

2483881

Registered provider: Ivie Lodge Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately run and provides care for up to four children and young people with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

There is currently no registered manager.

Inspection date: 19 October 2021

Date of last inspection: 24 May 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 as requires improvement to be good at the last full inspection. At this interim inspection, Ofsted judged that it has sustained effectiveness.

Since the last inspection, one young person has moved out. This was a well-planned transition, enabling the young person to return to live nearer to their family. There have been two new admissions to the home since the last inspection. Both were well organised.

One young person had previously refused to attend health-related appointments. Since moving to the home, he has attended two such appointments, which is evidence of progress.

Education provision is currently being arranged for both new young people. Another young person is attending college regularly and is making clear progress. This young person feels well supported at college and is confident to share any concerns with staff.

One young person is approaching 18 years of age. The placing authority has not provided the home or young person with the required plan setting out the support she will receive as she moves into adult life. The manager has asked for the plan, but more robust challenge to the local authority is required to secure this vital document.

The home had appointed a new manager following the last inspection. That person has since left, and the home is currently being managed in the interim by the deputy manager. Interviews have taken place for a new permanent manager. The interim manager has worked at the home for several years and is providing an appropriate quality of management.

There have been changes to staff working in the home since the last inspection. However, managers have failed to send Ofsted a copy of the revised statement of purpose showing the changes to staffing.

Recently, the home has used agency staff. Managers have not taken sufficient care to ensure that full and satisfactory information has been provided by the agency about staff coming to work at the home. This includes explanations of gaps in employment histories and information about staff qualifications and skills.

Several requirements and recommendations were made at the last inspection. Most of these have been addressed. As a result, there are better fire safety systems,

archiving arrangements and missing-from-home procedures. Young people are also now given better support to learn independent living skills.

One shortfall identified at the last inspection has not been addressed. This relates to managers ensuring detailed information is maintained on all children and young people who have lived at the home since registration. There are still several gaps in the information recorded, including the date the child left the home and where they moved on to. This information is important because it provides a record of a child's journey through care.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
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 kept.	13 December 2021
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.	13 December 2021
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 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).	13 December 2021

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; 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.	
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.	13 December 2021

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: 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

Tracy Murty, Social Care Inspector

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