

2511614

Registered provider: Nurture Childcare Services 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 provider. It is registered to provide care for up to three children who have social and emotional difficulties.

Inspection date: 26 October 2023

This monitoring visit

On 17 October 2022, the provider met with Ofsted and advised of its intention to close the home temporarily. The manager had resigned, and an insufficient staff team was in place to care for children. A three-month condition was imposed in January 2023, requiring the provider to inform Ofsted three months before it intends to admit a child to the home.

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

Since the condition was imposed, the provider has taken steps to ensure that the home is clean and well presented. Action has been taken to provide a warm and homely environment for children to live in.

Action has been taken to address some shortfalls in safer recruitment practice to ensure that staff are safely recruited and suitable to work at the home.

The provider has recruited a new manager with the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience to carry out the role of registered manager. Furthermore, the provider has recruited a sufficient staff team to safely support and meet the needs of children admitted to the home.

Sufficient action has been taken to support the three-month condition to be removed. The requirements identified at the full inspection were not considered as part of this monitoring visit and will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
04/05/2022	Full	Good
23/06/2021	Full	Good
02/07/2019	Full	Good

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that they monitor the quality of care at least once every six months. The review should focus on the quality of care provided by the home, the experiences of the children living in the home and the impact the care is having on the children. The views of the children and external professionals should contribute to this review. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 65, paragraph 15.2)
- The registered person should specifically ensure that each child's missing-from-care protocol is clear for staff to follow in the event a child is missing from the home. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 45, paragraph 9.28)
- The registered person should ensure that staff continually and actively assess the risks to each child and the arrangements in place to protect them. The plan must include details of the steps the home will take to manage the risks on a day-to-day basis. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 42, paragraph 9.5)
- The registered person should ensure that the home is a homely and domestic environment. This is specifically in relation to replacing the sofas in the lounge. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9)

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: 2511614

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Nurture Childcare Services Limited

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Registered manager: Carl Allen

Inspector

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