

1277158

Registered provider: Oaktree Childcare Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is operated by a private provider. It is registered to provide care for up to two children. At the time of the inspection, there was one child living in the home.

The manager has been registered with Ofsted since August 2021.

Inspection date: 28 March 2022

Date of last inspection: 17 November 2021

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be 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 requires improvement to be good at the last full inspection. At this interim inspection, Ofsted judged that it has declined in effectiveness.

The actions taken by leaders and managers have not been sufficient to address the shortfalls that were identified at the last inspection. This has resulted in negative experiences and ineffective safeguarding arrangements for some children.

Not all children have had a positive experience of moving in and out of the home. One child who had moved into the home told the inspector that staff listen to their problems and help them. The support from staff has helped to reduce the child's anxieties at bedtime and incidents during the night have significantly reduced. However, ineffective decision-making around the plans for another child moving into the home meant that their progress was limited and resulted in an abrupt and negative ending to their placement.

The risk assessment for one child was not clear about the risks to the child or the strategies for staff to follow to reduce risks. Actions taken by staff during significant events were inconsistent and ineffective, which placed the child at risk of harm.

Although the manager had reviewed records in relation to significant events, they had failed to address the shortfalls in staff practice. Staff did not engage in debriefs following significant events, which meant that ineffective behaviour management and safeguarding practice continued.

Furthermore, the manager had not notified Ofsted of all significant events. This does not support effective monitoring and therefore compromises children's welfare and safety.

Although children rarely go missing from the home, the manager had not implemented robust protocols for staff to follow. When a child was missing, staff did not know what action to take and there was a significant delay in reporting the child missing to the police.

Some children were proud of their bedrooms, which had recently been redecorated and personalised to their own taste. They had been involved in the plans for the home, which included adding more vibrant colours in the communal areas of the home.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
17/11/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be good
05/12/2019	Full	Good
11/01/2019	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; If the registered person considers, or staff consider, a placing authority or a relevant person's performance or response to be inadequate in relation to their role, challenge the placing authority or the relevant person to seek to ensure that each child's needs are met in accordance with the relevant plans. (Regulation 5 (a)(b)(c))	9 May 2022
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; help each child to understand how to keep safe; understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare. (Regulation 12 (1)(2)(a)(i)(ii)(v)(vi))	9 May 2022

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 their full potential; and promotes their welfare. In particular the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— ensure that the 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; 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; use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(c)(e)(f)(h))	9 May 2022
The care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home; and have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home. (Regulation 14 (1)(a)(b))	9 May 2022
The registered person must notify HMCI and each other relevant person without delay if— there is any [other] incident relating to a child which the registered person considers to be serious. (Regulation 40 (4)(e))	9 May 2022

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: 1277158

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Inspector

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