

2538267

Vcare – 24 Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The children's home is owned and operated by a private company. The home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to one child with social and/or emotional difficulties.

The current manager has applied to register with Ofsted.

The home was registered in July 2020. The manager left the home in August 2021. In November 2021, the provider informed Ofsted that no children were living in the home and that the home would be temporarily closed. Ofsted imposed a registration condition directing the provider to inform the Chief Inspector of the intention to accommodate a child at the home at least 3 months before any child is accommodated.

Inspection date: 30 June 2022

This monitoring visit

The home was registered on 6 July 2020 and has not yet been inspected. Ofsted carried out a monitoring visit on 10 February 2021 to review safeguarding practices.

On 10 June 2022, the provider informed Ofsted that they would be admitting a child to the home in the next few days. Ofsted informed the responsible individual that this action was in breach of the current registration conditions and that it would be an offence to admit a child to the home. On 20 June 2022, the responsible individual informed Ofsted that a child was admitted to the home on 18 June 2022.

The purpose of this monitoring visit was to ascertain the suitability of the environment and the safety of the child now living in the home. This monitoring visit included a review of documents, a tour of the home, discussions with the child, discussions with staff, and discussions the child's social worker.

The condition and cleanliness of the home is not welcoming and does not provide the child with a suitable or comfortable home. For example, there are overflowing waste bins in the bathroom and in the child's bedroom. The window ledges around the home are dirty and dusty, and in some corners of the ceilings there are cobwebs, dust and dirt. The office door does not fully close, and this is a potential fire hazard. On the outside of the home, the window frames are rotting and in need of maintenance. The lack of attention to hygiene and remedial work means that the child does not live in a homely environment.

The manager does not ensure that staff have access to up-to-date statutory care plans for the child. This means that it is not known if the staff are providing care and support for the child in line with the aims and objectives of the placing authority, or if they are taking effective action to safeguard the child. This potentially places the child at risk of harm.

The manager's monitoring of the home is ineffective and she has failed to identify the shortfalls highlighted during this monitoring visit. She has also admitted the child to the home contrary to the conditions of registration.

The admission of a child into a children's home, outside of the conditions of registration of that children's home, is an offence under section 24 of the Care Standards Act 2000. Ofsted will consider enforcement action.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
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Not applicable		
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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 quality and purpose of care standard is that children receive care from staff who— understand the children's home's overall aims and the outcomes it seeks to achieve for children; use this understanding to deliver care that meets children's needs and supports them to fulfil their potential. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— ensure that staff— provide to children living in the home the physical necessities they need in order to live there comfortably. (Regulation 6 (1)(a)(b) (2)(b)(vii))	29 July 2022
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— use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(h))	29 July 2022
The registered person must maintain records ("case records") for each child which—	29 July 2022

include the information and documents listed in Schedule 3 in relation to each child; are kept up to date; and are signed and dated by the author of each entry. (Regulation 36 (1)(a)(b)(c))	
If a person registered in respect of an establishment or agency fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with any condition for the time being in force by virtue of this Part in respect of the establishment or agency, he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale. (Section 24 Care Standards Act 2000)	29 July 2022

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: 2538267

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Vcare — 24 Limited

Registered provider address: Unit 10, Halifax Way, Pocklington Industrial Estate,
Pocklington York YO42 1NP

Responsible individual: Victoria Simpson

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Gemma McDonnell, Social Care Inspector

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