

2490998

Registered provider: Sandcastle Care Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and operated by a private organisation. It is registered to provide care for up to two children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

The manager post is vacant.

At the time of the inspection, no children were living in the home.

Inspection date: 2 April 2024

This monitoring visit

In June 2023 the provider informed Ofsted that there were no children living in the home and they did not intend to accommodate any children for period of time. A three-month condition was imposed, requiring the provider to inform Ofsted three months before it intends to support a child to move into the home.

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken by the provider in preparation for the home becoming operational and enabling children to move in.

The provider intends for the manager, and all the children and staff to move from one of the company's other homes to this home.

Since the condition was imposed, the home has been reconfigured and redecorated. The home is spacious, welcoming, and homely. There are several activity areas including a music room and a gym. There is a sensory room that provides children with a safe and quiet place to relax in. There is a large garden at the back of the house that is secure and not overlooked.

The children have visited the home on several occasions for tea as part of a transition plan. They have chosen their bedrooms and started to personalise them. There are visual supports in place to help the children in using the bathroom and kitchen.

The manager is suitably qualified. She has recently completed her fit person interview. The manager knows the children well and she is committed to improving children's outcomes. She is supported by an experienced deputy manager.

The home is properly staffed and resourced to meet the needs of the children. Staff are suitably vetted in line with safer recruitment checks.

Staff have received training in topics such as epilepsy awareness, safeguarding and manual handling. Not all staff have completed the Oliver McGowan training on learning disability and autism, however they are booked to attend the training on 1 May 2024. All staff have received training in the team teach model of behaviour support. This provides staff with a good knowledge and skill set to safeguard and support children.

A case review was held on 03 April 2024. It was agreed that sufficient action has been taken to support the three-month condition to be lifted.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/10/2022	Full	Good
01/09/2021	Full	Good
11/02/2020	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
08/05/2019	Full	Good

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: 2490998

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Sandcastle Care Limited

Registered provider address: The Forge, Church Street West, Woking, Surrey
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Responsible individual: Grace Cookson

Registered manager: Caroline Allen

Inspector

Dawn Walker, Social Care Inspector

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