

SC 2514259

Registered provider: Solent Child Care Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned by a small private company. It is registered to care for two children who have complex behavioural difficulties.

The manager has been registered with Ofsted since March 2019.

Inspection date: 24 January 2020

Date of last inspection: 23 July 2019

Judgement at last inspection: 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 good at the last full inspection.
At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has improved effectiveness.

The registered manager has met the requirements from the last inspection. The manager monitors the quality of care that the children receive and identifies where improvement is necessary. She ensures that social workers receive informative weekly reports. This demonstrates a transparent approach to children's care.

Supervisions, team meetings and therapeutic support provide opportunities for staff to review and reflect on children's emotional needs. These meetings are child-centred and also consider how to develop the service. A workforce development plan is in place, which details the staff's skills and experience.

Staff genuinely care about the children. The staff create a homely atmosphere and children receive one-to-one attention.

Since the last inspection, one child has left the home and two children have moved in. The manager recognised that they could no longer safely meet the child's needs. The manager ensured that there was a period of reflection and training in between the child moving out of the home and the new children moving in. The staff ensured that the children were well prepared for the changes. The children's introductions to each other was sensitively managed.

Leaders and managers consulted with all the professionals involved in the children's care. However, some risks identified were not detailed in a night-time safety plan. While they are recorded in the children's individual plans, the potential impact was not made clear. This risks staff not fully understanding the strategies in place and the reasoning behind them.

In the majority of cases, leaders and managers have ensured that communication with all relevant professionals and agencies has taken place. The manager was proactive in consulting with the designated officer with regard to bruising to a child following a physical intervention. However, she did not notify Ofsted to enable further external scrutiny.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
23/07/2019	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 care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home. (Regulation 14 (1)(a)) In particular, ensure that risk assessments and safety plans are clear about all the risks and why strategies are in place to mitigate against these risks.	31/03/2020
The registered person must notify HMCI and each other relevant person without delay if—	31/03/2020

there is any other incident relating to a child which the registered person considers to be serious. (Regulation 40 (4)(e))	
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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: 2514259

Provision sub-type: children's home

Registered provider: Solent Child Care Ltd

Registered provider address: 9 St. Georges Yard, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7LW

Responsible individual: Charlotte Tanner

Registered manager: Andrea Dodds

Inspector

Suzy Lemmy, Social Care Inspector

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