	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 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 leadership and management standard 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— use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b)(2)(h))	20/03/2020

Information about this inspection

This inspection focused on the effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection.

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, using the 'Social care common inspection framework'. This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, and to consider how well it complies with the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1274341

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Park Blue Homes Limited

Registered provider address: Fairfield Lodge, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham DL14 9NH

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Registered manager: David Gilchrist
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