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Osei Minkah Care Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to five children with learning disabilities and/or mental health difficulties. The home is dual registered with the Care Quality Commission.

The registered manager left in October 2020. Two deputy managers are in post. The responsible individual has informed Ofsted that they are recruiting for a new manager.

Due to COVID-19 (coronavirus), at the request of the Secretary of State, we suspended all routine inspections of social care providers on 17 March 2020.

We last visited this setting on 15 July 2021 to carry out a monitoring visit. The report is published on the Ofsted website.

Inspection date: 26 August 2021

This monitoring visit

At an assurance visit on 23 and 24 September 2020, serious and widespread concerns were identified in relation to the care and protection of children. As a result of this inspection, and in response to the serious failings found in respect of safeguarding children and the leadership and management of the home, the home's registration was suspended on 25 September 2020. Eight requirements were raised, five of which were the subject of compliance notices.

A monitoring visit on 3 November 2020 found that managers had complied with the suspension notice. However, managers had not prioritised making the necessary improvements. Consequently, progress was slow and none of the compliance notices or requirements had been met. Eight requirements were raised again.

A monitoring visit on 15 December 2020 found that managers had complied with the suspension notice. However, serious and repeated shortfalls in respect of the leadership and management arrangements for the home continued to be evident. The registration of the home was suspended on 17 December 2020 for a further 12-week period, subject to review at six weeks.

A monitoring visit on 26 January 2021 found that managers had complied with the suspension notice. However, managers had not made sufficient progress in remedying the shortfalls that were identified in previous inspections and which led to the registration of the home being suspended. Consequently, the home's registration remained suspended.

A monitoring visit on 8 March 2021 found that managers had complied with the suspension notice. However, insufficient progress had been made in bringing about improvement in order to ensure that children would be likely to receive safe and effective care. Serious and repeated shortfalls in respect of the leadership and management arrangements for the home remained evident. The registration of the home was suspended on 11 March 2021 for a further 12-week period, subject to review at six weeks.

A monitoring visit on 21 April 2021 found that managers had complied with the suspension notice. However, slow progress and new and repeated shortfalls did not assure the regulator that improvement was sufficient to ensure safe and effective care for children. Consequently, the home's registration remained suspended.

A monitoring visit on 2 and 3 June 2021 found that managers had complied with the suspension notice. However, inspectors found that progress was minimal, and shortfalls remained in leadership and management, the behaviour management policy, staff training, safer recruitment practice and fire safety. Although some improvements were made to the safeguarding policy, recommendations from a safeguarding investigation had not been followed up. Following this visit, the home was suspended for a further 12 weeks, subject to review at six weeks.

A further monitoring visit on 15 July found that managers had complied with the suspension notice. During the visit, managers told the inspectors that they no longer wanted to operate a children's home from the premises. In light of this information, managers did not show the inspectors evidence to support whether improvements had been made. Inspectors accepted that the provider was considering the future use of the setting.

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the provider's adherence to the suspension notice.

At this visit, inspectors were satisfied that managers have continued to comply with the suspension notice. Inspectors did not access the property. Instead, they looked

around the outside of property. No children have lived at the home since September 2020.

Due to the continuing, unresolved issues regarding the future of the home, the suspension of the home's registration remains in place at this time. This is because Ofsted cannot be satisfied that, should children move in and be cared for at the home, they would be safe without significant improvements being made to address the widespread areas of serious concern.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
03/12/2019	Full	Inadequate
27/08/2019	Full	Inadequate

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: 1277449

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Osei Minkah Care Ltd

Registered provider address: Trilogy Suite 9 Church Street, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire WV11 1SR

Responsible individual: Karimah Francis

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspectors

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