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Ivie Lodge Ltd

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately run children's home provides care for up to four children and young people with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. The home has applied to vary its conditions of registration so that it can develop a specialism in caring for children with moderate learning difficulties alongside behavioural difficulties.

There is currently no registered manager. However, there is a permanent manager who has now applied to be registered.

Inspection date: 8 March 2022

This monitoring visit

Following an unannounced visit on 13 December 2021, the home's registration was suspended. There were significant concerns about the physical condition of the home, the experience and skills of the staff team and how well challenging situations were managed. Management oversight of the home was also judged to be poor.

A monitoring visit took place on 25 January 2022. This visit identified that the condition of the building was still not satisfactory. However, other improvements were noted.

This monitoring visit was carried out to monitor compliance with the suspension notice and to consider whether a new suspension notice was required.

Redecoration and refurbishment are almost complete. As a result, significant improvements have been made to the appearance and safety of the home. The home now offers a suitable environment for children to live.

Management arrangements have been formalised. The manager has now submitted an application to be registered. A new, but experienced, deputy manager has been

appointed. Several new staff have also been recruited. A number of these staff have good previous experience.

The manager and responsible individual have rewritten the home's statement of purpose in light of their review of the home's previous difficulties. They have amended their admission criteria so that they can be more confident in meeting the needs of children placed at the home.

The requirements set at the home's full inspection in October 2021, and the further requirements set at the last visit, remain in place and will be reviewed at the home's next full inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
19/10/2021	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
24/05/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be good
18/06/2019	Full	Good
19/02/2019	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
The registered person must— maintain in the home the records in Schedule 4; ensure that the records are kept up to date; and retain the records for at least 15 years from the date of the last entry. (Regulation 37 (2)(a)(b)(c)) This specifically relates to ensuring that details of all children placed in and discharged from the home are recorded and records are kept. This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	8 March 2022
The registered person must— keep the statement of purpose under review and, where appropriate, revise it; and notify HMCI of any revisions and send HMCI a copy of the revised statement of purpose within 28 days of the revision. (Regulation 16 (3)(a)(b)) This relates to notifying Ofsted of any changes in staffing. This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	8 March 2022
The registered person must recruit staff using recruitment procedures that are designed to ensure children's safety. The registered person may only— employ an individual to work at the children's home; or	8 March 2022

if an individual is employed by a person other than the registered person to work at the home in a position in which the individual may have regular contact with children, allow that individual to work at the home, if the individual satisfies the requirements in paragraph (3). The requirements are that— the individual is of integrity and good character; the individual has the appropriate experience, qualification and skills for the work that the individual is to perform; and full and satisfactory information is available in relation to the individual in respect of each of the matters in Schedule 2. (Regulation 32 (1) (2)(a)(b) (3)(a)(b)(d)) This particularly refers to ensuring that full and satisfactory information is sought in relation to any agency staff used. This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	
In meeting the quality standards, the registered person must, and must ensure that staff— if the registered person considers, or staff consider, a placing authority'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 child's relevant plans. (Regulation 5 (c)) This relates to the need to ensure pathway plans for relevant children are in place. This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	8 March 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—	8 March 2022

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; 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; and are familiar with, and act in accordance with, the home's child protection policies. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(v)(vi)(vii)) This specifically relates to maintaining safe home conditions and following procedures that relate to the safe care of children. This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	
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— lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose; ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of 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; demonstrate that practice in the home is informed and	8 March 2022

improved by taking into account and acting on— feedback on the experiences of children, including complaints received; and use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(c)(f)(g)(ii)(h)) This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	
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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: 2483881

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Ivie Lodge Ltd

Registered provider address: 2nd Floor, 9 Portland Street, Manchester M1 3BE

Responsible individual: Danielle Betts

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Philip Cass, Social Care Inspector

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