

2566231

St Christopher's Fellowship

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home opened in June 2020 and is owned and operated by a private company. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for one child with social and/or emotional difficulties.

The registered manager has the relevant qualifications and has been in post since the home opened.

Inspection date: 24 February 2021

This monitoring visit

This is the home's first visit since registration. This visit was carried out to enable the regulator to make an initial assessment of children's lived experience at the home.

Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, Ofsted did not carry out a physical visit to the home. The inspector gathered evidence in several ways, including talking to the staff, a parent and the designated officer. Feedback was also sought from social workers and other relevant professionals. Documents were sent electronically for the inspector to review.

Two children have lived at the home since it registered. The first child moved out of the home to live closer to their family.

The parent of the current child living at the home told the inspector that she is able to have daily telephone calls and feels that her child is happy and well supported by the staff.

The manager acts swiftly in liaising with relevant professionals when children go missing from the home. She has advocated on their behalf and raised concerns appropriately.

When allegations are reported, these are taken seriously. This includes the manager making prompt referrals to the relevant agencies, implementing safeguarding measures and, where appropriate, following internal disciplinary procedures.

However, managers do not always match the skills and experience of the staff when considering the compatibility of the child's needs prior to the child moving into the home. This shortfall in matching has the potential to compromise the staff's ability to meet the child's specific needs.

Staff have not received training to help them understand how to care for children in relation to their individual needs. Consequently, staff have not had the opportunity to keep their knowledge, skills and competence up to date.

Managers do not always consider all known risks when completing children's individual risk assessments. This omission has the potential for staff to not be fully informed of the measures necessary to protect children from harm.

Behaviour support plans are not tailored to children's specific needs. This has the potential to lead to inconsistency in practice and children's needs not being met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
Not previously inspected		

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— understand and apply the home's statement of purpose; ensure that staff— understand and apply the home's statement of purpose; protect and promote each child's welfare; provide personalised care that meets each child's needs, as recorded in the child's relevant plans, taking account of the child's background. (Regulation 6 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(b)(i)(ii)(iv)) The relates to ensuring that children have clear behavioural support plans in place.	30 April 2021
The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff—	30 April 2021

assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child; help each child to understand how to keep safe; have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)) This relates to children having detailed risk assessments.	
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— lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose; ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(c)) This specifically relates to staff receiving training to meet the individual needs of children.	30 April 2021
The care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home; and have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that children are admitted to the home only if their needs are within the range of needs of children for whom it is intended	30 April 2021

that the home is to provide care and accommodation, as set out in the home's statement of purpose.
(Regulation 14 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a))

This relates to ensuring that the matching process for children moving into the home matches the skills and experience of the staff.

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: 2566231

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Jessica Smith

Inspector

Jodie Lewis, Social Care Inspector

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