

1277045

Registered provider: Pathway Care Solutions Ltd

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is part of a large national organisation. It provides care for up to four children who may have learning difficulties and experience social or emotional difficulties. At the time of this visit, two children were living at the home.

A manager who is also registered to manager another home in the local area has applied to register as the manager for this home.

Inspection date: 18 December 2024

This monitoring visit

On 10 July 2024, Ofsted inspected the home and identified serious and widespread concerns in relation to the care and protection of the children. As a result, a compliance notice was issued under regulation 13 and a decision was made to restrict admissions to the home.

At a monitoring visit on 8 August 2024, the restriction on admissions was extended. A further monitoring visit was carried out on 1 October 2024 and the restriction was kept in place. This latest monitoring visit was undertaken to review the restriction.

Senior leaders and managers have a good understanding of the shortfalls in practice. Effective action has been taken to raise the standard of care provided to children. There is a clear focus on ensuring safeguarding practice is robust. The culture of poor practice in the home has changed. Learning is taken at every opportunity and is routinely shared with the staff team.

The number of incidents involving children has reduced, which reflects the improved standard of care they are receiving. Further areas for improvement required include ensuring children's health needs are met, specifically, specialist assessment to inform care planning for one child. There have been no incidents of restraint, therefore practice in this area was not reviewed. The restriction on admissions is no longer

required. The requirements raised at the previous inspections were not reviewed in full at this visit and are therefore restated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
01/05/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
21/08/2023	Full	Good
21/09/2022	Full	Good
12/10/2021	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, The 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 health and well-being standard is that— the health and well-being needs of children are met; children receive advice, services and support in relation to their health and well-being; and children are helped to lead healthy lifestyles. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff help each child to— achieve the health and well-being outcomes that are recorded in the child's relevant plans. (Regulation 10 (1)(a)(b)(c) (2)(a)(i)) In particular, specialist assessment and support should be imbedded in care planning to help a child make progress with toileting.	1 November 2024
The positive relationships standard is that children are helped to develop, and to benefit from, relationships based on— mutual respect and trust; an understanding about acceptable behaviour; and positive responses to other children and adults. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— help each child to develop socially aware behaviour;	29 September 2024

encourage each child to take responsibility for the child's behaviour, in accordance with the child's age and understanding;

help each child to develop and practise skills to resolve conflicts positively and without harm to anyone;

communicate to each child expectations about the child's behaviour and ensure that the child understands those expectations in accordance with the child's age and understanding;

de-escalate confrontations with or between children, or potentially violent behaviour by children.
(Regulation 11 (1)(a)(b)(c) (2)(a)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v)(xi))

In particular, ensure that staff have the skills and support to help children manage their relationships with each other positively and that, where necessary, they can intervene to stop others being harmed.

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: 1277045

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Pathway Care Solutions Ltd

Registered provider address: Maybrook House, Third Floor, Queensway,
Halesowen B63 4AH

Responsible individual: Guy Mammatt

Registered manager: Post vacant (David Rowe proposed)

Inspector

Polly Soper, Social Care Inspector

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