

2557064

Registered provider: A-Triangle Care Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home provides care for up to two children who may have emotional or behavioural difficulties. The home is owned and operated by a private provider.

At the time of the inspection, there were two children living in the home.

The home is currently without a registered manager. A manager has been appointed and is in the process of submitting an application to register with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 23 November 2021

Date of last inspection: 16 June 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 requires improvement to be good at the last full inspection. At this interim inspection, Ofsted judged that it has improved effectiveness.

One child who has lived in the home on a long-term basis continues to make good progress. She speaks very highly of staff and recognises for herself the positive outcomes she has experienced since she moved to the home.

A second child has recently moved to the home. This was a well-planned transition and the child has settled quickly. He is developing good relationships with staff and has positive plans in relation to further education.

Risks to children's safety and well-being have reduced since they moved to the home. Staff demonstrate a good understanding of children's needs and the actions required to keep them safe.

Improvements have been made to children's individual risk management plans. These documents include greater detail and clearer information. This addresses a requirement made at the last inspection.

Children do not go missing from this home, nor have there been any instances of children being away from the home without permission. Staff are aware of the action they must take should a child go missing in the future.

Staff provide positive and consistent support, which helps children to develop safer behaviours and strategies to manage their emotions. There have been no incidents of physical restraint at the home. This demonstrates the ability of staff to de-escalate challenging situations.

A requirement made at the last inspection in relation to safer recruitment has been satisfactorily addressed. Improvements to recruitment processes help to ensure that staff working with children are of suitable character.

The home is currently without a registered manager. A manager has been appointed and is in the process of applying to register with Ofsted. The manager has high aspirations for the home and has positive plans for further improvements.

In line with a requirement made at the last inspection, improvements have been made to the provision of staff meetings and supervision. The manager commented that these improvements have supported positive teamwork and reflective practice.

A number of improvements have been made since the last inspection. However, the manager is not yet making best use of internal and external quality monitoring. For

example, issues raised by the home's independent visitor are not always promptly addressed. This means that opportunities to identify and implement further improvements could be missed.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
16/06/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be 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 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))	31 December 2021

Recommendations

- The registered person should undertake a review, every six months, that focuses on the quality of the care provided by the home, the experiences of children and the impact the care is having on outcomes and improvements for the children. This review should include the feedback and opinions of children and other stakeholders. ('Guide to the children's home regulations, including the quality standards, page 64, paragraph 15.2)
- Staff should be familiar with the home's policies on record-keeping and understand the importance of careful, objective and clear recording. Staff should record information on individual children in a non-stigmatising way that distinguishes between fact, opinion and third-party information. Information about the child must always be recorded in a way that will be helpful to the child. ('Guide to the children's home regulations, including the quality standards, page 62, paragraph 14.4)

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: 2557064

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: A-Triangle Care Ltd

Registered provider address: 5 Crescent East, Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire
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Responsible individual: Mandy Teale

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Marie Cordingley, Social Care Inspector

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